



JULY 2026

CURRENT PAID MEMBERSHIP 103.61%

BY: LISA RASHLEY

Welcome to the inaugural issue of “The Foundation”, the official newsletter of the Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary for 2026–2027.

Every strong house begins with a solid foundation. Before walls are raised, before roofs are built, and before families gather inside, there must be a firm base capable of supporting everything that follows. The same is true of our organization.

This year, under the leadership of Department President Kathy Correll, we will focus on the building blocks that make our Department successful. Our foundation is built upon service to veterans, support for military families, dedication to our communities, and the commitment of thousands of Auxiliary members across Ohio.

Throughout the year, The Foundation will highlight the outstanding work of our Auxiliaries, Districts, Chairmen, and Line Officers. We will share important deadlines, inspiring stories, leadership messages, and examples of the incredible impact being made throughout our state... along with program updates through our quarterly bulletins.

But before we can start with the new, let us take a look at the “wrap up” of June and the 2025-2026 term.



Patriotic Art



Voting was open for the Poppy Hat Contest



PNP, Sandi (Onstwedder) Messenger was our National Rep



Matt Ashmore from auxiliary 2920, won the Margaret Armstrong Award



PDP, Jessica Gardner was voted in as our National Council Member Area D



Our Department President (Leigh Ann) and her horse were taking a collection for her special project



Our auxiliaries received their Ohio Excellence Awards



Membership Awards were presented to auxiliaries



Love Gifts were presented to the President



The auxiliary participated in a joint memorial service



Our outgoing President, Leigh Ann Zigler received her Past President' Pin from her daughter Samantha

INTRODUCING YOUR 2026-2027 TEAM

As we begin this new Auxiliary year, we are pleased to introduce the Department of Ohio's 2026-2027 Line Officers and Chairmen. These dedicated leaders bring experience, passion, and a shared commitment to strengthening our organization and advancing our mission.

Together, they will help guide our Auxiliaries as we continue to honor veterans, support active-duty service members and their families, promote patriotism, and strengthen our communities.

Just as every board, beam, and nail contributes to a strong house, every member contributes to the success of our Department. Whether you are a longtime member or newly joined, your efforts matter, your service is valued, and your participation helps build something greater than ourselves.

As we embark on this journey together, we encourage every Auxiliary to become involved, share your accomplishments, support one another, and continue building upon the proud legacy of the VFW Auxiliary.



From the Foreman's Desk

"This year we aren't just maintaining the structure — we're strengthening the foundation that supports every Auxiliary in Ohio."



Congratulations to all the Ohio Auxiliaries Presidents, Line Officers and Chairpersons. I'm wishing you all a great and safe year. Remember reporting is how we go to Congress to get what we need for our Veterans, so everyone get ready to report like crazy. I can't wait to see that dashboard turning green.

Have y'all heard the saying "let's get ready to rumble"? WELL let's get ready to build a strong house for our Veterans this 2026-2027 year.

This year I have decided not to buy shirts for the Ohio Day at The National Home. I am asking though, that you will wear your VFW Auxiliary shirts. And if you don't have a VFW auxiliary shirt, please wear something patriotic. I'm hoping the money that you saved by not buying a shirt this year is the money that you give to the national home so they can continue to do their hard work.

Hope to see you all at the C OF A in Westerville Ohio.

The Worksite Report

The new 2026-2027 Program Reporting Year is almost here!

Start keeping track of your Auxiliary activities now. **Any eligible activity that takes place on or after May 1, 2026 can be reported once the reporting system opens on July 12, 2026.**

Once Malta comes back online following National's annual update in July, I (your website guru) will be updating the membership information on our website.

As part of this process, your login password for the Member's Only section of the website (your last name) will be reset so it begins with a CAPITAL letter.

Examples: smith → Smith, jones → Jones, brown → Brown

Now for the fun part...

If you have a hyphenated last name or a double last name, you will most likely need to contact me before you can log in to the Member's Only section of the website.

Unfortunately, I will need to manually update those names in the system before your login will work.

Please send me an email or text if your last name falls into one of these categories:

Smith-Jones, Van Dyke, Johnson Smith, or any other hyphenated or double last name

Thank you for your patience while we get everything updated and ready for the New Year!

As part of the **#America250** celebration, ODNR is seeking submissions of letters or messages Ohio service members sent to their families and loved ones.

These letters will be a part of a new trail called The Letters to Home Trail, which will be constructed at Mohican State Forest near the Mohican-Memorial Shrine (pictured). This shrine honors the nearly 20,000 (Ohioians) people who died in conflicts from World War II to the present day.

The trail will include a series of signs, sharing the meaningful words Ohio's service men and women communicated home while serving in the United States military during times of conflict. The messages can be in the form of letters, emails, voicemails, or even text messages.

Submit a message: <https://bit.ly/4dDfHYD> (copy link and paste browser)

Submissions will be accepted through August 10, 2026.



2026-2027 PROGRAM REPORTING YEAR OPENS JULY 12, 2026!

REPORTING MAKES AN IMPACT

Don't let your Auxiliary's ACCOMPLISHMENTS GET LOST!

TAKE PHOTOS | **KEEP NOTES** | **SAVE EVENT DETAILS** | **TRACK VOLUNTEER HOURS AND ACTIVITIES**

The new reporting year will officially open on **JULY 12TH**, following the Council of Administration.

START COLLECTING YOUR INFORMATION NOW so you're ready to enter your reports after C of A.

Every project, event, donation, activity, and act of service tells your Auxiliary's story!

TOGETHER WE SERVE. TOGETHER WE REPORT.

BUILDING OUR SUCCESS... ONE REPORT AT A TIME!

