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I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO-RAMA

The Following article was submitted by :

David L. Bilinovich, 2nd Jr. Vice Commander , Disabled American Veterans (DAV) , Department of Ohio.

The Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama, presented by RADAIR, was held at the I-X Center in Cleveland on March 20-22, 2015. Again, as they have done for the past several years, they had a military tribute section. This year they saluted Ohio's own 3rd Battalion, 25th Regiment, of the Marine Corps Reserve. Also, as they did last year, space was dedicated for veterans service organizations to help raise money for the building of the Greater Cleveland Fisher House. Our Department of Ohio again supported this worthwhile fund raising effort.

Northeast Ohio Chapters and Auxiliary Units; 35, 72 and 116, provided volunteers to man our table and the Cleveland NSO office provided the DAV magazines and brochures along with three volunteers. Chapter 3 in Columbus provided their DAV van as our display vehicle. Sr. Vice Commander Phillip Alexander and 1st Jr. Vice Commander Kenneth Marcum presented a substantial donation check from our Department. Altogether, the various veterans service organizations raised over $33,000 at this three-day event.

Thanks to the past two years of fund raising, the Greater Cleveland Fisher House will break ground this Summer. The Fisher House is funded totally by private donations and will be a 16,000 square foot home located near the VAMC Cleveland. The Fisher House is similar to a Ronald McDonald House except that it is for military and veteran families so they can be close to their service member or veteran while hospitalized. The Greater Cleveland Fisher House will provide free lodging for these families, serving the needs of those hospitalized at the VAMC Cleveland, the Cleveland Clinic or University Hospital.

Thanks to our members generous donations and the Depart-

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Don't forget the Homestead Exemption Program can save you tax dollars. There are changes to this program for the new year. One of the biggest changes is that if you have 100% service connected disability rating from the VA you may be eligible. . You must apply before the first Monday in June. Go to www.medinacountyauditor.org and click on "FORMS". Or call Judy Rogers at the Auditor's Office if you have questions, 330.725.9754.

VA Medical Centers

Inpatient and Outpatient Care is Available at the Following Hospitals

Wade Park Center
10701 East Boulevard—Cleveland, OH 44106
Phone: (216) 791-3800—Fax: (216) 421-3217
For appointments or medication: (800) 379-8387

Parma Community Based Clinic
8787 Brookpark Rd.—Parma, OH 44134
Phone: (216) 739-7000

Akron Community Based Clinic
55 W. Waterloo—Akron, OH 44319-1116
Phone: (330) 724-7715

EMERGENCY ROOM CARE IS AVAILABLE AT WADE PARK 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

If you have an emergency you may want to consider going to the local hospital

Our office can provide transportation for veterans to the following VA Healthcare facilities

Wade Park Hospital
Monday through Friday
Parma CBOC
Monday through Friday
Akron CBOC
Monday through Thursday

We ask that you make your appointments between the hours of 9:00 am and 12 noon.

(Tell them you are a van rider).

Dear Friends,

After 31 years of working for the Veteran Service Office, I have retired and I just wanted to say how blessed I have been to be involved with this great office and the people I have come in contact with. That includes the man who told me to apply for the job in 1984, my co-workers, Commissioners, the friends that I have made at the County Administration Building and especially to the veterans and their families who

I have met through the years. My hope is that I have made a small difference in some of your lives because you have all made a difference in mine by enriching it enormously.

Thank you all!

I will miss you!

Betsey Hiller

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ment's willingness to match any funds donated through them, DAV Ohio raised nearly $60,000 over the past two years to help make the Greater Cleveland Fisher House a reality. Thank you to all of the Chapters, Units and members that contributed money or manpower to make this fund raiser a success. There is still time to contribute, so please contact our Department Adjutant for details.

David L. Bilinovich

2nd Jr. Vice Commander

Greater Cleveland Fisher House

A Message From the County Veterans' Service Officer

Here we go again, spring is in the air and "Parade Season" is here. We'll kick it off with Rolling Thunders annual "Candlelight Vigil" on Medina's Historic Square. We will conduct a medals ceremony along with the vigil.

There have been several changes within the VA in the past few months. First, was the "Veterans Choice Card" which we discussed in the *Winter Issue.*
Next s the VA has done away with the NET worth requirement for healthcare eligibility. They will only be counting income. *(see page 6).*
One of the biggest changes that has taken place in the past few months is the "VA Standardized Forms". The DAV has been advertising it its "VA doesn't want your napkins," in an effort to inform Veterans that claims need to be filed on standardized forms from now on. Currently there are three ways to file a claim, no matter how you do it we recommend you use an accredited Veterans Service Representative. Our office is accredited so please contact us to file a claim with the VA.

Although the VA has addressed several issues like the backlog and increased processing of claims, the one thing that looms over them like a black cloud are appeals. Currently the appeal process is taking anywhere from 3 to 5 years. Its become known as the "new backlog", with that said we are hoping that this will be the next problem that they tackle. There are several initiatives currently being analyzed that will reduce the time it takes to complete an appeal. The one thing that you can do and we can do for you is to avoid an appeal all together. You can do this by filing a "fully developed claim." This contains the three items the VA requires in order to grant in the veterans favor. 1)A disability, 2)a in service event that caused the said disability and 3) a legal nexus. In some instances an appeal is completely unavoidable, and we will assist you in completing all applicable forms and make sure is filed promptly.

I'm sad to announce that our "Outreach Service" in Wadsworth will end on July 31st, 2015. Its just a matter of resources. We see upwards of 25 clients a day at our main office. We averaged less than 6 clients in Wadsworth and several of those still needed to come to Medina because we could not complete what we needed to at the Outreach location. We will continue to work with those who are unable to make it to our main office for one reason or another as we have for those throughout the county.

As you know by the article on the opposite page our Office Manger Betsey Hiller retired this past March. Betsey served the Veterans of Medina County for 31 years with a caring and compassionate attitude. She was my confidant and friend within our office and I will miss her dearly as will many of our Veterans. I wish her the best in her retirement and as they say in the Army, "God Speed be with You."

Lastly, we have a new Toll Free number if you live outside of Medina it is: (844) 722-3800 ext. 9368

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout this upcoming Memorial Day Season.

Veterans Service Officer
Medina County, Ohio

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
The Veteran's Voice on The Hill

GOT FREEDOM?

THANK A VET!

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255
PRESS 1

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-8255

NATIONAL CALL CENTER
for Homeless Veterans
1-877-4AID-VET
1-877-424-3838

Vet Center
Keeping the Promise

Appointments will be available on <u>Mondays & Wednesdays</u> at the Professional Building on 120 W. Washington St, Room 3-C on the third floor.
To schedule an appointment call (440) 845-5023.

Medina County Veterans' Services
210 Northland Dr. Medina, OH 44256 (330) 722-9368

We Want to Help You Receive the Medals You Earned!

Medina's veterans made invaluable contributions to our fight for worldwide peace and democracy. "We want to encourage any veteran who thinks he or She may be entitled to overdue or replacement medals to contact our office.

FEEDING MEDINA COUNTY

IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

CONTACT THEM: 901 Lafayette Rd.
Medina, OH 44258 330.421.4816

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

will be held at the Community Center at the Medina County Fairgrounds, on the Third Thursday of each month.

May 21 **Jun 18** **Jul 16**

Any household or individual under the 200% of Federal Poverty Guideline is eligible! Anyone receiving benefits from Job and Family Services is under 200% of poverty. Food will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Please bring your own bags

VA Continues to Deny Justice To C-123 Crews Exposed to Dioxin

Vietnam Veterans of America says VA has been too slow in its response to an Institute of Medicine report that found Air Force veterans who flew on planes contaminated with Agent Orange after the Vietnam War would likely face the same health issues of vets exposed during the war, reports WYSO's Lewis Wallace. VA said three weeks ago it would make an announcement about the finding—presumably that those vets would be eligible for service-connected benefits—but has not done so.

