MEDINA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE

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Medina County Veterans'

Third Annual Medina County All Veterans

Join Us For Our 3rd Annual Medina County All-Veteran Banquet!

Sponsored by: The Joint Veterans Coalition of Medina County

Who: All Medina County Veterans and those currently serving in the Guard, Reserves or on active duty. Spouses, guests, and family members invited.

When: Saturday, October 3, 2015

Where: Williams-on-the-Lake, 787 Lafayette Road, Medina, Ohio 44256

Cost: $30/person (includes open bar for beer and wine, cash bar for mixed drinks)

Entre: Gourmet Buffet with carving station and all you can eat!

Time: 5:30PM – 9:30PM

Dress: Coat & Tie or business casual (anything from sport coat to tuxedo or military dress uniform). Ladies cocktail dress or slacks and business attire suggested. Vets can wear pins, badges, medals, etc. to recognize your military service.

Registration & Information: Call, write or e-mail to get a registration form or more information. Contact David W. Taylor, Coalition President: call: 330-722-7455, e-mail: dave.taylor@zoominternet.net or write: Medina County Veterans Coalition, P.O. Box 50, Medina, OH 44258-0050

Please join us for this wonderful evening of camaraderie and fun with our county's veterans and there families.

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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.

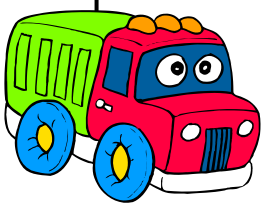
If you have an emergency you may want to consider going to the local hospital

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).



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OHIO CHAPTER 8

14th Annual All You Can Eat

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, October 17, 2015
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
VFW Post #9520
1439 South Carpenter Road
Brunswick, Ohio

Advance Tickets - $7.00
At the Door - $10.00 Adults
$6.00 Children 12-14
$3.00 Children 6 - 11
Children 5 and under free
$7.00 Carry Out Only

plus

50/50 Raffle
Basket Raffle
Door Prizes

For additional information call
Becky Blackmore (330) 723-0016

Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange through Duty on Contaminated C-123 Aircraft

In our last Newsletter we ran an article *"VA Continues to Deny Justice To C-123 Crews Exposed to Dioxin"*. We are happy to report that the VA has since overturned that decision and is granting benefits for those Veterans. (See Page 7, *VA Expands Disability Benefits for Air Force Personnel Exposed to Contaminated C-123 Aircraft*).

In response to the Institute of Medicine's report on Post-Vietnam Dioxin Exposure in Agent Orange-Contaminated C-123 Aircraft from the National Academy of Sciences, we have determined there is evidence of exposure to Agent Orange for Airmen who worked on C-123s that were used in Vietnam as part of Operation Ranch Hand. Specifically, we have determined there is sufficient evidence that Air Force and Air Force Reserve members who served during the period 1969 through 1986 and regularly and repeatedly operated, maintained, or served onboard C-123 aircraft (known to have been used to spray an herbicide agent during the Vietnam era) were exposed to Agent Orange.

We encourage eligible Air Force and/or Air Force Reserve personnel who meet certain service qualifications, and have any of the medical conditions determined by VA to be related to exposure to Agent Orange, to apply for benefits.

A Message From the County Veterans' Service Officer

Well it is upon us again, Fair Week. That one week out of the year where we celebrate everything that Moos, crashes into each other or is extremely unhealthy for us food wise. I will love it! Our office has had a booth at the fair since 2008. It is a great opportunity for us to meet some old acquaintances as well as some new veterans. The first day of the fair is Monday, August 3rd, which also happens to be "Veteran's Day at the Medina County Fair".
Admission is FREE for veterans all day. Veterans just need to present their veteran's ID card at the entrance gate and they will let them through. Our office will have special events at the Main Pavilion from noon until 5:00 pm. If you are unable to attend on Monday, we will have our booth set up in the community center all week. Be sure to stop by and say "hi", or bring us an elephant ear or large lemonade.

I am happy to report that the annual numbers from the VA were published this last quarter and the total amount of dollars spent by the VA in Medina County was more than 57 million dollars. Which is almost a 9 million dollar increase from the previous year. We are very excited about this report. If you have any questions about the VA GDX please feel free to contact me at anytime.

In the previous edition of this newsletter we ran an article about veterans being denied benefits due to agent orange exposure *(See article on Page 2)*. We are happy to report that the VA has overturned its decision and is now granting claims for C-123 Aircraft personnel *(See article on Page 7)*.

