

# VFW POST 4719 NEWSLETTER

## Dates to Remember:

### Battle of Mogadishu 1993

On 3 October 1993, U.S. forces planned to seize two of Aidid's top lieutenants during a meeting deep in the city. The raid was only intended to last an hour but morphed into an overnight standoff and rescue operation extending into the daylight hours of the next day. While the goal of the operation was achieved, it was a pyrrhic victory and spiraled into the deadly Battle of Mogadishu. As the operation was ongoing, Somali insurgents shot down three American Black Hawk helicopters using RPG-7s, with two crashing deep in hostile territory, resulting in the capture of an American pilot. A desperate defense of the two downed helicopters began and fighting lasted through the night and into the next morning, a large UNOSOM II armored convoy consisting of Pakistani, Malaysian and American troops pushed through the city to relieve the besieged troops and withdrew incurring further casualties but rescuing the survivors.

### Operation Enduring Freedom

The U.S. government used the term "Operation Enduring Freedom" to officially describe the War in Afghanistan, from the period between 7 October 2001 and 31 December 2014. On September 11, 2001, Al Qaida carried out attacks in New York City and Washington D.C. Shortly thereafter President George W. Bush declared a war on terror. In response to the September 11 attacks, the early combat operations that took place on 7 October 2001 to include a mix of strikes from land-based B-1 Lancer, B-2 Spirit and B-52 Stratofortress bombers, carrier-based F-14 Tomcat and F/A-18 Hornet fighters, and Tomahawk cruise missiles launched from both U.S. and British ships and submarines signaled the start of Operation Enduring Freedom. The initial military objectives of OEF, as articulated by President George W. Bush in his 20 September address to a Joint Session of Congress and his 7 October address to the country, included the destruction of terrorist training camps and infrastructure within Afghanistan, the capture of al-Qaeda leaders, and the cessation of terrorist activities in Afghanistan.

### US Navy Anniversary 1775

The US Navy began as the Continental Navy on Oct 13, 1775, with the Second Continental Congress authorizing two sailing vessels. Some 3,500 men served during Revolution. The fleet was disbanded after the war due to a lack of funding. The Naval Armament Act of 1794 formally reestablished a permanent navy, leading to the construction of six frigates. During World War Two, about 4.1 million sailors were in the fight. Today, there are about 380,000 personnel in the fleet.

### Marine Barracks Bombing, Beirut 1983

The Beirut barracks bombing occurred on October 23, 1983, when a suicide truck bomber attacked the U.S. Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 241 service members (220 Marines, 18 Navy sailors, and 3 Army soldiers) in what was the deadliest day for the U.S. Marines since the Battle of Iwo Jima. The bombing targeted a multinational peacekeeping force during the Lebanese Civil War. In another attack, 58 French service members were killed by terrorists. The attack was carried out by a terrorist group, and it led to significant changes in the U.S. military's counter terrorism efforts.

#### Meeting Times

VFW 4719  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 7P

VFW Auxiliary  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 6:30P

American Legion 797  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7P

American Legion Auxiliary  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30P

Marine Corps League  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 7P

AMVETS 5  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 6P

Canteen Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7P

#### 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 Groootendorst*

#### Post Officers

Louis Santos, CMDR  
Kim Sims, Sr. Vice  
Andrew Thornton, Jr. Vice  
Bill Pederson, Adjutant  
Bill Scharff, Quartermaster  
Ben Brockway, Chaplain  
Chuck Rees, Trustee  
Steve Ebersole, Trustee  
Steve Pearson, Trustee

# Grenada Invasion 1983

The United States and a coalition of Caribbean countries invaded the island nation of Grenada at dawn on 25 October 1983. Code named Operation Urgent Fury by the U.S. military, it resulted in military occupation within a few days. It was triggered by strife within the People's Revolutionary Government, which led to the house arrest and execution of the previous leader and second Prime Minister of Grenada, Maurice Bishop, and to the establishment of the Revolutionary Military Council, with Hudson Austin as chairman.

Following the invasion there was an interim government appointed, and then general elections held in December 1984. The invading force consisted of the 1st and 2nd battalions of the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment, the 82nd Airborne Division, and elements of the former Rapid Deployment Force, U.S. Marines, U.S. Army Delta Force, Navy SEALs, and a small group Air Force TACPs from the 21st TASS Shaw AFB ancillary forces, totaling 7,600 troops, together with Jamaican forces

## THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL

The Wall will be at Gahanna Veterans Memorial Park from October 2, 2025 to October 6, 2025. This is sponsored by American Legion Post 797. Donations are welcome. Please visit [GahannaVets.org](http://GahannaVets.org) for more information.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VFW POST 4719 GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Golf Scramble is on October 18, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. at New Albany Links 7100 New Albany Links Dr., New Albany. This is a 4-person scramble format—18 holes. \$85.00/player—\$340.00/team. Light breakfast, Longest Drive (Men's and Women's), Closest to the pin (CTP). A late lunch after the round is included.

We need hole sponsors, golfers and raffle items. If each family could find a hold sponsor or a raffle item, we could make this golf outing the best so far. Please visit the VFW web page or contact Kim Sims at 719-502-6086 or more information.

## BOB ROSS PAINTING CLASS

Kathleen Sheppard, Bob Ross Instructor, is holding classes that offer intense training Utilizing The Bob Ross techniques. You will learn how to paint the "wet-on-wet technique," for which Bob Ross is known for, as well as many other popular techniques. In addition, you will receive one-on-one attention to help guide you as you improve your painting skills. Each class is between two and four hours long and will be noted by the time.

*If you are interested in being added to the mailing list so you are notified when the next class is posted, please send an email to [ksbobrosscri@gmail.com](mailto:ksbobrosscri@gmail.com) and advise of your interest.*

## OSU FOOTBALL GAMES

Please join us at the Post for every football game! Please bring a snack to share.

## FRIDAY DINNERS 5:30P.M. – 7:30P.M.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday ~ Steak Night

Baked potato, salad, roll, and dessert ~\$17

(Chopped steak option ~\$10)

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday ~ VFW Auxiliary Pasta Dinner

Past with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread & dessert ~\$9

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~ Bev's Roast Beef Dinner

Open-Faced Roast Beef Mashed potatoes, gravy,  
vegetable of the day~\$9

4<sup>th</sup> Friday ~ AMVETS Riders ~ Lasagna Dinner

Lasagna, salad, cheesy garlic bread & dessert ~\$11

Call 614-475-9111 for menu

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9:00A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

\$9.00

Choose from:

Eggs to order, pancakes, French toast,  
waffles, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast

## EVERYDAY ITEMS

Cheeseburgers, chicken potpie, White  
Castle Sliders and more!

Subject to change

See bartender for availability

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>October 2025</h1> <p><b>NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.</b></p>						
			1 Amvets 6pm  Amvets Riders 7pm	2 VFW Auxiliary 6:30pm  Queen of Hearts	3 Steak Dinner 5:30-7:30	4
5 Breakfast 9-11am	6	7	8	9  Queen of Hearts	10 Pasta Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	11
12 Breakfast 9-11am	13	14 Canteen Meeting 6:30pm	15 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	16 American Legion 797 7:00pm  Queen of Hearts	17 Taco Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	18 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Post Golf Outing  Bob Ross Paint Class
19 Breakfast 9-11am	20 Euchre Night 6:30pm	21 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	22	23  Queen of Hearts	24 Amvets Lasagna Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	25 Post Halloween Party 6:30pm
26 Breakfast 9-11am	27	28 Am Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	29	30	31	

Printed copies of the Newsletter may be found on the bulletin board in the entryway



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