



# Medina County Veterans' Newsletter



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## VVA Chapter #385 Plans 20 Year Rededication of Medina County Vietnam Veterans Memorial

On May 31st, (Memorial Day) 2010 the Medina County Chapter #385 of the Vietnam Veterans of America will rededicate the Memorial that was built 20 years ago and stands as a remembrance to honor the 33 brothers-in-arms who died during the Vietnam War in Southeast Asia. The Memorial originally dedicated in 1990 was erected to

preserve their memory and the memory of their sacrifice and has done just that. Not just Veterans but people of all ages and from all walks of life have come to see the memorial. Recently 3 bus loads of high school seniors



planned a stop at the memorial to learn about the sacrifices made to ensure our country remains free. Chapter #385 invites you to join them in the rededication of this monument, and by honoring the memory of these 33 Medina County men that sacrificed their lives for us, you will also be honoring the memory of all veterans

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Happy Birthday!



June 14th United States Army 235 Birthday

July 4th United States of America 234 Birthday

## Clarification of Effects of Health Insurance Reform Legislation on Veterans

Reprinted from a DAV article dated, March 30, 2010



A number of DAV members and others have asked how the new health insurance reform law (Public Law 111-148, approved on March 23, 2010) would affect our nation's veterans. As many of you know, in general the new law requires most U.S. citizens and legal residents to obtain private health insurance coverage by 2014 or they (or their employers) will face financial penalties through the US Tax Code.

Under this new law, we interpret that all veterans enrolled in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care and their dependents and survivors under CHAMPVA, and all military families, military retirees and dependents enrolled in military health care, TRICARE, and TRICARE for Life, are deemed to have the minimum essential coverage that satisfies the individual requirement for health insurance coverage. As such, we believe these veterans and military families are not required to buy private coverage in addition to their government-provided health services, as the DAV had insisted to Congress and the Administration. Furthermore, under the new law but outside VA and the Department of

Defense (DOD), veterans and their family dependents, the same as all other Americans, may gain the option to buy a private plan through state-run insurance exchanges, beginning in 2014. Based on income limits, they may also be eligible for financial assistance in purchasing insurance coverage.

With all the misinformation that has appeared in the media and on the Internet, we can understand why some veterans and their families have become concerned about what they think might happen to them under the new law. One specific and unintended problem surfaced that concerns a few hundred severely disabled children of Vietnam and Korean War veterans with spina bifida, but that problem is being addressed now by the Veterans Committees in Congress with a technical correction. S. 3162, as passed by the Senate, would amend the reform law to guarantee that VA's spina bifida program for these children would be considered minimum essential coverage. Otherwise, we believe veterans who rely on VA health care and their family members who rely on CHAMPVA will be unaffected by the new health reform law.

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**Medina County Veterans' Service Office is now an accredited representative of the following service organizations.**

- American Legion
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)
- Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
- Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)
- Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS)
- National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO)



Visit our Website at

<http://www.co.medina.oh.us/veteran/veteranshome.htm>



**To Honor Those  
Serving in the  
American Armed Forces**

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**Please join us on  
Medina's Historic Square,  
7:30 pm ~ Saturday, May 15  
for a Candlelight Vigil**



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TO BE  
AMERICAN**

Presented by Rolling Thunder, Chapter 8, Medina, Ohio  
in cooperation with Life Care Center of Medina

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



**MEDINA COUNTY  
VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE and  
COMMISSION**



**OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
From  
11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

You're invited to our open house, with free hotdogs, chips and a drink (while they last).

This is our way to thank all of our partners that assist us in taking care of our Veterans throughout the county.

Without you we would not be able to accomplish our mission with the amount of success that we currently do.

So please stop by to see our office, meet the commissioners and office staff and also ask any questions you may have about our office.

