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Medina County Veterans Newsletter

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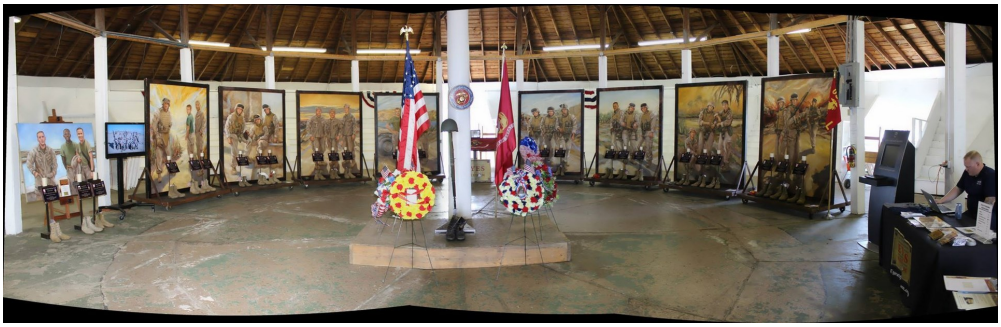
"Eyes of Freedom" to visit Medina County Fair



On July 30th the traveling memorial "The Eyes of Freedom" will be escorted into town and set up at the Medina County Fair inside the community center. The memorial will be on display the entire week of the fair. We are extremely proud to be able to sponsor this beautiful Memorial and work of art. The Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund decided to sponsor the event after the full size memorial could not be displayed at last years "Welcome Home" in Wadsworth.

If you would like to support this event please make your tax deductible donation to: The Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund; 3698 Center Rd, Brunswick, OH 44212.

The display will be available for viewing during normal fair hours up until 5:00PM on Sunday, August 6th. Regular admission to the fair is required.

ABOUT THE MEMORIAL:

It all started with a dream...

Anita Miller's memorial dream has brought the memory of the fallen Marines to life. The men's spirits live on through this memorial, touring the country to share their story.

THE ARTIST'S DREAM:

Then-Columbus resident Anita Miller, artist and creator of The Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial, has truly birthed something larger than life. Like so many people in Ohio who heard of the Lima Company tragedies in 2005, her heart tore for the families of the fallen. Two months later, she awoke in the middle of the night with a vision of the completed Memorial

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NEED HELP WITH YOUR VA CLAIM?

Contact us, we will apply our specialized knowledge in the best way suited to the needs of every individual veteran or other beneficiary who comes to the office for assistance

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 NOON.

(Tell them you are a van rider).

Veterans Service Commissioner Randy Schmidt talks with Boy Scouts at Camp Butlers Day Camp on what it was like to serve in Vietnam.

THE HOME DEPOT TEAM DEPOT

Home Depot Medina has a new parking spot for Purple Heart recipients. Thank you for thinking of our Wounded Warriors.

A Message From the County Veterans Service Officer

Don't forget that Monday July 31, 2017 is Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair and all veterans with an ID card are admitted free of charge.

We are very excited to have the "Eyes of Freedom" at this year's Fair. It will be set up inside the community center the entire week. Regular admission to the fair is required for viewing. This has been an enormous undertaking and I would like to thank the Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund for sponsoring this event. If you would like to make a donation please make your tax deductible donation to: The Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund; 3698 Center Rd, Brunswick, OH 44212.

On page 8 you will notice a letter from VA Secretary David Shulkin to the US Senate for their work on legislation to change the way appeals are handled within the VA. I personally have spent many hours working on this legislation and hope to see it passed. It is a discredit to our Veterans that it takes almost five years to get their appeal completed. I can only hope that our legislators in Washington will pass these much needed changes and let the VA streamline the appellate process.

Ahhh, well it seems summer is here and in full swing. Hopefully everyone has gotten some much needed R&R on vacation and looking ahead to the rest of the summer. I briefed the County Commissioners on last years data for our office this past month and would like to provide you with some of it.

- Financial Assistance 568 Veterans and families, approx. $313,016.00
- Transportation to VA appointments 1,270
- Ohio Veterans Bonus 1,227 for $939,613.87 paid out
- VA claims 286; $33.5 million
- Total clients seen for 2016: Veterans, 2,351; Family members, 732

If you have any questions or would like to know more information please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully
Veterans Service Officer
Medina County, Ohio

Commemorative Coin

Front-side

Back-side

You can purchase your commemorative coin for $10.00. All proceeds go to the Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund.

Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair is Monday, July 31, 2017 .

Free admission for all Veterans with ID.

Special Events from Noon to 5:00pm in the main pavilion.

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

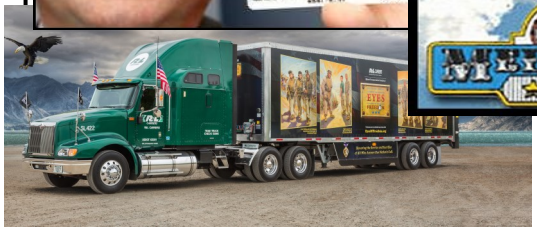
Vet Center
Keeping the Promise

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.



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standing in the Ohio Statehouse Rotunda. Anita would work for the next two and a half years to make it a reality. In May 2008 the Lima Company Memorial was unveiled in the Statehouse Rotunda, just as the vision foretold.

THE FELLOW MARINE:

Retiring from Lima Company 3/25 and seeing The Eyes of Freedom unveiled at the Statehouse in 2008, Mike Strahle knew he had witnessed something truly special. The bonds formed with these 23 men while fighting alongside them made the life-size portraits difficult to view at first, yet a sense of honor and remembrance soon prevailed.

Three years later he would contact Anita Miller, the artist and creator of The Eyes of Freedom, requesting to host the memorial at a Veteran's Support fundraiser he founded. It was this reunion that sparked the passing of the baton from its creator to the hands of a brother in arms. The artist and the Marine now share a relentless desire to make this memorial available all over the country. For Mike this mission is personal. He too was badly injured in an explosion that took six of his squad members, two more fell to enemy fire just days prior.

THE MISSION:

The life-size mural paintings of the 23-fallen of Lima 3/25 now travel the entire country, Honoring ALL Who Answer Our Nation's Call; Then, Now, and Tomorrow. Moving from town to town and city to city, The Eyes of Freedom rallies the public around one common theme. Saluting our great military, and their families who also sacrifice with their commitment.

THE FALLEN:

Private First Class Christopher R. Dixon
Lance Corporal Christopher P. Lyons
Staff Sergeant Anthony L. Goodwin
Petty Officer 3rd Class Travis Youngblood (Navy Corpsman)
Sergeant Justin F. Hoffman
Staff Sergeant Kendall H. Ivy II
Lance Corporal Nicholas William B. Bloem
Corporal Andre L. Williams
Lance Corporal Grant B. Fraser
Lance Corporal Aaron H. Reed
Lance Corporal Edward A. Schroeder II
Sergeant David Kenneth J. Kreuter
Lance Corporal Jourdan L. Grez
Lance Corporal William B. Wightman
Lance Corporal Timothy M. Bell, Jr.
Lance Corporal Eric J. Bernholtz
Corporal Dustin A. Derga
Lance Corporal Nicholas B. Erdy
Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids
Sergeant David N. Wimberg
Lance Corporal Michael J. Cifuentes
Lance Corporal Christopher J. Dyer
Lance Corporal Jonathan W. Grant
Cpl. David Stephen "Bear" Stewart
LCpl. Kevin Waruinge
Sgt. Bradley Harper

May 27, 2017: Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
Flag Decoration
10:00am Ceremony

May 28, 2017: Memorial Day Program,
12:30pm at the Main Flag Pole

August 27, 2017: American Legion Riders POW/MIA Rittman Memorial and Balloon Launch,
1:00 pm at the Main Flag Pole

September 16, 2017: Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Memorial
1:00 pm at the Main Flag Pole

