

VFW 4719

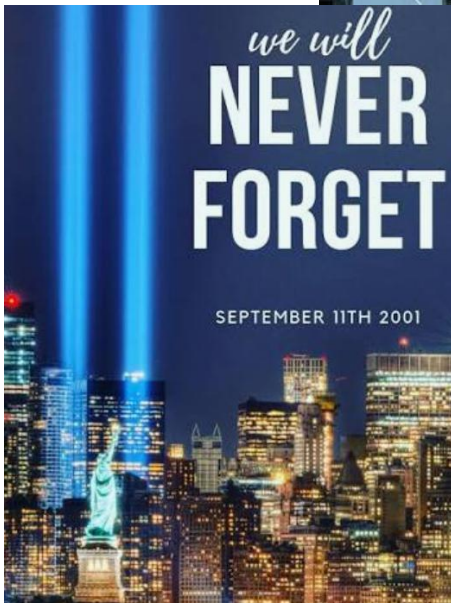
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. NEWSLETTER

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9/11 - BEFORE, DURING, AFTER & TODAY...



...25 years later

A total of 2,996 people died in the September 11 attacks, which includes 2,977 victims and 19 terrorist hijackers.



US Air Force Birthday: 1907 or 1947

The United States Air Force was established as a separate military branch on September 18, 1947, after President Truman signed the National Security Act. This landmark event officially formed the Air Force, though the act itself was signed on July 26, 1947. Military aviation history began on August 1, 1907, with 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).



Gold Star Mother's Day and Family Day

Gold Star Mother's Day is observed in the United States on the last Sunday of September each year. It is a day for people to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving the United States Armed Forces. This year, Gold Star Mother's Day is Sunday, September 27. The last Sunday in September is also Parents of Fallen Military Sons and Daughters Day. This day is a tribute to all parents whose children died because of their service with the

US Armed Forces. It commemorates those parents' contributions, commitments, and sacrifices, both individually and through the American Gold Star Mothers. The name Gold Star Mothers was derived from the custom of military families who put a service flag near their front window. The flag featured a star for each family member serving in their country – living members were denoted in blue, but gold stars honored family members who were killed while on duty. In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson approved black armbands bearing a gilt star for those who had a family member who died in military service to the United States. This distinguished them from the blue stars, representing a family member presently serving in the armed forces. American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was incorporated in 1929 and received a federal charter from the US Congress. It began with 25 mothers living in the Washington, D.C., area and soon expanded to include affiliated groups nationwide.



Notes from the Auxiliary

The VFW Post 4719 Auxiliary meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Post. **If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please see the bartender for an application or contact President Mary Poczik at marypo53@gmail.com.** If you are already a member but haven't attended a meeting in a while, please consider coming to one. We seek out opportunities to support local veterans and to promote Americanism. Recently, three members volunteered at the Commons at Livingston, a National Church Residences facility that houses homeless veterans. We participated in a Greenhouse/Garden Dedication event by assisting with setup/teardown and grilling/serving food. **It was very gratifying!**



Volunteers pictured: Yvette Pederson, Sharleen Stanley, Mary Poczik, and Gary Filaseta

Also, our Auxiliary sponsors a Spaghetti Dinner on the 2nd Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30, and we would love to have you join us! The meal is homemade meat sauce over spaghetti, homemade garlic bread, salad, and spumoni ice cream with a pizzelle for dessert. All for only \$10.00! **SEE YOU AT THE POST!**

Mary Poczik
VFW Auxiliary President



WE WANT YOU to join the Volunteer Community at VFW Post 4719!

Volunteers mainly help when scheduled: breakfast every Sunday from 9:00-11:00 a.m., Steak dinner on the 1st Friday of every month, and Fish or Chicken dinner (your choice) on the 3rd Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Many different jobs are available to help on those days. **Please scan the QR Code below to access the sign-up sheets.**

Sign Up QR Code



Sue Stokes
VFW Auxiliary Jr Vice/Secretary



VFW Post 4719 Proudly Supports Folds of Honor Central Ohio Golf Scramble



\$5,000

DONATED TOWARD A FOLDS OF HONOR SCHOLARSHIP

POST TEAM

REPRESENTED VFW POST 4719 IN THE SCRAMBLE

VFW Post 4719 was honored to help coordinate the recent Folds of Honor Central Ohio Chapter Golf Scramble, an event that brought together veterans, community partners, and supporters in a shared commitment to military families.

As part of that commitment, VFW Post 4719 proudly donated \$5,000 toward a Folds of Honor scholarship. A VFW golf team also represented the Post on the course, reflecting the camaraderie and spirit of service that define our membership.

The Post also played an important role in the opening ceremony. Our Commander and Senior Vice Commander helped coordinate members of The Ohio State University ROTC and Lima Company Marines for the raising of the American flag and the presentation of all service colors. Their participation created a dignified and patriotic opening that honored every branch of military service.

The ceremony was a powerful reminder of the traditions that unite generations of service members. From the presentation of the colors to the fellowship on the golf course, the event reflected the values of honor, duty, service, and remembrance.

VFW Post 4719 is proud to support Folds of Honor and its scholarship mission. We appreciate the Post members who represented us in the scramble, our Post leaders who helped coordinate the opening ceremony, and the ROTC cadets and Marines who made the ceremony especially meaningful.

Through efforts like these, VFW Post 4719 continues to honor service, strengthen community partnerships, and support the families who carry forward the legacy of our nation's heroes.

HONORING SERVICE. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY. SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES.



Lima Company Color Guard stands ready to raise the colors during the opening ceremony



Frank Korth Dick Poczik John George



Mike Sills receives a check from Commander Pederson

Kim Sims
VFW Sr Vice

THE 4719 GOLFERS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL POST PICNIC
September 5, 2026
WATCH OSU's 1st GAME WITH
FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND
ENJOY SOME FOOD TOO!

see your bartender for "sides" sign-up sheet



area code 614



Every year on the 3rd Friday in September,
all **TRACKS** lead to the VFW in Reynoldsburg, OH
for the POW / MIA Vigil
where we pay tribute to those comrades
that have yet to come home.

Founders Day, VFW, September 29

Please join the VFW Department of Ohio on Saturday, October 3, to celebrate 127 years of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Green Lawn Cemetery on Broad St. National Commander-in-Chief Cory Geisler and National Auxiliary President Donna Mills will join us in honoring our founders. The parade steps off at 1000. Followed by the Founders Day banquet at 1200. For tickets and registration, visit the Department of Ohio website: <https://www.vfwoh.org>.



FOUNDERS DAY

"Ohio, where it all started"

September 2026

**BREAKFAST
HOURS
9:00-11:00 AM**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 AMVETS MTG 6PM	3 VFW AUX 6:30PM	4 STEAK DINNER	5 
6 	7 	8	9	10	11 AUXILIARY SPAGHETTI DINNER	12
13 	14	15 VFW 7PM	16 MARINE CORPS 7PM	17 AMERICAN LEGION 7PM	18 FISH OR CHICKEN DINNER	19 
20 AM-LG DISTRICT MTG	21  EUCHRE 6:30PM	22 AM-LG AUX 6:30PM	23	24	25 AMVETS DINNER	26
27 	28	29	30			

SEP 2 – VJ Day
SEP 11 -Patriots' Day
SEP 18 – US Air Force birthday
SEP 19 – POW/MIA Recognition Day
VFW Post 9473 Reynoldsburg, 3rd Friday
SEP 27 – Gold Star Mother's Day and Family Day
SEP 29 – Founder's Day, VFW

 **DINNER
HOURS
5:30 – 7:30** 

 **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

Christy Wallace, Editor



"Don't worry about burning the calories
— that's already been done!"



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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