The 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War has been taking place across our nation for a few years now. It is a ten year commemoration and we here in Medina County have chosen the summer of 2016 to commemorate our Vietnam Veterans service and sacrifices. We are still in the beginning stages of planning events but we hope to accomplish three objectives: 1) Educate the public on the history of the war and how it effected Medina County. 2) Remember, reflect and heal those that the war effected and continue to effect to this day. 3) Welcome home and thank Vietnam Veterans and their families for the sacrifices they made during and after the war. More details to follow on this in our next newsletter.

Lastly, we have seen an up swing in the economy here in the county and our unemployment rate for veterans is very low. We do however still have veterans in need. If you know one please encourage them to contact our office. We will try our best to assist them.

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.

Aug 20 **Sep 17** **Oct 15**

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.

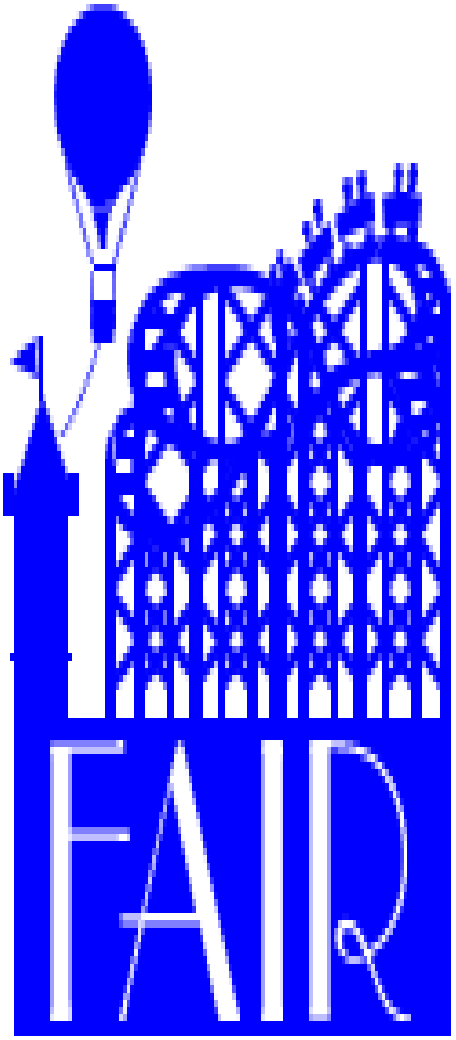
Please bring your own bags

Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair

Monday, August 3rd, all current military members and veterans with Proof of veterans status will be admitted FREE of charge to the Medina County Fair. Show your military ID, VA Card, veterans organization card or DD 214 with a picture ID. Come and see us in the Main Pavilion between Noon and 5:00pm.

There will be booths from all the Veterans Organizations from around the County.

Please call our office for Information



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THE COST OF FREEDOM

POW/MIA DAY PROGRAM

September 19, 2015

Speaker: Rear Admiral Duret S. Smith
Special Assistant to the Surgeon General of the Navy

Presented by Rolling Thunder ®, Inc
Chapter 8 Ohio

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
10175 Rawiga Rd., Rittman, Ohio
Main Flag Pole 1:00pm

For more information call

Beck y Blackmore 330-723-0116

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

Reprinted from

"Helping Hands"

Elderly Veterans

According to the 2012 U.S. Census brief, Veterans age 65 or older numbered in excess of 12.4 million. These Veterans served in conflicts around the world including World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and even in the Persian Gulf War. As Veterans age, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will provide benefits and services that address a variety of issues including the changing health risks they face, as well as financial challenges through VA benefits and health services.

VA Benefits

Elderly Veterans may be eligible for a wide-variety of benefits available to all U.S. military Veterans. VA benefits include disability compensation, pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and burial. See our Veterans page for an overview of the benefits available to all Veterans.

VA Benefits for Elderly Veterans

Two VA programs provide certain elderly Veterans with an additional monetary amount if you are eligible for or receiving a VA Pension benefit.

1. Aid and Attendance (A&A) is an increased monthly pension amount paid if you meet one of the conditions below:
   - You require help performing daily functions, which may include bathing, eating or dressing.
   - You are bedridden.
   - You are a patient in a nursing home.
   - Your eyesight is limited to a corrected 5/200 visual acuity or less in both eyes; or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.
2. Housebound is an increased monthly pension amount paid if you are substantially confined to your immediate premises because of a permanent disability.

Learn more about these benefits by contacting our office for details.

VA Health Care for Elderly Veterans

Geriatrics is health care for elderly Veterans with complex needs. Extended care – also known as long term care – is a program for Veterans of all ages who need the daily support and assistance of another individual. Elderly Veterans can receive geriatric and long term care programs at home, at VA medical centers, or in the community.

