



# Medina County Veterans' Newsletter



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## Facts about VA's National Cemeteries

National cemeteries are hal-  
lowed places where deceased veterans and members of the armed forces receive perpetual care that honors their service to the nation. Dependent children and, usually, spouses are also eligible for burial in national cemeteries. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) manages the country's network of na-

tional cemeteries – considered by VA as “national shrines” -- through its National Cemetery Administration. VA maintains more than 2.9 million gravesites at 128 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico, as well as in 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites. Occupied gravesites may hold the remains of more than one family member. Approximately 295,500 full-casket gravesites, 90,200 in-

ground gravesites for cremated remains, and 75,200 columbarium niches are available in already developed acreage in VA national cemeteries. There are more than 18,000 acres within established national cemeteries. More than half are undeveloped and -- along with available gravesites in developed acreage -- have the potential to provide more than five million gravesites.

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## Happy Birthday!



U.S. Army 14 June  
U.S. of America 4 July



## “Freedom is Not Free” Mural unveiled in Brunswick City Hall

On Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. Brunswick Art Works unveiled a gift to the people of Brunswick, the 12' x 15' patriotic wall mural at Brunswick City Hall. The mural was designed and installed by Akron artist Michael B. Ayers. It was under construction for the past several weeks and its evolution and progress were amazing to watch.

Michael won the \$5000 prize in a contest held by Brunswick Art Works this winter for his entry "Freedom Is Not Free". Artists from Ohio, Illinois and North Carolina submitted 32 entries in the contest to design a patriotic mural for the lobby of Brunswick City Hall. Entries are on display and for sale at Brunswick City Hall until the end of July. Half of the money will go to the artist and half will go to Brunswick Art Works. The mural contest was in the planning stages for

almost 3 years, and several fundraisers were held. The majority of the prize money was raised in 2006 when BAW held a WWII era concert to a sell-out crowd at the Recreation Center. A grant from the Medina County Arts Council was also helpful.

Also dedicated were two new display cabinets that were donated by Designer Showcases to house several pieces of military memorabilia throughout city hall.

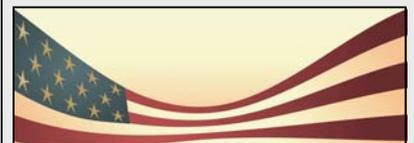


Michael B. Ayers portrait in side Brunswick City Hall



**American Legion Post #202 in Medina, Ohio will be having its annual “Paper Shredding” event on Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Veterans memorial hall on Broadway St. in Medina.**

**Mothers Day Brunch at the Brunswick VFW Post on May 10th. Call the Post at 330-273-4892 for details.**



If we maintain our faith in God, love of freedom, and superior global air power, the future of the U.S. looks good.

— General Curtis Lemay

**Commanders Corner**

...a brief message from one of the commanders of our organizations.

The Wadsworth American Legion Post 170, as all American Legion Posts do, strive to promote a better understanding of the principles of democracy and to instill among all people a higher appreciation of benefits of American citizenship. With that being said ... we, at Post 170 prefer to lead by example. We have become involved in our community, helped our community grow, supported its endeavors and we enjoy what it has to offer. This year was a truly a memorable year for our Post as we



teamed up with our City and schools to bring "The Wall That Heals", the Vietnam Wall Replica, and over 30,000 visitors to our downtown to pay their respects to it. We are involved with many other community events that provide everything from fun and entertainment to support to people of all ages. Our membership is growing and our events are second to none. Our post also sponsors high school junior boys and girls to Buckeye Boys and Girls State, a nine-day hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic form of government, the organization of political parties, and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Ohio government. Our Sons of American Legion and Women's Auxiliary members also hold many of their own charitable functions and community events. In short, I couldn't be more proud to be Commander of this

Post. The camaraderie and sense of community here make this a great honor for me. Feel free to stop by, we'd be happy to see you here in Wadsworth!

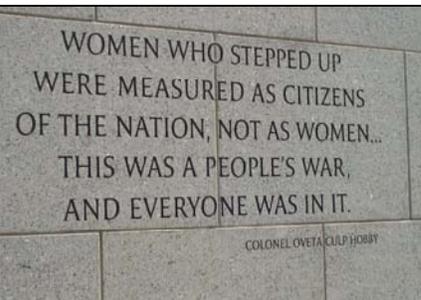
Joe Rogers  
Commander



Joe Rogers has been the commander of the American Legion Post #170 in Wadsworth for the past year, he is an active member of the Wadsworth community.

