

VFW

News and Notes

An organization of Veterans
Who have fought
America's foreign wars
on land and sea and in the air



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VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988



Post 10523 Anniversary – Many years ago, forty-five veterans got together at the Wigwam Restaurant in Canal Winchester to submit to the VFW Department of Ohio their request for a Charter for a VFW post in Canal Winchester - and on October 12, 1988, the Charter was approved. They wanted an organization to serve combat veterans, promote patriotism, and carry out community services. Thirty-three (33) years later, look where we came from, how we have grown, and the many activities and functions we accomplish each year to help our fellow veterans and their families - as well as serve our community!

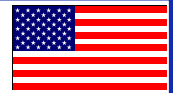


FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: We had another good turn-out for our September meeting with 20 of us showing up taking care of post business. Many topics were discussed so make sure you read the highlights in our post newsletter. Speaking of our post newsletter, as you can tell I'm still filling in as the editor and we are still looking for a permanent editor. So, if you want a challenge and rewarding job with the post, now is your time to step up and volunteer your services. Our post golf outing was another successful venture with over 30 teams showing up on a hot and windy Sunday to enjoy 18 rounds of fun. After the golf, we had a dinner for all as well as door prizes for everyone. None of this would have happened without your post golf committee headed up by Rich Holter and all of the folks that showed up to volunteer their services where needed, thanks to all and looking forward to next year's outing. As post newsletter editor, my column here will be shorter due to the articles that I'm doing to keep our newsletter viable and newsworthy. I'll close for now so take care of you and your family and enjoy the upcoming fall weather. **"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."**

J. Rick Williams, Commander— VFW Post 10523

COMING UP ... IN THE POST



- Oct 11... Post Officer Planning Meeting
- Oct 14... VFW Meeting, Post 10523
- Oct 28... After-Halloween Party, 7:30PM

VIRTUAL HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight Columbus hosted a virtual honor flight for long time post member Earl Kantner on September 10th at his home. This is a new program designed to honor those veterans that are not able to travel due to age and health issues will get to enjoy the Honor Flight experience from their residences. The event was attended by 11 post members, Amanda Lemke, Linda Tennison, Marion Breidenbach, Joe Machado (Honor Flight Columbus), Earl's wife Onn, his son John and daughter Kim. All those present were overwhelmed by the ceremony and were happy to share the experience with Earl and his family. Thanks to all that were able to attend and those participating in honoring a WWII veteran. Commander Williams will have photos of the event to share at the Post meeting.



FOUNDERS DAY CEREMONY — On September 25th Commander Williams, Bob Taylor, and Tom Richards attended the Founder's Day ceremony held at Greenlawn Cemetery. This ceremony was to honor the 12 comrades who started the American Veterans of Foreign Service, later renamed the Veterans of Foreign Wars, on September 29, 1899. This ceremony was at the gravesite of James Romanis. Speakers for 122nd anniversary of our founding were VFW Commander -in-Chief, Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic, State Commander, James Hordinski, and Dept. Auxiliary President, Teresa Singh. This annual ceremony is attended by the 12 VFW Districts in Ohio with as many post members that can attend with their post colors.





FROM OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER

Article Submission by
Post Service Officer Bruce Ceneskie

THE VFW HAS A NEW PODCAST, **#STILLSERVING**. THIS VFW PODCAST IS A NEW SHOW FOR VETERANS BY VETERANS. THE PODCAST WILL HIGHLIGHT CRITICAL ISSUES, CHALLENGES, AND LEGISLATION AFFECTING VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND MILITARY FAMILIES WORLDWIDE. SIMPLY GO TO VFW.ORG/PODCAST.



SOME VETERANS, SPOUSES AND CAREGIVERS CAN RECEIVE A PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER SHOT FROM VA. IN LINE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) AND CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC), ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A FULL SERIES OF THE PFIZER-BIONTECH VACCINE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AGO HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE A PFIZER BOOSTER SHOT.



POW/MIA — Commander Williams attended the POW/MIA vigil held at the Reynoldsburg VFW Post 9473 on Friday, September 17th. This ceremony has been observed for the past 34 years and is in honor of those still missing and possibly prisoners so that they will not be forgotten and to keep our government working with foreign governments to continue the search for their return home.

Past Department Commander David Root (2018-2019), spoke of his experience while serving aboard an aircraft carrier off Vietnam and one of his fighter pilots that was shot down and went missing and how he continues to this day keeping in touch with the family members. If you have never attended this ceremony, consider attending next year.

HALLOWEEN PARTY—

The annual after Halloween Party that our Post sponsors with CW Human Services will happen on October 28th at 7:30pm at the Community Center. Last year's event was cancelled (Covid-19), so we are hoping for a good turn-out this year with our returning magic show presented by Joe Lyons of heyjoemagic.com. The program lasts about 30 to 45 minutes with a costume contest and goody bags for the kids. Come and help us keep everything moving along—and enjoy watching the faces of the kids during the magic show and passing out the bags at the conclusion!



NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER POST MEETING



- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CDR WILLIAMS
- THREE MEMBERS WILL BE GOING ON THE HONOR FLIGHT SEPTEMBER 23: BRUCE CENESKIE, TOM RICHARDS, AND JEFFREY WRIGHT.
- TOM RICHARDS LED DISCUSSION ON FW'S SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM
- BLAKE FIRESTONE TALKED ABOUT THIS YEAR'S VOD (VOICE OF DEMOCRACY) PROGRAM.
- TOM RICHARDS TALKED ABOUT THE "SUITS FOR HEROES" PROGRAM HEADED UP BY MADEL O'NEAL, HOMETOWN VOLUNTEER, FOR HER 7TH YEAR PROVIDING SUITS FOR VETERANS TO DRESS SHARP FOR JOB INTERVIEWS.
- VFW FOUNDERS DAY SEPT 28 AT GREENLAWN CEMETERY, OUR 122 YEARS AS AN ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED BY AND FOR COMBAT VETERANS TO HELP GET THE BENEFITS THEY EARNED.
- RICH HOLTER SPOKE ON OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL GOLF OUTING ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND THANKS NOT ONLY THE 30 TEAMS BUT TO POST VOLUNTEERS.
- CHUCK KELLER FROM THE DISTRICT 11 WAS AT OUR POST TO DO THE ANNUAL POST INSPECTION TO ENSURE WE ARE COMPLYING WITH ALL THE VFW REGULATIONS; WE HAD NO ISSUES. HE MET WITH COMMANDER WILLIAMS, QUARTERMASTER BOB VANCE, AND ADJUTANT TOM RICHARDS.
- BOBBIE MERSHON ATTENDED THE DISTRICT 11 MEETING FOR COMMANDER WILLIAMS ON SEPT 12
- WE HAD A COLOR GUARD LEAD THE FOUNDERS DAY PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 4 FOR THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER. JOHN & MARSHALL CRABTREE HAD THEIR SHOOTING TANK AND ALL ENJOYED WHAT CAME OUT OF THE CANNON!
- MOTTS MILITARY MUSEUM HAD A CEREMONY FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 AND COMMANDER WILLIAMS ATTENDED.
- REMINDER OF THE CANAL WINCHESTER AFTER HALLOWEEN PARTY THAT OUR POST AND HUMAN SERVICES SPONSOR. WILL BE LOOKING FOR HELP ON OCTOBER 28TH AT 7:30 PM.
- MEETING ADJOURNED; NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 14

OCTOBER

VFW POST 10523 MEETING



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

CW COMMUNITY CENTER

22 S. TRINE ST.

CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

DATE: Thursday, October 14, 2021

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP