



## Message from the Commander

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 2022 has been a very good year for me, but I will skip the details. Moving forward

### Pearl Harbor Remembered

As we move into December, we will be reminded once again of a tragedy that took our Nation into World War II. The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

To remember this day in history, the Post will have memorial service at 6pm to honor the 2,403 Americans killed and the 1,178 wounded during the attack. All are welcome to attend the memorial. The service will be followed by a Flag Retirement Ceremony by BSA Troop 98 at the fire pit.

### Flag Retirement

Boy Scout Troop 98 will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on December 7, 2022 at the fire pit following the Pearl Harbor Day ceremony.

### Wreaths Across America

Boy Scout Troop 450 in New Albany will be participating in Wreaths Across America on Saturday Dec 17 at the Maplewood Cemetery. Members of Post 4719 have been invited to assist in the ceremony. The public is invited to attend. The goal of Troop 450 is to support efforts that help unify our community and celebrate our freedom by thanking the 561 veterans laid to rest at the cemetery. Veterans who want to participate can contact Scoutmaster Larry Potter at 614-946-0456.

### Fifth Friday Dinner

We are having dinner on the fifth Friday, Dec 30, 2022. The menu includes brisket, 3 sides, Texas Toast and dessert for \$15 per plate. Serving from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Thanks for your support.

Thanks for your support, Brother Veterans.



### 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 Aux.  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30P

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

40&8  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7P

AMVETS 5  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 Pedersen, CMDR  
Denise Roberts, Sr. Vice  
Mike Zanella, Jr. Vice  
Richard Leister, Adjutant  
Bill Scharff, Quartermaster  
Joel Miller, Chaplain  
Chuck Rees, Trustee  
Steve Ebersole Trustee  
Steve Pearson, Trustee

# MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS



*Drawing every Thursday  
at 8:00pm*

Must be a VFW, American Legion,  
Amvets, Auxiliary, or Social  
Member to play

*Sunday Movie  
December 11, 2:00pm  
"A Bad Mom's  
Christmas"*



As their own mothers drop in  
unexpectedly, three under-  
appreciated and over-burdened  
moms rebel against the challenges  
and expectations of the Super  
Bowl for mothers



*Friday Dinner  
Sunday Breakfast*

It takes several volunteers to help meals run smoothly.  
Friday dinners and Sunday breakfasts need people to serve  
the meals, distribute desserts, and clear tables, and wash  
dishes.

Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age or older.

*If you are interested in volunteering contact:  
Tom May at the post or via email  
thomas.may728@yahoo.com*

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9:00A – 11:00A

Choose from:

Eggs to order, Pancakes, French toast, Waffles,  
Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast \$8

## EVERYDAY

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

Subject to Change ~See bartender for availability

## FRIDAY DINNERS

5:30P – 7:30P

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday ~ Jo Ann's Famous Meatloaf

Mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert \$9

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~ Bev's Open-Faced Roast Beef

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

4<sup>th</sup> Friday ~ AMVETS Riders ~ Sloppy Joes, Hot  
Dogs, beans. Donations Accepted

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST

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## **Wreaths Across America**

Maplewood Cemetery Announces it will Become an Official Location for the 2022 National Wreaths Across America Day

The cemetery will join the more than 3,100 participating locations across the country to Remember, Honor and Teach on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022

Columbia Falls, MAINE, and New Albany, OHIO — October 27, 2022 — National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) announced today that Maplewood Cemetery in New Albany, Ohio will be joining in the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, as an official location for 2022. This is the first year that the cemetery will participate in this national program.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service but to teach the next generation about the sacrifices made for us to live freely. This year, more than 3,100 participating locations will place veterans' wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 – with more than two million volunteers coming together.

The goal for Maplewood Cemetery and their sponsorship group, Scouts BSA Troop 450, is to raise enough funds to place 561 sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of all the local heroes laid to rest there, to ensure that the individuals who served to protect the freedoms of our country never be forgotten, and to bring the community together in patriotic commemoration.

“We are forever grateful for the thousands of supporters who dedicate their time and effort to fulfilling our mission all year long,” said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America. “These individuals and their communities know the value of remembering the fallen, honoring those who currently serve and teaching the next generation about the sacrifices made for our freedom every day, and without their continued support, Wreaths Across America would not exist.”