(Washington, D.C.) – "It is an outrage that the VA, in effect, is continuing to deny these veterans justice," said John Rowan, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America. "These VA bureaucrats attempting to delay justice ought to be relieved of their duties so that they can no longer abuse veterans with their tactic of 'delay, deny, until they die.' There is no excuse for why these worthy veterans are still

not being treated with the appreciation and the respect their service warrants." Rowan praised Wes Carter, the leader of the C-123 Veterans Association, for his spunk and spirit: "You've got to keep on keeping on," Rowan urged, "and VVA will be at your side to convince the VA hierarchy that to continue to delay justice is to deny justice."

For over five years, retired Air Force Reserve Major Wes Carter has led the fight of his life: to get the Department of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge that the C-123 Provider military cargo planes which transported Agent Orange to and from Vietnam had, in fact, been contaminated with dioxin. A number of reputable scientists and epidemiologists at federal agencies have gone on record, endorsing Carter's stance that these craft remained hazardous to the health of the 2,100 crew members, flight nurses, and maintenance workers who serviced them between 1972 and 1982. "Yet the VA, in all its wisdom, maintained that these men and women who had been exposed to Agent Orange ought not be eligible to receive the same healthcare and disability compensation benefits that boots-on-the-ground veterans of Vietnam receive," Rowan noted.

"VVA has long supported Major Carter in his quest for justice," Rowan said. "When the Institute of Medicine (IOM) concluded, in a study funded by the VA, that the planes were actively contaminated when Air Force Reservists flew them, we were as pleased as Wes Carter, who exulted, 'We won!' The IOM report was released in January 2015, yet Major Carter and those who have been sickened with maladies the VA concedes are associated with exposure to Agent Orange have still not received the justice they deserve. Why? Because a few bad actors in the office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards at the VA continue their attempts to delay justice despite the conclusive report by the IOM.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the nation's only congressionally chartered veterans service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's founding principle is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

IAVA IRAQ and AFGHANISTAN VETERANS of AMERICA

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF AMERICA

NEVER AGAIN Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another

HONORING & SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please join us on Medina's Historic Square, 7:30pm on Friday, May 15,2015 for a Candlelight Vigil

Presented by Rolling Thunder,® Inc. Chapter 8, Medina, Ohio for more information please call Becky or Dave 330-723-0116

GOD BLESS AMERICA

ID Cards are now available for eligible Veterans at the Medina County Recorders Office. You must bring an original or certified copy of their DD 214 or Discharge and record it to receive your free ID card.

The Recorders Office is located in the County Administration Building at. 144 N Broadway St #117 Medina, OH 44256

How to Create Your *myPay* Account

Request a Temporary Password

1. Go to https://mypay.dfas.mil.
2. Click "Forgot or Need a Password?"
3. Enter your Social Security Number and click "Yes" button on the bottom right.
4. Choose "mail to my address of record with Military Retired" and click "Send me a Password:'-ur if you have a valid email address in ***myPay,*** you can choose to have it emailed to you.

Create a Permanent Password and Login ID

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE 1-800-273-8255

NATIONAL CALL CENTER for Homeless Veterans 1-877-4AID-VET 1-877-424-3838

WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

SENIOR SECTION

"PARADE REST"

Veterans and Their Benefits

Edward Zackery

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VA Eliminates Net Worth as Health Care Eligibility Factor Elimination of Net Worth Makes More Veterans Eligible for Health Care

Elimination of Net Worth Makes More Veterans Eligible for Health Care

Washington – The Department of Veterans Affairs is updating the way it determines eligibility for VA health care. A change that will result in more Veterans having access to the health care benefits they've earned and deserve.

Effective 2015, VA eliminated the use of net worth as a determining factor for both health care programs and copayment responsibilities. This change makes VA health care benefits more accessible to lower-income Veterans and brings VA policies in line with Secretary Robert A. McDonald's MyVA initiative which reorients VA around Veterans' needs.

