



**MAY 2026**

**ELECTION RESULTS.** The election for VFW Post officers was held on April 21. The new officers for the administration year 2026-27 are:

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Bill Pederson</b>
Sr Vice Commander	Kim Sims
Jr Vice Commander	Mike Bouchard
Quartermaster	Troy Purdin
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Steve Ebersole
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Chuck Rees
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Bill Scharff
<b>Appointed to office:</b>	
Adjutant	Louis Santos
Chaplain	Mike Ferguson
Judge Advocate	Gary Sams
Benefit Advisor	Ben Brockway
Surgeon	Dutch Grootendorst

**STATE CONVENTION.** The VFW Department of Ohio Convention has been set for June 4-7 at Kalahari Hotel Resorts in Sandusky. Information for the convention is on the state website. If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters. VFW Pre-registration and Testimonial Dinner Tickets (June 6) are on the state website. Join us as we honor Commander Milam and President Zigler with an evening of reflection, stories, and shared respect for their service to Ohio's veterans.



**MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE.** The VFW Post 4719 and the American Legion Post 797 will visit four cemeteries this Memorial Day, May 25, to honor the service members who gave all to our country. The first service will be held at Riverside Cemetery at 0900 and will conclude at the Gahanna Veterans Memorial Park. Gahanna and New Albany High School bands will also participate.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOWER YOUR FLAG TO HALF MAST ON SATURDAY, MAY 23!**



**Another important activity on Memorial Day** that often gets overlooked is honoring and remembering Gold Star mothers and fathers of our fallen. They, too, have paid the ultimate sacrifice and do it daily.

As veterans, we must show our fellow citizens what Memorial Day is and why it is important to recognize the sacrifices of those who died while serving. Thank you all for observing this special day.

**When and Where**

- 0900 -Riverside Cemetery
- 0945-Maplewood Cemetery
- 1045 -Jefferson Cemetery
- 1145-Bridge Wreath ceremony
- 1215 -Mifflin Cemetery
- 1300 -Gahanna Veterans Park



## UNITED STATES ENTERED WORLD WAR I APRIL 6, 1917

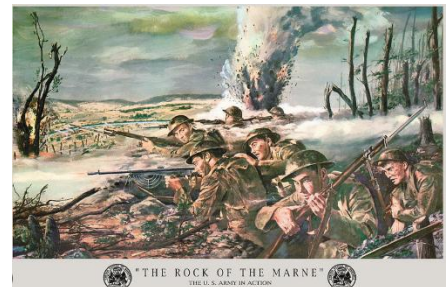
**Continued from April newsletter.** The situation changed in early 1918 when Germany launched its “Spring Offensive,” intended to end the war before the Allies were reinforced by millions of Americans. At the peak of the crisis, Pershing relented and assigned American divisions to hard-pressed Allied armies.

American troops conducted their first major action on May 28, 1918, when the 1st Division rolled back a German salient at Cantigny. Soon after, American forces were deployed along the Western Front, fighting in battles that have become part of American military lore. In early June, the 2nd Division, including a brigade of U.S. Marines, drove German forces out of Belleau Wood after weeks of savage fighting. At Chateau Thierry, the 3rd Division won the name “Rock of the Marne” for its stand on the Marne River. More Americans joined Allied counterattacks in the summer and fall of 1918, fighting with British, Canadian, and Australian allies in Flanders and the Somme, and with the French at Soissons and across the Marne, Aisne, and Oise rivers.

By September 1918, the AEF began independent operations and played a key role in the “Hundred Days Offensive,” which ended the war. The Americans helped break the fortified Hindenburg Line at St. Quentin, and at St. Mihiel, half a million American and 100,000 French troops, supported by 1,500 Army Air Service aircraft, took back in four days territory the Germans had held for almost four years.

On September 26, American forces launched the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the largest battle in American history. Over 47 days, 1.2 million American troops drove the Germans back 40 miles to the vital railway hub of Sedan. More than 26,000 American soldiers died.

As American troops moved through the Meuse-Argonne, it became apparent that Germany had lost the war. An armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, effective at 11 a.m. – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. – **VETERANS DAY.**



Euchre at the Post is going strong, as evidenced by this impressive anniversary. Special thanks to Mary and Dick Poczik for hosting this great event! 3<sup>rd</sup> MONDAY of each month, 6:30 p.m., \$2 ENTRY FEE.

You too can help host an event; possibilities are endless, and here are a few to consider: board games, Jenga, Mahjong, horseshoes, walking club, and crochet/knitting. **We need your leadership!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY 2, 2026** →

**WALK BEGINS @ 10:00 a.m.  
THIS SATURDAY!**



**VFW DAY OF SERVICE MAY 2026**

We are committed to setting up a project to assist veterans and the Gahanna community. In this effort, **we need volunteers and project ideas** to be submitted to Bill Pederson at [umpireswp@gmail.com](mailto:umpireswp@gmail.com)

**AMVETS POST 5 – VETERAN’S RIDE  
JUNE 20, 2026 REGISTRATION 11:00 AM**

**\$20 Rider/\$10  
Just Dinner/\$10**











**DINNER – DOOR PRIZES – AUCTION ITEMS**

**KICKSTANDS  
UP!  
NOON**



**VFW POST #4719  
75 W Johnstown Rd  
Gahanna OH 43230**

# May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BREAKFAST HOURS</b> 9:00-11:00 AM					1 STEAK DINNER	2
3 	4	5  ELECTIONS	6 AMVETS MTG 6PM	7 VFW AUX 6:30P	8 SPAGHETTI DINNER	9
10 Happy Mother's Day 	11	12	13	14	15 TACO DINNER	16 
17 	18 EUCHRE 6:30PM 	19 VFW MTG 7PM	20 MARINE CORPS 7PM	21 AMERICAN LEGION 7PM	22 AMVETS DINNER	23
24 	25 Memorial Day 	26 AM-LG AUX 6:30PM	27	28	29	30
31 	MAY 5 - CINCO DE MAYO & OH PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 8 - V-E DAY & MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY MAY 10 - MOTHER'S DAY MAY 16 - ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 26 - NATIONAL POPPY DAY				 <b>DINNER HOURS</b> 5:30 - 7:30 PM	

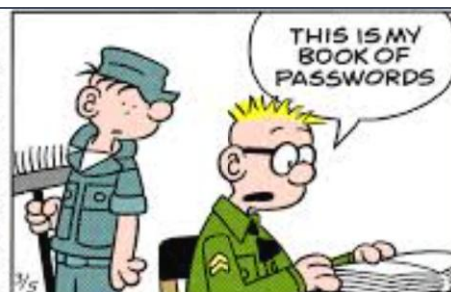


**QHearts**  
**EVERY THURSDAY!**  
**8:00PM**



**POST OFFICERS**

**LOUIS SANTOS, Commander**  
 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



**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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