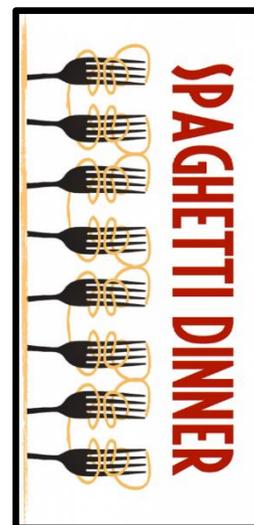




MARCH 2026

NOMINATIONS for Post officers are now open. Any member of VFW Post 4719 in good standing can submit his or her name at the March or April business meetings. Elections will be held at the April 21 business meeting after nominations are closed. For more information, **contact the Adjutant, Bill Pederson, at (614) 506-5793 or umpireswp@gmail.com.**



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POST 4719 RENOVATION PROJECT



Dear Comrades, Auxiliary Members, and Friends, for generations, **VFW Post 4719 has been a shared home for veterans**—a place where service is honored, camaraderie is strengthened, and our commitment to our community endures. Today, we are proud to share an important update on our **Post 4719 renovation project**, an effort rooted in our theme:

HONORING OUR LEGACY, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

This project represents more than physical improvements. It reflects the **collective legacy** of all who have served and all who continue to support veterans through the organizations that call this Post home.

A United Effort Across Veteran Organizations. One of the most important aspects of this renovation is that it is a **coordinated effort among all veteran organizations that use and support VFW Post 4719**, including:

- **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4719 & Auxiliary**
- **American Legion Post 797 & Auxiliary**
- **AMVETS Post 5**
- **Marine Corps League**

Each of these organizations plays a vital role in serving veterans, supporting families, honoring fallen comrades, and strengthening our community. By working together on this renovation, we are demonstrating the unity, cooperation, and mutual respect that define the veteran community.

This shared approach ensures that the Post will continue to meet the needs of **all veterans and members**, now and into the future.

POST 4719 RENOVATION PROJECT (continued)

Honoring Our Legacy. Our Post stands as a testament to the sacrifices and service of those who came before us—from World War II veterans to those who served in more recent conflicts. The walls of our Post hold memories, stories, and traditions that must be preserved. Through this renovation, we are committed to:

- Preserving the history and character of our Post
- Maintaining spaces dedicated to remembrance and reflection
- Ensuring our Post remains a place of pride, dignity, and honor for all veterans

By respecting our shared past, we ensure that the legacy of service lives on for future generations.

Building Our Future – Together. While honoring the past, we must also prepare for the future. The renovation will:

- Improve safety, accessibility, and comfort
- Modernize shared spaces for meetings, ceremonies, and events
- Create a welcoming environment for new and younger veterans
- Enhance our ability to support community programs and outreach



By investing together, we are building a Post that will continue to serve **all veteran organizations** effectively and sustainably.

What This Means for Members and the Community. This renovation is an investment in:

- **Veterans** – providing a shared space worthy of their service
- **Families** – offering a safe, welcoming environment
- **Community** – strengthening our role as a hub for service, support, and remembrance

A stronger Post will enable every organization within it to fulfill its mission more effectively.

How You Can Support the Project. The success of this project depends on the continued support of our members and friends across all organizations. You can help by:



- Participating in fundraising efforts
- Volunteering time or skills
- Attending Post events and meetings
- Sharing information about the project(s) within your networks'

Every contribution helps us move closer to our goal.

Moving Forward as One Veteran Community. This renovation marks an exciting milestone for VFW Post 4719 and all the organizations that call it home. It is a powerful example of what we can accomplish when we work together.

Together, we are truly honoring our legacy and building our future.

With respect and gratitude,

Kim Sims, Senior Vice Commander
VFW Tri-Community Post 4719



BRICKS AT MEMORIAL PARK

With Memorial Day three months away, now is the time to remember family members who served by purchasing a brick bearing their name to be placed on the grounds of Veterans Memorial Park.

This Memorial separates the warrior from the war, focuses on the valor and sacrifices of these patriots, and gives each of them a place in history.

The application for bricks and instructions can be found at:

<https://www.gahanna.gov/documentcenter/view285>

You can also request bricks to be grouped together, as seen here. *My dad and my three brothers [editor's note].*



Memorial Brick Application
\$40.00 per brick
(One brick per application)



MARCH EVENT and UPDATES COMING IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER



When: 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
Where: Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Outpatient Clinic
Learning Resource Center
420 N James Road
Columbus OH



VFW DAY OF SERVICE MAY 2026
We are in the process of setting up a project to assist veterans and the Gahanna community.

*** STAY TUNED ***



KICKSTANDS
UP!
NOON



AMVETS CHAPTER 5 – VETERAN'S RIDE
JUNE 20, 2026 REGISTRATION 11:00 AM

\$20 Rider/\$10

Just Dinner/\$10

DINNER – DOOR PRIZES – AUCTION ITEMS

VFW POST #4719

75 W Johnstown Rd

Gahanna OH 43230

BREAKFAST HOUR
9:00-11:00 AM

MARCH 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 	3	4 AMVETS MTG 6PM	5 VFW AUX 6:30PM	6 STEAK DINNER	7
8 	9	10 LET THE MADNESS BEGIN	11	12	13 SPAGHETTI DINNER	14 !! ← spaghetti is back!
15 	16 Euchre 6:30PM	17 VFW MTG 7PM	18 MARINE CORPS 7PM	19 AMERICAN LEGION 7PM	20 TACO DINNER	21
22 	23	24 AM-LG AUX 6:30PM	25	26	27 AMVETS DINNER	28
29 	30	31			DINNER HOUR 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



“So, when I said ‘hide the gold in an inconspicuous place’, you put it under a frickin’ rainbow?”

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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