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Medina County Veterans' Newsletter

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Vietnam Commemoration Continues with "Welcome Home and Passing of the Torch" Event in Wadsworth

The Medina County Commemoration of the Vietnam War and those that fought and lived it will culminate at the Wadsworth American Legion Post #170 on August 6, 2016.

The final and third event is planned to be a celebration. "Welcome Home and a Passing of the Torch". We plan on having the "Eyes of Freedom" on display to welcome home our Vietnam veterans and let them know this new generation of veterans is prepared

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"The Healing and the Moving Wall"

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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

The three events here in Medina County, meant to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War have been an honor for me to be a part of. Bringing "The Moving Wall," to Medina County was a huge undertaking. I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank the many people involved as well as the all the donors that helped make this possible. All of the organizations both veteran and civic alike for their time and donations. The City of Medina, and Medina Police Department for providing security and assisting in logistics of the event. The Medina County Sheriff's Office and the entire county for their support to all our veterans. To the folks that live along Route 3 by the high school for dealing with the increased traffic and spot lights all night long. To the several thousand people that came out to recognize our Vietnam Veterans and their families.

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Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair Monday, August 1st

All veterans with an active ID card, VA ID card, veterans organization membership card or DD-214 with a picture ID will receive FREE admission to the fair on Monday, August 1st.

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 Friday

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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to stand their watch," said Ed Zackery.

The "Eyes of Freedom" along with "The History Project"

will be on display in the Strand Theatre in downtown Wadsworth. There is a Memorial Ride planned for the day also (see page 5 for details). The event will start at Noon and go to about 8:00pm. We're hoping to have vendors and some live music on hand also. The Official Welcome home is planned for 3:30 PM.

Timeline:

- 10:30-11:45am registration for Memorial Ride at Brunswick VFW. Kickstands up at Noon.
- 11:00am Strand Theatre opens to public, "Eyes of Freedom" & "The History Project".
- 1:00pm Vendors and food back parking lot Wadsworth American Legion Post #170
- 2:30-3:00pm Bikes in
- 3:30pm Welcome Home
- 5:00-7:00pm Music and Entertainment.
- 8:00pm Closing Ceremony.

We are happy to roll out the official logo for our 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War here in Medina County. The Medina Veterans Coalition has coins for sale with the logo on the front side.

We chose a triangular shape around the Medina County Vietnam Memorial with the three separate events we are having listed on the three sides. Each side of the triangle bears one of the three colors of the Vietnam Service Medal. Inside the triangle on each side of the Memorial are the National Defense Service Medal (earned by Vietnam

Commemorative Coin

Front-side

Back-side

You can purchase your commemorative coin for $10.00. All proceeds go to the 50th Commemoration.

Era Veterans) and the Vietnam Campaign Medal (earned by those who served in Vietnam). The back-side has the five branch's of service with the Vietnam Service Ribbon in the center over the POW/MIA symbol. The coin is something for everyone to remember the commemoration. Whether you served in Vietnam or in the service at all, you will want one of these coins to remember those that served and sacrificed during that tragic time in our history.

With the support of the Medina County Veterans Coalition and other Veterans Organization throughout the county we want everyone in the community to be a part of this commemoration.

Contact our office for details at 330.722.9368. Please make your tax-deductible donation out to "The Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund" and send it to The Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund C/o: Joe Destro, 3698 Center Rd. Brunswick, Ohio 44212

A Message From the County Veterans' Service Officer

Well we are rolling right through the summer here in Medina County and a beautiful summer it has been thus far. Our second event "The Healing & The Moving Wall" was very emotional yet great weekend for all involved. When we started to plan these events one of our main goals was to educate. The questions and the time I saw people spending at The Wall and inside the PAC with the History Project showed me that we are succeeding with that goal. Again thank you to all involved.

Its not over yet, were rolling into our third and final event down in Wadsworth. Please come out and join us as we Welcome Home our Vietnam Veterans. This event is made to be a bit more celebratory than the first two. So stop out and have a bite to eat and share in a day of fun and excitement. There is plenty happening in Downtown Wadsworth that day to bring the entire family along.

Don't forget that August 1, 2016 is Veterans day at the Medina County Fair. All Veterans get free admission the entire day. We will have special events going on in the Main Pavilion from Noon until 5:00pm so stop out for a piece of cake and say hello to your fellow veterans and share some stories.

Starting August 1st we will transport to the Akron Clinic Monday through Friday. Please pass this along to your fellow veterans.