- Geriatrics Program
- Long Term Care
- Eligibility for Long Term Care
- Home Based and Community Services
- Nursing Home and Residential Care
- Geriatrics Research

If you have, any questions about veteran's benefits contact the Medina County Veterans' Service Office at 330-722-9368

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

VA Expands Disability Benefits for Air Force Personnel Exposed to Contaminated C-123 Aircraft

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today published a new regulation that expands eligibility for some benefits for a select group of Air Force Veterans and Air Force Reserve personnel who were exposed to the herbicide Agent Orange through regular and repeated contact with contaminated C-123 aircraft that had been used in Vietnam as part of Operation Ranch Hand (ORH).

VA published this regulation as an interim final rule so that it could immediately begin providing benefits to eligible Air Force veterans and Air Force Reserve personnel who submit a disability compensation claim for any of the 14 medical conditions that have been determined by VA to be related to exposure to Agent Orange.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald made the decision to expand benefits following receipt of a 2015 report by the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine (IOM) on Post-Vietnam Dioxin Exposure in Agent Orange-Contaminated C-123 Aircraft. This VA-requested report found evidence that as many as 1,500 to 2,100 Air Force and Air Force Reserve personnel who served as flight, medical and ground maintenance crew members on ORH C-123 aircraft previously used to spray Agent Orange in Vietnam were exposed to the herbicide.

"Opening up eligibility for this deserving group of Air Force veterans and reservists is the right thing to do," said Secretary McDonald. "We thank the IOM for its thorough review that provided the supporting evidence needed to ensure we can now fully compensate any former crew member who develops an Agent Orange-related disability."

Under this new rule, Air Force and Air Force Reserve flight, medical and ground maintenance crewmembers who served on the contaminated ORH C-123s are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides during their service, thus making it easier for them to establish entitlement for some VA benefits if they develop an Agent Orange-related presumptive condition. In addition, for affected Air Force Reserve crew members, VA will presume that their Agent Orange-related condition had its onset during their Reserve training. This change ensures that these reservists are eligible for VA disability compensation and medical care for any Agent Orange-related presumptive condition, and that their surviving dependents are eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation and burial benefits.

The interim final rule can be found on the Federal Register: www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection. VA will immediately begin processing claims and issuing benefits to eligible Air Force crew members.

VA encourages reservists who were assigned to flight, ground or medical crew duties at Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Ohio (906th and 907th Tactical Air Groups or 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift

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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.

Medina County Veterans Identification Cards are available from the Medina County Recorder's Office.

They are located at:

144 N Broadway St #117
Medina, OH 44256

(330) 725-9782

You will need an original or certified original copy of your discharge in order to be eligible for a ID Card.

If you do not have one you can come into our office and we will assist you in requesting an original copy. Or you can order one HERE on line yourself.
You will need a valid Drivers License or State ID card also with your application.

***If you did not meet the service requirements or service criteria to receive one of the following you will not be issued a ID card. We are sorry but this is the law. The only agency that can issue you a discharge is the branch that you served in.

***This ID card is not a valid form of identification and we are not responsible for those that accept it.

Discharge documentation includes:

DD-214
NGB-22
NGB-55
DD-256

Ohio Veterans Bonus Program

Veterans Bonus Program - Bonus Facts

Eligible Veterans are encouraged to begin the process by completing the online bonus application. Veterans will see that most of their questions probably are answered in the short application process. They will quickly learn what information is required and what documentation is needed to support their bonus application. Applications are available at www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov, or at any of Ohio's 88 County Veterans Services Offices. Or call 1 - 877 - OHIO VET to receive a handwritten application. In most cases, applying on-line is the simplest and fastest option.

To apply for the bonus Veterans go to www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov and complete the online application form. Please note an application is not complete until it is printed, signed and mailed along with required supporting documentation through the U.S. Postal Service. The signed application must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public "notarized" or witnessed by an Ohio Clerk of Courts "acknowledged" and mailed to:

Ohio Veterans Bonus
P.O. Box 373Sandusky, OH 44871

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP)

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP) Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP) are programs created by Congress to allow eligible military retirees to receive monthly entitlements in addition to retired pay.

CRSC is a special compensation for combat-related disabilities. It is non-taxable, and retirees must apply to their Branch of Service to receive it.

CRDP is a restoration of retired pay for retirees with service-connected disabilities. It is taxed in the same manner as your retired pay, and it is normally considered taxable income. No application is required. Eligible retirees receive CRDP automatically.

