

VFW OF OHIO CHARITIES
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
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January – February 2016

Canteen Hours: Monday-Friday 11:30 am to Midnight, Sat. 12 Noon to 1:00 am, Sun. 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
Kitchen Hours: Monday-Friday 11:30 am to 10:00 pm, Sat. & Sunday 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Our post and kitchen is open daily for “Noon Lunch Specials” starting at 11:30 AM - \$5.00
Beer of the Month: January = Busch Lite – February = Miller 64 \$.50 off all month!

Happy Hour Special – Thursday – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - \$.50 off your favorite beer or drink!

VFW Auxiliary wishes you a Happy New Year!

A BIG THANK YOU for helping the Post w/kids Christmas Party, we had 125 kids. Thanks for supporting our Raffles, meat-trays, Visa-card & Lotto trees. With these funds we help support the Post & VFW Auxiliary programs which support Veterans. That is why we are here. Welcome to all new members-meeting night is 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:30. PLEASE sign up to help the Post w/Lenten Fish Fries - they start Feb 12th; see Thurman or Mike behind the bar if you can help! It takes a lot of volunteers to run this Post, PLEASE help when you can. Auxiliary President Kathy Correll

Check out our Life Membership Discounts. Now is the time to go Life!!!!

VFW Ladies Auxiliary has been renamed to VFW Auxiliary of the U.S. With this change, males become eligible to join. The gender-specific eligibility requirement remained for more than 100 years until July 20, 2015, when delegates to the VFW's 116th National Convention in Pittsburgh voted to amend the dated by-law to extend the same membership opportunity to eligible males. Generally speaking, most males who belong to our Mens Auxiliary now will be eligible for membership in the new Auxiliary. “It’s an exciting time to be a member of the Auxiliary,” said National President Francisca Guilford. “Women comprise nearly twenty percent of our nation’s military, and this change allows all spouses, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons and brothers to serve others in honor of their veteran.” Life memberships are available and now is the time to join and go life! **VFW Auxiliary** Life rates are as follows: through age 20 \$220, 21-25 \$210, 26-30 \$200, 31-35 \$190, 36-40 \$185, 41-45 \$175, 46-50 \$170, 51-55 \$ 160, 56-60 \$150, 61-65 \$140, 66-70 \$130, 71-75 \$115, 76-80 \$95, 81-85 \$75, 86-90 \$60, 91 and over \$50. Our VFW Post Auxiliary is offering a \$50.00 discount on Life Memberships.

All VFW regular member annual dues are to \$35.00. Your post is offering a \$150.00 discount on VFW Life Memberships for regular VFW members only! In order to take advantage of this discount, please remit your dues to the Post and we will pay the discount up front or leave us know that you have paid your Life Membership through a VFW National Dues reminder and we will issue you a check for the discount. Discount applies to new Life Memberships submitted after July 1, 2015. Rates are as follows: Through age 30-\$425.00, 31-40 \$410.00, 41-50 \$375.00, 51-60 \$335.00, 61-70 \$290.00, 71-80 \$225.00 and 81 years and over \$170.00. If you have already paid your 2016 continuous dues, we will take off an additional \$35.00 off of the above rates! An installment Life Member Payment Plan is available through the VFW National Membership Dept. on the VFW National website (vfw.org).

Do you want to receive your VFW Newsletter by Email? If so, shoot an email to vfw@bright.net with your name.

- Dec 31 New Year’s Eve Party – Blind Date Band – 8:00 PM to Midnight - No Cover –Bring Snacks to Share! Have a great time!
- Jan 1 Happy New Year!!! Post Opens at 12:00 Noon ****Knockers and Kraut all Day!!!!!!
- Jan 3 Sunday Brunch 9:30 am to 1:00 pm \$8.00
- Jan 5 Chicken in a Box 5:00 pm to ? \$7.00
- Jan 8 Pork Chop Dinner - 5:00 pm to ? \$8.00
- Jan 11 VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm
- Jan 15 Chicken Dinner - 5 pm to ? \$8.00
- Jan 19 Pork Chops in a Box 5:00 pm to ? \$7.00
VFW Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 20-24 VFW Department Midwinter Conference- Holiday Inn Cincinnati - Eastgate
- Jan 22 Swiss Steak Dinner – 5 pm to ? \$8.00
- Jan 26 Mens Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 29 Baked and Regular Spaghetti Dinner 5 pm to ? \$7.00 A must try if you love Spaghetti!!!