"Everything that we do and every decision we make has to be focused on the Veterans we serve," said VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald. "We are working every day to earn their trust. Changing the way we determine eligibility to make the process easier for Veterans is part of our promise to our Veterans."

Instead of combining the sum of Veterans' income with their assets to determine eligibility for medical care and copayment obligations, VA will now only consider a Veteran's gross household income and deductible expenses from the previous year. Elimination of the consideration of net worth for VA health care enrollment means that certain lower-income, non-service-connected Veterans will have less out-of- pocket costs. Over a 5-year period, it is estimated that 190,000 Veterans will become eligible for reduced costs of their health care services.

In March 2014, VA eliminated the annual requirement for updated financial information. VA now uses information from the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration to automatically match individual Veterans' income information which reduces the burden on Veterans to keep their healthcare eligibility up to date. That change better aligned VA's health care financial assessment program with other federal health care organizations.

Veterans may submit updated income information at www.1010ez.med.va.gov/, or by visiting their nearby VA health care facility. For more information, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

If you have, any questions about veteran's benefits contact the Medina County Veterans' Service Office at 330-722-9368 or email us at veterans@medinacountyveterans.org or catch us on the web at www.medinacountyveterans.org

This program is designed to educate disabled veterans and their families on specific veterans' benefits and services. This outreach program generates considerable claims work on behalf of veterans and their families. NSOs, often aided by Department and Chapter Service Officers, travel to communities across the country to counsel and assist veterans with development of evidence, completion of required applications and prosecution of claims for veterans benefits administered under federal, state and local laws.

VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

News Release

Office of Public Affairs
Media Relations

Washington, DC 20420
(202) 461-7600
www.va.gov

Requirement of Standardized Claim, Appeal Forms Simplifies Application Process for Veterans

Washington – With the goal of making the application process easier and more efficient for our Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) now requires Veterans seeking disability benefits to use standardized claim and appeal forms. These standardized forms guide Veterans to clearly state the symptoms or conditions for which they are seeking benefits and provide the information necessary for VA to start processing their claims and appeals.

"This change will help VA provide faster and more accurate decisions to our Veterans, their families and survivors," said Under Secretary for Benefits Allison A. Hickey. "Standard forms are essential to better serve Veterans, build more efficiency into VA's processes and bring us in line with other government agencies such as the Social Security Administration."

The easiest and fastest way for a Veteran to submit an application for compensation is online through the eBenefits (www.ebenefits.va.gov) portal. VA encourages Veterans to work with representatives of Veterans Service Organization (VSO), or their state or county representatives, who can assist with filing electronically or in paper form. Standardized forms are a key component of VA's transformation, which will help achieve the Department's goal to eliminate the backlog by the end of this year.

There are two claim actions that now require standardized forms:

1. Veterans' or Survivors' applications for disability compensation or pension – Specific forms are designed to capture information necessary to identify and support benefit claims.

Veterans filing for disability benefits must now use VA Form 21-526EZ, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits.

Wartime Veterans filing for needs-based pension must use VA Form 21-527EZ, Application for Pension.

Survivors filing a claim for dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), survivor's pension, and accrued benefits must complete VA Form 21-534EZ, Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits.

2. Notices of Disagreement with any aspect of VA's decision on a disability claim – The standardized Notice of Disagreement form is used when a claimant wishes to initiate an appeal.

Veterans disagreeing with a VA compensation decision should use VA Form 21-0958, Notice of Disagreement.

Veterans and survivors will not be required to use a standardized notice of disagreement form to initiate appeals of pension or survivors benefit decisions at this time.

VA recognizes that some Veterans may need additional time to gather all of the information and evidence needed to support their claim and therefore established a new intent to file a claim process. Applicants may notify VA of their

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Your Benefits

County

County benefits throughout Ohio are benefits provided by the county in which you reside. They are provided by the County and are specific to those Veterans living within it.
They are not the same from county to county.