Blueprints for Success

This year's C of A will be held July 10–11, 2026, in Westerville, Ohio, at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville Hotel.

We encourage all Auxiliary members to join us on Saturday, July 11, for a day of National Program discovery, learning, and fellowship. Come ready to gather ideas, ask questions, and take home tools to help build a stronger Auxiliary year.

Council Of Administration July 10-12, 2026	
Friday July 10, 2026	
5:00-5:30	Department Line
5:30-6:00	Department Chairs meeting
6:00-6:45	District Presidents Meeting
7:00	Council Of Administration
Saturday July 11, 2026	
9:00	Roll Call and Opening session
9:30-11:30	Program Chairs
	Veterans and Family
	Youth
	Americanism
	Scholarship
	National Home
NOTE: Please other Program Chairs bring your information to the morning session in case we are running early.	
Noon	Lunch
1:00-4:00	Buddy Poppy
	Historian
	Legislation
	Hospital
	Extension & Revitalization
	Membership
	Patriotic Instructor
	Ohio Excellent Award
	Malta Training
	A & Q
	Business/Closing
Sunday	Safe TravelsHome!!!!
Dress code for all members this weekend	
Friday wear: Casual Dress and or Good Jeans	
(I love to see a sea of RED for Remembering)	
Saturday :	Patriotic Wear Casual and or Good Jeans

Membership Application Reminders

From the Department Office: Some of the Auxiliary Presidents and Auxiliary Treasurers are getting upset with the office in regards to membership applications being returned to them.

Clarification on what and why these applications are being returned:

1. Section B is not filled out = ex: Aux Post No., new member, transfer, On rejoining members if they have their ID number this assists greatly in finding them, etc.
2. Section C = this is for transferring members only, Member ID helps in getting these processed faster instead of searching
3. Section E = Campaign Ribbons and Medals are usually missing or wrong, Foreign Locations is a big one
4. Section G = at least 2 or 3 signatures for investigating committee, check if rejected or accepted, complete meeting date and obligation date
5. Section H = what is the member applying for Annual or Life and how paying
6. If a new member is paying by credit card, National will send a text message and/or email with a link for the member to pay. If not paid within 30 days, the member will have to reapply.

The 5 W's When Posting Event Information

As I am going through facebook, I am seeing events that are missing important information.

When creating a flyer or posting an event, please make sure you are adding WHO is hosting, WHAT is the event, WHEN day and time, WHERE the event is taking place, and if you have a WHY.





Looking For Ohio's History

As we begin the new term, I am continuing a project that is very important to preserving the history of the Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary.

Last year, I began searching for photographs of our Past Department Presidents. These photographs are displayed on our Department website under the "About" and "Officers" sections. While many have been located, there are still several Past Department Presidents for whom I have not been able to find photographs.

If you happen to have a photograph of any of the individuals listed below, please email or text it to me so I can continue building and preserving our Department's historical record.

In addition to the missing photographs, I am also missing the names of four Past Department Presidents and would appreciate any information that may help identify them.

Thank you for helping preserve the legacy and history of the Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary. Every photograph and piece of information helps tell the story of those who served before us.

2010 - 2011	Cindy Painter *	1972 - 1973	Rosetta Saam *	1948 - 1949	Mildred Fete *
2005 - 2006	Donna Russo *	1971 - 1972	Dorothy Letcher *	1947 - 1948	Celia Hunsberger
1999 - 2000	Wilma Zech *	1970 - 1971	Mildred Kossman *	1946 - 1947	Estella O'Brien *
1998 - 1999	Chloe Williams *	1969 - 1970	Frances Stark *	1945 - 1946	Winifred Gluhm *
1994 - 1995	Sandra Gaston *	1968 - 1969	Frances Vogelmeier *	1944 - 1945	Bessi Altman *
1992 - 1993	Wilma Swift *	1967 - 1968	Martha Dyke *	1943 - 1944	
1989 - 1990	Carol Bordner	1966 - 1967	Vivian Meyers *	1942 - 1943	Miriam Hocker *
1988 - 1989	Betty Brewer *	1965 - 1966	Carole Schaffner *	1941 - 1942	Alice Wolfe *
1987 - 1988	Janet White *	1964 - 1965	Irene Gilbert *	1940 - 1941	Irene Kleitz *
1986 - 1987	Yvonne Webster *	1963 - 1964	Henrietta Laffey *	1939 - 1940	Cecelia Carnicom *
1985 - 1986	Anna Sharik *	1962 - 1963	Janet Ladd *	1937 - 1938	Ida R Keller *
1984 - 1985	Jean Cottrell *	1961 - 1962	Isabel Able *	1936 - 1937	Minnie Stockinger *
1983 - 1984	Jean Leathy *	1960 - 1961	Isabell See Gilbert *	1935 - 1936	Leota Falkner *
1982 - 1983	Peggy Dodash *	1959 - 1960	Jeanette Brede *	1934 - 1935	Emma Rettig *
1981 - 1982	Daisy Clifford *	1958 - 1959	Ruby Stone *	1933 - 1934	Emma Keller *
1980 - 1981	Eva Woolard *	1957 - 1958	Velma Bleier *	1931 - 1932	Vera Martin *
1979 - 1980	Donna Rohr *	1956 - 1957	Gertrude Luginbuhl *	1930 - 1931	Gladys Lucas *
1978 - 1979	Jane Young *	1955 - 1956	Irene Huey *	1929 - 1930	
1977 - 1978	Sandra Letcher *	1954 - 1955	Elizabeth Page *	1928 - 1929	
1976 - 1977	Frances Jones *	1953 - 1954	Nancy Smith *	1927 - 1928	Donna Kolb *
1975 - 1976	Hattie Davis *	1952 - 1953	Marion Fox *		Julia Pitcock *
1974 - 1975	Bessie Essman *	1951 - 1952	Eileen Ritchey *	1926 - 1927	
1973 - 1974	Lois Darling *	1950 - 1951	Maurine Shoemaker *	1925 - 1926	Jeannette McDonald *
		1949 - 1950	Addie Willard *		



MEETING ETIQUETTE *and* MEMBER CONDUCT REMINDER

Respect Each Other • Support Our Mission • Honor Our Veterans

As a reminder, our Auxiliary meetings are conducted according to the VFW Auxiliary Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order to ensure all business can be conducted fairly, respectfully, and efficiently.