- Feb 2 Chicken in a Box 5:00 pm to ? \$7.00
- Feb 5 Pork Chops and Dressing Dinner - 5:00 pm to ? \$8.00
- Feb 7 Sunday Brunch 9:30 AM to 1:00 pm \$8.00!
Super Bowl Party 5:00 PM - Bring a Dish to Share! – Reduced Price on Drinks during Game!
- Feb 8 VFW Auxiliary Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
- Feb 10 VFW Post 5713 - 70th Anniversary – Feb. 10, 1946 Ash Wednesday – Lenten begins
- Feb 12 Fish and Shrimp Dinner 5 pm to ? \$8.00
- Feb 13 Valentine’s Day - Dance or DJ ? – Trying new hours - 8 pm to 11 pm! Come on out and enjoy!
- Feb 16 Pork Chops in a Box 5:00 pm to ? \$7.00
VFW Post 5713 Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 19 Fish & Chicken Dinner - 5:00 pm to ? \$8.00
- Feb 21 Daytona 500 Party – Bring a Dish to Share! Reduced Prices on Drinks during Race!
- Feb 23 Mens Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 27 Fish & Pork Chop Dinner - 5:00 pm to ? \$8.00
- Mar 6 VFW District Two Meeting – Van Wert – 10 am

EUCHRE TOURNEY EVERY MONDAY 7 PM—POKER TOURNEY EVERY WED 7-10 PM
Come on out and join the group. Everyone Welcome, Odds are you will have fun!

We now have 8 Electronic Raffle Terminals for your Gaming Experience. The software in these machines was developed exclusively for the Ohio Veterans and Fraternal Charitable Coalition. The Coalition is made up of the American Legion, Amvets, VFW, Moose, Elks and Eagle Aeries of Ohio. Try your luck the next time you’re in the Post. Since Oct. 2011, they have generated \$135,800 for your post and an additional \$135,800 for Charity.

To those who have lost loved ones, we offer our deepest sympathy. To those who are ill, we wish you a speedy recovery. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Life Members Larry Hellwarth, Timothy Donovan, Ivo Homan and Paul Jutte. Military Rites and/or Memorial Services were performed for all of the above and nonmembers Ronald Barnes, Leo Koesters, Leo Bowsher, Ed Smith, Doyt Dull and Mark Roediger. All are deeply saddened by the loss of VFW Auxiliary Life Members Betty Coombs, Linda Grissom and Doris Snyder. Doris kept track of all the Color Guard functions for many years.

In addition, your Post Color Guard conducted Veterans Day Services and Flag Etiquette Classes at Celina Middle and West Elementary Schools on Nov. 11th. Donations were made to the following: Auglaize-Mercer County Shrine Club \$100, Purchased 1 knee crutch and a Lift chair-Hospital Equipment \$1,000, Giving Thanks \$100, American Legion Post 210 Auxiliary Christmas Basket Project \$500, National Child Safety Council for Safety Literature through Celina Police Dept. \$275, West Elementary School-Ice Cream Veterans Day \$300, Flag Etiquette Material \$669.75, Celina High School Girls Soccer Tournament Shirts \$288, Celina American Indian Center \$200, Celina Schools Backpack Lunch Program \$1,173.82, Veterans Day Spot Ads on WCSM and Daily Standard \$330.80, Freedom Days Family Picnic \$5,000, Mercer Co. Council on Aging-Van Replacement Fund \$1,875 (Celina Eagles Lodge 1291, American Legion Post 210 and Loyal Order of Moose 1471 also donated \$1,875 each), Big Brother-Big Sisters Christmas Donation \$300, Celina Bullpup Basketball League Sponsor \$200, Halloween Safety and Trunk or Treat Spot Ads \$216.20, Veterans Day Lunch Expense \$540.00.

Total Color Guard, Veterans Day & Community Project Donations made during the months of Nov. and Dec. totaled **\$14,383.57**. Thank you to all who donated to our Food Tank Project for the needy. A total of **544 Canned Goods** was donated to Call Food Pantry and **71 Toys** were given to Angel Tree Project! The VFW Aux. Bake Sale generated **\$430** for Cancer Research. Thank you for your donation of baked goods to this worthy cause! Thank you for your Help around the post and your Patronage during the Past Year!!!!!!!