**All Veterans are Invited!!!**



## Employer Outreach Event



*You are cordially invited to attend the Employer Outreach Event hosted by Golf Company 237<sup>th</sup> BSB May 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 1:00pm. to experience what your employed soldier accomplishes during their drill weekends as well as their essential role in the unit.*

*There will be drinks and Hors d'œuvre along with activities sponsored by the unit. Please RSVP no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> by informing your soldier or contacting SSG Slavings at (614) 336-6911 [daniel.slavings@us.army.mil](mailto:daniel.slavings@us.army.mil)*

*The unit is located at  
920 W. Lafayette Road  
Medina, Oh 44256*






## Loyalty Day Celebrations

**Medina County:**

The Medina County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its annual Loyalty Day celebration on Sunday, May 2nd at 2:00 PM. This year's program will be held at Concord Little Theatre Auditorium at the Brunswick High School. Please enter at the west entrance to the high school. The Program will begin at 2:00 PM, with participants arriving at 1:30 PM.

**Medina City:**

The Medina City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5137 will hold its first ever Loyalty Day Celebration at the Post Home at 3916 Pearl Rd in the city of Medina. The ceremony will commence at 2:00 PM on May 2nd.



## The United States Army Field Band

The Musical Ambassadors of the Army, Washington, DC

**The U. S. Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus**

...will make a visit to Medina on July 1 to do a concert at the Performing Arts Center at the High School.

**Medina County Veterans' Service Office , Out-Reach Program - Wadsworth, Ohio**

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

Watch for times and ticket information, in your local newspa-

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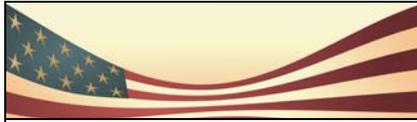
**Wadsworth Veterans to Dedicate Memorial In Clinton, Ohio to the Wadsworth 13 on Mother's Day 2010**

The Wadsworth's Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bench will be placed at the Ohio Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park in Clinton, Ohio. Those memorialized on the bench will be Army Cpl. Sidney Rohler, Air Force Capt. Alan Trent, Army Cpl. Paul Bachman, Army Sgt. Robert Bowman, Marine Cpl. Daniel Christian, Army Pfc. James Clark, Marine 2nd Lt. David Ferguson, Marine Lance Cpl. James Huff, Army Pfc. David Mitchell, Army Sgt. Donald Perkins Jr., Army SP4 Darrell Lee Reid, Army Sgt. Bruce Spring and Army Cpl. Ronald Van Duzer. This memorial will help to honor all those young men from Wadsworth who gave their lives in Vietnam. Additionally a memorial plaque for the Wadsworth 13 will also be placed in Wadsworth's Memorial Park. This plaque will provide a place in Wadsworth to honor those 13 loved



ones we lost so long ago. . . .

"We will be dedicating the bench on Mother's Day, May 9 at 2:00 PM. Please plan to attend and be part of this dedication to honor our fallen heroes."



Part of the American dream is to live long and die young. Only those Americans who are willing to die for their country are fit to live.

- **General Douglas MacArthur**



*Continued From front page* Nonetheless, in an overabundance of caution due to ambiguous language, legislation has been introduced to clarify the intent of the law, as follows:

- H.R. 4887, already passed by the House and pending in the Senate (S. 3148), would provide that coverage under TRICARE and DOD's Non-appropriated Fund Health Benefits Program (for DOD employees of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and others) constitutes minimal essential health care coverage as required by the health reform law.
- H.R. 4894 would amend the health reform law to ensure nothing in that law could be construed to diminish the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of Defense over the VA and DOD health care programs, respectively. This bill would also directly amend the reform law to ensure that enrollment in DOD or VA health care is considered minimum essential coverage.

DAV will remain vigilant to protect the VA health care system upon which so many service-connected disabled veterans rely. We will also continue to monitor the implementation of the health insurance reform law to ensure that it will not adversely impact our nation's wartime disabled veterans, their families or dependents.



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

Our Veterans organizations need you! The veterans organizations nationwide are seeing membership drop along with most other of our community civic organizations. Our veterans organizations serve within the community by providing leadership and programs that promote Americanism and loyalty to our Nation. At the state level veterans organizations provide service officers who are experts in dealing with and filing claims for our veterans with the VA. At national level veterans organizations continuously lobby our legislators in Washington DC to ensure our rights as veterans are not taken from us.