State

State benefits are provided by the State of Ohio and are available to ail Veterans that are state residents.

Federal

Federal benefits come from the Federal Government and apply equally to all Veterans across the country.

Our office is trained to assist you in applying for and pursuing any benefit from Medina County, the State of Ohio or the Federal Government.

Financial Assistance

Title 59, Ohio Revised Code, requires each County Veterans Service Commission/Office to establish and administer a financial assistance program.

As such, each county develops its own policies and guidelines regarding financial assistance and is NOT bound by the policies of any other county.
In Medina County, you may be eligible for assistance in the following areas:

- Food
- Rent/Mortgage (Nursing Home & Assisted Living or Domicile is exempt)
- Utilities (heat, water, electric only)
- Medical (requires commission review)

Each applicant for financial assistance must meet the definition of a veteran as defined by Title 5901.01 of the Ohio Revised Code or be an Active Duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the spouse or surviving spouse, a dependent parent, minor child, or ward of the veteran or the Active Duty member.

This program is one of temporary, emergency financial assistance. It is not a long term assistance program and it is not a subsidy program. Assistance will normally not be provided for more than three (3) months per application year unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Furthermore assistance will not be granted fo more than thirty-six (36) months in any sixty (60) month period.

Ohio War Orphans Scholarship

Students must attend full-time, and prior recipients must meet appropriate cumulative GPA requirements (minimum 2.00).

Overview

What is it? The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Program awards tuition assistance to the children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict.

Who is eligible? To receive War Orphans Scholarship benefits, a student must be enrolled for full-time undergraduate study and pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree at an eligible Ohio college or university. Ohio residency is required. Applicants must be under the age of 25.

How much aid is available? Scholarship benefits cover a portion of instructional and general fee charges at two and four-year public institutions and a portion of these charges at eligible private colleges and universities.

How do I apply? Application is made to the Ohio Board of Regents/State Grants and Scholarships Department.

Is there a deadline? The application deadline is July 1 of each year.

For more information, contact Amber Brady at (614) 752-9528 or abrady@regents.state.oh.us.

Healthcare

The VA Health System is based on three things:
1. Your Veterans Status
2. Your Disability
3. Your Income

VA provides a number of health care services.
Hospital, outpatient medical care, dental, pharmacy and prosthetic services
Domiciliary, nursing home, Community based residential care
Sexual trauma counseling.
Specialized health care for women veterans, Health and rehabilitation programs for homeless veterans
Readjustment counseling,
Alcohol and drug dependency treatment
Medical evaluation for disorders associated with military service in the Gulf War, or exposure to Agent Orange, radiation, and other environmental hazards
Combat Veterans: VA provides free health care for veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, for any illness possibly related to their service in that theater.
Time Limits: You have five years from the date of your discharge from active duty on or after January 28, 2003. You have until January 27, 2011, if you were discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003, and were not enrolled as of January 28, 2008.

The VA Hospital System is the largest in the free world, the money saved and the care provided is worth the wait.

Continued from page 7 intent to file a claim in order to establish the earliest possible effective date for benefits if they are determined eligible. An intent to file a claim may be submitted in one of three ways:

Electronically via eBenefits or with the support of a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) through the Stakeholder Enterprise Portal.

Completing and mailing a paper VA Form 21-0966, Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC)

Over the phone with a VA call center or in person with a public contact representative.

Veterans may appoint a duly authorized representative, such as a VSO, who can notify VA of a claimant's intent to file using any of the methods listed above. VA will provide an individual up to one year from the date they submit their intent to file a claim to complete the required application form. Veterans may wish to use this one-year period to gather evidence necessary to support the claim so that evidence can be submitted along with the application form..

VA's move to standardized claim and appeal forms will make the process easier and more efficient for both VA and the Veterans, and allow VA to establish a quicker, more streamlined benefits delivery system.