MEMBER CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

- ♥ Treat all members and officers with **dignity, courtesy, and respect**.
- ♥ Allow members and officers to speak without interruption.
- ♥ Disagree with ideas, not individuals.
- ♥ Refrain from **personal attacks**, insults, intimidation, or **harassment** of members or officers.
- ♥ Do not engage in **gossip, bullying**, or conduct intended to embarrass, belittle, or undermine another member.
- ♥ Do not knowingly repeat, spread, or promote **false information, rumors, or allegations** about another member or officer.
- ♥ Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on the VFW Auxiliary and its mission.
- ♥ Remember that every member has the right to express their opinion when properly recognized by the Chair.



MEETING ETIQUETTE

- ★ Wait to be recognized by the President before speaking.
- ★ Address all comments through the Chair.
- ★ Remain focused on the business being discussed.
- ★ Respect the decisions of the membership, even when opinions differ.
- ★ Help maintain an atmosphere that encourages participation and productive discussion.
- ★ Avoid disruptive behavior that interferes with the orderly conduct of Auxiliary business.



Healthy discussion and differing viewpoints are important to the success of our Auxiliary. Members are encouraged to express their opinions and concerns; however, all discussions should be conducted in a respectful and professional manner. **Harassment, personal attacks, disruptive conduct, and the spreading of false information** have no place in a productive Auxiliary environment.

We may not always agree on every issue, but we should always treat one another with respect, courtesy, and professionalism

TOGETHER WE SERVE ★ VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES. ★ THANK YOU!

DONATE CHALK. INSPIRE ART. HEAL HEARTS. – By Matt Ashmore, D10 - 2920

I'm accepting donations of colored chalk in boxes and sidewalk chalk to donate to a shelter with upwards of 100 children living there. The director said she would like every child to receive a box of chalk when they arrive. The chalk can help these children with therapy by using their creativity to draw releasing feelings and emotions or to help relax their minds. The location has a room with slate on all four walls inside the kids' play room for this purpose. Not only can they use it inside, they can also use it outdoors. It's a simple thing that can help these children. If there is a large turnout of donations I WILL expand out to other locations. If you have donations and are going to C of A the weekend of July 10th I can collect them then. There will be a donation box in the hospitality room or you can personally give them to me. I will continue to collect donations as this will be a continuous donation that I hope will spread elsewhere. Thank you to those who have already made a donation. Summer is here so I'd like to get the first 100 out.



If you would like to donate chalk, and are not going to Department C of A - Get in touch with your District President, she/he should be able to deliver it for you

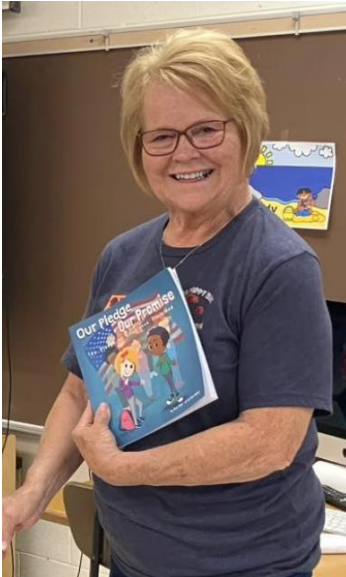
OH-10
Strong!

The Jobsite Report from Across Ohio



Auxiliary 5137 had 34 members attend June's meeting and have set the bar high!

Show us YOUR Auxiliary group photo by sending it in to lisa.rashley@outlook.com



2806 recently presented the Young American Award to the Junction City Elementary first graders.



Auxiliary 7536 participated in the Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Palooza



Post 4811 Yorkville Flag retiring ceremony.



80's themed Female Veteran Appreciation Night at VFW Post 3494 Mansfield



9473 first tie dye party, knocked out approximately 150 shirts. Their artwork is going to look great during the Reynoldsburg 4th of July Parade!



Auxiliary 3288 celebrating years of membership from 5 to 45 years at our annual pinning ceremony with outgoing District President Linda Smith.



2806 Auxiliary presented the Patriotic Citizen Award and a new American flag to SignWorx owner, businesswoman Madalyn Stickdorn Bush.



1662 Making breakfast for the Taste of History re-enactors!



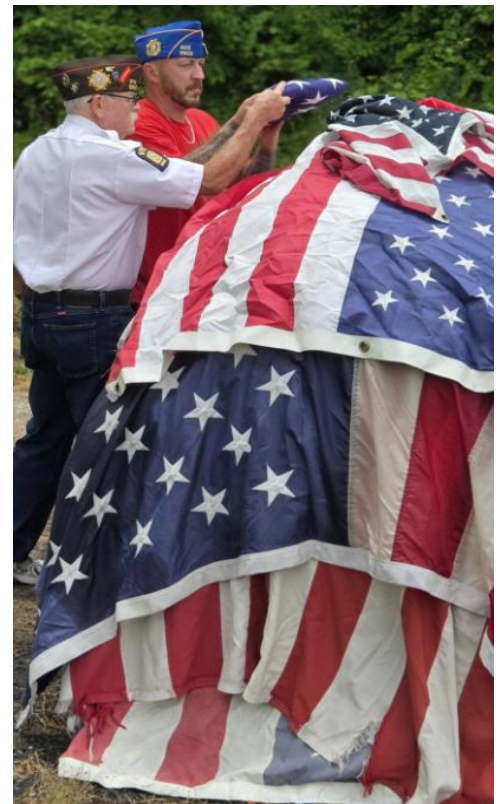
Marlene Richards manning the Buddy Poppy & Membership drive