Without the community organization or what has become known as the Post Home for most of these organizations the state and national organization will cease to function in the manner it has in the past. We will lose our voice with congress on veterans benefits and the rights that we have earned as Veterans. When a veterans post closes up and ceases to exist we are not just losing a local place to have a bar-b-cue or the leadership which organizes the Memorial Day Parade, we are losing numbers of veterans that to our elected officials are voters. We are losing the sense that we stand together along with all the other veterans of that organization across this great country. We are losing a unified voice at the state and national level that has ensured our rights will not be forgotten by our elected officials.

So next time you're asked to join a veterans organization don't think about how much you may not want to be involved at the local bar-b-cue, instead think about whether you want your rights and the rights of other veterans who swore to protect and defend our constitution to continue to be protected. Think about our future veterans and whether they deserve a voice.

So get out and join...you might just like being involved too!  
Sincerely,  
Veterans' Service Officer  
Medina County , Ohio

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

Deadlines for all submissions are:

Issue	Submit by
Summer	1 July



**Brunswick VFW Post #9520**  
1439 S. Carpenter Road, Brunswick, OH

**Thursday Night Dinner—\$5.00**  
**4:30—Untill Sold-out**



### “PARADE REST”

Veterans and Their Benefits

Edward Zackery

Copied from the Helping Hands APR/MAY  
2010 Issue

An important benefit that veterans and their widows may be eligible for is a non-service connected pension, which is called Aid & Attendance (A&A). Aid & Attendance can help defray the costs of Assisted Living or large out of pocket medical expenses. This pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans who have limited or no income, who are ages 65 or older, or if under 65, are permanently and totally disabled. Veterans who are more seriously disabled may qualify for Aid and Attendance or [Housebound](#) benefits. Generally, you may be eligible if: you were discharged from service under conditions other than dishonorable, and you served at least 90 days of active military service, 1 day of which was during a war time period. If you entered active duty after September 7, 1980, generally, you must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty (There are exceptions to this rule). Your countable family income must be below a yearly limit set by law. (The yearly limit on income is set by Congress).

There are many factors involved when applying for Aid & Attendance the most important of which are income and assets. You can use out of pocket medical expenses to reduce your monthly/yearly income. However if you do not fully understand the law you may incur a pay back to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). That is why it is important to contact your County Veterans' Service Officer to discuss this benefit. We recommend that if you think you may be eligible for this benefit you should contact our office to set up an interview to discuss your particular situation.

Veterans are a target market for companies trying to sell their products and services and often use the Aid & Attendance benefit to lure our veterans. Assisted Living, Nursing Home and even Funeral Directors have a large majority of veterans and their widows interested in their products. These businesses ag-

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gressively try to earn the veterans business. We must ensure that the Veteran and their widow's best interests are being looked after.

Several companies have tried to attract veterans and their widows by promising the VA pension known as “Aid & Attendance”. There are several businesses, which claim to be advocates for our veterans but be warned many will try the old “Bait and Switch” tactic only hoping to lure them in with benefits they may entitled to and should be free of charge. They then charge exorbitant fees for their services. These companies claim to be trained in veteran's services, which catches the attention of many of our veterans and their families. Under very few circumstances do you need a financial planner, insurance agent or



attorney when filing for these benefits. No one can influence or expedite your claim through the VA however, an accredited veteran's service officer can complete and submit your claim to the Veterans Administration and act on your behalf when filing for Aid & Attendance. Most of the sales representatives that brief this entitlement are hoping to find a client that needs to buy one of their services that go along with this entitlement (i.e. long term insurance, annuities, elder care planning). Most are not accredited by the Veterans Administration and have no formal training in filing claims for veterans.

I personally ask those that are responsible for taking care of our aging veteran's population to think before you let these predators gain access to America's Veterans and their Widows. Several of these so-called advocates have been reported to the Ohio Attorney Generals Office and the Inspector General's Office for Veterans Affairs. The Ohio Department of Veterans Services

(ODVS) has received many complaints about claims filed with incomplete information and later the veteran or widow is made to pay back exorbitant amounts of money to the Federal Government.

The Medina County Veterans Service Office (MCVSO) is a state mandated agency dedicated to aiding county veterans during times of need. We are recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and accredited by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) to assist you when filing for these benefits. The County Veterans Service Office has the mission to provide temporary aid and assistance to veterans, dependants and widows in time of need.

