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POST 52'S NEWS

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Our Troops >>>

**Project
Support our
Troops**

UPCOMING PACKINGS:

- *To Be Announced*
 - *(see info on page 2)*
- Visit us at:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Support-Our-Troops/> We are accepting stateside names and addresses, in addition to those deployed! Reach out to your friends and neighbors and let's get as many soldiers' boxes as we can.

Please Contact: Kim
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OR

OR

Laurie Davis at (814) 853-8145

Commander's Comments

Well, it's Labor Day and summer is about over. I would like to remind everyone one we are an all-volunteer Veterans organization with 100% of all our proceeds going to help veterans. Our Motto is "We Are People Who Care" and the fantastic teamwork of everyone shows that on a regular basis. We made it through a week at the Crawford County Fair. Thank you to everyone who took a few hours to help.

Our POW/MIA Vigil is just around the corner. The Vigil is September 18th, and the Ride for Freedom is September 19th. This is an event that the organization was founded on. When we were formed in the early days of VVnW, our Mission was to Never Forget our POW/MIA's and demand the fullest accounting of what happened to them. Please help us continue this mission. Thank you to everyone who helps out in any way, so we are able to take care of our soldiers in harm's way, protecting us from all the bad things the media and our government don't tell you about. Keep them safe.

Thanks to everyone for your continued prayers for myself and other post members who are experiencing health issues. It truly makes a difference and we continue our healing journey daily.

Yours In Brotherhood,
Phil 814-282-9737

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on Post information at
www.post52.com**



*School has resumed in our area,
stay safe on the highways!*

**Please send us your
email so you can
receive your
newsletter monthly
and in full color!**

Post Meetings:
All Post monthly
meetings are
scheduled for the 3rd
Monday of the month at
7:00pm. Next meetings
are September 21,
October 19, &
November 16.

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If you believe you own a particular meme, please contact us.

Details and Dates.....

PROJECT SUPPORT OUR TROOPS – We continue to be on hold. We have military contacts who will update us when we can ship again. We're hopeful it won't be much longer.

Next Post 52 meeting September 21st – 7 pm

Ride for Freedom -- If you can't attend meeting(s), but would like to help with this important event, please contact Myke Bennett at 814-439-0929.

The Post is closed for Saturday dinners the month of September and will reopen October 3rd. There are many things going on this month.

Help is needed for those projects.

Ride for Freedom – see enclosed flier (pg. 3)
(Ride shirt info this page)

Annual POW/MIA Vigil, Friday, September 18th.

Candle lighting ceremony 8:00 PM

Ride for Freedom, Saturday, September 19th.

September 19th is the 1-year anniversary of Harold Beerbower passing. Come out and show some love for Harold. For those of you who may not know who Harold Beerbower was, he was a Korean war veteran held in prison camp for 27 months. One of the kindest men in Crawford County. We miss you, Harold.

See attached flier for details (page 3)

Ride tees will be available at the Ride for Freedom and at the Post after October 3rd.



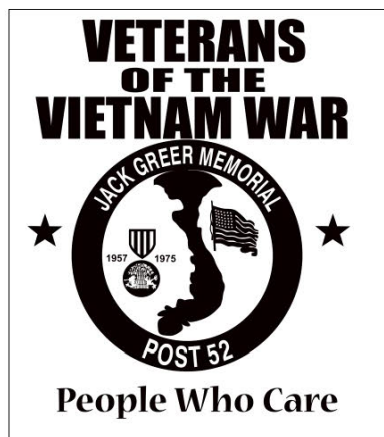
FRONT



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2026

POW/MIA VIGIL

FRIDAY, September 18, 2026

6 pm - Midnight

We will honor all POW/MIA's from all wars at the Candle lighting Ceremony in Diamond Park beginning at 8 PM. Reading of the names of those still missing from Pennsylvania will be read followed by the lighting of the candles. Vigil ends at Midnight.

RIDE FOR FREEDOM

SATURDAY, September 19, 2026

Staging for the Ride at The Goat Bar, 11780 Route 618, Conneaut Lake, PA. Food & drink available

Staging 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Ride for Freedom Tees available. Bikes depart promptly at 2 pm and proceed to Diamond Park, Meadville, PA.

