



# Medina County Veterans' Newsletter



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### Veterans' Service Outreach Office Opens in Lodi Community Hospital



As of June 2009 the Medina County Veterans' Service Office has opened an outreach center in the Lodi Community Hospital. We are excited about being able to bring our services a little closer to the Veterans of the Lodi and its surrounding communities. The Director of the Hospital, Tom Weylin and his staff have welcomed us with open arms and we feel this rela-

tionship will work well for the community.

This is a six month trial and we are in the conference room near the cafeteria. We will be in Lodi on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, from 1:00 till 3:00 PM.

We are able to provide most of the same services that we provide at our main office in Medina, although there are some services that our clients will have to continue to come into Medina for. This

Outreach Center does give the Vets a chance to come in and meet face-to-face with a Case Manager and get some answers to their questions. We are also able to provide emergency financial assistance to those that are eligible and are within the guidelines. Outreach is nothing new to us, we run an outreach office in Wadsworth on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the senior center.

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### Happy Birthday!

U.S. Air-Force  
August 1, 1946

U.S. Coast Guard  
August 4, 1790



U.S. AIR FORCE

### VA Reaches Out to Veterans and Spouses "Aid and Attendance" an Under-Used Benefit

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reaching out to inform wartime veterans and surviving spouses of deceased wartime veterans about an under-used, special monthly pension benefit called Aid and Attendance. "Veterans have earned this benefit by their service to our nation. They want to ensure that every veteran or surviving spouse who qualifies has the chance to apply." Although this is not a new program, not everyone is aware of his or her potential eligibility. The Aid and Attendance pension benefit may be available to wartime veterans and surviving spouses who have in-home care or who live in nursing-homes or assisted-living facilities. Many elderly veterans and surviving spouses whose incomes are above the congressionally mandated legal limit for a VA pension may still be eligible for the special monthly Aid and Attendance benefit if they have large medical expenses, including nursing home expenses, for which they do not receive reimbursement. To qualify, claimants must be incapable of self support and in need of regular personal assistance. The basic

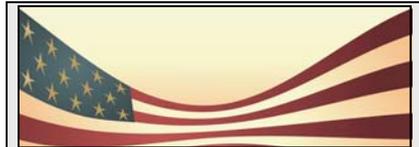
criteria for the Aid and Attendance benefit include the inability to feed oneself, to dress and undress without assistance, or to take care of one's own bodily needs. People who are bedridden or need help to adjust special prosthetic or orthopedic devices may also be eligible, as well as those who have a physical or mental injury or illness that requires regular assistance to protect them from hazards or dangers in their daily environment.

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### New MIRF Applications Now Available!

The Ohio Military Injury Relief Fund (MIRF) was created by House Bill 66 in June of 2005.

The purpose of the MIRF is to grant money to soldiers injured while serving on active duty in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) or Operation IRAQI FREEDOM *See Details on Page 5*



### Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair Monday, August 3rd

All veterans with an active ID card, VA ID card, veterans organization membership card or DD-214 with a picture ID will receive FREE admission to the fair on Monday, August 3rd.



**Commanders Corner**

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

Post Commanders were ANWL for this edition of the Newsletter. If you're a commander please send me your articles.

The Following article was submitted by David L. Bilinovich, National Service Officer and Assistant Supervisor Disabled American Veterans Cleveland, Ohio.



The Willie Marcum Chapter 72 serving Medina County, under Commander Robert Howes, is but one of one hundred Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapters here in Ohio. In fact, the DAV is the only veterans' service organization that was founded in Ohio.

The DAV was founded in 1920 by disabled veterans returning from World War I to represent their unique interests. In 1932, the DAV was congressionally chartered as the official voice of the nation's wartime disabled veterans and the headquarters remains in Cincinnati.

With our brave Americans leaving the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, the DAV's services and advocacy are as relevant and critical today as in any time in our nation's history. The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is a non-profit 501(c)(4) charity dedicated to building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families. Annually, the DAV represents more than 200,000 veterans and their dependents with claims for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense. The DAV's Voluntary Services Program operates a comprehensive network of volunteers who provide veterans free rides to and from VA medical facilities and improve care and morale for sick and disabled veterans.