**Medina County Veterans Service Office**  
Out-Reach Program for Wadsworth, at the Center for Older Adults on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00

**Famous Quote taken from the National WWII Memorial in Washington D.C.**



Oveta Culp Hobby was the first commanding officer of the U.S. Women's Army Corps. She later became the first Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

**Submit Your Article or Event**

We're looking for articles about Medina County Veterans, Monuments or your Veteran Organization. All submissions must be submitted through our office by mail or e-mail no later than July 1st, in order to be put in the Spring Edition.

Having a cookout or fish fry let us know we'll put in on our calendar page.

Deadlines for all submissions are:

Issue	Submit by
Summer	10 July
Fall	10 Oct
Winter	10 Jan

**The Medina County Women of the Military Hosts Brunch at Golden Corral**

My son and I had the pleasure of joining the Medina County Women of the Military for the quarterly meeting which was held at the Golden Corral in Medina. The camaraderie and spirit of these veterans was refreshing and enjoyable. I had the opportunity to update them on some veterans benefits that are specific to women as well as sharing some stories.

Currently 14% of all active duty deployed forces are women. This is a substantial increase from WWII and Vietnam when only 3-5% of our deployed forces were women. The VA estimates that 42% of these new women veterans are utilizing the VA and it is expected to double in 2-4 yrs. By recognizing that these warriors have specific needs the VA provides Gender Specific Care to

our women veterans.

If you are a women veteran and either from or live in Medina County I urge you to contact Medina County Women of the Military for more information.



**Contact info:**  
P.O. Box 1812 Medina, Ohio 44258-1812 or email at: [mcwomilitary@yahoo.com](mailto:mcwomilitary@yahoo.com) or catch them on the web at [www.geocities.com/mcwomilitary](http://www.geocities.com/mcwomilitary)

**Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter #385 of Medina County, Holds Christmas in January Benefit Dinner**

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #385 celebrated their Christmas a little late this year, or was it early for next year. Anyway everyone had a ball at their annual Christmas in January gala held at Mapleside Farms in Brunswick.



**Jim Kulas**  
**Master of Ceremonies**

Master of Ceremonies Jim Kulas helped raffle of gifts that were fit for kings and queens. Exotic Indian artifacts from the Far-East, a singing fish and many other great things from around the globe were just some of the things that went to help raise money for the many charitable programs the VVA sponsors. I'd like to pass on my personal thanks for inviting my wife and I to this spectacular event. We had a great time and hope to see you next year.

The VVA can be contacted at: VVA Chapter 385  
PO Box 1267  
Medina, OH 44258

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Of the 128 national cemeteries, 68 are open to all interments; 21 can accommodate cremated remains and the remains of family members interred in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member; and 39 will perform only interments of family members in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member.

Since 1973, annual interments in VA national cemeteries have increased by more than 175 percent, from 36,400 to nearly 103,300 in 2008. Interments are expected to increase annually through 2009.

More than 657,000 veterans in the U.S. and Puerto Rico died in 2008. Historically, more than 12 percent of U.S. veterans choose burial in VA national and state veterans cemeteries.

As new veterans cemeteries open, this percentage is expected to increase. The nation's most famous national cemetery – Arlington National Cemetery – is administered by the Army, rather than VA, and the National Park Service maintains 14 historical cemeteries.

Of the 103,275 interments conducted in 2008, nearly 51 percent were in the 10 busiest national cemeteries: Riverside, Calif.; Florida, in Bushnell; Calverton, N.Y.; Fort Snelling, near Minneapolis; Jefferson Barracks, in St. Louis; Willamette, in Portland, Ore.; Fort Logan, near Denver; Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio; Dallas-Fort Worth; and National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, in Phoenix. As of Sept. 30, 2008, eight national cemeteries each contained more than 100,000 occupied gravesites, collectively accounting for 37 percent of all VA gravesites maintained: Long Island, N.Y.; Calverton; Riverside; Fort Snelling; Jefferson Barracks; Golden Gate, San Bruno, Calif.; Willamette, and Ft. Sam Houston national cemeteries.

Largest national cemetery: Calverton, N.Y., 1,045 acres.

Smallest national cemetery: Hampton (Va.) at the VA medical center, .03 acres.

Oldest national cemeteries: 14 established in 1862 (12 maintained by VA).

Newest national cemetery: Sarasota National Cemetery in Florida, opened January 9, 2009.

Since 1973, VA has provided more than 10.2 million headstones and markers. In 2008, VA provided more than 360,000 headstones and markers.