November 5, 2017: Veterans' Day Program,
2:00pm at the Main Flag Pole

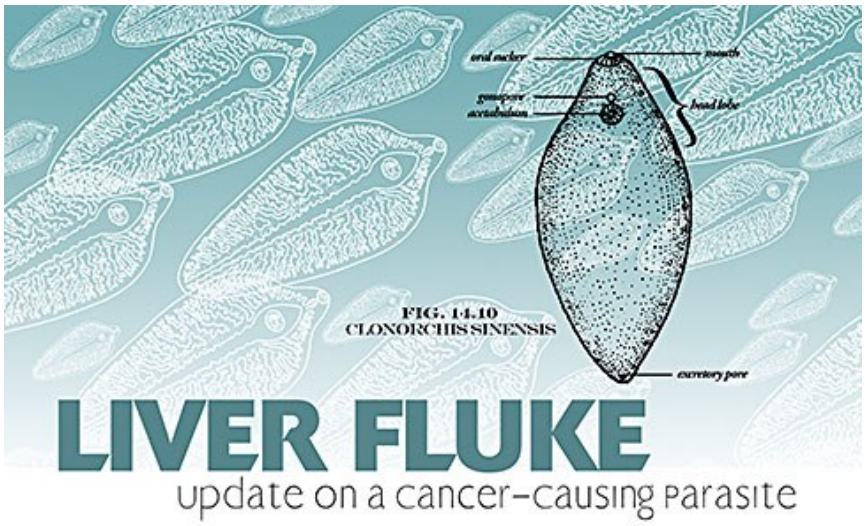
December 16, 2017: Wreaths Across America,
10:00am Wreath Placement
12:00pm Ceremony

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.

Employment Resource Center

For job posting and employment resources go to our webpage at

http://www.medinacountyveterans.org/info/category-3BD68C39-16A0-4E16-8D92-738A1C9AC11A.aspx



BY CLAUDIA GARY;

Article originally from the VVA Veteran Magazine

January/February 2017

"Toxic Hitchhikers" in the March/April 2014 issue reported on parasites from war zones and the illnesses they have caused. One of the most insidious is the liver fluke—Opisthorchis viverrini or Clonorchis sinensis—a freshwater-fish-borne flatworm that causes cholangiocarcinoma (cancer of the bile duct).

Cholangiocarcinoma is widespread in areas of Southeast Asia due to the popularity of traditional dishes in which fish is either raw or insufficiently cooked to kill the parasite. Many veterans who served in or near Vietnam acquired the parasite.

What makes liver fluke infection especially ominous is that the parasite can live and reproduce in the bile duct for thirty years or longer. This causes chronic inflammation that eventually creates cancerous cells before producing noticeable symptoms. Although detection and elimination of the parasite are easy at an early stage, all too often the infection is not discovered until a patient has Stage IV cancer. Typically, the first visible signs include jaundice resulting from a blocked bile duct. At this stage, the prognosis is dismal, and the same cancerous blockage that causes jaundice also locks in a still-thriving colony of liver flukes, preventing their detection in stool samples.

Liver flukes often cannot be detected by the usual method, because they are sealed into the bile duct. A non-invasive test is being developed that would detect liver fluke infection by determining species-specific antigens in the urine. This is described in a 2016 article from Thailand, published in the journal PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases.

All in-country Vietnam veterans are encouraged to get tested for liver flukes before cancer symptoms appear. In the worst cases, the test would provide survivors with the information to help prove service connection when applying for VA benefits. Unfortunately, lack of information and the resultant confusion about this cancer have continued to obstruct such claims, making them more difficult for veterans and their families.

Today, the evidence and explanation are clear and widely available. Several informative and accessible articles are listed below. These range from scholarly papers to information published by nonprofit organizations such as the American Cancer Society, as well as government agencies. See also the March/April 2014 issue of The VVA Veteran for additional information. Recent studies have focused on increased

awareness, education, cancer treatment, and early diagnostic methods.

The National Institutes of Health reprinted a 2011 article from the Korean Journal of Radiology, "Liver Flukes: The Malady Neglected," by Jae Hoon Lim, MD.

The National Cancer Institute of the NIH provides treatment information and a useful illustration of the bile ducts and their connections.

The American Cancer Society has a thorough and informative article on cholangiocarcinoma.

The Cleveland Clinic is clear about risk factors.

Smithsonian magazine published this article about liver flukes and bile duct cancer in 2009.

Dr. Paul Brindley, whom we interviewed early in 2014 about how liver flukes cause cholangiocarcinoma, co-authored an article later that year.

Brindley also provided this article from Khon Kaen University in Thailand, which describes public health programs and advances in cholangiocarcinoma treatment and diagnosis in an area of Southeast Asia where it is endemic.

The Centers for Disease Control describes and illustrates the life cycle of the liver fluke and its connection to cholangiocarcinoma here.

For anyone who has traveled to Southeast Asia and eaten local food but has no symptoms, testing is worthwhile and simple. It can be done through the VA or a private physician. If liver fluke infection is detected, it is easily treated using guidelines from CDC.

Recruiting

Emergency Radio Communications Volunteers
The Medina County Emergency Management Agency & Homeland Security, is recruiting volunteers to join our emergency communications unit.

