VFW 4719 NEWSLETTER

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

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GAHANNA LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA

Gahanna Lincoln High School will honor past classmates who served in the US Armed Forces on **Thursday, November 5, at 9:15 AM**, a tradition since the 2006 dedication of Veterans Memorial Plaza. The VFW American Legion Honor Guard will also participate. All veterans and their families are invited to attend.







VETERANS DAY at 11:00 AM, MEMORIAL PARK

Veterans, their families, and friends will gather at Memorial Park on November 11 at 11:00 AM to reflect on the immense sacrifices made by the brave men and women of the US Armed Forces.



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



81st TRI-COMMUNITY POST ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 14, 2025

Cocktail Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner served 7:00 PM

Tickets $30/person (see bartender)

One Drink Ticket
Charcuterie
Loaded Wedge Salad
With choice of Blue Cheese, Italian, or Ranch dressing
Warm Dinner Roll

Chicken Parmesan
Crispy breaded chicken breast topped with marinara and melted cheese, served with **spaghetti**.

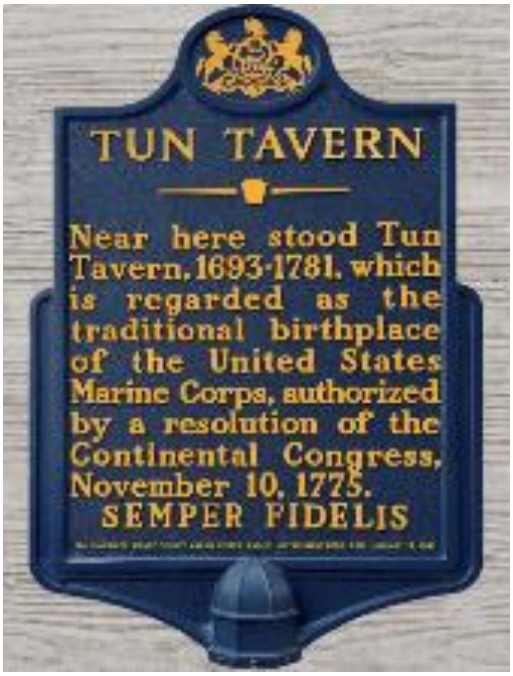
Pan-Seared Cod
Pan-seared cod finished with a **tomato-white-wine pan sauce**, served with **broccolini** and **herbed mashed potatoes**.

Apple Cider Pork Roast
Tender pork roast finished with a **savory apple cider sauce**, served with **garlic herb mashed potatoes** and **broccolini**.

Bill Pederson
Commander

MARINE CORPS 251st ANNIVERSARY

It all started in a tavern. On Nov 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized two battalions of Marines. Prominent Philadelphian Samuel Nicholas was given authority to raise the two battalions. He led his recruiting drive from Tun Tavern, located on the Delaware River waterfront. Commissioned a captain, Nicholas, patterned this sea-to-land service after the British Royal Marines. The Marines have traditionally celebrated their anniversary more than the other services. It was Gen John Lejeune in 1925 who started the annual traditions, cake cutting, and his message to all Marines.



Troop 450 is once again pushing toward the finish line of placing Wreaths on all the veterans' graves in New Albany and Plain Township (three cemeteries): Maplewood, Founders Field, and Wagner Cemeteries.

VFW4719 is proud to support Troop 450 again this year. You too can support this effort by scanning the QR code (gift box).

Wreaths Across America

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UPCOMiNG EVENTS





Welcome Home

Dick Poczik would like to get a group together to honor the veterans returning from

Honor Flight #157



Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Ticketing level at John Glenn Columbus International Airport – **CONCOURSE A**

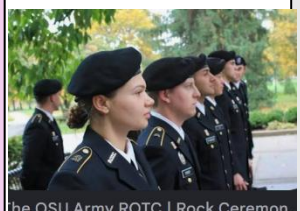
Public Arrival ~ after 8:00 PM

Flight Arrival ~ 9:15 PM





SAVE GAS...
CARPOOL
FROM THE POST!





OSU Army ROTC Annual Rock Ceremony

We are pleased to invite you to the 2026 **Veterans Day "Rock" Ceremony at Bricker Hall (190 N. Oval Mall) on the OSU Campus at 10 AM on Wednesday, November 4.** This annual event brings together our Ohio State community to pay respects to those who have given their lives in service to our country. The ceremony will include an address to the Reserve Officer Training Corps, a 21-gun salute, the playing of "Taps," and the laying of a wreath at the memorial rock. The Department of Military Science and Leadership will present the ceremony. Questions can be directed to Major Kevin Obermeyer at obermeyer.9@osu.edu.



I had the privilege of attending the 155th Honor Flight to Washington, DC, in September. The flight and memorial tour were extremely well organized. We had 77 veterans on the flight, which included two from WWII. Honor Flight provided 1 guardian for every 2 veterans. Wheelchairs were provided free for those who needed them, and volunteers stayed with them. The guardians met with us before the flight and stayed with us the entire day. They took lots of pictures and gave each of us an album to commemorate our trip.

I was impressed with the new WWII, Air Force, and Vietnam Women's Memorials. We also saw the Vietnam, Korean War, and Iwo Jima Memorials. The stop at Arlington National Cemetery, along with the changing of the guard, reminded everyone of the sacrifices made for this country. **The reception we received at the airport when we returned was amazing!** Over 300 family members, friends, and fellow veterans welcomed us home, along with the ROTC Honor Guard, State Trooper Honor Guard, and bagpipers. **I was truly overwhelmed!** Pictures of the trip are at this link:

Trip Photos - Honor Flight Columbus

I encourage everyone who hasn't attended to sign up. Several trips are offered each year thanks to generous donations from many families and corporate sponsors.



Blake A. Harrison, 1SG/E-8, U.S. Army, Retired

Honor Flight Columbus accepts applications from America's Senior Veterans: currently, men and women who served on or before July 31, 1991. We proudly serve Veterans in all 40 counties of our territory, as well as any eligible Veteran who can get themselves to the CMH airport. For more information, please go to the following link: Home | HonorFlightColumbus

November 2026

BREAKFAST HOURS
9:00-11:00 AM

GIVE THANKS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3 ELECTION DAY	4 AMVETS MTG 6PM	5 VFW AUX 6:30PM	6 STEAK DINNER	7 
8 	9	10 251ST UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS	11 NOV. 11 VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED	12	13 AUXILIARY SPAGHETTI DINNER	14 WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS 11AM ANNIVERSARY DINNER
15 	16 EUCHRE 6:30PM	17 VFW 7PM	18 MARINE CORPS 7PM	19 AMERICAN LEGION 7PM	20 FISH FRY OR CHICKEN TENDERS	21
22 	23	24 AM-LG AUX 6:30PM	25	26 WE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY	27 NO MEAL	28
29 	30				DINNER HOURS 5:30 – 7:30	

Nov 1 – Daylight Saving, Clocks Fall Back
Nov 5 – GLHS Veterans Memorial Plaza, 9:15 AM
Nov 6 – OSU Army ROTC Rock Ceremony
Nov 6 – Joseph's Coat Annual Fundraiser Casino Night, Jefferson Country Club, Blacklick, $35 admission
Nov 10 – Marine Corps Birthday, 1775 & American Legion Auxiliary Birthday
Nov 11 – VETERANS DAY @ Memorial Park, World War I Armistice, 1918
Nov 14 – VFW Post 4719 Anniversary Dinner

Other dates of interest!



EVERY THURSDAY! 8:00PM







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POST HOURS

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

Closing time is subject to change!

Canteen Mgr, Dutch Grootendorst

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN!

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