VA provided more than 511,000 Presidential Memorial Certificates to the loved ones of deceased veterans in 2008.

Since 1980, the State Cemetery Grants Program has obligated more than \$344 million to 37 states, Saipan and Guam to establish, expand or improve 72 state veterans cemeteries. In 2008, VA-supported state veterans cemeteries provided more than 24,800 interments.

Volunteers donated approximately 482,000 hours at national cemeteries during 2008. More than 7.7 million people visited VA national cemeteries in 2008.

With laws passed in 1999 and 2003, Congress directed VA to establish 12 new national cemeteries. Nine of them have opened in these states: Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, California and Florida. The final three, Alabama National Cemetery, near Birmingham; Bakersfield National Cemetery, California; and Washington National Crossing National Cemetery, near Philadelphia, will open during 2009.



**A Message From the County Veterans Service Officer**

I'd like to wish everyone a joyous spring season. It's been a long and coooold winter but it seems as though we're through the worst of it.

We will all gather together this Memorial Day to honor those men and women who are no longer with us and again on Independence day to celebrate our freedom. These two Holidays are what I believe defines us as Americans, an independent and free union made that way by fighting for and defending ourselves as well as others against the tyranny that exists in this world. On these two holidays we as a nation lay down our partisan politics and celebrate our freedom as well as thank those who gave so that we may remain a free society. For all our indifferences and all our faults as a Nation, I challenge anyone to come up with a better place or time to live in this ever changing world.

God Bless America's Fighting Men and Women

I'd like to thank everyone out there for the support we have received over the past few months. It never ceases to amaze me at the great things I see being accomplished out there in our county by veterans and there families. The comradeship I have had the opportunity to have with you has been great and I look forward to working with you over the summer in supporting our Veterans.

Sincerely,  
Veterans Service Officer  
Medina County

## SENIOR SECTION



### “PARADE REST”

Veterans and Their Benefits

Edward Zackery

Copied from the Helping Hands April/May Issue.

With the birds returning to Medina County while the seasons change and springtime approaches, Memorial Day is just around the corner. Memorial Day to me is one of America's most important Holidays. It is our duty as Americans to honor those that have sacrificed and ensured our freedom. Without them, there may be no holidays at all to celebrate.

The one thing that comes to mind when I think of Memorial Day is the melody “TAPS.” Of all the military bugle calls it is the one that stirs the most emotion within me. The sound of “TAPS” is both beautiful but yet somewhat haunting as it seems to linger with us long after the last note has been played. Its history and origin is somewhat controversial. The story that a Northern boy who was killed fighting for the south and his father, a Captain in the Union Army, came upon his son's body on the battlefield and he found the notes to “TAPS” in a pocket of the dead boy's Confederate uniform. This version has no credible evidence at all according to historians, although it is a captivating and romantic story.

According to the United States Military Academy at West Point, “TAPS” began as a revision to the signal for Extinguish Lights (Lights Out) at the end of the day. Up until the Civil War, the infantry call for Extinguish Lights was the one set down in Silas Casey's (1801-1882) Tactics, which had been borrowed from the French. The music for “TAPS” was adapted by a Union General [Daniel Butterfield](#) for his brigade in July, 1862. As the story goes, General Butterfield was not pleased with the call for Extinguish Lights. Feeling that the call was too formal to signal the day's end and with the help of the brigade bugler, Oliver Willcox Norton, wrote “TAPS” to honor his men while in camp at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, following the Seven Day's battle. These battles took place during the Peninsular Campaign of 1862. The call sounded that night in

July, 1862, soon spread to other units of the Union Army and was even used by the Confederates. Taps was made an official bugle call after the war. To learn more about “TAPS” go to <http://www.west-point.org/taps/Taps.html> and have a safe Memorial Day.

### UPDATE VA MEDICAL CARE

Why don't Veterans use their VA Health Care benefits? Many veterans do not use their veterans' benefits because they do not know they are eligible. Do not let it happen to you! New regulations have been proposed to allow VA to enroll certain Priority Group 8 (PG 8) Veterans in the VA health system. These Veterans would qualify if their household income does not exceed the current VA income thresholds ([means test threshold](#) and/or [geographic means test threshold](#)) by more than 10%. These proposed regulations should take effect in June 2009.