In 88 offices throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico, the DAV employs a corps of approximately 260 National Service Officers (NSOs) who represent veterans and their families with claims for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Department of Defense and other government agencies. The Cleveland office's Acting Supervisor, David Bilinovich, is also a member of Medina's Chapter 72, as is the Medina CVSO Edward Zackery. Commander Howes has declared this a year of service to the community and Chapter 72 has or will support the Memorial Day Parade, the VAMC Brecksville Picnic, hand out food baskets to needy veterans as a Christmas in July community project, share a booth with the CVSO at the Medina County Fair and man a booth at the Cleveland Air Show.

The Chapter and its Auxiliary meet the second Tuesday of every month, at 7 PM, at the Veterans' Memorial Hall, 620 North Broadway, Medina, Ohio. All veterans and their family members are encouraged to visit a meeting.

## Local Kid Elected to Top Position at Buckeye Boys State

Mike Harvey from Buckeye High School was elected as the Attorney General for the Buckeye Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion Department of Ohio.

**Buckeye Boys State** is 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.

Founded in 1936, Buckeye Boys State is the largest Boys State program in the nation with an attendance of 1,300 young men annually. Boys State programs throughout the nation are sponsored by the American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization.

At Boys State, young men learn about city, county, and state government through a non-partisan objective education approach. The young men also form friendships which will last a lifetime! The American Legion also sponsors a Girl State.



**Mike Harvey along with American Legion members Leland Coddling and Ralph Waite from Post # 202 of Medina which sponsored him along with several others this year.**



**Medina County Veterans Service Office**  
**Out-Reach Program**  
**Wadsworth, OH**  
**And Now**  
**Lodi, OH**

The Medina County Veterans Service Office provides two outreach centers

1. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Center for Older Adults in Wadsworth
2. 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Lodi Community Hospital in Lodi



*Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared half to death.*

**Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff, United States Army**

# WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION

HONORING THE MEN & WOMEN WHO SERVED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM & OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Active Duty Military, Reservists, National Guard, Veterans & Their Families/ Loved Ones...



**Sunday, August 16, 2009**  
**12 pm until 6:00 pm**

Falls River Square, Riverfront Centre, Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
Food, Fun & Entertainment for the whole family; VA Health Care & Enrollment Information, VA Benefits Information, Community Resources

For Information, Contact:

Patricia Hall, OEF/OIF Program Manager  
440-526-3030 ext. 7500 or 216-701-5266

Sarah Beck, Consumer Affairs Specialist  
440-526-3030 ext. 6765

Website: [www.clevelandwelcomehome.com](http://www.clevelandwelcomehome.com)

  
Louis Stokes  
Cleveland VA Medical Center

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### Lodi Outreach Center

We chose Lodi because Veterans have indicated it is difficult to get transportation to Medina from Lodi and its surrounding communities. We have talked with the leadership at the local American Legion in Lodi and over the past year they have agreed that it might be



helpful. So it seemed like the right thing to do. We are going to try it for a 6 months and see if the need really exists. We ask that if your going to come in for something specific, may want to call us a day or so in advance at our main office so that way we can be prepared if we need to bring something special. A lot of times we will take information

back to our office and complete the work and return two weeks later for the client to sign, either way works for us as long as the veteran is taken care of. For more information call us at 330-722-9368.

### **FREE ADVERTISING**

#### **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 the dates listed below 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 |
|--------|-----------|
| Fall   | 10 Oct    |
| Winter | 10 Jan    |
| Spring | 10 Apr    |
| Summer | 10 July   |



### A Message From the County Veterans' Service Officer

Well a year has passed and this is the second volume of our quarterly newsletter. Although it has been received by our Veterans throughout the county with much enthusiasm it is my goal to have more input from the Commanders of the local Veterans Organizations. Commanders please feel free to drop me a note for the Commanders Corner so we can get it in print. People want to hear what you have to say about your organization, both locally and nationally. Help me help you get the word out!

The state of the Medina County Veterans Service Office has been extremely busy, with the down turn of the economy last fall we saw an increase in Veterans and their families who needed assistance, both financially and with compensation and pension through the VA. Our office reacted quickly to the needs of our veterans. By working with other agencies throughout the county we were able to provide financial assistance to families that might not have qualified in the past but were in a situation where if they did not get help they could loose everything.