A short ceremony will be held immediately following arrival of the bikes.

Ride shirts available at the Crawford County Fair, Post 52 and at staging before departure

Sponsored by Veterans of the Vietnam War, Post 52
Questions call 814-282-9737

Summer 2026 Images -- August



Color guard members who marched in the Cochranon Parade on August 5th.

From left to right: Del Preston, Ken Novosel, Tracy Gutfreund, Myke Bennett, Norm M'Sadoques and Marshall Lillie.

The afternoon started with a pretty wicked storm with torrential rain, thunder and lightning.

It stopped just in time for the parade to be held, however, the humidity set in immediately after the storm and it was quite a warm walk for everyone! GREAT JOB!

COCHRANTON COMMUNITY FAIR PARADE

Post 52 Color Guard had the honor of being Grand Marshal in the Cochranon Fair Parade. The parade committee chose to honor Color Guards due to the 250th Birthday of the USA. The 2026 theme was "Freedom!" Our Color Guard joined the Cochranon American Legion Post 836 in leading the parade as always. The Jeep is dressed and ready to roll. The Color Guard also received a certificate for serving as Grand Marshal.



MORE COOL EVENTS



The Veterans Resource Fair was held Thursday, August 6th.

Thank you to Norm M'Sadoques, Jack Sheets and Pete Duarte for representing the Post at this event. Rich Anton stopped by for a chat!



Vice-Commander, Del Preston, had the honor of presenting their nephew, Justin, with a congratulatory letter for earning his Eagle Scout Badge. Justin's main project to earn that title took 298 hours to complete.

CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR

As usual, the weather wasn't the best for this year's Fair. Attendance was down considerably. As usual the 50/50 was popular. Thanks to the workers who helped out! Here are some highlights on the next few pages:



Thursday night (set-up began) – fun time building the booth. Thanks to Del Preston, Myke Bennett, Tony Digiaco, Adam Novosel and Jake Novosel.

Set up on Friday evening.
Pictured left to right: Myke Bennett, Tony Digiaco, Del & Sheila Preston, Rich Littlefield, Laurie Davis.

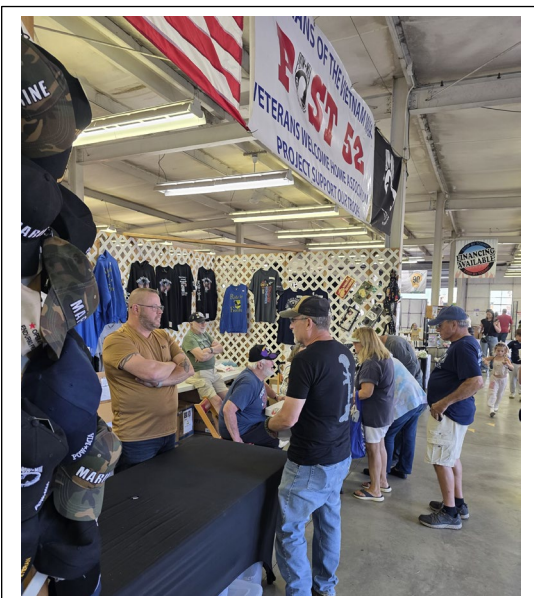


Morning crew: Kim Lengling and Bob



Bob & Rita Preston and Jerry Hickernell doing a great job selling 50/50 tickets.

Thanks to our 50/50 selling champs; Chub Hornstein and Charlie Zilhaver. Bonnie Zilhaver always supports by spending Charlie's money while he is working at the booth. Good job, Bonnie!



We consider it an honor to share out booth with Director of Veterans Services for Crawford County, Tony Digiaco. He's a tremendous help at the booth and extremely knowledgeable on veteran benefits. If you have any questions on any of your benefits, you can stop and see him in the Downtown Mall. If he tells says you're not eligible, it's not personal. Contact your local representatives/Congressmen – the VA has come a long way in recent years, but there's always room for improvement.

On left is Christine Bucci who had a booth across from ours. She presented this beautiful piece to Kim Lengling for the Post in appreciation for everything we've done over the years.



Myke Bennett, Sheila and Del Preston goofing off on a very slow Thursday evening.

Wayne Gray and Myke Bennett. Thanks for the help, Wayne!



