

VFW OF OHIO CHARITIES
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
EICHAR DeCURTINS POST 5713

July – August 2019

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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: July = Coors Light – August = Old Milwaukee Light \$.50 off all month!

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

LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER: First of all, I would like to thank past Post Commander Kevin Hagaman for serving last year as Commander. Secondly, as your newly elected Post Commander I will continue to serve you as I have done for the last 30 years as Post Quartermaster. Please bear with us as our newly elected Post Quartermaster, Jim Babcock takes over. Jim served VFW Post 2800 in Dayton in that capacity for several years. The transition will take some time. I will continue to be a hands on Commander and make sure our post remains a viable Veterans of Foreign Wars Post! As you have done in the past, feel free to approach me with any ideas you may have or write them down and drop them in the Commanders suggestion box by the front doors. Thank you. **Commander Gerald (Mort) Ward (419)217-5018**

The newly elected VFW Officers for the year 2019–2020 are as follows: Commander Gerald (Mort) Ward, Sr Vice Karl Hagaman, Jr Vice Kitt Compson, Quartermaster Jim Babcock, Chaplain John Schmidt, Trustees Bill Kugel, Tony Beckstedt and Bob Howell. Appointed Officers are Adjutant Brownie Ward, Surgeon Dave Puthoff and Surgeon Marvin Crowell.

New VFW Auxiliary Officers are: President: Bert Zizelman, Sr. Vice Diana Siegrist, Jr Vice Robin Hagaman, Treasurer Candy Ward, Secretary Marla Mallory, Chaplain Penny Babcock, Conductress Judy Voelker, Guard Melissa Minnich, 1 Yr trustee Dian Steele, 2 Yr trustee Kevin Mallory, 3 Yr trustee Ron Kohnen.

The Mercer County Fair is fast approaching: Your help is needed and Greatly Appreciated! Signup sheets for the newly remodeled VFW Food Stand will be posted around the 2nd week in July. Work 2 shifts and receive a free Gate Pass for the entire fair. You will also receive 2 free drink tickets for the drink of your choice for each shift worked. Come on out and enjoy working with other members of your post. Put your team together now, it's a lot more fun than you think! It's a great opportunity for our younger members to get involved!

Your VFW Post Color needs some new members! We continue to do Military Funeral Honors the best we can, but it is embarrassing to have a fallout and we are at bare minimum to do these services. We have not replaced our members fast enough that have passed on or are in failing health. We consider these services the last measure of respect that we can provide to our Nations Veterans and consider it an “Honor and Privilege” to do so. We provide the necessary uniforms and equipment and a uniform maintenance allowance is given to each member per fallout.

A message from your Auxiliary President Roberta Zizelman: Things are in full swing for the summer. Remember our many events coming up: Freedom Days and Lake Festival Parade. The VFW National Home for Children's visit is coming up on Aug. 3rd. It is a nice place to visit and learn the great things they do for our veterans and their families. I want to thank all members for falling out for our many events this past May and June. With August fast approaching comes the Mercer Co Fair (Aug. 9-15). Please sign up to work at the VFW food stand and/or make pies. Sign-up sheets will be available for both in the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for our younger members to get involved!

- July 5** **NO SUPPER!!!** Freedom Days – Attend Freedom Days and enjoy good food-good music and good friends
- July 5-7** **FREEDOM DAYS PICNIC**
- July 6** **Canteen will close at 6 pm for Freedom Days Picnic**
Veterans Salute @ Freedom Days 8 PM – Color Guard Fallout-Members please attend in uniform!
- July 7** **No Brunch - Freedom Days**
- July 9** VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm – **Audit at 6:30 PM**
D.A.V. Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 11** V.V.A. Chapter 783 Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 12** **Burgers and Brats - 5 pm to ? \$7**
Taste of Celina – Enjoy downtown Celina after a light dinner
- July 14** **VFW District C of A 1:00 PM** – We will try and keep Post Open but need to keep Noise & Chatter to a Minimum
- July 16** VFW Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 19** **Beef Brisket - 5pm to ? \$9**
- July 25** Pizza with Jim – Made from Scratch – Serving 5 pm to ? **Price varies according to toppings!**
- July 26** **No Dinner (Celina Lake Festival)**
- July 27** **Lake Festival Grand Parade – VFW & Auxiliary Color Guard will be marching. Need your help!**
- July 26-28** Celina Lake Festival - Fireworks Friday July 26 – Grand Parade Sat. July 27, 2019
- Aug 2** Country Style Ribs - 5 pm to ? \$9
- Aug 3** VFW National Home Visit-Eaton Rapids, Michigan
Tyler Stroh – 7pm to 11
- Aug 4** Sunday Brunch 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM \$9.00
- Aug 6** VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm – Meeting moved due to Mercer County Fair
DAV Chapter 76 Meeting 7:00 PM – Meeting moved due to MC Fair
- Aug 8** V.V.A. Meeting 7:00 pm – Meet at Mercer County Fairgrounds to help set up Veterans Tent
- Aug 9 – 15 Mercer County Fair – Help is always needed at the VFW Food Stand – Sign Up and Work 2 Shifts – Receive a Free Weekly Gate Pass. For each shift worked, you will also receive 2 Beverage Tickets for Drink of your choice at the Post.**
- Aug 9** No Friday Dinner – See you at the Mercer County Fair
- Aug 13** Veterans Day/Senior Citizens Day at the Fair. Veterans Service in Front of the Grandstand 6:00 pm
- Aug 16** **Pot Roast Dinner - 5 pm to ? \$9**
- Aug 20** VFW Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm

Aug 22 Pizza with Jim – Made from Scratch – Serving 5 pm to ? Price varies according to toppings!

Aug 23 Burgers and Brats - 5 pm to ? \$7

Aug 30 Surf-n-Turf- 5 pm to ? \$11

Sept 2 Durbin Bean Bake – Fallout for Color Guards and then enjoy Beans and Corn Bread at the Post approx. 4:30 pm

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 Dave Donnerberg, Charles (Chuck) Miller, Leland McBride and Russell Snider and Auxiliary Members Cyril Mangan, Tony Boyer and Shirley Hoffman. May they Rest in Internal Peace!

Military Funeral Honors were conducted for: VFW Life Members Charles Miller, Russell Snider and nonmembers Dale Secrest, Ruth Figley, Vernon Brannon, Stan Dicke, William McDonald, Cyril Mangan, Herbert Zacharis and Boyd Granger.

Memorial Day Services were held at: The Miller House and Celina Manor Nursing Homes, Mendon OH Veterans Park, Mercer Memory Gardens and Celina Lakeshore Park.

Color Guard, Memorial & Community Project Donations made during the months of May and June totaled \$21,444.85. Donations were made to/for: Hospital Equipment \$ 132.47, IC School \$100.00, Scholarship Awards \$\$2,500, Wings & Wheels Roller Hockey \$250, Celina First Church of God Vacation Bible School \$500, Veteran/Family in distress \$387.85, VFW Color Guard Public Fall Out \$75.00, Memorial Day Expenses \$295, VFW Color Guard Funeral & Other Expenses \$1,585, Flags various for Memorial Day \$1,271, Freedom Days Family Picnic Donation \$10,000, Restoration Counseling Services \$200, Grand Lake Mariners \$500, Memorial Day & Veterans Salute Spot Ads \$310, Newspaper Ads \$238 and Mercer County Fair Horse Shoe Tournament \$250.