We started new programs and have recently opened an outreach office in Lodi twice a month so that the Veterans in the southwestern part of the county have more accessibility to us. We also have tightened our belts due to the decrease in revenues throughout the county and our office is also feeling the pinch. Although this has not effected the benefits that we provide to our Veterans. Most of our cuts have been in operating expenses and an increased effort to deny benefits to those who may be trying to obtain them fraudulently.

Our office remains committed to serving Medina County's best and bravest residents', it's Veterans and their families. Again after my first year at the helm, I assure you that this office remains committed to assisting you in anyway it can.

We are Family!

Sincerely,  
Veterans' Service Officer

## SENIOR SECTION



### "PARADE REST"

Veterans and Their Benefits

Edward Zackery

Copied from the Helping Hands April/May Issue.

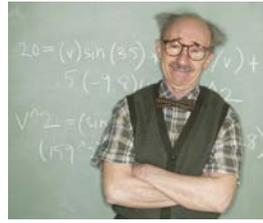
Another Memorial Day has passed and summer is in full swing here in Medina County. The different veteran's organizations have been busy over the past few months sponsoring different events and hosting parades. These organizations and their members are the backbone in our community when it comes to helping and serving our veterans.

On the local level they are instrumental in working with our local governments to ensure that events take place that help educate and promote patriotism and service to our country. By providing flags to our youngsters on Flag Day as well as teaching them respect and proper care of our National Colors. By helping to maintain more than seventy-eight different cemeteries throughout the county and making sure that the nearly ten-thousand veterans buried in them have an American Flag, signifying that they are a Veteran on Memorial Day. Not to mention the Western Reserve National Cemetery in the southern part of our county which our Veterans Organizations along with the surrounding counties keep an ever vigilant watch by helping to organize the Memorial Day activities. Combined with the local Scouting groups they mark every grave in the cemetery the Saturday before Memorial Day with an American Flag. Throughout the year, our veterans Organizations' work closely with the Western Reserve National Cemetery Staff to provide military honors at the funerals of our fallen Veterans.

On the National Level, these organizations continuously lobby our elected officials in Washington D.C. on current and past legislation that affects our Veterans. They have been instrumental in legislation that helps veterans receive much needed educational benefits for college and advanced training. Approaching Congress to do something about the nearly 660,000 claims pending for disability and survivor compensation and pensions for low-income

veterans, their labor paid off by adding an additional \$50 million dollars to the 2009 VA budget. The most recent matter occurred when the current administration planned to require private *insurance* carriers to reimburse the VA for service connected disability medical care. The VA has a moral obligation to pay for service-related *medical* care and several different veterans' organizations made certain that this remains the case.

So next time you pass by one of the many Veterans Organizations Post Homes, remember that a lot more goes on in there than you might think. In fact, you just might like to stop in and introduce yourself at the next meeting and see...



### Auditor Kovack Warns of Dangerous Scam in Medina County

Auditor Michael E. Kovack, Medina County Auditor, just received information from a resident of the County who was called by someone pretending to be with the Auditor's Office. The person indicated that he was in the area doing property reappraisals and needed to view the inside of their home. The scammer suggested that they didn't have to be home, "Just leave the door unlocked and we will check the house for you."

In almost all instances, the Auditor's reappraisal staff only views structures from the outside of the building. In any situation where the staff would enter a home, it is usually at the homeowner's request and by appointment with the owner required to be present.

Auditor Kovack stated, "This incident happened in the Wadsworth area, but may be occurring in other areas of the county. I urge you to call your local police if you receive a phone call or a visit from individuals purporting to be from my office and requesting access to your home. Please call my office if you have any questions or information leading to the arrest of these individuals. Our phone numbers are: Medina, 330.725.9756, Brunswick, 330.225.7100, ext. 9756 or Wadsworth, 330.336.6657, ext. 9756."

