VFW 4719 NEWSLETTER

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

JUNE 2026

ELECTION RESULTS

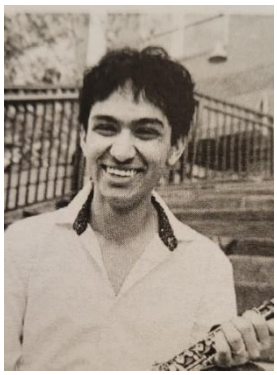
The election for VFW Auxiliary Post Officers was held on May 7. The Installing Officer was past president Janet Rees. The new Officers for the administration year 2026-27 are:

President	**Mary Poczik**
Sr Vice President	Ellen Le Pera
Jr Vice President	Sue Stokes
Secretary	Sue Stokes
Treasurer	Christy Fleming
Chaplain	Yvette Pederson
Conductor	Tracy Horn
Guard	Theresa Shelton
Trustee (3 Year)	Virginia Snyder
Trustee (2 Year)	Mary Svensson
Trustee (1 Year)	Sharleen Stanley

VFW AUXILIARY

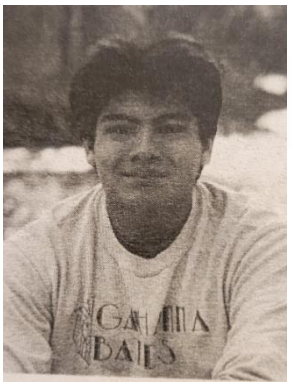
UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

GAHANNA BAND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



1st place is Saugat Bastola ($2,500). He will attend Ohio State Univ to double major in Computer Science and Oboe Performance.

2nd place is Ashe Houser ($2,000). She will attend Ohio Wesleyan Univ to study Psychology and Criminology.



3rd place is Jesus Rodriguez Gomez ($1,500). He will attend Bowling Green State Univ to study Exercise Science on a pre-Physical Therapy track.

AMVETS POST 5 – VETERAN'S RIDE

JUNE 20, 2026 REGISTRATION 11:00 AM

75 W JOHNSTOWN ROAD

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It's the start of something good!

As we close out the 2025-26 administrative year for the Post and the VFW, we need to look at what we, as veterans, have accomplished and what we have left undone. I have heard many times, "Failure is not an option." So, what we have not done, we will reschedule.

First on the list is replacing the HVAC system.
Second, updating the bathrooms. I was at Paul Lawrence in May, and they have remodeled their bathrooms. They look good.
Third, update the plumbing behind the bar.
Fourth, updating the TVs and control system. We have two basic options. One, replace all TVs with one brand (model). One remote can control all screens. Second, it is a little more complex. Keep all the TVs and rewire the system. We will discuss the details at the June 16 membership meeting.

I am looking forward to a good year. We have already added several new members. We are making contact with National Guard, Reserve, and active-duty units in the area. We are open to new ideas to attract new members and their families. We are all in this together, so let's make this Post a better place for everyone!

Bill Pederson
Commander

The Ohio Day at the National Home in Eden, Michigan, is scheduled for August 7 and 8. Registration for the visit will be released by the VFW Department of Ohio soon. VFW Posts from across Ohio will send delegations to the Home to show support for veterans and their families who have fallen on hard times and need financial and morale support. More information about the National Home is available on the VFW Department of Ohio website: vfwoh.org.

Have you asked yourself lately, "Gee, do I need a barstool or two?" Have I got a deal for you! We've got barstools and then some; the best part, they are FREE.. yep, you heard me right, **FREE!!**

GOT TRUCK?

FIRST COME...