If you have applied for enrollment on or after January 1, 2009 and you were denied enrollment because your income exceeded the VA income threshold, VA will determine if you are eligible under this new rule, once the new regulations take effect. You will not need to submit another application for enrollment. If you are eligible under this new rule, they will notify you by mail. You will receive a letter from the VA Health Eligibility Center notifying you of your eligibility for enrollment and welcoming you to the VA health care system. Included with the letter will be instructions for getting care and how to obtain a Veterans Identification Card.

If you applied for enrollment before January 1, 2009 and were denied enrollment because your income was too high, VA encourages you to take advantage of their enrollment calculator at <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/apps/enrollmentcalculator/index.asp> to assist you in determining if you are now eligible for enrollment under this new regulation. Whatever your enrollment determination, VA encourages all Veterans to apply for enrollment as this will help us in our future planning and budget efforts as well as allow us to be in a better position to identify necessary funding levels to Congress.



The proposed changes (defined in Public Law 110-329) provide VA additional funding to allow expanded enrollment opportunity for certain Priority 8 veterans who may have been previously denied enrollment in VA's health care system because their income exceeded VA's means tests thresholds.

On the effective date of the regulation, a veteran who applies for enrollment, who does not qualify for a higher priority group and whose income exceeds VA's means test thresholds by 10% or less will be placed in a priority group that allows the veteran to be enrolled in VA's health care system.

Veterans often ask why some Vets are covered and some are not? There are many variables as to which priority of care you can receive from the VA and I always say that no two cases are the same. The bottom line though is if you are not enrolled, I can guarantee you will not be eligible when you need the care. Many seniors would be eligible for in-home health care or nursing care if they had used their VA benefits or had enrolled in the health care system when they were eligible. In order to be eligible for in home health care or possible nursing home costs you must be eligible and enrolled in the VA health care system. Furthermore, you must have the VA as your primary care manager and be seeing a VA Doctor.

Enrollment is simple; you can come into or call our office and request a VA Form 1010EZ. This form must be filled out completely. Once completed you can send it to our office or directly to the VA, your other choice is to take it directly to the VA Hospital and hand it to them.

We will provide transportation to and from the hospital and it will ensure they receive it and schedule you for an appointment. Either way I recommend that every Veteran enroll.

If you have, any questions about veteran's benefits contact the Medina County Veterans Service Office at 330-722-9368 or email us at [veterans@zoominternet.net](mailto:veterans@zoominternet.net)

## Wadsworth, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 1089 celebrates 75th Anniversary,

The Wadsworth Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1089 celebrated its 75th anniversary on March 14, 2009. In grand style they had a meal fit for kings and the post canteen was wall to wall Veterans. Al Shriver, 1089's Commander received a citation from the District 7 Commander Art Stone. Ladies Auxiliary President Debbie Pavick also received a citation from District 7 Chaplain Tracy Fife for 75 years of service. Al took this opportunity to present the first ever tooth-pick award to Joe Rogers, Commander of the Wadsworth American Legion. Joe will add this prestigious award to his already impressive collection which includes the key to the city of Wadsworth. The VFW also presented a check to the city for the fireworks display this year as well as a check to

the Salvation Army.

All-in-all everyone had a great time and it was a wonderful event. If you weren't there you can still get in on some of the excitement by going to one of their Saturday night Swiss Steak Dinners. That's right, the Wadsworth VFW has Swiss Steak almost every Saturday evening, so give Them a call at: (330) 336-5008 or just drop by. They are located at 121 Main St, Wadsworth, OH.



Better yet, want to become a member, There are three primary requisites for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States:

(1) Citizenship (2) Honorable service in the armed forces of the United States (3) Service entitling the applicant to the award of a recognized campaign medal or as set forth in the Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual. For a complete list of applicable medals go to the

website at: [http://www.jointheelite.org/TMP\\_Jan\\_2008\\_revised\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.jointheelite.org/TMP_Jan_2008_revised_FINAL.pdf)



Commander Al Shriver and District 7 Commander Art Stone - received the citation for the VFW



The Ladies Auxiliary President Debbie Pavick and District 7 Chaplain Tracy Fife - receives the citation for the Ladies



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# News Release

## VA Assisting Veterans with Health Care Costs

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will spend more than \$1.4 billion as part of President Obama's economic recovery plan to improve services to America's Veterans. VA's Internet site – [www.va.gov/recovery](http://www.va.gov/recovery) – provides current information about VA's work to deliver its portion of Recovery Act funds into the economy to benefit Veterans.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) enables the VA to improve medical facilities and national cemeteries, provide grants to assist states in acquiring or constructing state nursing homes and extended care facilities, and to modify or alter existing facilities to care for Veterans.

