

VFW OF OHIO CHARITIES  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
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March - April 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

**All Dues are Payable Now! We purged the Membership Drawing List on March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you paid your 2017 Dues, your Membership Card should show 2017! Before signing in for the drawings, please check to see if your name is on the Drawing List!**

Please make welcome our new Canteen Manager in Training: Erika Cooper. Erika and her husband Ron Cooper reside in Celina and are both VFW members. Erika will be training under Thurman and Mike while she learns the trade. Erika previously worked at C-Town Wings in Celina and has a degree in Criminal Justice from Ball State University.

Nomination of Officers – March 21, 8:00 PM ---- Nomination and Election of Officers – April 18, 8:00 PM

**Come on out and participate. The elective offices of the Post are Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Trustee 3 Year and House Committee Member 3 year. Nomination of Post Officers shall open in March and remain open until the Post is ready to vote for said office. Your voice counts!**

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

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

March Monthly Beer Special – Old Milwaukee - \$0.50 off all month!

April Monthly Beer Special – Old Milwaukee Lite - \$0.50 off all month!

Sunday Special – Bloody Mary's in a tall glass made with Zing-Zang Mix, Olives, Pepperoncini, Lime and Celery!

**Do you want to receive your VFW Newsletter by Email? If so, shoot me an email at [vfw@bright.net](mailto:vfw@bright.net) with your name.**

Post Commanders Suggestion Lock Box is located inside front door of Post. Concerns or Suggestions on the Operation of the Post, write them down and insert in Box. Commander is the only one who opens!

- Mar 1 ASH Wednesday
- Mar 3 VFW Fish & Shrimp Dinner - 5:00 pm to ? \$8.00
- Mar 5 Sunday Brunch 9:30 am to 1:00 pm \$8.00  
VFW District Two Meeting – St Marys Post 9289 – 10:00 AM
- Mar 9 Vietnam Veterans of America Meeting 7:00 pm
- Mar 10 VFW Fish & Pork Chop Dinner - 5 pm to ? \$8.00
- Mar 12 VFW District 2 Bowling Tournament at Celina Plaza Lanes – 2 Shifts 10:00 am or 2:00 pm – Participation is free to all Post and Auxiliary Members
- Mar 14 DAV Chapter #76 Meeting 7:00 pm – Nomination Night – We need your input!  
VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
- Mar 17 Fish & Shrimp Dinner - 5:00 pm to ? \$8.00
- Mar 18 St Patrick's Day Dance – Green DeVillie's Band – 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM – Come on out and enjoy!  
Bring a Snack to Share! Don't forget to Register your "Green Stones" or Purchase a new one!
- Mar 21 VFW Regular Post Meeting 8:00 pm – Nomination of Officers
- Mar 22 VFW Auxiliary BB Gun Shoot – 6:00 pm to ? – Children are most Welcome – A shoot for all Ages!!
- Mar 24 VFW Fish & Chicken Dinner - 5 pm to ? \$8.00
- Mar 31 Fish and Shrimp Dinner – 5 pm to ? \$8.00
  
- Apr 1 VFW District Two Testimonial Dinner for our own Tommie Leininger, District Two Commander & District Two President Jackie Johnson - Tickets \$15.00 per person – Complimentary Beverages & Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 6 pm – New York Strip Dinner to follow – Please RSVP with check to Post by March 26
- Apr 7 VFW Fish & Pork Chop Dinner - 5 pm to ? \$8.00
- Apr 11 VFW Aux. Meeting - Nomination & Election of Officers 7:00 pm  
DAV Chapter #76 Meeting 7:00 pm
- Apr 13 Boil & Color Easter Eggs – Need Help 12 Noon to 3:00 pm  
VFW Aux. Colored Eggs for sale \$3.00-Drop off your Egg Cartons  
Vietnam Veterans of America Meeting 8:00 pm  
**Pizza made from Scratch night by Jim Babcock 12" 2 Topping \$9.00 Deluxe \$11.00**
- Apr 14 Fish and Shrimp Dinner – 5 pm to ? \$8.00 - Annual VFW Auxiliary Good Friday Bake Sale  
**Aux. Members, Please have your baked goods at Post no later than 4:00 pm**
- Apr 15 Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt w/Celina Eagles – 1:00 PM Sharp - \$900 cash Prizes  
West Elementary School - 3 Age Groups: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9. Open to Public! Hunt starts at 1:00 pm Sharp
- Apr 16 Happy Easter
- Apr 18 VFW Regular Post Meeting 8:00 pm – Nomination & Election of Officers
- Apr 21 Chicken Dinner – 5 pm to ? \$8.00
- Apr 27 **Pizza made from Scratch night by Jim Babcock 12" 2 Topping \$9.00 Deluxe \$11.00**
- Apr 28 Pork Chop Dinner – 5 pm to ? \$8.00

***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!***

With annual VFW Regular Member dues at \$35.00, you should give consideration to buying a VFW Life membership as we are offering a \$150.00 discount. Breaks in the cost of VFW Life Membership start at age 31, 41, 51, 61, 71 and 81 years of age for VFW Members and every 5 years for VFW Auxiliary members starting at age 21. **VFW rates without discount are listed: 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 2017 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. All new VFW Regular member's dues will be waived the 1<sup>st</sup> year! **The VFW Auxiliary is offering a \$50.00 discount on Life Memberships.**

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 Jack Vorhees, William Oakley, Charles W (Skip) Miller Jr. and Eugene Linn. Military Rites and/or Memorial Services were performed for Life Members Jack Vorhees and Eugene Linn, non-members Ernest Miller, Earl Siebert, Marion Heindel and Richard Chapman.

Awarded \$1,200 to 11 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Celina Middle School for participation in our VFW Patriots Pen Youth Essay Contest. Emma Minnich won 1<sup>st</sup> place at Post, District and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in VFW State Competition. She was awarded \$1,200 for her 2<sup>nd</sup> place winning essay. VFW Color Guard Expenses for Jan-Feb totaled \$1,428, VFW Dept. of Ohio Cancer Fund Donation \$1,000, Celina All-Stars Baseball Program \$250, Cancer Assoc. of Mercer County Hopefest Donation \$500, Toys purchased for Childrens Christmas Party \$315, Celina Middle School T-Shirt Sponsor \$200. Celina Middle School Relay for Life Donation \$250, Veterans Family in distress \$500, Choosing Life Pregnancy Resource Center \$300, Celina Concert in the Park Series \$500, Mercer County Challenger Baseball \$200, Mercer Co Fair Sponsorship \$1,200, VFW Post 9289 Funeral Dinner Donation \$125, Brian & Kelly Anderson Family \$100, Lots for Solders \$100, Celina Mercer Co Chamber of Commerce Block Party & Car Show \$500, VFW District Two Ohio & National Military Service-VFW National Home Donation \$500, Ohio Youth in State Government \$250, Celina High School Spring Musical \$50, Celina High School After Prom Committee \$200, Celina Athletic Booster Club Bowling \$150, Grand Lake Fall League Girls Softball \$75, Celina Lake Festival \$1,500 for band & COSI, Alzheimer's Assoc. Mercer County Walk \$500, Celina Parks & Recreation for Baseball, Softball & Soccer Team Sponsorship \$1,575, Donate of Flagpole to Mercer County Men's House of Hope. **The above Color Guard, Memorial & Community Project Donations** made during the months of Jan. and Feb. totaled **\$14,585.05**. **Thank you for your continued patronage. Without you, none of the above could have happen!**