Auxiliary 5356 donating to Giles Family



Flag Day, (6/14/26), with our Post Honor Guard and VFW 5137 Auxiliary



9943 & 3494 Flag Burning Ceremony



8054 Auxiliary held their annual car show on June 14, 2026



Celina VFW #5713 worked with the Celina Moose Lodge #1473 and Celina American Legion #210 for the Human Flag Event



Auxiliary 9520 participating with Boundless staff today



9893 & 7174 Participated in the annual Chillicothe VA Carnival.



The Muffin Man has nothing on 1662 Auxiliary 5 AM crew making breakfast for the Taste of History reenactors & staff



9094 hosted a Cook Out for those currently at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center



1662 received an award from the Historical Society~ Taste of History~ Pub Crawl!



VFW Post 4369 and VFW Post 6979 Picnic



D12 Post Hoping



5137 Auxiliary paint night

Remember to take pictures Celebrating America's 250th!



America's 250th Birthday – Freedom Isn't Free

This year, America celebrates an incredible milestone, 250 years of freedom. It's a time for backyard cookouts, community picnics, parades, fireworks, and gathering with family and friends. But before we light the grill or watch the sky fill with color, let's remember why we have the freedom to celebrate at all.

Every freedom we enjoy today was earned by generations of Americans who answered the call to serve. From the Revolutionary War to today's active-duty military, brave men and women have stood watch, sacrificed time with their families, faced unimaginable hardships, and, for many, made the ultimate sacrifice so the rest of us could live in a free nation.

As VFW Auxiliary members, we know our mission doesn't stop on the Fourth of July. We honor those who served every day by supporting veterans, active-duty military, and their families. America's 250th birthday is more than a celebration of our nation's past; it's a reminder of our responsibility to preserve the freedoms they fought to protect.

So, enjoy the fireworks. Wave your flag proudly. Spend time with family and friends. But take a moment to thank a veteran, remember those who never came home, and recognize the service members who continue to defend our country today.

Because freedom isn't free, it never has been, and it never will be.

Foundation In Action

STRONGSVILLE VFW 3345
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
EMPOWERING VETERANS WHILE STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2026

JUNE 20 
JULY 25 
AUG 15 **CUSTARD PIE**
AUG 29 **ACE MOLAR**

7 - 10 PM

THIS COMMUNITY EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. LIMITED SEATING WILL BE AVAILABLE, OR FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS. THE AUXILIARY WILL BE SELLING BURGERS, HOT DOGS, AND MORE, AND THE OUTDOOR BAR WILL BE OPEN.

17900 STRONGSVILLE BLVD. STRONGSVILLE, OH 44149

Save the Date
2026 Veterans Appreciation Day
Saturday, August 8
Freer Field
1301 Park St., Ashland, OH 44805

All Memorials will be on display August 6-9

THE FORGOTTEN WAR

Everyone is Invited To Help Celebrate Our Heroes!
Brought To You By: Ashland County Veterans Appreciation Committee

THE WALL THAT HEALS
VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER
A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

OCTOBER 1 - 4, 2026
BELMONT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

★Volunteers Needed★

The Wall That Heals is a traveling, three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

This powerful exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served during the Vietnam War and provides a space for reflection, education, and healing. The exhibit is free and open to the public 24 hours a day.

Over 200 volunteers are needed to help guide visitors through this meaningful experience. **Volunteer Roles Include:**

- Wall Display Volunteers
- Information Center Volunteers
- Mobile Education Volunteers

Volunteer Shifts Available:
8:00 a.m. - Noon • Noon - 4:00 p.m. • 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. - Midnight • Midnight - 8:00 a.m.

Volunteer Training:
Wednesday, September 30 1:00 p.m.
(All volunteers are encouraged to attend.)

Scan to sign up!

www.facebook.com/BelmontCoWallthatHeals

VFW Auxiliary 2984

INDOOR YARD SALE

Hidden treasures, great deals & community fun!

JULY 17TH 9AM - 5PM
JULY 18TH 9AM - 3PM

VFW POST 2984
102 W. Andrus Street
Northwood, Ohio 43619

Hosted by the Auxiliary to support veterans and community programs.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS • **DECOR** • **MISC. FINDS** • **BARGAINS GALORE!**

DONATION OF ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT IN AFTER TUESDAY, JULY 14TH AT 1PM
Thank you for your support!

MARTY ORR MEMORIAL CAR, BIKE & TRACTOR SHOW
Hosted by VFW Post 5532

July 25th
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
VFW Post 5532 • Washingtonville, OH

Entry Fee: \$5.00

First 100 Entries Receive a DASH PLAQUE!

CARS! • BIKES! • TRACTORS!

Delicious Food! • 50/50 Raffle! • Chinese Auction! • Music & More!

Join Us For A Great Day Of Fun & Support A Worthy Cause!

2026 Veterans Appreciation Day!

Saturday, August 8
Freer Field
1301 Park St., Ashland, OH 44805

Opening Ceremonies Start at 11am August 8th

All Memorials will be on display From August 6th (5pm) to 9th (Noon)

Don't Miss The Country Concert With Jason Aldean Cover Band August 7th @ 7pm!