News from the: Medina County Veterans Coalition

Memorial Day Events Around Medina County
(be sure to check dates and times with your local newspaper of township committees for accuracy)

Saturday May 23

- Rittman, Western Reserve National Cemetery: Flag Decoration 10:00 AM

Sunday May 24

- York TWP: Parade 2:00 PM
- Rittman, Western Reserve National Cemetery: Memorial Day Ceremony 3:00 PM

Monday May 25

- Brunswick: The city's Memorial Day program will be held at 10:00 AM. at Visintainer Middle School, 1459 Pearl Road. All organizations wishing to participate in the program and parade, which forms no later than 9:30 AM.
- Chatham Township: The program begins at 10:00 AM. with a memorial service at the VFW Hall, followed by a parade.
- Granger Township: Granger's Memorial Day activities will begin at 9:00 AM with a parade from Highland Middle School to Granger Fairview Cemetery.
- Hinckley Township: The Memorial Day parade begins at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church and ends at the township Hall.
- Lodi: American Legion Post 523 will host a parade lining up at 8:30 AM. and beginning at 9:00 AM from the American Legion Hall through the center of town to Woodlawn Cemetery.
- Medina: The city's Memorial Day festivities begin at the Medina County Courthouse on Public Square. There will be a brief ceremony at 10 am and a parade to Spring Grove Cemetery and guest speaker.
- Medina: Vietnam Veterans Memorial; Medina 1:15 PM sponsored by the Medina County VVA Chapter #385.
- Seville: The parade begins at 1:00 AM in front of First Baptist Church.
- Spencer: The Memorial Day parade lines up at 8:00 AM at the Old School and starts at 9:00 AM proceeding to the Cemetery for a ceremony.
- Valley City: The parade lines up at 10:30 AM at the Township Community Center and steps off at 11:00 AM.
- Wadsworth: The city's Memorial Day parade will form at 10:15 a.m. in front of the American Legion and VFW hall, and step off at 10:30 AM. *The Wadsworth American Legion will be serving a Memorial Day breakfast.*

If You're a Veteran, Don't Sit on the Sidelines Get Back in the Game

Any veteran interested in marching in a Memorial Day Parade please feel free to contact our office at 330-722-9368 for assistance .

The organizers of the Medina City Memorial Day Parade would like to cordially invite any and all Honorably Discharged Veteran to march in this years parade.

Dust off the old uniform, tighten-up the belt and polish those boots, because we want you out there. If you can't march some of the parades will be able to accommodate you on a vehicle.

Medina County Veterans Organizations Meeting Times and Places

Organization	Post #	Address	City, State	Meeting Times
American Legion	Post #234	FOP 716 West 130th St	Brunswick, OH	2:00 PM - First Thursday of each month
American Legion	Post #523	120 Bank Street, Lodi	Lodi, OH	7:00 PM - Second Thursdays of each month
American Legion	Post #202	620 N. Broadway St.	Medina, OH	7:15 PM - Fourth Monday of each month
American Legion	Post #608	North Main St	Spencer, OH	8:00 PM - First Monday of each month
American Legion	Post #170	129 Main Street	Wadsworth, OH	7:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
AMVETS	Post #1990	620 N. Broadway Street	Medina, OH	7:30 PM - Third Wednesday of each month
Blue Star Mothers of Medina County		1439 S. Carpenter Road	Brunswick, OH	6:30 PM - Third Tuesday of each month
Disabled American Veterans	Chapter #72	620 N. Broadway Street	Medina, OH	7:00 PM - Second Tuesday of each month
Forty et Eight	Voiture #601	Coppertop 5740 Center	Valley City, OH	9:00 AM - Second Saturday of each month
Korean War Veterans Association	Chapter #69	590 N. Rocky River Dr.	Rocky River, OH	1:00 PM - Fourth Tuesday of each month
MARINE Corps League	DET #569	3916 Pearl Rd	Medina, OH	7:00 PM - Third Tuesday of each month
Medina County Veterans Coalition				
Medina County Women of the Military		PO Box 1812,	Medina, OH 44258	mcwomilitary@yahoo.com
Rolling Thunder	Chapter #8	3916 Pearl Rd.	Medina, OH	2-4:00 PM - Second Sunday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #9520	1439 S. Carpenter Road	Brunswick, OH	7:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #6892	6299 Avon Lake Rd., Chatham Twp.	Spencer, OH,	8:00 PM - Second Tuesday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #5137	3916 Pearl Rd	Medina, OH	7:00 PM - First Tuesday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #8753	39 F Main St.	Seville, OH	8:30 PM - Third Thursday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #5563	6731 Center Rd.	Valley City, OH	7:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #1089	121 Main Street	Wadsworth, OH	8:00 PM - First Tuesday of each month
Vietnam Veterans of America	Chapter #385	620 N. Broadway	Medina, Ohio	7:00 PM - First Wednesday of each month (no meeting in July)

