



Commander's Message

Message from Louis Santo (Commander elect)

I am honored to introduce myself as the incoming VFW Post 4719 Commander. I am deeply privileged to serve alongside each and every one of you, and I hope to continue the incredible work of outgoing Commander Bill Pederson and the many past Commanders of our VFW Post 4719 that made our Post what it is today.

My name is Louis Santos. I am a Veteran of the US Army; recently retired from the Army Reserves after 22 years of service, working a majority of my career in Psychological Operations and ultimately retiring with a Training Unit in the Reserves. I am currently a resident of Gahanna, moving here from Chicago, Illinois, and currently work in the mortgage banking industry. It's with this experience, I understand firsthand the sacrifices made by our servicemen and servicewomen.

Together, let us continue to honor the legacy of those who have gone before us and pave the way for future generations of Veterans. I am excited to work alongside each of you as we strive to make difference in the lives of fellow Veterans and our Community.

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as your new Post Commander.

Elected Officers for 2024-25

Elections for officers for the next administrative year 2024-25 were held April 16 during the monthly membership meeting. The new officers are:

Commander: Louis Santos
Senior Vice Cmdr: Joel Miller
Junior Vice: Andrew Thorton
Quartermaster: Bill Scharff
Trustee: Steve Ebersole

Appointed officers are Chaplain Ben Brockway, Adjutant Bill Pederson, Service Officer Ben Brockway, Judge Advocate Jack Bridges, Surgeon Dick Grootendorst and Officer of the Day Troy Purdin.

Memorial Day Schedule, May 27

To honor our fallen veterans this Memorial Day May 27, 2024, the VFW Tri Community Post 4719 and American Legion Post 797 will hold services at four cemeteries, the bridge at Creekside and the Veterans Memorial Park, both in Gahanna. The combined Honor Guard will begin at 9am at **Riverside Cemetery**. It will then travel to, **Maplewood Cemetery, in New Albany**, for a memorial service beginning at 945am. Music will be provided by the New Albany High School Band under the direction of Brian Coon. Deacon Kevin Murrin from the Church of the Resurrection will provide the blessing. The third stop will be **Jefferson Cemetery in Blacklick** at 1045am. Music will be provided by the Gahanna Lincoln High School Band under the direction of Rob Cebriak. The blessing will be provided by Rev Dave Allison of the Havens Corner Church of Christ in Christian Union.

To honor service members lost at sea, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at 1145am from the bridge at Creekside to the water below. The Honor Guard will then move to **Mifflin Cemetery** at 1215pm for another service. Again the Gahanna Lincoln High School Band will provide the music. Deacon Joe Meyer from St Matthew Church will provide the blessing. The final stop of the day is the **Veterans Memorial Park in Gahanna** at 1pm. All veterans, their families and friends are invited to join VFW Post 4719 and American Legion Post 797 Honor Guard honoring our fallen veterans this Memorial Day. For more information contact Commander Bill Pederson 614-506-5793.

9am Riverside Cemetery

945am Maplewood Cemetery

1045am Jefferson Cemetery

1145am Bridge Wreath Ceremony, Gahanna

1215pm Mifflin Cemetery

1pm Gahanna Veterans Park

Meeting Times

VFW 4719
3rd Tuesday @ 7P

VFW Auxiliary
1st Thursday @ 6:30P

American Legion 797
3rd Thursday @ 7P

American Legion Auxiliary
4th Tuesday @ 6:30P

Marine Corps League
3rd Wednesday @ 7P

AMVETS 5
1st Wednesday @ 6P

Post Canteen Hours

Sunday ~ 9A-8P+
 Monday ~ 4P-10P+
 Tuesday ~ 12P-10P+
 Wednesday ~ 12P-10P+
 Thursday ~ 12P-10P+
 Friday ~ 12P-10P+
 Saturday ~ 12P-10P+

Canteen Manager

Dutch Grootendorst

Post Officers

Bill Pederson, CMDR
 Denise Roberts, Sr. Vice
 Mike Zanella, Jr. Vice
 Lois Santos, Adjutant
 Bill Scharff, Quartermaster
 Ben Brockway, Chaplain
 Chuck Rees, Trustee
 Steve Ebersole, Trustee
 Steve Pearson, Trustee

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

At the Post Monday, May 20

Start time 6:30 pm

Playing together is ... making new friends

Playing together is... improving your mental health

Playing together is... strengthening bonds

Playing together is... reducing stress & avoiding burn-out

SHOW ME THE MONEY CARD GAME

Come join the fun with family and friends.

Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm



FRIDAY DINNERS

5:30P – 7:30P

1st Friday ~ Steak Night

Baked potato, salad, roll, and dessert ~\$17
(Chopped steak option ~\$10)

2nd Friday ~ Jo Ann's Famous Meatloaf.

Mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert
~\$9

3rd Friday ~ Bev's Open-Faced Roast Beef

Mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable of the
Day~\$9

4th Friday ~ AMVETS Riders ~ \$8

Call 614-475-9111 for menu

9:00A – 11:00A

SUNDAY BREAKFAST \$9.00

Choose from :

Eggs to order, Pancakes, French toast, Waffles,
Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast

EVERYDAY

Cheeseburgers, Chicken Potpie, Hotdogs,
White Castle Sliders and More!

Subject to Change ~See bartender for
availability



VFW Auxiliary

*Unwavering Support
for
Uncommon Heroes*

Congratulations and welcome to our officers for the 2024 year. Thank you for offering to serve.

President: Dee Snyder
Vice President: Bev Davis
Junior Vice: Lindsey Wepking
Treasurer: Ellen LePera
Secretary: Mary Poczik
Guard: JoAnn Kerr
Conductor: Jan Paynter
Chaplain: Yvette Pederson

First Trustee: Marie Leister
Second Trustee: Mary Svensson
Third Trustee: Sharleen Stanley

It's a new year but we still **need volunteers to make desserts for the Steak Fry on the first Friday of each month.** Our guests love our homemade desserts so think about volunteering to bring something to share. We need at least 45 portions each Friday so we are looking for three people to volunteer. Contact Yvette at iambrityvette@gmail.com or call 614-506-8197. Thank you in advance for your support!

Have you attended a meeting lately? Do you need a ride? We would love to see those of you who haven't attended in a while. The next meeting is Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm. Queen of Hearts drawing is that night so it is a good night to visit the post. Who knows, you may hit the jackpot! Call Yvette Pederson if you would like a ride to the meeting. 614-506-8197

Spring has sprung!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.			<h1>May 2024</h1>			
			1 Amvets 6pm Amvets Riders 7pm	2 VFW Auxiliary 6:30 pm <i>Officer install</i> Queen of Hearts	3 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	4
5 Breakfast 9-11am	6	7	8	9 Queen of Hearts	10 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	11
12 Breakfast 9-11am <i>Mothers Day</i>	13	14 Canteen Committee Mtg 6:30pm	15 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	16 American Legion 797 7:00pm Queen of Hearts	17 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	18 Armed Forces Day
19 Breakfast 9-11am	20 Euchre Night 6:30pm	21 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	22	23 Queen of Hearts	24 Dinner AMVETS \$15 5:30-7:30pm	25
26 Breakfast 9-11am	27 Memorial Day	28 Am Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	29	30 Queen of Hearts	31	

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