VA will dedicate ARRA funds to hire and train 1,500 temporary claims processors to speed benefits delivery to Veterans and pursue needed information technology initiatives for improved benefits and services. Funds will also be used to oversee and audit programs, grants, and projects funded under ARRA.

As part of the President's Recovery plan, VA will also make one-time payments of \$250 to eligible Veterans and survivors to mitigate the effects of the current economy. These payments will be issued as early as June 2009. VA estimates \$700 million in payments will be made to eligible beneficiaries as part of this measure.

To be eligible for the \$250 payment, VA beneficiaries must have received

compensation, pension, dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), or spina bifida benefits at any time between November 2008 and January 2009. Also, beneficiaries must reside within the United States or Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. No application is necessary. VA will use its existing payment records to determine eligibility for the \$250 payment.

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**Contact the Medina County Veterans Service Office at**

Call: Medina: 330-722-9368  
Brunswick/Hinckley: 330-225-7100 Ext. 9368 -  
Wadsworth: 330-336-6657 Ext. 9368  
Fax: 330-722-9378

E-mail: [veterans@zoominternet.net](mailto:veterans@zoominternet.net)

## Medina County Veterans Organizations Meeting Times and Places



Organization	Post #	Address	City, State	Meeting Times
American Legion	Post #234	Skyview Lodge Pearl Rd.	Brunswick	7:00 PM - First Thursday of each month
American Legion	Post #523	120 Bank Street, Lodi	Lodi, OH	7:00 PM - Second Thursdays of each month
American Legion	Post #202	620 N. Broadway St.	Medina, OH	7:00 PM - Fourth Monday of each month
American Legion	Post #608	North Main St	Spencer, OH	8:00 PM - First Monday of each month
American Legion	Post #170	125 Main Street	Wadsworth, Ohio	8:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
AMVETS	Post #1990	620 N. Broadway Street	Medina, OH	7:30 PM - Third Wednesday of each month
Disabled American Veterans		620 N. Broadway Street	Medina, OH	7:00 PM - Second Tuesday of each month
Forty et Eight	Voiture #601			
MARINE Corps League	DET #569	3916 Pearl Rd	Medina, OH	7:30 PM - Third Tuesday of each month
Medina County Women of the Military				
Military Order of Purple Heart	#557	620 N BROADWAY ST	MEDINA, OH	Meet quarterly - Call for times
Rolling Thunder	Chapter #8	3916 Pearl Rd.	Medina, OH	2-4 PM - Second Sunday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #9520	1439 S. Carpenter Road	Brunswick	7:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #6892	6299 Avon Lake Rd., Chatham Twp.	Spencer, OH,	8:00 PM - Second Tuesday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #5137	3916 Pearl Rd	Medina, OH	7:00 PM - First Tuesday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #8753	39 F Main St.	Seville, OH	8:30 PM - Third Thursday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #5563	6731 Center Rd.	Valley City	7:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #1089	121 Main Street	Wadsworth, Ohio	8:00 PM - First Tuesday of each month
Vietnam Veterans of America	Chapter #385	620 N. Broadway	Medina, Ohio	7:00 PM - First Wednesday of each month (no meeting in July)

Dates to Remember		
MAY	JUNE	JULY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>May 3—Loyalty Day Parade Valley City</i> </li> <li>• <i>May 8—V-E Day 1945</i></li> <li>• <i>May 10—Mothers Day</i> </li> <li>• <i>May 15—Peace Officers Memorial Day</i> </li> <li>• <i>May 16—Armed Forces Day</i></li> <li>• <i>May 25— Memorial Day</i> </li> </ul> <p><b>Veterans Service Office Closed on May 25 for Memorial Day</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>June 6—D-Day Anniversary</i> </li> <li>• <i>June 14—Flag Day &amp; U.S. Army Birthday</i></li> <li>• <i>June 21—Fathers Day</i></li> <li>• <i>June 23—Blue Tip Parade (Wadsworth)</i> </li> <li>• <i>June 25—Korean War Started 1950</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>July 4— Independence Day</i> </li> <li>• <i>July 27—Korean War Ends 1953</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>See at the Fair Next Month</b> The Medina County Fair begins Aug 2nd thru Aug 9th</p>  <p><b>Veterans Service Office Closed on July 3rd for Independence Day</b></p>

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### VA Assisting Veterans with Health Care Costs

Beneficiaries will receive their payments the same way they receive their monthly VA benefits (either by direct deposit or mail). VA will inform beneficiaries and the public when releasing the payments. This payment is not countable in determining eligibility for VA pension or Parents' DIC. The law allows one \$250 payment per individual. The payment is

tax-free. VA beneficiaries who also receive benefits from the Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board will be paid through those agencies, and will therefore not receive the payment from VA.