I also would like to congratulate American Legion Post #202 for receiving an Emmy Award for their Video "The Volley of Fire" it can be seen at the following link. https://youtu.be/DFXc8IZd6-M

Please enjoy and have a safe Summer !

Veterans Service Officer

Medina County, Ohio

National Association of County Veterans Service Officers
NACVSO | 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW | Suite 500 | Washington DC, 20001

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

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 Mondays & Wednesdays 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.

IAVA ★★★ IRAQ and AFGHANISTAN VETERANS of AMERICA

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Lastly, I especially want to thank Medina City Schools Superintendent Dave Knight, the High School Maintenance Department, and Debbie Muniak from the Performing Arts Center for opening up their campus and buildings so that this event could be accessible to all. Dave and Debbie were both on board from the beginning and rolling out the red carpet for us. To everyone that made this possible and continues to make Medina County a great place to live and be a veteran, thank you, thank, you, thank you.

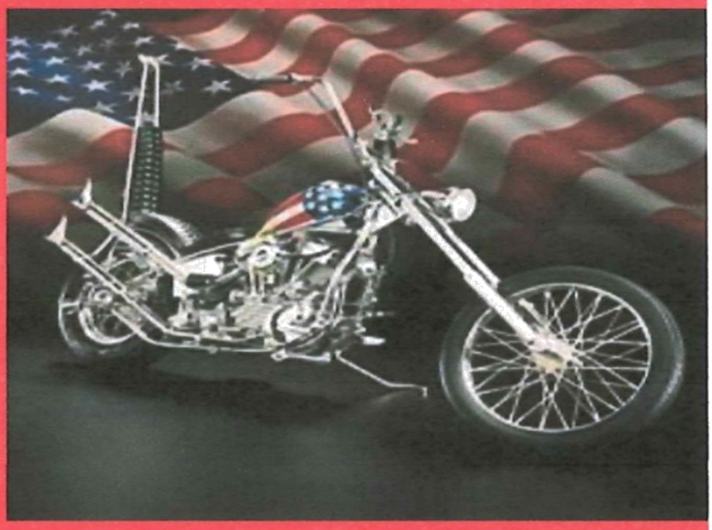
Please don't miss the third and final event commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. A "Welcome Home and Passing of the Torch" which will take place in Wadsworth at the American Legion Post #170 on August 6, 2016.

NEVER AGAIN
Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another

The Moving Wall™
THE MOVING WALL

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF AMERICA

WELCOME HOME PASSING OF THE TORCH COMMEMORATIVE RIDE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR



PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING AND WELCOMING HOME OUR VETS WITH A PICTURESQUE RIDE THROUGH MEDINA COUNTY WITH BRIEF STOPS AND CEREMONIES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

THE FINAL DESTINATION WILL BE THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 170 IN WADSWORTH

EYES OF FREEDOM COLLAGES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE STRAND THEATRE AS A REMEMBERANCE FOR ALL WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL OF SERVICE AND PASSING THE TORCH FROM ONE GENERATION OF WARRIORS TO THE NEXT

AUG 6, 2016
REGISTRATION
10:30– 11:45 am
VFW POST 9520
1430 S CARPENTER RD
BRUNSWICK
$15 RIDER/ $5 PASSENGER
TSHIRTS AND COMMEMORATIVE COINS AVAILABLE

Mobile Service Office

By literally putting our service offices on the road, assisting veterans where they live, the DAV is increasing accessibility to the benefits our nation provides to its veterans.

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.

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Office of Public Affairs
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Washington, DC 20420
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VA Conducts Nation's Largest Analysis of Veteran Suicide

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has undertaken the most comprehensive analysis of Veteran suicide rates in the U.S., examining over 55 million Veteran records from 1979 to 2014 from every state in the nation. The effort extends VA's knowledge from the previous report issued in 2010, which examined three million Veteran records from 20 states were available. Based on the data from 2010, VA estimated the number of Veteran deaths by suicide averaged 22 per day. The current analysis indicates that in 2014, an average of 20 Veterans a day died from suicide.

"One Veteran suicide is one too many, and this collaborative effort provides both updated and comprehensive data that allows us to make better informed decisions on how to prevent this national tragedy," said VA Under Secretary for Health, Dr. David J. Shulkin. "We as a nation must focus on bringing the number of Veteran suicides to zero."

The final report will be publicly released later this month. Key findings of the analysis will include:

65% of all Veterans who died from suicide in 2014 were 50 years of age or older.

Veterans accounted for 18% of all deaths from suicide among U.S. adults. This is a decrease from 22% in 2010.