Food Vendors Will Be Available

Parking \$10⁰⁰ Per Car Load

Catch A Special Movie, Friday Night (Aug. 7th) At The Ashland Theatre!

August 8th All Day Events

- 3pm Ken Hammondtree
- 5pm - 7pm ESCAP3 (Journey Tribute Band)
- 7:30pm - 9:15pm Phil Dirt & The Dozers
- 9:30pm Drone Show

Everyone Is Invited To Help Celebrate Our Heroes!
Brought To You By: Ashland County Veterans Appreciation Committee

1776 - 2026

Freedom Fest

Festival July 3rd-5th
Food, Fun, Live Bands & Fireworks

Cruise-In
July 5th from 9am-2pm
Susanna Way
New Richmond, OH

All makes/models welcome!

- Dash plaques- first 100 cars
- Donations to Disabled American Veterans Clermont County Post 63
- Cruise-In t-shirts

For more info. Call: 513-340-1252 or Email: VFW6770@outlook.com

14th Annual Ride for Life Poker Run
August 1, 2026

VFW Post 9520
1439 S. Carpenter Rd.
Brunswick, Oh. 44212

\$150.00 Best Poker Hand
\$25.00 Worst Poker Hand

TICKETS: \$15.00 single rider \$25.00 couple
(tickets include: breakfast at VFW 9520, lunch at Amer. Legion 703 & dinner at VFW 9520)

Dinner only \$10.00
Dinner served at 5pm at VFW 9520

SIGN UP: 10:00am
Last bike out 11:30am - Last bike in 5:30pm (purchase of a beverage at each stop required)

Proceeds go to Frontline Service's Mobile Crisis Team & Suicide Prevention Programs

ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE
<https://rideforlifepoker.eventbrite.com>
(Ride for Life patch included, while supplies last)

STOPS: Geno's 2.0; Medina. American Legion 703; Parma. VFW Post 6273; Elyria. Hermans Pub & Grub; Brunswick.

For information call Laura (216)633-0627 or email: rideforlifepoker@gmail.com

Honor Flight Cleveland
Benefit Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show
Raising Money for Veterans for Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026 - 10AM to 3PM
RAIN Date: Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026

Registration 9AM to 11AM
Entry Fee \$10.00 Per/Vehicle Registration
LCCC 1005 N Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035

Any Make & Model Welcome
Music, Food & 50/50 Raffle
Come Join Us for a Fun-filled Day!

Spectators Free

For Information, Contact Bill Janes (216) 533-0178

VET FEST

SUMMER BIKE NIGHT TOUR 2026

6pm-9pm **VFW** 2026
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

MAY 29	★ BRUNSWICK 1439 S. CARPENTER RD BRUNSWICK, OH 44222
JUNE 12	★ WELLINGTON 207 N. MAIN ST WELLINGTON, OH 44090
JUNE 26	★ NORTH OLMSDED 30036 LORAIN RD NORTH OLMSDED, OH 44070
JULY 10	★ AVON 36950 MILLS RD AVON, OH 44011
JULY 24	★ AAMC CLUBHOUSE 25894 N. DEPT ST OLMSDED FALLS, OH 44138
AUGUST 7	★ MEDINA 3916 PEARL RD MEDINA, OH 44256
AUGUST 21	★ NORTH RIDGEVILLE 6805 LEAR NAGLE RD NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH 44039

AUGUST 28TH & 29TH
VET FEST
★ VICTORY PARK ★
NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH

★ WE'VE GOT YOUR 6 IN 2026 ★

CRAFT FAIR

VFW 6768 - PAVILION
8584 OLDE 8 RD.
NORTHFIELD, OH 44067

SEPTEMBER 19

10AM - 3PM

ALL PROCEEDS TO
VALOR/HONOR HOMES
VENDORS NEEDED -
RIDERSVFW6768@GMAIL.COM

The latest issue of Ohio Legislative Report was just emailed to more than 400 readers.

Did you get a copy?

If you are a subscriber and did not receive a copy in your inbox... check your spam box.

Still not there?

Send us an email with your name and correct email address.

We will make sure you get your copy.



If you have not subscribed yet, but want to, do the same thing... email us your name and correct email address. We will send you the latest issue and add you to our list. You can unsubscribe at any time the same way...email us.

Here is our EMAIL:

oh.leg.report@gmail.com

WCVSC 9th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIDE

Two wheels or four - everyone's welcome

SATURDAY JULY 25, 2026

REGISTRATION 10am
First out: 11am - 1pm
Last in 5pm
Meal Following
Cost \$20 per driver
\$10 per passenger

@ AMERICAN LEGION POST 64
800 WOOSTER ST., MARIETTA

Questions: Call Roy Campbell 740-350-4764

Event Sponsored by
VFW Post 6387, New Matamoras, OH

VFW POST #7647 AUXILIARY GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 12, 2026
7:00 am registration/8:00 am shotgun start

At
Whiskyville Golf Club 9488 Leavitt Rd. Amherst

\$100 per person (Early Bird by July 1st) \$125 (after July 2nd)

INCLUDES:
18 Holes of Golf, Cart (2 to a cart)
Lunch at Turn, Steak Dinner
Prizes & Skill Contests

7:00 AM (Registration/Warmup)
8:00 AM Shotgun Start
(Four Person Scramble/Best Ball Format)

OPTIONAL
Skins, Mulligans, Raffles & Various Skill Challenges throughout the course

For more information or questions contact Jim at
President7647@gmail.com

VFW AUX. POST 3762 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

August 8, 2026
9am Shotgun Start
Buckeye Hills Country Club

Your Name: _____
Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Team Registration

Team Name: _____
Player 2 Name: _____
Player 3 Name: _____
Player 4 Name: _____

Limited to the first 27 teams \$280/Team
Completed registration and Payment due by July 27
All checks should be made out to VFW3762 Auxiliary.
Donations are tax deductible under
VFW 3762 Auxiliary's 501(c)(3) designation using Tax ID 501(c)(3)-93570769
Contact: Mark Hurley 740-505-2519
Tracey Rankin 740-572-2096

MANSFIELD ALZHEIMER'S WALK

Walk for Memories, Walk for Hope.

