



## Commander's Message

### Election of Officers for 2024-25 set for April business meeting

Elections will be held at the April business meeting for a new slate of officers. Nominations are currently being accepted. Any member may submit their name for the following positions: **Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Trustee and Adjutant.** Appointed positions are Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Service officer, Surgeon and Officer of the Day. Nominations will be accepted at the March and April business meetings. Nominations may be made at any time prior to the election. Elected officers will be sworn in prior to the Ohio Department Convention in June

### New Floor for the Canteen

During the February VFW membership meeting a proposal was brought to the floor and discussed to replace the floor in the building. We are working on the details and will make another presentation at the March membership meeting. The high end estimate is \$18,611 and the low end is \$15,033. We would like more input, so come to the meeting. For more information contact the Commander or stop by the Post and read the "Plan of the Day"

### Repair, Replace or Seal the Parking Lot?

We are also getting information on the parking lot. Don Trasin from Asphalt and Concrete Consultants and Contractors, gave a presentation on the options available to fix the parking lot. Again, we are working on the details and looking for input from other members. Low end estimate is \$5,989. That includes remove vegetation, powerclean entire lot, seal with two coats of Brewer Cote sealer. On the high end, \$93,009. This includes; mill 2" off the entire lot, make five base repairs and repave lot with 2" of new asphalt. For more information, stop by the Post and read the "Plan of the Day"

### Raffle Tickets

VFW Post 4719 will receive a \$3.00 rebate for every raffle ticket sold at the Post. Last year the Post received \$339 in return for members support. The Post is partnering with the Knights of Columbus to sell raffle tickets to support the Post. Tickets are available at the bar. Any questions, please contact the Commander Bill Pederson, 614-506-5793.

### Food for GRIN

The food collected for GRIN was delivered on February 26. We are waiting to hear how much our total was. Thank you to everyone who donated.

For anyone wishing to donate in March they are asking for Pancake mix, syrup, Oatmeal, deodorant. Please leave them in the marked container.

### Meeting Times

VFW 4719  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 7P

VFW Auxiliary  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 6:30P

American Legion 797  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7P

American Legion Auxiliary  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30P

Marine Corps League  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 7P

AMVETS 5  
1<sup>st</sup> 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



**Ohio House** – Built in 1935 and maintained by VFW Dept. of Ohio and Ladies Auxiliary – contains 2,874 sq.ft., 4 bedrooms, 2½ bathrooms.

## **2024 NATIONAL HOME-OHIO DAY**

*Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,*

*Below is information pertaining to our National Home visit for “Ohio Day” on Saturday, August 10, 2024.*

*The plan for the weekend is as follows:*

*There will be a GOLF OUTING with Michigan on Friday morning so come early and play. We will also have a HOSPITALITY ROOM Friday night with karaoke, food, drinks and fun. If you are planning on traveling to Michigan and spending the night, we have a block of rooms provided to us at the Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Dr., Lansing, MI 48917, 517.886.0600. Group Name is Veterans of Foreign Wars Event 2023. Group Account: 4265285. Cutoff Date: Thursday July 25. Room Rate 99.00 plus tax, includes breakfast. **DO NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS ON LINE AS THIS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE NUMBER OF ROOMS THAT THE VFW MUST SELL OUT!!!!** If your District is planning on renting a bus please start making plans now to fill them up or start making arrangements to caravan up. Be sure and bring your Post Colors. All Ohio District Riders Groups are encouraged to ride up. We are hoping for a large turn out this year!! Saturday we will leave the hotel parking lot at approximately 9:00 a.m. Once we arrive at the National Home a program will be provided giving times for Posting Colors, tours of the Ohio Cottage, lunch, parade of checks, etc.*

*We wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing all of you there!*

*Still Serving,*

*Mike Milam*

*Mike Milam*

*National Home Chairman, 2024*

# Chillicothe VA Medical Center Voluntary Service

Makes Checks payable to  
Chillicothe VAMC  
Voluntary Service

17273 State Route 104

Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Hospital Visit for District 11**  
**MARCH 23, 2024 1PM-3PM**  
**Building 9**

## Items Needs List:

- Umbrellas
- Toiletries (full size only)
- Swimming Trunks (All sizes)
- Alarm Clocks
- Duffle Bags
- Reusable Shopping Bags
- Art Supplies (Paints, canvases)
- Craft Kits
- Velcro Tennis Shoes or croc's (size 8,9,10,11,12)
- House Slippers (lg, xl)
- Women's Sport Bras Assorted Sizes
- Mesh Laundry Bags
- Grocery Store Gift Cards (\$25 and \$50)
- Cleaning Supplies, Paper towels, toilet paper

## Monetary Donations Accepted for:

**General Purpose** - funds available to assist with a variety of Veteran emergent needs such as comfort items, activities, clothing, etc.

**National Games and Rehabilitation Activities** - (Creative Arts Festival, Golden Age Games, Wheelchair Games, Winter Sports Clinic). Supports

local Veterans traveling to these National Games.

**Homeless Program** - Supports a variety of needs for homeless Veterans and their families. **Recreation Therapy** - Supports patient outings of off campus of therapeutic value **Hospice support** - utilized for the comfort of inpatients and their loved ones during their stay.

**Canteen Books** - Purchase canteen books used for patient needs and special programs. **Christmas Fund** - provides Christmas gifts for our Veterans.