Since 2001, U.S. adult civilian suicides increased 23%, while Veteran suicides increased 32% in the same time period. After controlling for age and gender, this makes the risk of suicide 21% greater for Veterans.

Since 2001, the rate of suicide among US Veterans who use VA services increased by 8.8%, while the rate of suicide among Veterans who do not use VA services increased by 38.6%.

In the same time period, the rate of suicide among male Veterans who use VA services increased 11%, while the rate of suicide increased 35% among male Veterans who do not use VA services.

In the same time period, the rate of suicide among female Veterans who use VA services increased 4.6%, while the rate of suicide increased 98% among female Veterans who do not use VA services.

Please also see our Suicide Prevention Fact Sheet at the following link: http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/Suicide_Prevention_FactSheet_New_VA_Stats_070616_1400.pdf

VA is aggressively undertaking a number of new measures to prevent suicide, including:

Ensuring same-day access for Veterans with urgent mental health needs at over 1,000 points of care by the end of calendar year 2016. In fiscal year 2015, more than 1.6 million Veterans received mental health treatment from VA, including at over 150 medical centers, 820 community-based outpatient clinics and 300 Vet Centers that provide readjustment counseling. Veterans also enter VA health care through the Veterans Crisis Line, VA staff on college and university campuses, or other outreach points.

Using predictive modeling to determine which Veterans may be at highest risk of suicide, so providers can intervene early. Veterans in the top 0.1% of risk, who have a 43-fold increased risk of death from suicide within a month, can be identified before clinical signs of suicide

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are evident in order to save lives before a crisis occurs.

Expanding telemental health care by establishing four new regional telemental health hubs across the VA healthcare system.

Hiring over 60 new crisis intervention responders for the Veterans Crisis Line. Each responder receives intensive training on a wide variety of topics in crisis intervention, substance use disorders, screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment.

Building new collaborations between Veteran programs in VA and those working in community settings, such as Give an Hour, Psych Armor Institute, University of Michigan's Peer Advisors for Veterans Education Program (PAVE), and the Cohen Veterans Network.

Creating stronger interagency (e.g. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Defense, National Institutes of Health) and new public-private partnerships (e.g., Johnson & Johnson Healthcare System, Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation, Walgreen's, and many more) focused on preventing suicide among Veterans.

Many of these efforts were catalyzed by VA's February 2016 Preventing Veteran Suicide—A Call to Action summit, which focused on improving mental health care access for Veterans across the nation and increasing resources for the VA Suicide Prevention Program.

Suicide is an issue that affects all Americans. Recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data reported in April 2016 that from 1999 through 2014 (the most recent year with data available from CDC), suicide rates increased 24 % in the general population for both males and females.

VA has implemented comprehensive, broad ranging suicide prevention initiatives, including a toll-free Veterans Crisis Line, placement of Suicide Prevention Coordinators at all VA Medical Centers and large outpatient facilities, and improvements in case management and tracking. Immediate help is available at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net or by calling the Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (press 1) or texting 838255.

For guidance on safe ways to communicate, please visit www.ReportingOnSuicide.Org

Employment Resource Center For job posting and employment resources

Check out our website

Join The American Legion Its as easy as Today!

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Don't forget Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair is Monday, August 1st, 2016

"The Vietnam War and Our History" a historical perspective and timeline of the Vietnam War based on fifty-three Medina County residents who lost their lives fighting for their country.

Will be on display at various locations throughout Medina County throughout the remainder of the year.

Mission Complete!

"The Healing" ***"The Moving Wall"*** is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and will be on display.

Mission Complete!

DATE: June 23 – 26, 2016 (Open 24 hours a day)

LOCATION: Intersection of E. Union St. & Weymouth Rd. (Rt. 3) (Medina High School), Medina, OH

The Moving Wall™

"Welcome Home, Passing of the Torch" A commemorative event like no other, with displays and collages from Vietnam and a welcome home for our Vietnam Veterans. Also on display will be the ***"The Eyes of Freedom" and "The Vietnam War and Our History"*** , a remembrance for all who have answered the call of service and a passing of the torch from one generation of warriors to the next.

DATE & TIME: August 6, 2016 Noon– 8:00pm

LOCATION: Wadsworth American Legion

129 Main St., Wadsworth, OH

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.

Your Benefits

Frequently Asked Questions

1. ...I have lost my discharge. Can I get a replacement copy a. Yes. We have a number of sources we can check in the State of Ohio for your discharge. If it is not available here, we can order it via a system called EVETRECS and have it for you in approximately 6 weeks or sometimes sooner.

b. In most cases, we can help you order copies of your military records, service medical records, and replacement awards and decorations.