MANSFIELD VFW POST 3494 WALK DATE: SEPTEMBER 19

GET YOUR T-SHIRT!

SIGN UP BY: AUGUST 15

(FREE to All Registered Walkers!)

YOUR WALK MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

1 Walker Signs Up & Walks → **POST DONATES \$100** → To The ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

FESTIVITIES: 9:00 AM | CEREMONY: 10:00 AM
1.3 MILE STEP-OFF: 10:00 AM

WALK LOCATION: Mansfield Speedway | 400 Crall Rd E, Mansfield, OH 44903
SIGN UP IN PERSON AT THE POST OR BY MAIL.
#MansfieldWalksForACure #AlzheimersAssociation #VFWPost3494

FALL INTO THE HOLIDAYS

CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

October 10, 2026

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

BELLEVUE VFW

2001 East Main St, Bellevue

LUNCH 50/50 BAKE SALE

FREE ADMITTANCE

Sponsored by: VFW Auxiliary
THANK YOU!!

VFW AUX. POST 3762 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

August 8, 2026
9am Shotgun Start
Buckeye Hills Country Club

SPONSOR THE EVENT:

Company: _____
Contact Name: _____
Email: _____
Sponsorship Total: _____

PRIZES
50/50
GREAT FOOD
DRINKS

Diamond Sponsor: \$500
Gold Sponsor: \$300
Silver Sponsor: \$200
Hole Sponsor \$50

Closest to Pin: \$200
Longest Drive Ladies: \$200
Longest Drive Mens \$200
Longest Putt: \$200

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rooster 740-486-9804
Mark Hurley 740-505-2519
Tracey Rankin 740-572-2096

ALL PROCEEDS HELP LOCAL VETERANS

10th Anniversary
Dennis Deeds
SUICIDE AWARENESS RIDE



August 8th 2026

ASKING FOR
★ **DONATIONS OR RAFFLE BASKETS** ★

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
NAMI Four County
SUICIDE PREVENTION AND VETERAN SUICIDE

NON PROFIT NUMBER:
32-002030

PLEASE CONTACT
★ **Julie Deeds or Ashley Short** ★
WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR DONATIONS.
Thank you in advance!

★ **1st ANNUAL** ★
GARY FEENEY
MEMORIAL RIDE

JULY 25, 2026
\$20 PER BIKE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
Mary Oliver
Veterans Assistance Fund
501(c)(3) Nonprofit

★ **HOSTED BY BRYAN VFW POST 2489** ★
LOCATED AT 709 SOUTH WALNUT STREET, BRYAN, OHIO

★ **THE RIDE STARTS & ENDS HERE** ★

★ **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** ★

- 11:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 12:00 PM KICKSTANDS UP
- ~5:00 PM RETURN
- 6:00 PM LIVE BANDS!

LIVE MUSIC BY: **ENOUGH SAID** **THE LEDFORD BOYS**

FOOD TRUCKS: **Twilly's CONCESSIONS** **NOLSON BBQ**

★ IF WEATHER IS BAD, WE'LL BE DRIVING INSTEAD ★
(\$10 PER PERSON)

VFW POST 2489 • BRYAN, OHIO
COME RIDE, REMEMBER & SUPPORT OUR VETERANS!

★ **VFW DISTRICT 1** ★
MEAT RAFFLE

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

VFW 2984 NORTHWOOD

DRAWING HELD
★ **MARCH 7, 2027** ★
CAN PURCHASE TICKETS

102 W. Andrus Rd
Northwood, OH 43619

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!
CASH ONLY

TICKETS **\$5.00 EACH** 5 TICKETS FOR **\$20.00**

★ **4 WINNERS!** ★

- (2) ½ BEEF DONATED BY **BRYAN FARMS**
- (2) ½ HOG DONATED BY **STATLER FARMS**

PROCESSING DONE BY
NORTH BALTIMORE CUSTOM CUTS
(TYPICAL PROCESSING INCLUDED)

SUPPORT DISTRICT 1 VFW
by purchasing a raffle ticket! You can purchase tickets at POST 2984 Northwood. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20 cash only. Four winners will be drawn: two will win half a hog, and two will win half a beef.
This is a great chance to win delicious rewards!

THANK YOU TO STATLER FAMILY FARMS, MARK AND HEATHER BRYAN AND NORTH BALTIMORE CUSTOM CUTS.

90th ANNIVERSARY

★ **SAVE THE DATE!** ★

VFW POST 3494
90th ANNIVERSARY & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
POST PICNIC!
8/22/2026

Celebrating 90 Years of Service to Veterans, Families & the Community!

Ceremony at Noon
★ Followed by: ★
• Bake Sale • Raffles • Entertainment • Post Picnic

★ **VFW Post 3494 • 853 Ashland Rd., Mansfield, OH 44905** ★

★ **90 Years Strong • Serving Veterans Since 1936** ★
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - EVERYONE WELCOME!

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

2026-2027 THEME:
"WHAT A VETERAN TAUGHT ME ABOUT AMERICA"

WIN UP TO **\$35,000** IN SCHOLARSHIPS!

OPEN TO **GRADES 9-12** (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

RECORD YOUR ORIGINAL AUDIO ESSAY
DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2026

THOUSANDS IN SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVEL!