**OUR SERVICES ARE FREE. YOU EARNED THEM!**

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) or catch us on the web at <http://www.co.medina.oh.us/veterans/veteranshome.htm>

### Ohio Veterans Bonus

Update: March 1, 2010

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) is diligently creating an application process so that eligible veterans can request the bonus that was overwhelmingly approved by Ohio voters last November third.

ODVS has drafted a comprehensive set of rules that will be reviewed in the Ohio Legislature by the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. At the same time, the Ohio Public Facilities Commission is taking the necessary steps so that the bonds which will finance the bonuses can be created, advertised and sold to investors. Several other crucial but time-consuming steps also are underway:

1. Computer software and programs are being created to review the applications and determine

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**Ohio Veterans Bonus Update Continued:**

trained to process the applications that could come from an estimated 200,000 veterans who are Ohio residents.  
 3. When applications are submitted, all information must be verified with military and other records to ensure that veterans are eligible and that they are applying for all that they have earned.  
 Nobody can accurately predict when

eligibility.  
 2. Staff must be hired and

ODVS will tell eligible veterans to begin applying for the bonus and when the first checks will be mailed. Based on the experiences of other states however, ODVS hopes to be mailing the first checks in October. Then, the process will continue for several months as applications are received and processed.

ODVS wants to ensure that the application process is user friendly for Ohio veterans and that our veterans get the service they

deserve. DVS will use the news media, this Web site and various other



communications vehicles to tell eligible veterans when it is ready to receive their bonus applications. The Ohio Department of Veterans

Services wants the bonus application and approval process to be easily understood, accurate and efficient.



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# News Release

## Secretary Shinseki Announces Gulf War Task Force Report

### *Comprehensive approach to delivering care and benefits to Veterans*

WASHINGTON – Today, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced that the department’s Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses Task Force has nearly completed a comprehensive report that will redefine how VA addresses the pain and suffering of ill Veterans who deployed during the Gulf War in 1990 and 1991.

“At VA, we advocate for Veterans – it is our overarching philosophy and, in time, it will become our culture,” Secretary Shinseki said. “Every day we must challenge our assumptions to serve our Nation’s Veterans.”

The mission of VA’s Gulf War Task Force is to identify gaps in services as well as opportunities to better serve Veterans of the Gulf War. Of the almost 700,000 service members who deployed to Operation Desert Shield in 1990 and Operation Desert Storm in 1991, there have been 300,000 Gulf War Veterans with claims decisions, over 85 percent were granted service connection for at least one condition, and over 14 percent were not granted service connection for any condition.

“We must learn from the past and take the opportunity to

anticipate the future needs of our Veterans,” Shinseki said. “This new approach is the first step in a still unfolding comprehensive plan of how VA will treat and compensate Veterans of the Gulf War era.”

The chairman of the Gulf War Task Force is John R. Gingrich, Chief of Staff at Veterans Affairs and retired Army officer who served during the Gulf War. “Reaching out to Gulf War Veterans is not only essential to our transformation of VA, for many of us it is also personal,” Mr. Gingrich said. “Having commanded troops in Gulf War, and then witness some of them fall to mysterious illnesses has been very difficult to watch. With this Task Force, I am hopeful we can provide these men and women a better quality of life.”

VA’s Gulf War Task Force recommendations build on the findings from the 2008 VA Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Illnesses. The Task Force’s recommendations include:

- Improve data sharing with Department of Defense to notify Veterans of potential exposures, monitor their long-term health and inform them about decisions regarding additional follow up.

- Improve the delivery of benefits to Veterans with Gulf War-related disabilities by
- Reviewing, and if necessary, updating regulations affecting Gulf War Veterans.
- Expanding training for VBA examiners on how to administer disability claims with multiple known toxin exposure incidents.
- Improve VA healthcare for Veterans through a new model of interdisciplinary health education and training.
- Increase number of long term, Veteran-focused studies of Veterans to enhance the quality of care VA provides.
- Transition from reactive to proactive medical surveillance to help better manage Veterans’ potential hazardous exposures.
- Find new treatments for Gulf War Veterans through new research.
- Enhance outreach to provide information and guidance to Veterans about benefits and services available to them for injuries/illnesses associated with Gulf War service.