Sincerely,  
Michael E. Kovack  
Medina County Auditor

*Continued from front Page* For a war-time veteran or surviving spouse to qualify for this special monthly pension, the veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which was during a period of war, and be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Wartime veterans who entered active duty on or after September 8, 1980, (October 16, 1981, for officers) must have completed at least 24 continuous months of military service or the period for which they were ordered to active duty. If all requirements are met, VA determines eligibility for the Aid and Attendance benefit by adjusting for un-reimbursed medical expenses from the veteran's or surviving spouse's total household income. If the remaining income amount falls below the annual income threshold for the Aid and Attendance benefit, VA pays the difference between the claimant's household income and the Aid and Attendance threshold. The Aid and Attendance income threshold for a veteran without dependents is now \$18,234 annually. The threshold increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent, and by \$1,866 for each additional dependent. The annual Aid and Attendance threshold for a surviving spouse alone is \$11,715.

This threshold increases to \$13,976 if there is one dependent child, and by \$1,866 for each additional child. Additional information and assistance in applying for the Aid and Attendance benefit may be obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000. Applications may be submitted **o n - l i n e** at [www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp](http://www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp). Information is also available on the Internet at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or by calling our office.

**What is MIRF?** The Ohio Military Injury Relief Fund (MIRF) was created by House Bill 66 in June of 2005. The purpose of the MIRF is to grant money to soldiers injured while serving on active duty in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) or Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). **How do I apply for a MIRF grant?** Applications are available at your county's Veterans Service Office or contact our office at 1 (888) 296-7541, option 5. **What kinds of injuries qualify me for a MIRF grant?** Qualifying injuries include any physical injury suffered in the line of duty, or a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) incurred while serving on active duty in OEF/OIF. **The injury must have occurred while the service member was in receipt of hazardous duty, combat, or hostile fire pay in an OEF/OIF theater of operation. What documents are required with the application? DD 214 (or DD 215)** If still on active duty, the service member must provide proof of service (i.e., Leave and Earnings Statement, official letter from their Personnel Office, etc.) **Proof of Injury** - required for all applications. Must provide documentation proving that injury occurred while serving under Operation IRAQI



## Veterans Donate Flags to City of Medina



American Legion Post #202 along with seven other veterans Organizations presented 34 American Flags to the City of Medina at their council meeting in May 2009. Ralph Waite the spokesperson for the various organizations represent at least 2000 veterans that reside in Medina. The flags will be hung around the square in time for the Memorial Day Parade and will remain their throughout the summer. The various organizations that donated to the purchase of the flags were, VFW Post 5137, American Legion Post 202, The Marine Corps League DET. 569, AMVETS Post 1990, Vietnam veterans of America Chap. 385, Disabled American Veterans Chap. 72 and the Medina County Women of the Military.

FREEDOM or Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. **W-9 Form** - required for all *initial* applications. The form must be signed in BLUE ink. W-9s are available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). **Proof of Ohio Residency** - required for all applications. **Can I apply more than once?** The enabling legislation states that eligible veterans are entitled to more than one grant under this program. Individuals may apply once per state fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th).



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# News Release

## VA Reopening Health Care Enrollment to Thousands of Veterans

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which now has nearly 8 million Veterans enrolled in its award-winning health care system, is poised to welcome nearly 266,000 more Veterans into its medical centers and clinics across the country by expanding access to health care enrollment for certain Veterans who had been excluded due to their income. “This incremental approach to expanding enrollment ensures that access to VA health care for a greater number of beneficiaries does not sacrifice timely access or quality medical care for those Veterans already enrolled in VA’s health care system,” Dr. Gerald Cross, VA’s Acting Under Secretary for Health, said. “Over the next four years, we

hope to provide enrollment to more than 500,000 Veterans.” Under a new regulation effective June 15, VA will enroll Veterans whose income exceeds current means-tested thresholds by up to 10 percent. These Veterans were excluded from VA health care enrollment when income limits were imposed in 2003 on Veterans with no service-connected disabilities or other special eligibility for care. There is no income limit for Veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities or for Veterans being seen for their service-connected disabilities. Veterans who have applied for VA health care but were rejected due to income at any point in 2009 will have their applications reconsidered under the new income threshold formula. Those who applied

before 2009, but were rejected due to income, must reapply. VA will contact these Veterans through a direct-mail campaign, Veterans service organizations, and a national and regional marketing campaign. Information about enrollment and an income and assets calculator are available at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility). The calculator provides a format in which Veterans enter their household income, number of dependents, and zip codes to see if they may qualify for VA health care enrollment. In addition to applying online, Veterans may also contact VA’s Health Benefits Service Center at 1-877-222-VETS (1-877-222-8387). Each VA medical center across the country has an enrollment coordinator available to provide Vets with more information.