More details, including VA stimulus project timelines, will be available May 1, 2009.

**Wadsworth VFW**  
**Swiss Steak Dinner:**  
**May 16**  
**From 5 till 7 PM**





# Memorial Day Events Around Medina County



## Saturday May 23

- Rittman, Western Reserve National Cemetery: Flag Decoration 1:00 PM
- Medina, Harley Davidson Dealer Rte 18: Harley's Hero's Services for disabled veterans 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## Sunday May 24

- York TWP: Parade 2:00 PM
- Rittman, Western Reserve National Cemetery: Ceremony 3:00 PM

## Monday May 25

- Brunswick: The city's Memorial Day program will be held at 10 a.m. at Visintainer Middle School, 1459 Pearl Road. All organizations wishing to participate in the program and parade, which forms no later than 9:30
- Chatham Township: The program begins at 10 a.m. with a memorial service at the VFW Hall, followed by a parade.
- Granger Township: Granger's Memorial Day activities will begin at 9 a.m. with a parade from Highland Middle School to Granger Fairview Cemetery.
- Hinckley Township: The Memorial Day parade begins at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church and ends at the township Hall.
- Lodi: American Legion Post 523 will host a parade lining up at 8:30 a.m. and beginning at 9:00 from the American Legion Hall through the center of town to Woodlawn Cemetery.
- Medina: The city's Memorial Day festivities begin at the Medina County Courthouse on Public Square. There will be a brief ceremony at 10 am and a parade to Spring Grove Cemetery and guest speaker.
- Medina: Vietnam Veterans Memorial; Medina 12:00 PM for a brief ceremony.
- Seville: The parade begins at 1 p.m. in front of First Baptist Church.
- Spencer: The Memorial Day parade lines up at 8 a.m. at the Old School and starts at 9:00 proceeding to the Cemetery for a ceremony.
- Valley City: The parade lines up at 10:30 a.m. at the Township Community Center and steps off at 11:00.
- Wadsworth: The city's Memorial Day parade will form at 10:15 a.m. in front of the American Legion and VFW hall, and step off at 10:30.  
The Wadsworth American Legion will be serving a Memorial Day breakfast.
- Westfield Center: The Village's parade begins at 11 a.m. at Smucker Drive and ends at Friendsville Cemetery.

### If You're a Veteran, Don't Sit on the Sidelines Get Back in the Game

Any veteran interested in marching in a Memorial Day Parade please feel free to contact our office at 330-722-9368 for assistance .

The organizers of the Medina City Memorial Day Parade would like to cordially invite any and all Honorably Discharged Veteran to march in this years parade.

Dust off the old uniform, tighten-up the belt and polish those boots, cause we want you out there, if you can't march some of the parades will be able to accommodate you on a vehicle.

**Medina County  
Veterans Service Office  
Out-Reach Program for Wadsworth, OH**

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The Medina County Veterans Service Office provides an outreach center at the Center for Older Adults on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM



### In Flanders Fields By John

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.  
Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset

glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



## Medina County Veterans' Newsletter



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## Medina County Veterans Service Office Our Mission



### Our Pledge

*When you come into the County Veterans Service Office you will be assisted by one of our knowledgeable associates. The people that work in the Medina County Veterans Service Office have a compassionate understanding of the problems which confront veterans, widows, widowers, and their families.*

### We provide two basic services:

1. Temporary emergency

financial aid and assistance to eligible veterans and family members who have demonstrated a need as set fourth by the commission.

2. Assist veterans, family members and survivors when applying to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for benefits.

Our assistance includes but is not limited to:

### Financial Assistance:

- a. Rent and mortgage payments
- b. Utilities: Gas, Electric and Water
- c. Food and personal Hygiene items
- d. Medical
- e. Transportation to and from VA Hospitals in Brecksville and Cleveland, Ohio

- f. Grave markers and flags

### Service Assistance:

- a. Preparations of forms and paperwork
- b. Documentation of claims and pertinent data
- c. Proper submission of claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs thru a service organization
- d. Submission for awards decorations and medals
- e. Notary Public & DD 214 Certification

Our services are **FREE** of charge!

### Contact the Medina County Veterans Service Office at

210 Northland Dr.  
Medina, Ohio 44256

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