Tara Kelyman and Kim Lengling. You'd never know those 2 are sisters!



Charlene Smith, Myke Bennett, Ken Steadman and Kenny Gilmore.



A huge thanks to others who worked the Fair, but we did not get pictures: Norm & Patti M'Sadoques, Chet and Sherry Alward, Ed McClay, Marshal Manning, Tricia Deemer, Rich Anton, Yvonne Fleet, Eric Fox, Pete Albaugh, Bill Holzer, Ken & Theresa Novosel, Don & Carolyn Whitman and Stan Niwa.
EVERYONE'S HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! THANK YOU.



Just 2 days before the Crawford County Fair, Sheila Preston's brother passed at the age of 80.

The Cologuard performed honors for Milan Crawford. Milan Served in the USMC earning the rank of Corporal. He received a Purple Heart.

Color Guard members were Wayne Gray, Myke Bennett, Norm M'Sadoques, Del Preston and Bob Preston.

**ESTATE
AUCTION**



The Estate of William Stevens will have an auction on all home contents on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 am at 17004 Center Road, Cambridge Springs. Many collectibles, dining room set, china cabinets, antique dressers, desks, many, many collectibles, tons or Christmas decorations, records, books, bookshelves, bedroom set, reclining couch, recliner with heat and massage, HUGE Buffalo Bills collection with Champion shirts pre 1995 (some never worn with tags still on them), a garage full of tools and tool boxes full of tools and all that fun garage stuff. The real estate is not for sale.

Some items the auctioneer is not going to bring out for sale, however, they are useful and/or valuable items. Stop in and see what's available.

FROM the VA



Need a personal record from VA? Here's the FOIA page that gets you there.

August 20, 2026, Chuck Shin, Director, Office of Communication, VA Office of Information and Technology

Finding the right VA office for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) records request just got easier. VA has [redesigned the page Veterans use to request records](#).

Whether you're requesting a DD214, medical record or benefits letter, this page helps you get started. It replaces a maze of legal terms and links with clearly labeled boxes that match you to the form you need.

You don't need to know the difference between a FOIA request and a Privacy Act request. You don't need to know which VA administration handles what. You simply choose the box that matches what you're looking for.

That's more than a design change. It means less time searching and more time getting the records you need.

Find the right office faster

Before the redesign, a Veteran's request for medical records might end up in a benefits mailbox. A DD214 request might land in a queue unrelated to military personnel records. Every misdirected request meant more waiting and more frustration for Veterans who were already navigating an important life event.

After the redesign, misdirected requests have dropped by 90%, helping Veterans reach the correct office faster, while maintaining the same level of access to VA records.

"We transformed a confusing, text-heavy process into a simple, intuitive experience built around clearly labeled selection boxes that guide requesters directly to the right office," said Tammy Wray, VA FOIA public liaison. "As both a VA employee and a retired military Veteran, it was important to me that every requester, especially our fellow Veterans, could easily find and request the records they need."

Teams across VA, including the [Office of Information and Technology](#), Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration and National Cemetery Administration, worked together to redesign the page and improve the records request experience for Veterans.

How it works

The FOIA and records request page includes clearly labeled boxes for the most common requests, including:

- Veterans Benefits Administration records
- Veterans Health Administration records
- Military service records and next-of-kin requests
- DD214 requests
- National Cemetery Administration records
- Employment verification
- Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) claims
- Publicly available records and proactive disclosures

Some requests include more than one option because they follow different processes. Pick the option that fits, and the site opens the right form or submission system.

Built with Veterans in mind

The page launched in October 2025 with six sections and has continued to evolve based on the questions Veterans ask every day.

VA reviews incoming requests routinely to identify common challenges and update the page so Veterans can find answers more easily.

“I find the boxes with brief descriptions and bold print especially helpful for a quick view of what we are looking for during visits,” said Amy Jack, Navy Veteran and Veteran Health Care navigator. “The addition of direct links to the actual information eliminates the need to locate an accurate website and navigate to the information required.”

Get started today

The next time you need a record from VA, skip the guesswork.

Visit the [FOIA and records request page](#), select the box that matches the record you’re looking for, and immediately access the correct form.

Know another Veteran who needs a VA record? Share this page with them.