## 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      | 7:15 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) |

\*\*\* If the information above is not correct please contact our office so that we may update it.

| Dates to Remember  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| AUGUST   | SEPTEMBER  | OCTOBER   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aug 1—U.S. Air-Force Day </li> <li>• Aug 3—Military Appreciation Day, Medina County Fair </li> <li>• Aug 4—U.S. Coast Guard Birthday </li> <li>• Aug 8—Pig Roast, VFW Brunswick</li> <li>• Aug 16—Welcome Home Ceremony Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 7—Labor Day</li> <li>• Sept 12—MARINE Corps League, Golf Outing</li> <li>• Sept 12—Post Picnic, VFW Wadsworth</li> <li>• Sept 18—National POW/MIA Recognition Day </li> <li>• Sept 26—Clam Bake, Lodi American Legion</li> </ul> <p>Veterans Service Office Closed on Sept 7 for Labor Day</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct 12—Columbus Day </li> <li>• Oct 17—Sweetest Day </li> <li>• Oct 31—Halloween </li> </ul> <p>Veterans Service Office Closed on Oct 12 for Columbus Day</p> <p>Watch for the DAV Mobile Service Office Van in November, It will be in Medina County to help Veterans' with their claims for a day. Details in the next Newsletter.</p> |



### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Host Golf Outing



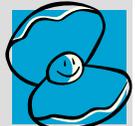
Deer Pass Golf Course in Seville, Ohio

- September 12, 2009; includes two person cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner afterwards.
- \$75.00 or \$25.00 for non-golfers.
- Contact Bob Compondu for information at 330-725-8505 or 330-242-2527

**Clam Bake  
Lodi American Legion**

*Tickets go on Sale August 1st,*

- Clam Dinner \$20
- Chicken Dinner \$15
- Extra Bag of Clams \$10



For information on any of these events call the organization listed or the Medina County Veterans Service Office for their number.

## Around the County

### Loyalty Day Parade in Valley City is a big Success...

Loyalty Day originally began as "Americanization Day" in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. The "Veterans of Foreign Wars County Council of Medina carries on this tradition annually. The first Sunday in May the VFW sponsors its annual Loyalty Day Parade. It is held in a different city/township every year however Valley City has made a tradition of trying to hold it within their community as much as possible. Don Pack Commander of VFW Post # 5563 of Valley City was instrumental in this years planning.



**Top:** VFW Post 1089 Wadsworth Color Guard.

**Center:** American Legion Post 2 34, Brunswick Float. **Bottom:** Cub Scout Pack receives their award for marching in the parade.

### DAV Mobile Service Center Visits Medina



Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Willie Marcum Chapter # 72 of Medina, Ohio and the

Medina County Veterans Service Office Sponsored the Mobile Service Center at Century Harley-Davidson in Medina. It was a great event for veterans to get information as well as have claims filled out "on the spot".

The Mobile Service Center will be returning to Medina County in November, stay tuned for the exact dates and location.

**Bob Howes, Chapter #72 Commander helps out at the Harley event in May.**



### Memorial Day in Medina County



**Above:** VFW Post # 8753 Marches in the Annual Memorial Day Parade in Seville, Ohio.



**Left:** Cub Scouts from around the County placed flags on the graves of veterans at The Western Reserve National Cemetery in preparation of Memorial Day. More than 13,000 graves were decorated by an estimated 500 scouts.



**Left:** MARINE Corps League Det. 569 Marches in the Memorial Day Parade in Medina Square.

**Right:** The Seelbach Family presents a wreath at the Memorial Day Service at the Western Reserve National Cemetery.



## 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

Call: 330.722.9368  
E-mail: [veterans@zoominternet.net](mailto:veterans@zoominternet.net)

### Medina County Veterans' Services

210 Northland Dr.  
Medina, Ohio 44256

Your Address could be here!

## Your Newest Edition of The Medina County Veterans' Newsletter

Would you rather receive this in you email in-box?

Send us an email at [veterans@zoominternet.net](mailto:veterans@zoominternet.net) and tell us.

Simply put NEWSLETTER in the subject area and tell us to stop regular mail delivery.

And it'll be in full color!