★ **YOUR VOICE. YOUR STORY. YOUR FUTURE.** ★
★ **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** ★
LEARN MORE AT YOUR LOCAL VFW POST OR AUXILIARY

5TH ANNUAL BOYER

Hosted by: **Memorial Ride**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

START & END: VFW POST 9473
KSU AT: 12 NOON - LAST BIKE IN: 4:30 PM

COFFEE, DONUTS AND RAFFLE TICKET PROVIDED AT REGISTRATION

STOPS ARE:
1. KSU - REYNOLDSBURG VFW
2. BALTIMORE VFW
3. LITHOPOLIS AMERICAN LEGION
4. RETURN TO - REYNOLDSBURG VFW

WINNER DRAWN AT 5 PM. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

ALL PROCEEDS TO **BENEFIT MISSION 22**

LIVE MUSIC - TACO BAR & DRINKS - SILENT AUCTION

MI22 ON

WRITER IN THE DARK AGAINST VETERAN THREATS

EXPRESS YOUR IDEAS. HONOR AMERICA. BE HEARD.

★ **VFW PATRIOT'S PEN** ★
YOUTH ESSAY COMPETITION

WIN UP TO **\$5,000** IN SCHOLARSHIPS!

2026-2027 THEME:
"What A Veteran Taught Me About America"

OPEN TO **GRADES 6-8** (MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS)

WRITE AN ORIGINAL ESSAY ON THE THEME
• 300-400 WORDS
• TYPE OR NEATLY PRINT
• FOLLOW OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

COMPETE LOCALLY, ADVANCE TO DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT & NATIONAL LEVELS!
NATIONAL AWARDS UP TO \$5,000

DEADLINE: **OCTOBER 31, 2026** / CONTACT YOUR LOCAL VFW POST FOR DETAILS AND TO ENTER!

PATRIOTISM IN ACTION. LEADERSHIP THROUGH WRITING.

★ LEARN MORE AT YOUR LOCAL VFW POST OR AUXILIARY ★

BELLVILLE'S
JOIN US IN MAKING HISTORY!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
FOR OUR HISTORIC 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM!

CELEBRATE COMMUNITY & HISTORY!
WE NEED YOU FOR THE BIGGEST PARADE EVER!
SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026
PARADE KICKS OFF: 10:00 AM
BELLVILLE, USA

PARADE HELPERS NEEDED:
• COLOR GUARD
• FLOAT DECORATORS
• PARADE WALKERS

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE POST.

VFW
FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE DM OR EMAIL
OH.VFW.POST.3494@GMAIL.COM

847 W. MAPLE AVE.
CLYDE, OH
VFW POST 3343 &
AUXILIARY

Partnering with Alexa's Butterflies of Hope

THE BIG BOOM
JULY 5TH

**FOOD & DRINKS, GAMES, CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT & MUSIC BINGO
21 & OVER CORN HOLE
TOURNAMENT**
REGISTRATION @ 12 STARTS @ 1PM
FOOD 12-8PM
CARNIVAL 4-8
GOLF SIMULATOR 4-8PM
MUSIC BINGO @ 6PM
LIGHT SHOW @ DUSK

housecommittee3343@outlook.com

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

The VFW STRONGLY Opposes
the Take Care of America's Veterans Act.

AMERICA'S VETERANS

CONGRESS

• Will be detrimental to 1.5 Million Veterans, which would longer help them pay mortgages, put food on the table, support their families, or support local communities across America.

• Establishes a dangerous precedent.

• Veterans' benefits are not charity, rather an earned obligation of the nation.

• We refuse. to accept the idea that one group of veterans must lose so another group of veterans can win.

VETERANS' BENEFITS ARE NOT POLITICAL PAWNS.

HONOR CONTRACT

Scan here to tell Congress "NO!"

VFW Post 3343 & Auxiliary

Annual Event

Charity Golf Outing

Schedule & Venue
Saturday, July 18th
Shot Gun Start @ 8am
Green Hills Golf Course
1959 S. Main St. Clyde, Oh
VFW Post 3343
847 W. Maple St. Clyde, Oh

Package Includes

- Green Fee Access
- Player Welcome Kit
- Golf Cart Usage
- Top 3 teams earn prizes
- Steak dinner @ VFW

Fee: \$70 per player Sign up and pay at post

Celebrate AMERICA'S 250TH RAFFLE

2 TICKETS TO CEDAR POINT!

TICKETS GOOD FOR THE 2026 SEASON!

TICKETS \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 4TH

SCAN OR CODE

VFW AUXILIARY 2984 NORTHWOOD

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS
and take a chance on summer fun!

FREEDOM FEST 2026
New Richmond, Ohio
FOOD • FUN • MUSIC • COMMUNITY • FREEDOM

Sponsored by Small Town Home Health Solutions VFW FRED CALAWAY POST 6770

FRIDAY, JULY 3	SATURDAY, JULY 4	SUNDAY, JULY 5
Event Hours: 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM Beer Booth #1: 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Event Hours: 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM STREET VENDORS • FREE KIDS' INFLATABLES ROCK CLIMBING WALL • GAMES	Event Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
4:00 PM Golf Cart Parade 5:00 PM Golf Cart Parade 5:00-7:00 PM DJ One Piece 6:00 PM Bar Hop	10:00 AM Parade Linup 11:00 AM Freedom Fest Parade 11:00 AM Poodle Pull registration (Front Street) 11:00 AM Tribute to Service 12:00 PM Kids' Poodle Pull (FREE) 1:00 PM Cardboard Boat Race 3:00 PM Cardboard Boat Race Awards	9:00 AM Street Vendors 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Cruise-In 12:00-3:00 PM FREE Petting Zoo 2:00 PM NWAM Choir at the Bandstand 3:00 PM Festival Ends & Cleanup Begins
6:00 PM Scavenger Hunt 6:00-8:00 PM Cornhole Tournament 7:00 PM Auxiliary Pull Tab 7:00-10:00 PM Devin Milton Band	4:00-6:00 PM Cornhole Tournament 6:00-7:00 PM John & Jacob Duncan Bandstand 7:00-10:00 PM Ken Ellis (Falls City Boys) 7:00-10:00 PM Eric Pene (Big Easy & Gators) 10:00 PM Fireworks	

THREE DAYS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR VETERANS!