FROM the VA



***With Federal EHR, no more ‘last-four’ check in at VA Medical Centers
August 19, 2026, Alan Greilsamer, VA
EHRM Communications***

For Veterans, superior care begins the moment they check in at a VA medical facility. For years, they’ve had to provide their “last-four,” or the last four digits of their Social Security number (SSN) for various services at VA facilities. But now, thanks to the [Federal Electronic Health Record](#) (EHR), they only need a quick scan of their Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) to check in.

Improved privacy protections

This update applies across all sites using the Federal EHR and demonstrates how VA continues to prioritize patient data security. Scanning a VHIC not only speeds up check-in, but it also reduces the risk of initially retrieving the wrong patient record, creating a faster, safer and more reliable start for each visit.

Additionally, eliminating the routine use of the last four digits of the SSN strengthens Veteran privacy by reducing exposure of personally identifiable information. This update ensures facilities align with VA’s long-standing SSN reduction efforts, guided by [Office of Management and Budget Memorandum 07-16](#).

Veterans can feel more secure than ever when they trust a VA Medical Center with their care.

What Veterans need to know

Veterans can prepare for this change by bringing their VHIC to appointments at facilities using the Federal EHR. After scanning their card, they may receive a wristband depending on the type of care they’re scheduled to receive. Veterans who prefer not to use their VHIC can still check in by providing their last name and date of birth.

According to Tracey Julius, a Red Coat Ambassador at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Veterans have responded positively to the new check-in process.

“Veterans are relieved to be able to scan their identification card, and once the card is scanned, the Veteran’s information appears on the screen,” said Julius.

With their information readily visible, ambassadors can quickly guide Veterans to their appointment locations and assist with any additional needs.

Want to know when the Federal EHR comes to your nearest VA facility? See the [Federal EHR deployment schedule](#).

It's OKAY to Ask for Help!

Please utilize this link to sign up and receive updates from the Veterans Administration via email and/or text messages: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVA/subscriber/new/>

**CRISIS LINE – Crawford County 800-315-5721
and Erie County 800- 300-9558**

Suicide Hotline 800-273-8255 IF IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911

National Resource Directory- www.nrd.gov – online directory to services and resources for wounded troops, veterans and their families.

AGENT ORANGE REGISTRY INFORMATION – 412-822-1707 OR

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/benefits/registry-exam.asp>

Herbicide Storage Location Link (OUTSIDE of Vietnam):

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/index.asp>

CRAWFORD COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE

814-333-7314 (phone) OR website information:

<https://www.crawfordcountypa.net/VeteransServices/Pages/home.aspx>

There is help available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

The Veterans Crisis Line — Call (800) 273-8255, then press 1. You can also text/chat at 838255.

Dial 988 then Press 1 for crisis support 24/7!

Also available is the Women Veterans Call Center, which provides U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs services and resources to women veterans, their families and caregivers. You can also chat online anonymously with a call center representative. Call (855) VA-Women (855-829-6636) 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 8 to 6:30 Saturdays. Use the same number to text.

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RENTALS of the POST HOME

Use of Building Only:

- Member Rental Fee - \$75
- Non-Member Rental Fee - \$100

Use of Kitchen with Building:

- Member Rental Fee – \$125
- Non-Member Rental Fee -- \$150

Renter is responsible for set up of building prior to event and clean up after event. Thank you!

What's Happening at Post 52

September 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
		1	2	3	4	5 NO Saturday Night Dinner
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12 NO Saturday Night Dinner
13	14	15	16	17	18 POW/MIA Vigil 6pm - Midnight	19 NO Saturday Night Dinner Ride for Freedom 2pm
20	21 Post 52 Monthly Meeting 7pm	22	23 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)	24	25	26 NO Saturday Night Dinner
27	28	29	30			

October 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Saturday Night Dinner!
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Saturday Night Dinner!
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17 Saturday Night Dinner!
18	19 Post 52 Monthly Meeting 7pm	20	21	22	23	24 Saturday Night Dinner!
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Halloween Parade in Meadville

November 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7 Saturday Night Dinner!
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Saturday Night Dinner!
15	16 Post 52 Monthly Meeting 7pm	17	18	19	20	21 Saturday Night Dinner!
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 NO Saturday Night Dinner Happy Thanksgiving!
29	30					