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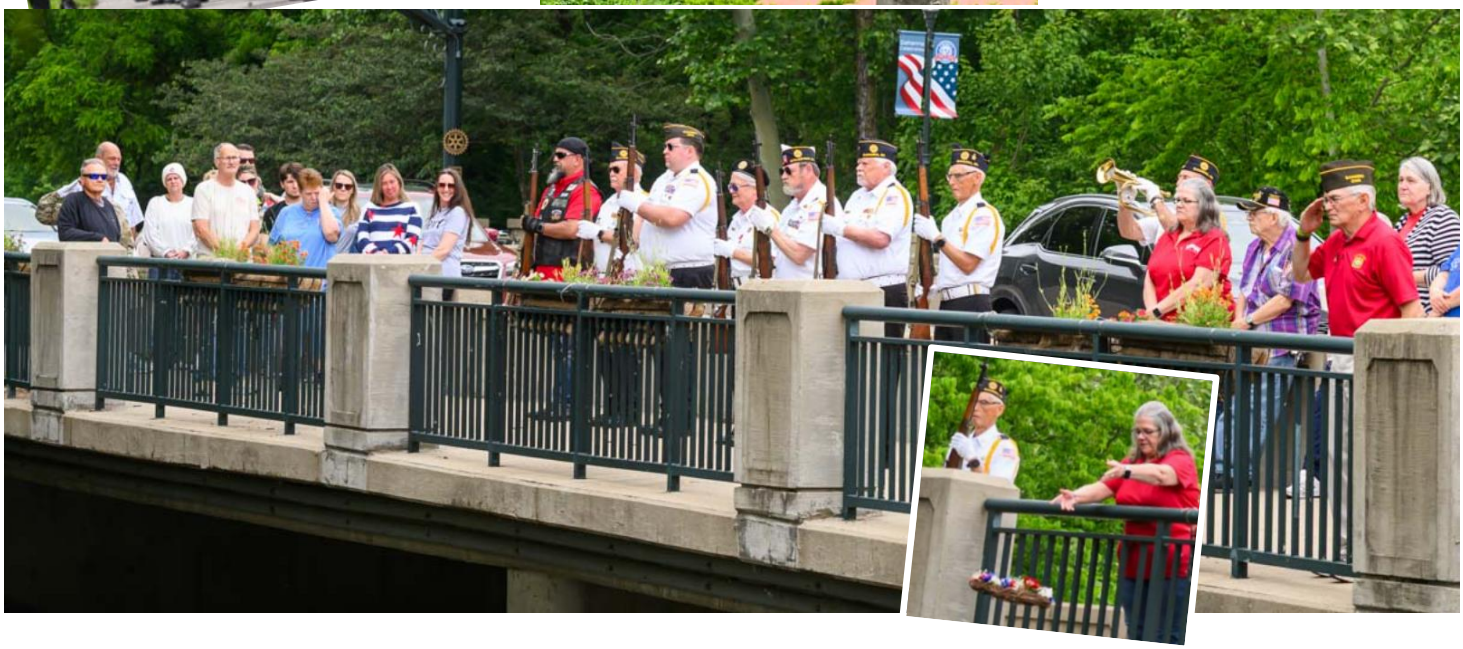

UPCOMiNG EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT

VFW POST 4719

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am

June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BREAKFAST HOURS 9:00-11:00	1	2	3 AMVETS MTG 6PM	4 VFW AUX 6:30PM	5 STEAK DINNER	6 D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY
7	8	9	10	11	12 SPAGHETTI DINNER	13
14	15 EUCHRE 6:30PM	16 VFW 7PM	17 MARINE CORPS 7PM	18 AMERICAN LEGION 7PM	19 TACO DINNER	20
21	22	23 AM-LG AUX 6:30PM	24	25 KOREAN WAR Began June 25, 1950	26 AMVETS DINNER	27
28	29	30				

JUN 4-7 – DEPT OF OHIO CONVENTION
JUN 12 - WOMEN'S VETERANS DAY
JUN 14 - US ARMY ANNIVERSARY 1775

DINNER HOURS
5:30 – 7:30 PM

QHearts

EVERY THURSDAY!
8:00PM

POST OFFICERS

BILL PEDERSON, Commander
Kim Sims, Sr. Vice
Mike Bouchard, Jr. Vice
Louis Santos, Adjutant
Troy Purdin, Quartermaster
Mike Ferguson, Chaplain
Steve Ebersole, Trustee
Chuck Rees, Trustee
Bill Scharff, Trustee

POST HOURS

SUNDAY 9:00am – 8:00pm
MONDAY 4:00pm – 10:00pm
TUESDAY thru SATURDAY
12:00 pm-10:00pm

Closing time is subject to change!

Canteen Mgr, Dutch Grootendorst

Christy Wallace, Editor

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