Auxiliary Post 3360 is Sponsoring a Pet Drive

Pets Are Our Lives

Accepting Donations

Pet Food Cleaning Supplies Monetary

For Henry County Humane Society
Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!!!!

June 24 to July 29

Make checks payable: Henry County Humane Society
Bartender will place them in Auxiliaries box for delivery

Questions or items needing picked up call
Marcia Boyd 419-438-1723

19th Annual Geneva VFW POST 6846 GOLF OUTING

Proceeds to maintain the Geneva VFW family park & playground and to provide events & equipment for our local & Ohio veterans

SATURDAY, JULY 18th, 2026
GENEVA ON THE LAKE GOLF COURSE
8:00 REGISTRATION / 9:00 SHOTGUN START

\$320 per Foursome (\$80 per person)

Prizes:
1st - \$400 2nd - \$200 3rd - \$100
Pin Shots/Long Drives & Skins @ \$20 per foursome & 50/50 raffle

DINNER & PRIZES AFTER AT THE GOTL COURSE PAVILLION

Tickets: Call:
Jeff Wilson - 440-415-3003

Entry & Payment Cutoff Date - July 1, 2026

NATIONAL
PURPLE HEART DAY

PURPLE HEART TRAIN RIDE
on the
Hocking Valley Scenic Railway

AUGUST 7th - STARTING at 5:00PM
All Purple Heart Recipients & 2 Guests are Welcome
for a FREE Train Ride and FREE Box Dinner.
Please Make Your reservations Now.
Call 740-753-1772

*Seats are limited. Must be registered by August 1st.





**COME CELEBRATE
INDEPENDENCE DAY
WITH US!**
July 4th
VFW 7174 THE PLAINS
The little post that still cares.
**FREE
HOT DOGS &
HAMBURGERS**
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
NO TAKEOUT
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**DISTRICT 6
FAMILY
PICNIC**
50/50 RAFFLE!
JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAMILY FUN!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026
VFW POST 3747
1935 Vern Hall Blvd NE,
Canton, Ohio 44705
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ADMISSION
Only \$1 per person (ages 11+)
DRINKS
All beverages just \$1

WHAT TO EXPECT
Delicious Food
Family Games
50/50 Raffle
Fellowship with
District 6 Families
Activities for
All Ages

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Create memories, meet new friends,
enjoy great food, and celebrate with
VFW families from across District 6.



FLIGHT OF THE FLAGS
In Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary
we will be collecting flags for a multiple location flyover on
Monday, June 29, 2026.
VFW Post 9871 is honored to rejoin this event
and honor our fellow veterans.

★ FLAG COLLECTION ★
★ JUNE 27 NOON TO 4 PM
★ JUNE 28 2 PM TO 6 PM

★ FLAG PICK-UP ★
★ JULY 5 NOON TO 4 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ★
Call/Text Sr. Vice Commander
Brian Carleton at
440-327-4745

If you would like to have a Veteran's flag flown
we will be collecting flags at the Post located at:
★ 6805 Lear Nagle Rd.
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

★ THE FLIGHT WILL INCLUDE FLYOVERS OF: ★
★ The Ohio Veteran's Home
★ Ohio Reserve National Cemetery
★ North Ridgeville Veterans Memorial

★ FLYOVER IS SUBJECT TO WEATHER. ★
★ THANK YOU FOR HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES. ★
All gave some. Some gave all. We will never forget.

Flight 93 National Memorial Bus Trip

Friday, July 17, 2026 8:00 am Depart from Medina VFW

TRIP INCLUDES :

- Round trip transportation
- 2 1/2 hours at the memorial
- Stop at Memorial Park
- Boxed lunch
- Family Style Dinner-Rizzo's Italian Cuisine
- Bus Bingo
- Visit to Patriot Park
- Water and snacks on the bus

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
RESERVE YOUR SEAT CALL:
STEPHANIE KOZAK AT
(419) 685-7058

THIS IS A FUND RAISING TRIP
FOR THE MEDINA VFW

VENMO, ZELLE, CASH APP OR
APPLE PAY
ACCEPTED OR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER
CAN BE SENT TO:
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969 TOWNSHIP ROAD 813
ASHLAND, OHIO 44805

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\$139
PER PERSON

**Kids
zone**
Event Begins At
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Kids Caring for Heroes - HILLSBORO -

COLONY PARK -
DOWNTOWN HILLSBORO
patriotic face gems, buddy poppies,
patriotic candy, letters to veterans and
so much more!!

VFW &
VFW AUXILIARY
POST 9094




**AMERICA
250
CELEBRATION**
CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
★ SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026 ★

TIME:
1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

NAPOLEON VFW
VFW POST 8218
1008 NORTH PERRY STREET
NAPOLEON, OH 43545

**FUN FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**LIVE DJ
& MUSIC** | **FREE FOOD**
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST | **GAMES, ACTIVITIES
& MORE!**

BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS FOR
AN AFTERNOON OF FOOD, MUSIC, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT
AS WE HONOR 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

★ FREE ADMISSION ★

★ FOR MORE INFORMATION: ★
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