

# Commander's Message

Revised March 31, 2024

## Nominations of Officers for 2024-25

Nominations of officers for the next administrative year 2024-25 are now open to any qualified member of VFW Post 4719 in good standing. At the March business meeting two nominations were accepted. Two more names have been added:

**Commander:** Louis Santos  
**Senior Vice Cmdr:** Joel Miller  
**Quartermaster:** Bill Scharff  
**Trustee** Steve Ebersole

Any member can submit their name for the following positions: **Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Trustee, Adjutant**. Positions to be appointed are Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Surgeon and Officer of the Day. Nominations will be accepted at the April business meeting. Elections will be held during the April business meeting. Nominations can be made anytime prior to the election. Elected officers will be sworn in prior to the Ohio Department Convention in June.

## New Floor for the Post

The Post is working with Canal Service Corporation to install a new floor in the social hall and the canteen. The website for more information on the outlet is [www.canalflooringoutlet.com](http://www.canalflooringoutlet.com). We have had one site visit and are now working on color and durability of the material. When the new floor goes in, the Post will be closed for two or three days. We will also need help moving furniture.

## Parking Lot Resurface

There are several options to the repair of the parking lot. A new surface could cost up to \$93,000. Resealing the lot, between \$5,000 to \$8,000. If you would like more information on other options, contact the Commander Bill Pederson 614-506-5793, [umpireswp@gmail.com](mailto:umpireswp@gmail.com).

## Accepting Donations for Floor and Parking Lot Resurface

The Post is definitely going to do the floor and the parking lot this spring or summer. We are working on the details. However, we need more input from VFW members and anyone who visits the canteen for social events. Contact myself, Bill Pederson, Commander, 614-506-5793, [umpireswp@gmail.com](mailto:umpireswp@gmail.com), for more information.

The past 12 months have been good for the Post. We are close to our membership quota for the year, the canteen is operating in the black, with a small profit each month, we have completed all requirements for Dist 11 and the State. We have received several personal donations, the largest from a Navy veteran of \$12,000. This Post belongs to its members and my goal is to make it a place for veterans and their families to come and relax and have an enjoyable time. Please help the Post with its capital improvements. **Thanks for your support!**