

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

July – August 2021

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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 are open daily for “Noon Lunch Specials” 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM \$5.00
Beer of the Month: July = Miller Light – August = Bush 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 Mort Ward for serving last year during the COVID pandemic. Secondly, as your newly elected Post Commander, 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 door. Thank you. **Commander Kitt Compson (419) 953-6621.**

A modest raise in beer and liquor prices will take effect approx. July 15 as passed in our VFW Regular Meeting on June 15, 2021. It has been quite some time since we have raised our prices. We are raising all beer prices \$.25 and a few select beers \$.50. Liquor prices, all drinks that were \$2.00 and \$2.05 will raise to \$2.25 and all \$2.40 drinks will raise to \$2.75, all \$2.90 and \$3.00 drinks will raise to \$3.25. All wine will raise to \$3.00.

The newly elected VFW Officers for the year 2021–2022 are as follows: Commander Kitt Compson, Sr Vice Karl Hagaman, Jr Vice Tony Beckstedt, Quartermaster Jim Babcock, Chaplain John Schmidt, Trustees 3 Yr. Mort Ward, Trustee 2 Yr. Bob Maurer, Trustee 1 Yr. Donald Burns, 3 Yr. House Committee Tom May, 2 Yr. Bob Howell and 1 Yr. Karl Hagaman. Appointed Officers are Adjutant Tony Beckstedt, Surgeon Donald Burns, and Judge Advocate Dave Puthoffl.

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!

A message from your Auxiliary President Robin Hagaman: Things are in full swing for the summer. Remember our many events coming up: Lake Festival Parade. The VFW National Home for Children's visit is coming up on Aug. 21st. 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. 13-19). 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 2 **NO Meal !!!**

July 4 **No Brunch**

July 9 Pork Chops - 5 PM to ? \$9.00

Taste of Celina – Enjoy downtown Celina after a light dinner!

July 11 **Bloody Mary Bar – 10 AM to 1 PM - \$6.00 Well Vodka, Zing Zang and 1 round through for fixin's. Don't want the fixin's, just \$3.00**

July 13 VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm – **Audit at 6:30 PM**

D.A.V. Meeting 7:00 pm

July 15 V.V.A. Chapter 783 Meeting 7:00 pm – Drill Team Fallout - Reynolds Freedom Picnic 11 AM & 6:30 PM

July 16 Fish Dinner - 5 pm to ? \$9.00

July 17 **Butch's Solo Jam 7 to 10 PM**

July 18 **Bloody Mary Bar – 10 AM to 1 PM - \$6.00 Well Vodka, Zing Zang and 1 round through for fixin's. Don't want the fixin's, just \$3.00**

July 20 VFW Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm

July 23 – 25 No Meal! - Attend Celina Lake Festival

July 24 **Lake Festival Grand Parade – 6:30 PM - VFW & Auxiliary Color Guard will be marching. Need your help!**

July 25 **Bloody Mary Bar – Same Details as above!**

VFW District Two C of A 1:00 PM – VFW Post 9648 Columbus Grove

July 30 Burgers and Brats - 5 pm to ? \$7

Aug 1 Sunday Brunch 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM \$9.00

Aug 6 Pork Chops - 5 PM to ? \$9.00

Aug 8 Bloody Mary Bar – Same Details as above!

Aug 10 VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm

DAV Chapter 76 Meeting 7:00 PM

Aug 12 V.V.A. Meeting 7:00 pm – Meet at Mercer County Fairgrounds to help set up Veterans Tent

Aug 13 Fish Dinner - 5 pm to ? \$9.00

Aug 13 – 19 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 15 Bloody Mary Bar – Same Details as above!

Aug 17 Veterans Day/Senior Citizens Day at the Fair. Veterans Service in Front of the Grandstand 6:00 pm

VFW Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm

Aug 20 Chicken Dinner – 5 P to ? \$9.00

Aug 21 VFW National Home Visit-Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Aug 22 Bloody Mary Bar – Same Details as above!

Aug 27 Cabbage Rolls - 5 pm to ? \$8.00

Aug 28 Butch's Solo Jam – 7 to 10:00 PM

Aug 29 Bloody Mary Bar – Same Details as above!

Sept 6 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 Service-Connected member Dan Fischer. Dan was an 8 year US Navy veteran and son of Past Post Commander Bob Fischer. May they Rest in Internal Peace! Military Funeral Honors were conducted for: VFW SC member Dan Fischer, nonmember Paul Buchanan and Auxiliary Darlene Thees.

Memorial Day Services were held at: Mendon OH Veterans Park, Mercer Memory Gardens and Celina Lakeshore Park. Military Rites were also conducted for Shipfitter Third Class Robert E Bailey from rural Celina who perished aboard the USS Oklahoma on Dec. 7, 1941. Through advanced DNA technology, his remains were identified after they were exhumed at the National Cemetery of Pacific in Pearl Harbor. Our VFW Post 5713 and American Legion Post 210 Color Guard members along with VFW State Commander Fred Lavery had the privilege to be pall bearers at Cisco Funeral Home. There was a tremendous turnout along the funeral procession route from Celina to Coldwater and at Swamp Cemetery for the Military Rites.

Color Guard, Memorial & Community Project Donations made during the months of May and June totaled \$14,975.63. Donations were made to/for: US Flags \$1,487.20, Mercer Co. Sportsman Youth Fest \$250, Mercer Co. District Library Summer Reading Program \$200, Celina Lake Festival Fireworks Fund \$1,500, Mercer Co. Fair \$215, South Shore Zuma Festival Fund \$250, Restoration Counseling Service \$200, Center Stage for Performing Art \$300, Celina Mercer Chamber Golf outing \$275, Celina Lynx of Hope Golf outing \$400, Tommy Turnipseed Scholarships \$1,000, Memorial Day & Color Guard expenses \$940, Hospital Equipment child wheelchair \$100, IC School \$100.00, Veteran/Family in distress for moving expenses 3,694.94, Memorial Day Spot Ads \$789.04, Celina High School Band \$500, Celina IC School Carnival \$250, Celina High School Tennis Program \$250, Family Care Options \$500, Mercer County Civic Foundation train at MC Fair \$700, Grand Lake Hospice Fundraiser \$400 and Gene Mihm golf tournament hole sponsor \$100.