



Commander's Message

Eighteen months ago I was sworn in as the Commander of Tri Community Post 4719. It has been quite a ride. It is time to move on. However, there is still a lot of work to be done.

Twelve months ago, we started a capital campaign for funds for the improvement of this facility. It has been slow going, but we have made some gains. Projects for the future are the parking lot re-surface, new HVAC and new floors in the canteen and social hall. It will take approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000 to re-surface the parking lot. We did some patch work in the fall to cover the worst spots. Also, \$30,000 for the HVAC. We did a service call in the spring and the system is holding up. We do not have an estimate for the floor replacement. We also were told the city of Gahanna is planning a landscaping project at the Veterans Memorial Park. This includes a new park sign and the relocation of the VFW sign at the park entrance. New location for the VFW sign will be next to the services flags. The park sign will also have information on the VFW, American Legion and Amvets. The new landscaping will be done prior to Memorial Day. So there is a lot of planning to be done.

Twelve months ago I said this is an **“All Hands on Deck”** effort. And, it still is. We have received some personal donations and the VFW Auxiliary has provided funds with the raffle of baskets and the golf outing was a big success. We are still looking for fund raising ideas.

Again, this is an “All Hands on Deck” effort. We need your support. Most important, we need leadership. Comrades willing to step forward to organize and lead members working on a project. If you are interested please contact me at 614-506-5793 (call or text). This is for our future of the VFW, American Legion, Amvets, Marine Corps League and the auxiliaries in the Gahanna, New Albany and Blacklick areas. Thank you for your support.

Desert Storm 1991

In August, Desert Shield began. The Gulf War was waged by a coalition force from 35 nations against Iraq in response to its invasion and annexation of Kuwait.

Desert Storm began January 17, the ground assault began Feb 24. It was a decisive victory for the coalition. The coalition declared a cease fire 100 hours after the ground campaign began.

Vietnam Cease Fire 1973

A cease fire in the Vietnam Conflict Took effect on January 27. Most American combat troops were already out of country. The US government was to provide financial and military support to the government of South Vietnam.

Tet Offensive 1968

On January 31 the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese began an all out offensive against American forces and South Vietnamese troops. The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong suffered heavy losses.

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

Breakfast Volunteers needed!

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

At the Post Monday, January 15

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

SHOW ME THE MONEY CARD GAME

Come join the fun with family and friends.
Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00pm



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

9:00A – 11:00A

SUNDAY BREAKFAST \$9.00

Choose from :

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

EVERYDAY

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

Subject to Change ~See bartender for
availability



VFW Auxiliary

*Unwavering Support
for
Uncommon Heroes*

It's a new year but we still need volunteers to make desserts for the Steak Fry on the first Friday of each month. Our guests love our homemade desserts so think about volunteering to bring something to share. We need at least 45 portions each Friday so we are looking for three people to volunteer. Contact Yvette at iambrietyvette@gmail.com or call 614-506-8197. Thank you in advance for your support!

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, Decembe 7th 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

Happy New Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>January 2024</h1> <p>NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.</p>						
	1 POST CLOSED	2	3 Ammvets 6pm Ammvets Riders 7pm	4 VFW Auxiliary 6:30 pm Queen of Hearts	5 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	6
7 Breakfast 9-11am	8	9 Canteen Committee Mtg 6:30pm	10	11 Queen of Hearts	12 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	13
14 Breakfast 9-11am	15 Euchre Night 6:30pm	16 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	17 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	18 American Legion 797 7:00pm Queen of Hearts	19 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	20
21 Breakfast 9-11am	22	23 Am Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	24 Show Me The Money 7:00pm	25 Queen of Hearts	26 Dinner AMVETS 5:30-7:30pm	27
28 Breakfast 9-11am	29	30	31			

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



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