



Commander's Message

The Battle of Mogadishu, Oct 3, 1993

The raid, plans to arrest two of Aidid's senior lieutenants, was originally scheduled to last one hour, turned into an all-night standoff and rescue operation that continued into the daytime hours. The objective of the operation was achieved. However, during the operation, Somali forces armed with RPG-7s, shot down two American Black Hawk helicopters. The defense of the downed helicopters began. A UN armored convoy fought its way to the crash sites to rescue the survivors. During the 18 hour urban firefight, 18 Americans were killed and another 73 soldiers wounded. It is estimated that 3,000 to 4,000 Somali were killed in the fight.

Start of Operation Enduring Freedom, Oct 7, 2001

Operation Enduring Freedom began Oct 7, 2001, when the United States launched military operations in Afghanistan, including air strikes against Kabul and Kandahar. It was the beginning of the Global War of Terror, and in response to the Sept 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

US Navy Birthday, Oct 13, 1775

The US Navy will celebrate its birthday on Friday Oct 13. The creation of this fleet was not without controversy. It was hotly debated for 11 days in the Continental Congress. According to the official website of the Navy, some in that debate were convinced that having a standing navy was **"the maddest idea in the world."** In the end, the debates were won by the "navalists" who were in favor of adding a naval fleet as another branch of defense along with the Continental Army which was authorized in June of 1775. It wasn't until 1972 when CNO Admiral Elmo Zumwalt (remember the Zgrams) declared an official recognition of the holiday, intended to honor all who served in the Navy.

Marine Barracks Bombing in Beirut, Oct 23, 1983

Early on Sunday morning, Oct 23, two truck bombs struck buildings in Beirut killing 307. The first suicide bomber drove his truck bomb into the building serving as a barracks for the 1st Bn, 8th Marine Rgt (BLT 1/8), 2nd Marine Div. killing 220 Marines, 18 sailors and 3 soldiers. Another 128 Americans were wounded. The second truck bomb destroyed the building occupied by the French, killing 58 military personnel. The two units were part of the Multinational Force, which included Italian and British military units, part of a peacekeeping operation during the Lebanese Civil War.

Meeting Times

VFW 4719
3rd Tuesday @ 7P

VFW Auxiliary
1st Thursday @ 6:30P

American Legion 797
3rd Thursday @ 7P

American Legion Auxiliary
4th Tuesday @ 6:30P

Marine Corps League
3rd Wednesday @ 7P

AMVETS 5
1st Wednesday @ 6P

Post Canteen Hours

Sunday ~ 9A-8P+
Monday ~ 4P-10P+
Tuesday ~ 12P-10P+
Wednesday ~ 12P-10P+
Thursday ~ 12P-10P+
Friday ~ 12P-10P+
Saturday ~ 12P-10P+

Canteen Manager
Dutch Grootendorst

Post Officers

Bill Pederson, CMDR
Denise Roberts, Sr. Vice
Mike Zanella, Jr. Vice
Lois Santos, Adjutant
Bill Scharff, Quartermaster
Ben Brockway, Chaplain
Chuck Rees, Trustee
Steve Ebersole, Trustee
Steve Pearson, Trustee

Grenada Invasion, Oct 25, 1983

Operation Urgent Fury, the invasion of Grenada, began at dawn on Oct 25, 1983. It began with a low-altitude airborne assault by two battalions, 75th Ranger Rgt and the 82nd Airborne Div on Point Salines Airport at the south end of the island. The 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit conducted helicopter and amphibious landings on the north end. Army Delta Force, Navy SEALs and ancillary forces totaling 7,600 troops, together with Jamaican forces and troops of the Regional Security System were also deployed to the island. The Reagan administration mounted the US military intervention following receipt of a formal appeal for help from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

At the Post Monday, October 16

Start time 6:30 pm

Playing together is ... making new friends

Playing together is... improving your mental health

Playing together is... strengthening bonds

Playing together is... reducing stress & avoiding burn-out





VFW Auxiliary

*Unwavering Support
for
Uncommon Heroes*

Our Party Basket will be raffled off on Friday October 6 after the steak dinner. This basket is for anyone who enjoys good whiskey, bourbon, wine or other delicious beverages and snacks! The value of this basket is over \$250. This is a two for one as you also win a cooler with a six pack of beer and snacks. Thank you for all of the wonderful donations! Check with the bartender during the week for tickets.

13 tickets - \$106 tickets - \$51 ticket - \$1

We need volunteers to sell tickets on some evenings please! Contact President, Dee Snyder or Chaplain Yvette Pederson if you can help.



Do you have old but useable backpacks, small suitcases or athletic bags? Would you like to find a new home for them? Children going to foster homes for the first time often only have a plastic garbage bag to carry their belongings, would you like to help add a little dignity to this difficult event? Please donate your gently used bags, backpacks or small suitcases to this cause. Contact Yvette Pederson to drop the bags off. We will make sure they get to Social Services to help these children feel a little more love.

Have you attended a meeting lately? Do you need a ride? We would love to see those of you who haven't attended in a while. The next meeting is Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 pm. Queen of Hearts drawing is that night so it is a good night to visit the post. Who knows, you may hit the jackpot! Call Yvette Pederson if you would like a ride to the meeting. 614-506-8197

MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS



*Drawing every Thursday
at 8pm*

Must be a VFW, American Legion,
AmVets, Auxiliary or Social Member to play



*Movie Time
On vacation.*

POST 4719



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Friday Dinner and/or
Sunday Breakfast*

It takes several volunteers to help meals run smoothly. Friday dinners and Sunday breakfasts need people to serve the meals, distribute desserts, and clear tables, and wash dishes.

Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age or older.

If you are interested in volunteering contact:

Tom May at the post or via email

thomas.may728@yahoo.com

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9:00A – 11:00A

Choose from:

Eggs to order, Pancakes, French toast, Waffles,
Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast \$9

EVERYDAY

Cheeseburgers, Chicken Potpie, Hotdogs,
White Castle Sliders and More!

Subject to Change ~See bartender for
availability

FRIDAY DINNERS

5:30P – 7:30P

1st Friday ~ Steak Night

Baked potato, salad, roll, and dessert ~\$17
(Chopped steak option ~\$10)

2nd Friday ~ Jo Ann's Famous Meatloaf.

Mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert
~\$9

3rd Friday ~ Bev's Open-Faced Roast Beef

Mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable of the
Day~\$9

4th Friday ~ AMVETS Riders ~ \$8

Call 614-475-9111 for menu

The Battle of Mogadishu Remembrance

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

6:00pm

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Battle of Mogadishu, also known as Black Hawk Down. We are planning a memorial followed by a discussion of the mission.

All are invited to attend

Black Hawk Down



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 9-11am	2	3 Black Hawk Down 6pm	4 Amvets 6pm Amvets Riders 7pm	5 VFW Auxiliary 6:30 pm Queen of Hearts	6 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	7
8 Breakfast 9-11am	9	10 Canteen Committee Mtg 6:30pm	11	12 Queen of Hearts	13 Meat loaf 5:30-7:30pm Happy birthday US Navy	14
15 Breakfast 9-11am	16 Euchre Night 6:30pm	17 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	18 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	19 American Legion 797 7:00pm Queen of Hearts	20 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	21
22 Breakfast 9-11am	23	24 Am Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	25	26 Queen of Hearts	27 Dinner AMVETS 5:30-7:30pm	28
29 Breakfast 9-11am	30	31				

Printed copies of the Newsletter may be found on the bulletin board in the entryway



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