2. ...My father was a veteran. Does that make me eligible for benefits from VA or your financial assistance? a. Not necessarily. VA benefits for dependents vary based on the benefit to which the sponsor (parent) was entitled. Children of veterans may be eligible for financial assistance from our office in very limited circumstances.

3. ....My ex-spouse was a veteran. Am I entitled to benefits? a. Generally, the answer is no. The end of the marriage normally means the end of eligibility for benefits.

4. ...I am a veteran. The VA will pay for my funeral and burial expenses, right? a. No. Only veterans who are receiving monetary benefits at the time of death qualify for the payment of burial and/or funeral expense. Even in those cases, VA payments will not come close to paying for the average funeral and burial expense.

5. ...I got hurt when I was in the service. That means I am service connected. a. No - you are not service connected until the VA adjudicates your formal claim and grants service connection.

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.

The Ohio Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project (OMVLAP)

is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide legal representation to the brave men and women of this nation who are putting themselves, or who have previously put themselves, in harm's way to protect our country and serve us all.

Lawyers who participate in OMVLAP programs have offered to provide legal representation in either (or both) Operation Legal Help Ohio – a program in which lawyers assist veterans and active-duty servicemembers whose family income is below 200% of the federal poverty level with certain types of civil law issues without charging a fee, or Legal Salute Ohio – a program in which lawyers are willing to represent full-time active-duty servicemembers, rank E-6 or below, at fees substantially reduced from their normal rates.

Ohio Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project

303 E. Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 236-6769

admin@mvlap.org

VA Home Loans

What Is a VA-Guaranteed Loan?

A VA-guaranteed loan can be used to: buy a home, a manufactured home, or a condominium buy a lot for a manufactured home build, repair, or improve a home (including energy efficient improvements) refinance an existing loan

A VA-guaranteed loan offers a number of safeguards and advantages over a non VA-guaranteed loan. For example, the interest rate is competitive with conventional rates with little or no down payment required. VA-guaranteed loans are made by private lenders, such as banks, savings and loan associations, and mortgage companies. As with any loan, you must apply directly to the lender. Your real estate broker can assist you in finding a lender.

When the loan is approved, VA will guarantee part of it. The amount of VA's guaranty usually depends on the size of the loan. This guaranty protects the lender against loss up to the amount guaranteed by VA. The largest guaranty that VA can give is an amount equal to 25% of the Freddie Mac conforming loan limit for single-family residences. These limits are subject to change each year.

Who Is Eligible?

Generally, the following persons are eligible: veterans who were discharged since 9/16/40, under other than dishonorable conditions military personnel on active duty who have served a minimum period certain Reservists and National Guard members surviving spouses of certain deceased veterans

Note: There are certain other groups of individuals who may be eligible. For information about these groups,

Joint Veterans Coalition of Medina County

Fourth Annual
Medina County All Veterans Banquet

Join Us For Our 4th 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 15, 2016

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.

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	11:00 AM - First Thursday of each month
American Legion	Post #523	120 Bank Street, Lodi	Lodi, OH	7:00 PM - Second Thursday of each month
American Legion	Post #202	620 N. Broadway St.	Medina, OH	7:15 PM - Fourth 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	1:00 PM - First Monday 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, OH	11:00 AM - Third Saturday of each month
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.

*** The addresses listed above are the physical address and not necessarily the mailing address.

Dates to Remember

AUGUST

- *Aug 1—Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair*
- *Aug 4—US Coast Guard Established (1790)*
- *August 6—"Welcome Home" Wadsworth American Legion*
- *Aug 11—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM*
- *Aug 14—Japan Surrendered ending WWII (1945)*
- *Aug 20—Veterans County Coalition Meeting*

SEPTEMBER

- *Sept 5—Labor Day*
- *Sept 8—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM*
- *Sept 11—Patriot Day (Flags at Half Staff)*
- *Sept 18—US Air Force Established (1947)*
- *Sep 16—POW/MIA Remembrance Day*
- *Veterans Service Office Closed on: Sept 7 for Labor Day*

OCTOBER

- *Oct 10—Columbus Day*
- *Oct 13—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM*
- *Oct 13—US Navy established (1775)*
- *Oct 15—Medina County "Veterans Ball"*
- *Oct 12—First ground forces land in Afghanistan (2001)*
- *Aug 15—Veterans County Coalition Meeting*

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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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Your Address Could Be Here!

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