**Veterans Appreciation Night** – Annual event held in conjunction with the Chillicothe Paints honoring our Veterans and their families for their sacrifices.

### **Housing Wish List**

Disinfectant (Pine Sol, Lysol etc)

1. Disinfectant Wipes
2. Paper Towel
3. Toilet Paper
4. Laundry Detergent
5. Mops/Brooms
6. Dish Detergent/Pods
7. Toilet Bowl Brush
8. Bath Towels/washcloths

### **For the safety of our Veteran patients:**

We cannot accept for safety of our Veterans any used clothing (or any used items), home cooked food, alcohol- based items, over the counter medications, or medical equipment. Please DO NOT drop your donations off outside of building 9. Please contact the voluntary service team when bringing donations in. If you have questions, please call 740-773-1141, extension 17420.

2nd Annual



# CLAY SHOOTING COMPETITION



**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 30**  
**AT BLACKWING  
SHOOTING CENTER,  
3722 MARYSVILLE RD.  
DELAWARE, OH 43015**

Registration (Coffee/donuts) &  
Practice in Pavillion: 9:00 am  
Safety Briefing: 10:30 am  
Start: 10:45 am  
Lunch/Happy Hour/Awards: 12:30 pm  
(Pulled BBQ Chicken/Angus Burgers &  
ALL the fixins)

**REGISTRATION FEE**

**\$175**

**Per person**

**\$825**

**5 man team**

Secure your spot by visiting:

**[WWW.MASHPANTRY.ORG](http://WWW.MASHPANTRY.ORG)**

Limited slots available, so don't miss your chance to be part of this shooting extravaganza!





M.A.S.H.  
Website



# ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

# 2024

SATURDAY

22th JUNE, 2024

AT 9AM



CHAPEL HILL GOLF COURSE  
7516 JOHNSTOWN RD., MT. VERNON, OHIO 43050

REGISTRATION:

<http://charitygolftoday.com/MASH2024>

QR Registration



Now thru April 1, 2024



Men & Women

# SWEATS

Tops & Bottoms

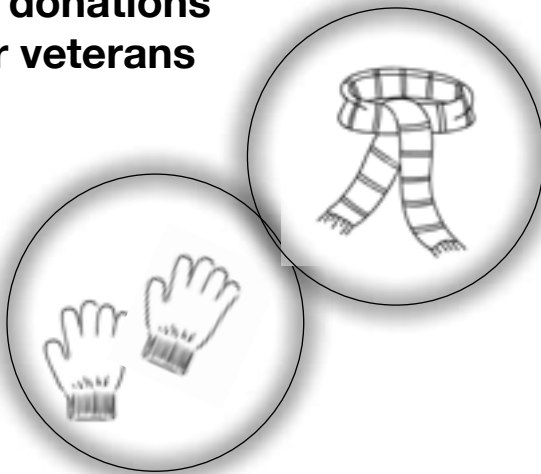
# DRIVE

Needed 600+ **NEW** items for our Veterans  
Sizes XL - 5XL

Cash Donations welcome!

Grab those in-store sales!

100% of all donations  
serve our veterans



Store Suggestions:

Meijer • Kohl's  
Walmart • Marshalls  
Roses Discount Stores  
and others!



For more information about how to  
pick up or drop off, just email:

[CentralOhioStandDown@gmail.com](mailto:CentralOhioStandDown@gmail.com)

Save the Date → **October 22, 2024**

Greater Columbus  
Convention Center  
400 N. High Street  
Columbus Ohio 43215

Central Ohio  
**VeteransStandDown**

Founded in 1995

[CentralOhioStandDown.org](http://CentralOhioStandDown.org) - web  
[CentralOhioStandDown@gmail.com](mailto:CentralOhioStandDown@gmail.com) - email

# EUCHRE NIGHT!!

*At the Post Monday, March 18*

*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, March 27 at 7:00pm



**FRIDAY DINNERS**  
**5:30P – 7:30P**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday ~ Steak Night  
 Baked potato, salad, roll, and dessert ~\$17  
 (Chopped steak option ~\$10)

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday ~ Jo Ann's Famous Meatloaf.  
 Mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert  
 ~\$9

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~ Bev's Open-Faced Roast Beef  
 Mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable of the  
 Day~\$9

4<sup>th</sup> 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*

Thank you to Mary Poczik, Ellen LePera and Yvette Pederson for volunteering at GRIN on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. They assisted local residents with their shopping needs.

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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 St. Patricks Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<h1>March 2024</h1>		
					1 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	2
3 Breakfast 9-11am	4	5	6 Amvets 6pm  Amvets Riders 7pm	7 VFW Auxiliary 6:30 pm <b>Queen of Hearts</b>	8 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	9
10 Breakfast 9-11am	11	12 Canteen Committee Mtg 6:30pm	13	14  <b>Queen of Hearts</b>	15 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	16
17 Breakfast 9-11am	18 Euchre Night 6:30pm	19 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	20 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	21 American Legion 797 7:00pm <b>Queen of Hearts</b>	22 Dinner AMVETS 5:30-7:30pm	23
24 Breakfast 9-11am  31	25	26 Am Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	27 Show Me The Money 7:00pm	28  <b>Queen of Hearts</b>	29 Good Friday Salmon Dinner 4:30-6:30	30

**Post will be CLOSED on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

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



**VFW Tri Community Post 4719  
75 W. Johnstown Rd., Gahanna OH 43230  
614-475-9111**