- An amateur radio license is preferred but not required.
- Work in the Emergency Operations Center or in the field.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- Applicants will be required to undergo a background check.
- This could be a great volunteer opportunity for individuals with prior military or public safety communications experience.
- All applicants considered, prior radio communications experience is not required.
- If you have an interest in amateur radio and emergency communications, please contact us for more information.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Ben Nau at Medina County EMA
Office 330-722-9240
Email: bnau@medinaco.org
www .medinacountyema.org
https://www.facebook.com/MedinaCountyEMA

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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VA Secretary Shulkin unveils world's most advanced commercial prosthesis

Veterans are first to receive the technology

NEW YORK —Today, Secretary of Veterans Affairs David J. Shulkin, M.D. unveiled the world's most advanced commercial prosthetic —the Life Under Kinetic Evolution (LUKE) arm — during a visit to the VA New York Harbor Health Care System's Manhattan campus.

The event also included a demonstration of the technology by the first Veteran amputees to receive the device.

A collaboration between VA, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and industry, the LUKE Arm is the product of

nearly eight years of testing and research, and holds the potential to significantly benefit Veterans and others with upper-extremity amputations.

Unlike less-advanced prosthetics, the entire LUKE arm can move as one unit, reducing the labor-intensive process of controlling one joint at a

time. The LUKE arm also features the first commercially available powered shoulder, with up to 10 powered degrees of freedom.

Simply stated, the LUKE arm will help restore Veterans' ability to perform a variety of one and two-handed activities. With accompanying

rehabilitation, recipients can use the LUKE arm to perform tasks, such as drinking from a glass, picking up small pieces of food to eat, cooking or

gift-wrapping presents.

"The LUKE arm is a shining example of why VA exists," Secretary Shulkin said. "There is no commercial market for this type of

technology. The patient population is simply too small to motivate private companies to pursue these types of advancements on their own. This is

why VA and its research efforts – efforts that could not be replicated in the private sector – are so important."

Fred Downs and Artie McAuley are the first Veterans to receive the LUKE arm.

"The LUKE arm is a great tool, especially for high-level amputees like me," McAuley said. "I'm amazed by the technology, and the level of

flexibility and full range of motion, which allows me to do much more independently."

Fred Downs added, "The technology has definitely been an improvement in my ability to perform day to day activities, most notably in

grasping. It's useful when an opposing hand is needed, in the workshop or while cooking."

In fiscal year 2016, VA provided care for nearly 90,000 Veterans with amputations, more than 20,000 of whom had upper-limb involvement.

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Passage of Appeals Modernization Bill

Statement by VA Secretary David J. Shulkin, M.D.

WASHINGTON — "I want to thank the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee for its bold action on VA appeals modernization," Secretary Shulkin said. "I look forward to the full senate passing the bill quickly to help us move the antiquated appeals process into the modern era, and provide Veterans with much quicker resolution of their appeals — something we have long sought.

"Together with last week's signing of the Accountability Bill, these are big wins for Veterans in a short timeframe," Secretary Shulkin continued. "And we owe the Senate and House Veterans' committees a great deal of credit for getting this done."

Veteran and Veterans Advocate of the Year 2017

The Joint Veterans Coalition of Medina County awarded its Veterans of the Year Award and its Veterans Advocate of the Year Award at their annual banquet this past May.

Veteran of the Year was awarded to Retired First Sergeant and Medina County's Veterans Service Officer Ed Zackery. Ed was awarded the honor due to his involvement in last years 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War events that he was instrumental in planning.

Veterans Advocate of the Year was awarded to Annette Hlavaty. Annette Hlavaty is the Past President of the Blue Star Mothers Chapter 7. Annette joined Blue Star Mothers in 2010 and was elected as its president to a two year term from 2013-2015. She was subsequently asked to extend her role as President until August 31, 2016.

Upon taking over the organization, the chapter was in danger of closing due to low participation. Annette increased membership and participation with the support of the other chapter officers and the chapter was saved from termination.

Under Annette's leadership the chapter raised funds for hundreds of care packages to service men and women deployed overseas during the Christmas season. Blue Star Mothers has supported the Medina Marine Corps League annual Toys For Tots campaign and has raised money for the Cleveland Fisher Foundation in support of visiting families at the Cleveland VA Hospital.

Annette Hlavaty and Ed Zackery receive their awards at the annual Veterans Coalition Banquet 2017.

