

# VFW POST 4719 NEWSLETTER

## Message from the American Legion

Hello. My name is Gary Filaseta. I am the Commander of American Legion Post 797 and Captain of the Honor Guard. The American Legion supports homeless veterans. We welcome your membership. Dues are \$45.00 yearly. Please contact Gary at 614-905-1606 or [gafilaseta51@gmail.com](mailto:gafilaseta51@gmail.com) for additional information.

## Dates to Remember:

### Gold Star Mother's Day Sept 28

The origin of what would become Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day started with a simple accessory: a black armband with a gilt star. During World War I, family members would wear these armbands to represent a loved one who had died in the war. The stars would later find their way to being displayed on banners that were hung in windows or front doors. Banners with blue stars were hung to represent immediate family members who were serving. Some would have one star; others would have two or three. The stars symbolized the people who were supposed to be home but were missing from the dinner table. If a family member died during their service, the blue star would be replaced with a gold one.

Grace Darling Seibold was one of these mothers with a gold star in her window. Her son, 23-year-old George Vaughn Seibold, volunteered to be an aviator and was sent to England in 1917 as part of the British Royal Flying Corps. Grace and George had regularly exchanged letters until she suddenly stopped hearing from him. Nevertheless, she held out hope. In 1918, she received his personal belongings and confirmation of his death. George's body was never identified.

Grace then used her time and grief to reach out to other mothers trying to cope with similar losses. Twenty-five of these women banded together in 1928 to create American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. — a group that still exists today — to honor their children, heal together, and support veterans and the nation. In 1936, Congress designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day (now known as Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day).

### VJ Day, Japan signs Surrender Sept 2

Victory over Japan (V-J) Day is celebrated on different dates, but August 15, 2025, will mark the 80th anniversary of the event in the UK and many other places, following Japan's initial announcement of its surrender. The United States often recognizes the holiday on August 14, 1945, the date the news broke there, while September 2 is the formal anniversary of Japan's official surrender.

### 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 Grootendorst*

### 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

## **Patriot Day Sept 11**

Patriot Day is a National Day of Remembrance that commemorates the victims of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon and United Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania. Established by a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in December 2001, Patriot Day serves as a reminder of the impact of that day on the nation and the world. It is a day for Americans to honor the memories of those who perished, to pay tribute to the bravery of the first responders, and to reflect on the values of freedom, democracy, and resilience.

## **US Air Force Anniversary, 1907 or 1947 Sept 18**

The United States Air Force was established as a separate military branch on September 18, 1947, following President Truman's signing of the National Security Act. This landmark event officially formed the Air Force, though the act itself was signed on July 26, 1947. The history of aviation in the military started August 1, 1907, as the Aeronautical Division of the US Signal Corps. Later known as the Aviation Section, Signal Corps (1914); US Army Air Service (1918); US Army Air Corps (1926) and the US Army Air Force (1941).

## **POW-MIA Recognition Day Sept 19**

VFW Post 9473 in Reynoldsburg, will host a POW-MIA Vigil on the 3rd Friday this month. The Vigil will start at 7pm. The Post is looking for volunteers to walk guard duty until midnight (15-minute watches). For more, contact the Commander Jerry Vannorman at 231-740-9483. Dinner, roast beef and mashed potato will be served starting at 6pm.

## **Founders Day Sept 29**

That commitment began on Sept. 29, 1899, in Columbus, Ohio, when a group of veterans met to address the urgent needs of their brothers-in-arms. September 29 marks 126 years since 13 Spanish-American War veterans gathered in a small tailor shop in Columbus, Ohio, to discuss how they could assist their fellow veterans and the dependents of their fallen comrades. Motivated by seeing veterans struggle without post-service health benefits, thirteen local veterans met at a tailor shop owned by Francis Dubiel and formed the organization that would become the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). James Romanis inspired by veterans he saw while working at a pharmacy outside Fort Hayes, led the meeting and wrote the group charter. Learning from earlier groups, membership was open not only to current but also future veterans of all ranks. Today the VFW has 1.5 million members and continues to champion the needs of veterans and promote their interests.

## **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.

| Sunday  | Monday                       | Tuesday                                | Wednesday                                   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday |
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|  <h1>September 2025</h1> <p><b>NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.</b></p> |                              |  |   |  |   |          |
|   | 1                            | 2                                      | 3<br>Amvets 6pm<br><br>Amvets<br>Riders 7pm | 4<br>VFW Auxiliary<br><br>6:30 pm<br><br>Queen of<br>Hearts      | 5<br>Steak Dinner<br>5:30-7:30                | 6        |
| 7<br>Breakfast<br><br>9-11am  | 8                            | 9<br>Canteen<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm      | 10  | 11<br><br><br>Queen of<br>Hearts                                 | 12<br>Meatloaf<br>Dinner<br>5:30-7:30pm       | 13       |
| 14<br>Breakfast<br>9-11am   | 15<br>Euchre Night<br>6:30pm | 16<br>VFW<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm         | 17<br>Marine Corps<br>League<br>7:00pm      | 18<br>American<br>Legion 797<br>7:00pm<br><br>Queen of<br>Hearts | 19<br>Taco<br>Dinner<br>5:30-7:30pm           | 20       |
| 21<br>Breakfast<br>9-11am   | 22                           | 23<br>Am Legion<br>Auxiliary<br>6:30pm | 24  | 25<br><br><br>Queen of<br>Hearts                                 | 26<br>Amvets<br>Brisket Dinner<br>5:30-7:30pm | 27       |
| 28<br>Breakfast<br>9-11am   | 29                           | 30                                     |   |  |   |          |

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



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