The purpose of these entitlements is to recover some or all of the retired pay that military retirees waive for VA disability compensation.
Monthly Payments

Like your retired pay, DFAS pays CRDP and CRSC monthly on the first business day of each month. You will receive your CRDP or CRSC payment in the same manner as your retired pay: If your retired pay is being direct deposited into your bank account, we will do the same for your CRDP or CRSC payment.

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Squadron), Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts (731st Tactical Air Squadron and 74th Aero-

medical Evacuation Squadron) or Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, International Airport (758th Airlift Squadron) during the period 1969 to 1986, and developed an Agent Orange-related disability to file a disability compensation claim online through the joint VA-Department of Defense web portal, eBenefits (https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/).

VA also has identified several active duty locations where ORH C-123 aircraft may have been used following their service in Vietnam. Active duty personnel who served in a regular USAF unit location where a contaminated C-123 was assigned and who had regular and repeated contact with the aircraft through flight, ground or medical duties during the period 1969 to 1986, and who develop an Agent Orange-related disability, also are encouraged to apply for benefits. For more information on applying for these benefits, including the affected units, Air Force Specialty Codes and dates of service for affected crew members, and a listing of Agent Orange-related conditions, visit www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/agentorange-c123.asp.

NEVER AGAIN
Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another

Would you like to receive a replacement set of your medals and decorations, or awards you may have earned but never received? Contact our office for information on how to receive the awards you earned.

Call 2-1-1
First Call For Help
Connecting people to services
United Way
United Way of Medina County

3rd Annual
Rolling Thunder®, Inc.
Ohio Chapter 8
Benefit Poker Run for
The Greater Cleveland Fisher House
Saturday, August 15, 2015

ROLLING THUNDER® POW – MIA OHIO CHAPTER 8

FISHER HOUSE
because A Family's Love is Good Medicine

The Greater Cleveland Fisher House is the Northeast Ohio affiliate of the Fisher House Foundation. The Foundation is best known for the network of comfort homes built on the grounds of major military and VA medical center.

The Greater Cleveland Fisher House will be a 16,000 square foot home with 20 suites accommodating up to 42 family members. The house offers a "home away from home" and a safe and comfortable sanctuary as their loved ones recover from their wounds. The Greater Cleveland Fisher House will be built at The Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

All Net Proceeds from this 3rd Annual Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Ohio Chapter 8 Benefit Poker Run will go directly to the Greater Cleveland Fisher House Foundation.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM
at Century Harley-Davidson
3053 Eastpointe Drive, Medina

Breakfast being served courtesy of
Century-Harley Davidson
First bike out at 10:00, last out 11:30

Donation of $20/bike or car • $5/additional passenger (CASH ONLY)

VFW Post 1062 Cuyahoga Falls	American Legion Post 685 Streetsboro	VFW Post 3483 Brooklyn Heights	VFW Post 3345 Strongsville	VFW Post 9520 Brunswick

LAST BIKE IN BY 5:00 PM

Cash Payout to Top Five Hands

Basket Raffles

50/50 Raffle

Vendors

Star Spangled Entertainment
By Laurie Hovater Meadows

Ride will take place RAIN OR SHINE All Vehicles Welcome

Car Show at the Brunswick VFW

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For Information Contact:
John Hohne (440) 885-1865 or
Diana Ward (216) 554-0888
Vendors Welcome
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News from the: Medina County Veterans Coalition

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Message:

Starting in September the Brunswick American Legion Post#234 will meet at 11:00 AM - on the First Thursday of each month.

Meeting location (FOP 716 West 130th St. Brunswick, OH) remains the same.

Date: 1st Thursday of each month

Time: 2:00 PM

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

AUGUST

- *Aug 3—Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair*
- *Aug 4—US Coast Guard Established (1790)*
- *Aug 13—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM*
- *Aug 14—Japan Surrendered ending WWII (1945)*
- *Aug 17—Veterans County Coalition Meeting*

SEPTEMBER

- *Sept 7—Labor Day*
- *Sept 10—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM*
- *Sept 11—Patriot Day (Flags at Half Staff)*
- *Sept 18—US Air Force Established (1947)*
- *Sep 18—POW/MIA Remembrance Day*

OCTOBER

- *Oct 3—Medina County "Veterans Ball"*
- *Oct 8—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM*
- *Oct 12—Columbus Day*
- *Oct 12—First ground forces land in Afghanistan (2001)*
- *Oct 13—US Navy established (1775)*
- *Aug 18—Veterans County Coalition Meeting*

Veterans Service Office Closed on:

Sept 7 for Labor Day

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Medina County Veterans' Service Office

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Become a Member Today!

Medina County Veterans' Newsletter

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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)

Medina County
Veterans' Service Office

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