## Medina County Veterans Organizations Meeting Times and Places



Organization	Post #	Address	City, State	Meeting Times
American Ex-Prisoners of War	Chapter #8	244 West South Street,	Wooster, OH	2:00 PM - 1st Sunday of each month
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		
MAY	JUNE	JULY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>May 2—Loyalty Day Parade (Brunswick &amp; Medina 2:00PM)</i></li> <li>• <i>May 9—Wadsworth Thirteen Monument Dedication (Clinton, Ohio ; Vietnam Veterans Memorial) 2:00PM</i></li> <li>• <i>May 9—Mothers Day</i></li> <li>• <i>May 13—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM</i></li> <li>• <i>May 16—Honor Flight Spaghetti Dinner, Elyria VFW 1079; 1:00PM</i></li> <li>• <i>May 16—Employer Outreach, Medina Armory 1:00PM</i></li> <li>• <i>May 20—Medina County Veterans Service office Open House 11:30—2:00 PM</i></li> <li>• <i>May 30 &amp; 31 VVA #385 Reunion</i></li> <li>• <i>May 31—Memorial Day</i></li> </ul> <p>Veterans Service Office Closed on: May 28 -31 for Memorial Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>June 10—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM</i></li> <li>• <i>June 12 -13—Ohio's Boy/Girl State Begins</i></li> <li>• <i>June 14—Flag Day</i></li> <li>• <i>June 14—US Army 235th Birthday</i></li> <li>• <i>June 15—Blue Tip Parade, Wadsworth, Ohio</i></li> <li>• <i>June 20—Fathers Day</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>July 1—US Army Field Band &amp; Chorus, Medina Performing Arts Center</i></li> <li>• <i>July 4—Independence Day</i></li> <li>• <i>July 8—Veterans Service Commission meeting 4: 00 PM</i></li> </ul> <p>Veterans Service Office Closed on: July 5—for Independence Day</p> <p><b>SEE YOU AT THE MEDINA COUNTY FAIR IN AUGUST!</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>The Medina County Women of the Military is looking for you!</b></p> <p><b>If you're a women veteran and from Medina County contact:</b></p> <p>P.O. Box 1812 Medina, Ohio 44258-1812 <a href="mailto:mcwomilitary@yahoo.com">mcwomilitary@yahoo.com</a></p> </div>
 <p><b>Swiss Steak Dinner—Wadsworth VFW Post # 1089</b> <b>Apr 17 &amp; May 15 5:00—7:00 PM</b></p>		



## Memorial Day Events Around Medina County

(be sure to check dates and times with your local newspaper of township committees for accuracy)



### Saturday May 29

- 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

## MEMORIAL DAY



### Sunday May 30

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

### Monday May 31

- 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 1:30 PM Rededication Ceremony of the Medina County Vietnam Memorial Service, sponsored by the Medina County VVA Chapter #385.
- 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.



### VVA #385

*Continued from front page* who have given their lives in the service of their Country throughout history. The design of the memorial incorporates the number 3 and combinations of that number whenever possible to honor the 33 men who lost their lives from Medina County.



### Rededication Ceremony Medina County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commemorates 20 Years of Remembering

Memorial Day 2010; 1:30 PM



The Medina Chapter of the Vietnam Vets of America (VVA) invites you to the rededication ceremony for the Medina County Vietnam Veterans

Memorial this Memorial Day immediately following the Memorial Day Ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery in Medina. The rededication will be at 1:30 PM, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is located at 246 Northland Drive next to the County Veterans' Service Office. Events include:

1. Color Guard
2. Wreath Laying
3. Guest Speakers
4. Memorabilia
5. Rededication
6. Social



There will also be a VVA #385 reunion on Sunday at the All veterans Hall at 620 Broadway St. in Medina at 2:00PM, All are welcome.

## 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)

**Business Name**  
Veterans' Service Office

**Primary Business Address**  
Your Address Line 2

Your Address could be here!

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

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