***** If the information above is not correct please contact our office so that we may update it.**

Dates to Remember

MAY

- ***May 3—Loyalty Day***
- ***May 10—Mothers Day***
- ***May 8—VE Day***
- ***May 14—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM***
- ***May 15—Candlelight Vigil , Medina Square***
- ***May 16—Armed Forces Day (swap meet, Medina VFW)***
- ***May 24—Memorial Day Ceremony, Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery***
- ***May 25—Memorial Day***
- **Veterans Service Office Closed on: May 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend**

JUNE

- ***June 6—D-Day***
- ***June 11—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM***
- ***June 14—Flag Day***
- ***June 14—US Army 239th Birthday***
- ***June 21—Fathers Day***
- ***June 23-27—Blue Tip Parade, Wadsworth, Ohio***
- ***June 25—Start of the Korean War***

JULY

- ***July 4—Independence Day***
- ***July 9—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM***
- **Aug 3rd to 9th—SEE YOU AT THE MEDINA COUNTY FAIR .**
- ***August 3rd —Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair***
- **Veterans Service Office Closed on: July 3-5 Independence Day Weekend**

- This Service Will End July 31st 2014 -

Medina County Veterans' Service Office Out-Reach Program - Wadsworth

The Medina County Veterans' Service Office provides an outreach center in Wadsworth the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, at the Center for Older Adults in Wadsworth

- This Service Will End July 31st 2014 -

Become a Member Today!

Medina County Veterans' Newsletter

This newsletter is provided as a courtesy only. The Medina County Veterans' Commission does not endorse the content of these newsletters or of other organizations' policies or products.
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Medina County Veterans' Service Office
Our Mission

Our Pledge

When you come into the County Veterans Service Office you will be assisted by one of our knowledgeable associates. The people that work in the Medina County Veterans Service Office have a compassionate understanding of the problems which confront veterans, widows, widowers, and their families.

We provide two basic services:

1. Temporary emergency financial aid and assistance to eligible veterans and family members who have demonstrated a need as set fourth by the commission.
2. 2. Assist veterans, family members and survivors when applying to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for benefits.

Our assistance includes but is not limited to:

Financial Assistance:

a. Rent and mortgage payments
b. Utilities: Gas, Electric and Water
c. Food and personal Hygiene items
d. Medical
e. Transportation to and from VA Medical Centers in Cleveland, Parma and Akron, Ohio
f. Grave markers and flags

Service Assistance:

a. Preparations of forms and paperwork
b. Documentation of claims and pertinent data
c. Proper submission of claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs thru a service organization
d. Submission for awards decorations and medals
e. Notary Public & DD 214 Certification

Our services are **FREE** of charge!

Contact the Medina County Veterans' Service Office
210 Northland Dr. - Medina, Ohio 44256

Call: 330.722.9368 Toll Free: 844.722.3800 x-9368 FAX: 330.722.9378
E-mail: veterans@medinacountyveterans.org
Office Hours: Monday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00 (Closed Noon – 1:00 PM for Lunch)

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