The Joint Veterans Coalition of Medina County is proud to recognize Edward Zackery as its 2017 Veteran of the Year and Annette Hlavaty as its 2017 Veteran Advocate of the Year.

Below: Ed Zackery, Veterans Service Officer and Jack Forrester, President Medina County Joint Veterans Coalition, present Newbridge Place Veterans Home with a $500 check for their new faculty in Lodi.

NEWBRIDGE VETERANS PLACE

Newbridge Place is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide individualized, supportive care and promote recovery for people suffering from mental illness in a safe, clean and friendly atmosphere.

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.

County Benefits

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 forth by the Commission.
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:
⇒ Rent and mortgage payments
⇒ Utilities: Gas, Electric and Water
⇒ Food and personal Hygiene items
⇒ Certain Medical
⇒ Transportation to and from VA Medical Centers in Cleveland (Wade Park), Parma and Akron, Ohio
⇒ Grave markers and flags
⇒ Free Notary for Veterans & Families

Service Assistance:

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

Our services are FREE of charge!

Ohio Veterans Homes

Overview

The Ohio Veterans Homes are a State of Ohio establishment comprised of three facilities—a nursing home located in Georgetown, and a nursing home and a domiciliary located in Sandusky. Each one offers a quality of life which emphasizes privacy, encourages independence, provides comfort and security, and meets social needs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

• Resident of Ohio for one year.

• Honorable discharge or under Honorable conditions from the US Armed Forces.

• Served on active duty, other than training, during a period of War or declared armed conflict OR have been a recipient of the Purple Heart, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, or the Vietnam Service Medal.

• Be disabled by disease, wounds or otherwise, and, by reason of such disability, incapable of earning a living. Individuals who currently have drug and/or alcohol abuse issues, psychotic symptoms/disorders, or have active tuberculosis are not eligible for immediate admission.

Both Homes are licensed skilled nursing homes including care for Alzheimer's/Dementia and Hospice. In addition, the Sandusky Home also offers independent living (Domiciliary) and limited supervised care (Domiciliary Plus), for those not requiring the level

of care provided to nursing home residents.

If you have questions, contact the Admissions Office at: 1-866-644-6838,

Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)

Home Based Primary Care is health care services provided to Veterans in their home. A VA physician supervises the health care team who provides the services. Home Based Primary Care is for Veterans who have complex health care needs for whom routine clinic-based care is not effective.

The program is for Veterans who need skilled services, case management and help with activities of daily living. Examples include help with bathing, dressing, fixing meals or taking medicines. This program is also for Veterans who are isolated or their caregiver is experiencing burden. HBPC can be used in combination with other Home and Community Based Services.

Since HBPC is part of the VHA Standard Medical Benefits Package, all enrolled Veterans are eligible IF they meet the clinical need for the service and it is available.

A copay for HBHC may be charged based on your VA service-connected disability status and financial information. You may have a basic copay each time a VA staff team member comes to your home for a medical visit (the same as if you went to a VA clinic). Contact your VA social worker/case manager to complete the Application for Extended Care Benefits (VA Form 10-10EC) to learn the amount of your copay.

If you qualify for HBPC, your care plan includes:

Primary care visits at home by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant Care management through a nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, or nurse Coordination of your services by a social worker Therapy visits from a physical, occupational, or speech therapist Mental health services Nutrition counseling from a dietitian Help managing your medicines

Your Benefits

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	7:00 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 every other 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 #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

******July 31—Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair***

Aug 4—US Coast Guard Established (1790)

Aug 10—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM

Aug 14—Japan Surrendered ending WWII (1945)

SEPTEMBER

Sept 4—Labor Day

Sept 14—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM

Sept 11—Patriot Day (Flags at Half Staff)

Sept 18—US Air Force Established (1947)

Sep 15—POW/MIA Remembrance Day

Veterans Service Office Closed on:

Sept 4 for Labor Day

OCTOBER

Oct 9—Columbus Day

Oct 12—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM

Oct 13—US Navy established (1775)

Oct 12—First ground forces land in Afghanistan (2001)

Veterans Service Office Closed on:

Oct 9 for Columbus Day

Become a Member Today!

New Benefits Guide For 2017, Pick one up today at our office

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:

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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

210 Northland Dr.
Medina, Ohio 44256

Your Address Could Be Here!

Your Newest Edition of The
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Would you rather receive this in you email in-box?
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