Those interested in volunteering for Wreaths Across America or sponsoring a wreath for Maplewood Cemetery, are invited to visit Troop 450's sponsorship page, <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0330P>, to learn more. National Wreaths Across America Day is a free community event open to all people.

All Wreaths Across America Day events are, non-political/religious events, open to all people. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0330P>

## VFW 4719 Post Christmas Party



Join us on Saturday December 17, 2022 at 7:00pm for a night of fun and frivolity. Wear your best Ugly Sweater and win awesome prizes. Bring a gift with a value up to \$25 and take part in the annual White Elephant exchange. Music provided by the one and only Charlie Tatman!

AMERICAN LEGION Post 797 – VFW Post 4719 – AmVets Post 5  
Help Us Support Our Veterans  
**ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



Join Us For Dinner

Everyone WELCOME!  
Please join us at VFW Post 4719  
75 W Johnstown Road  
Gahanna, Ohio  
for  
BBQ Brisket Dinner  
Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Serving from 5:30pm – 7:30pm  
\$15 per plate

*(Includes brisket, 3 sides, Texas toast & dessert) Food provided by:*



Jenny & Larry Grischow  
(614) 302-1883



## VFW & Auxiliary Reminders

### VFW and Auxiliary District 11 Meeting

December 4, 2022, 10:00am at Post 7941 Rick Brown Memorial  
3301 Northup Ave  
South Bloomfield, OH 43103

### VFW and Auxiliary Department of Ohio Mid-Winter Conference

January 13-15, 2023 Crowne Plaza Columbus-North  
Hotel Information: <https://tinyurl.com/midwntrhtl>  
VFW Mid-Winter Agenda & Forms: <https://tinyurl.com/VFWmidwintr>  
VFW Auxiliary Mid-Winter Agenda & Forms: <https://tinyurl.com/vfwauxforms>

## *MILITARY HUMOR*

I'm convinced my cockroaches have military training. I set out a roach bomb—they defused it.

*Comedian Jay London*



After leaving the Army, I applied for a hunting permit but was told I would first need to take a hunter's safety course. "I'm a veteran, trained in handling firearms," I said. "Why wouldn't I get a waiver?" The clerk replied, "Because we teach you not to shoot people."

*Fred Jarrett, Norfolk, New York*



## TRIVIA

What country fielded the first Jet Bomber?

1. Britain    2. Germany    3. Russia    4. United States

(answer on page 6)



### **Annual members that have a VFW Post 4719 keycard or fob**

If you are an annual member that has a keycard or fob to unlock a door to enter VFW Post 4719 you will need to update your information. If you used one of the following listed organizations when you originally purchase your card or fob and you are an annual member of that organization your keycard or fob will become inactive on your membership anniversary date.

#### Organizations:

- VFW Post 4719
- American Legion Post 797
- AMVETS Post 5
- Marine Corps League, Belleau Woods Det. 508
- 40 & 8 Voiture 15
- Or Social Member

To reactivate your card or fob you will need to inform Post 4719 that you have renewed your membership to that organization. Your new anniversary date can then be updated to reactivate your card or fob. Post 4719 will need to see your current membership card that shows the updated expiration date and provide your card or fob identification number, if legible.

If you have become a Life Member since you originally purchased your card or fob you will need to inform Post 4719 of that and provide the information listed above. If you are a Life Member of one of the above organizations and you listed that organization when you originally purchased your card or fob your device will not be deactivated.

Trivia Answer: Number 2, Germany. It was the twin engine Arado



# December 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 VFW Auxiliary 6:30p  Queen of Hearts Drawing	2 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	3
4 Breakfast 9-11	5	6 4o&8 7pm	7 Amvets 6pm Amvets Riders 7pm	8 Queen of Hearts Drawing	9 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	10
11 Breakfast 9-11  Sunday Movie 3:30pm	12	13	14 Canteen Committee Mtg. 6:30pm	15 American Legion 797 Mtg. 7:00pm  Queen of Hearts Drawing	16 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	17
18 Breakfast 9-11	19	20 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	21 Marine Corps League 7:00pm Cancelled	22   Queen of Hearts Drawing	23 Sloppy Joes Dinner AMVETS 5:30-7:30pm	24
25 Merry Christmas!!  Post Closed No Breakfast	26	27 American Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	28	29   Queen of Hearts Drawing	30 BBQ Brisket Dinner 1803 Craft BBQ 5:30-7:30pm	31

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



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**cmd@vfw4719.org**