

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

July - August 2017

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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

Daily Lunch Special – Stop out and enjoy - Menu varies - \$5.00 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm – Menu Items also available

Happy Hour Special – Thursday – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - \$0.50 off your favorite beer or drink!

July Monthly Beer Special – Miller Light August Monthly Beer Special – Miller 64

Congratulations to Commander Karl Hagaman and the entire Celina VFW Post 5713 Membership on your Post attaining VFW All-State and National All-American Honors. These are the highest VFW State and National awards that any Post can receive with your Celina Post finishing 13th in their membership division. The criteria for the award is based on a numerical gain in membership and completing and reporting the VFW Programs in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities, Military Assistance, Pow/Mia, Hospital/Homeless Veterans Outreach and Safety. Congratulations are also in order for VFW District Two Commander Tom Leininger who also received All-State and All-American Honors as a District Commander finishing 7th overall in National competition.

We are looking for one or several Volunteers to put the bimonthly newsletter together in word or excell, proof read, print and fold. If interested, see Commander Karl Hagaman or Canteen Erika Cooper! I have been this for numerous years and the pain in my neck and back are giving me problems. Mort

July 18 VFW Regular Post Meeting 8:00 PM

July 20 Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 783 Meeting

July 21 Western Style Ribs – 5:00 pm to ? - \$8.00

July 21- 23 Celina IC Parish Festival

July 23 Grand Lake Mariners – Veterans Day at the Ball Park – 7:05 PM Game Time – Sandwiches & Drinks on the Post

July 22-28 VFW National Convention – New Orleans – Our own VFW District Two's (Delphos Post 3035)

Keith Harman installed as VFW National Commander

July 28-30 Celina Lake Festival – Fireworks Friday July 28 – Grand Parade Sat. July 29, 2017

July 28 Surf & Turf Dinner 5 PM to ? \$9.00 Your steak cooked to order with Shrimp and salad

Aug 4 Pork Chop Dinner 5 PM - ? \$8.00

Aug 5 VFW National Home Visit – Eaton Rapids Michigan

Aug 6 Sunday Brunch 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM \$8.00

Aug 8 VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM

Aug 8 DAV Chapter 76 Meeting-7:00 PM

Aug 10 Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 783 Meeting 7:00 PM - Meet at Fairgrounds to help set up Veterans Tent

Aug 11 Open Kitchen – Order off the menu or go to the Mercer County Fair

Aug 11 - 17 Mercer County Fair – Newly remodeled Food Stand Opens – Help is always needed at the VFW Food Stand - Sign Up and Work 2 Shifts - Received a Free Weekly Gate Pass

For Each Shift worked, you will also receive 2 Beverage Tickets for Drink of your Choice at Post

Aug 15 Veterans Day/Senior Citizens Day at the Fair – Free Bean Soup and Cornbread at the Veterans Tent 4:00 PM until Gone! Veterans Service in Front of Grandstand 6 PM

Aug 18 Taco Bar - 5 PM - ? \$8.00

Aug 18 DJ Heather – 7-11 PM

Aug 19 BBQ Smoke Off – Judging at 5:00 PM

Aug 25 Surf and Turf - \$9.00 Your steak cooked to order with Shrimp and Salad

Aug 26 Lots for Soldiers Chicken Dinner Fundraiser 5 to 7 PM / Band "The Nameless" 7 to 11 PM

A message from your Auxiliary President Kathy Correll: With August fast approaching comes the Mercer Co Fair (Aug. 11-17). Please sign up to work at the VFW food stand and or make pies. Sign-up sheets will be available for workers. Call the Post if you are able to make pies.

The new VFW Auxiliary Officers for the year 2017 – 2018 are as follows: President Kathy Correll, Sr. Vice Sara Hagaman, Jr Vice Kevin Mallory, Treasurer Dian Steele, Secretary Bert Zizelman, Chaplin Penny Babcock, Conductress Toni Slusser, Guard Melissa Minnich, 3 Yr trustee Candy Ward, 2 Yr trustee Ron Kohonen, 1 Yr trustee Betty Leininger, and Patriotic Instructor Diana Siegest.

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!

You may start paying your 2018 Membership Dues at the Post after July 1st! All VFW Dues including Social and Service Connected are \$35.00 and may be paid at the post or mailed to the above address. Our 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 you have paid your Life Membership through a National Dues reminder and we will issue you a check for the discount. Discount applies to new Life Memberships submitted after July 1, 2017. An installment Life Member Payment Plan is available online through the VFW National Membership Dept. All new VFW Regular member's dues will be waived the 1st year! Active Duty Military, Active Duty Reserve and National Guard member dues will continue to be paid by the Post as long as they remain in that status.

VFW Life Membership 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. Again, remember your post will pay \$150.00 towards the above amounts. If you have already paid your 2017 dues, we will take off an additional \$35.00.

To those who are ill, we wish you a speedy recovery. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Life Member Thomas Burtch and Harry Patrie, Service Connected Members Randy Kohler. Military Rites and/or Memorial Services were performed for the aforementioned VFW members and nonmembers Jerry Sacher and John Schulte. In addition, our Color Guard participated in 4 Memorial Day Services at Mendon, Celina and Cozy Camp Grounds, Relay for Life Program, Memorial Day and Flag Etiquette Services at Celina Manor Nursing Home, Rockford Lots for Soldiers House Dedication, Veterans Salute at Freedom Days Picnic, American Legion Post 210 Poker Run Flag Presentation, Reynolds & Reynolds Freedom Picnic.

Color Guard, Memorial & Community Project Donations made during the months of May and June totaled **\$15,366.47**. Donations were made to: Sunday Softball League Sponsorship 2 Teams \$600, Cancer Association of Mercer County Fundraiser \$1,500, Grave and Memorial Day Flags \$4,888.32, Daily Standard-Easter, Memorial Day & Freedom Day Ads \$441.69, WKKI-K94 Memorial Day & Safety Spot Ads \$150, Evening Leader Memorial Day Ad \$60, WCSM Memorial Day and Safety Spot Ads \$300, Mercer County Sportsman Club Youth Activities \$500, Noted Celina Club-Celina HS Band \$200, Mercer County District Library-Summer Reading Program \$200, Center Stage for the Performing Arts \$300, Grand Lake Rotary Club Trolley Mercer County Fair \$700, and expenses for VFW Post 5713 Color Guard \$690, Furtherance of Education Award-Karlee J Huber \$500, Schweiterman Pharmacy 2 Used Wheel Chairs \$500, Restoration Counseling Service-Jim Smith Fundraiser Donation \$300, Celina Future Business Leaders-Dilbert Mullins Competition trip to California Donation \$500, Randy Kohler-Donation for Veteran in Distress \$200, Celina Dolphin Swim & Dive Team \$200, St Anthony Dinner Theater \$300, Freedom Days Family Picnic for Cane Poles \$337, Celina Girls Soccer Program \$500 and 5 Gross 4"x6" Flags for Youth Flag Etiquette Program \$187.

Signup sheets for the newly remodeled VFW Food Stand will be posted around the 3rd 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.