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POST 52'S NEWS

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Our Troops >>>

Project Support our Troops

UPCOMING PACKING:

- Tuesday, September 9th
at 5:30pm

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.

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Commander's Comments

It is the end of August already and soon Summer will be over.

The Post is taking a break with Saturday dinners to do some needed maintenance and cleaning, a little touch up painting, etc. If you happen to drive by the Post, you will see we have new concrete for our handicap parking area.

The Post continues with its many projects with helping veterans and their families as well as meetings.

We had a good week at Crawford County Fair. Thank you to everyone that helped in any way. It takes a lot of people to run the fair booth.

This Year Marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. With our up-coming POW/MIA Vigil and Ride for Freedom I hope we will get a big turnout to honor and pay respect to those that are still missing or being held captive from all our wars. The two founding fathers of Veterans of The Vietnam War Inc., Vietnam Combat Veterans MC and Rolling Thunder Inc. are being remembered at our Vigil and Ride this year. Without their leadership and dedication to helping all veterans and demanding the fullest accounting of our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, we would not be who we are today. Rest in Peace Brothers.

We will continue our Saturday night dinners starting October 4th we hope to see you all back to support us.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Phil

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Post Meetings:

All Post monthly meetings are scheduled for the

3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Next meeting is September 15th

You can keep up-to-date on

Post information at

www.post52.com

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Dinner Menu Updates:

Post 52 will temporarily be closed for the months of August and September for building maintenance.

The regular dinner schedule will resume Saturday, October 4, 2025.

The menu for October 4th is hot roast beef sandwiches.

This only pertains to Saturday dinners.

All meetings will still be held on the regular schedule.



Details and Dates.....

- Fall House/Post Cleaning -- Saturday, September 6th 9:00 am
- Next Troops Packing – Tuesday, September 9th – 5:30 pm. Items needed are adult Chapstick, canned fruit, trail mix
- Lions meeting — September 11th - help needed beginning 3:00 pm
- Next meeting September 15th 7:00 pm
- POW MIA Vigil – Friday, September 19 (see flyer on page 8)
- Ride for Freedom – Saturday, September 20 (see flyer on page 8)



- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – A Post cleaning day (primarily the kitchen) is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th at 9:00 am. It is time for our bi-annual inspection and there is much to do. The kitchen staff has done a tremendous job on a regular basis, but it's time to move equipment and clean spots that cannot normally be reached. Cupboards to clean out, shelves to clean, etc.



GET READY – it will be Christmas before we can blink! The Christmas Party Committee is busy putting everything together and final details will be in next month's newsletter.

In Memory



We lost Jim Clement on July 28th. Jim and his wife, Rose, resided in Jamestown, PA, but wintered in Alabama. Jim was a Post member since 2004. Jim entered the Navy in 1962, assigned to the USS Shangri-La. He was a fire-fighter for many years and involved in scuba rescue. This fun picture was at his birthday party a few years ago. I believe his 75th birthday. Jim passed at the age of 82. He will always be a true inspiration of strength.



Don Myers was 83 years young and passed away August 1st. Don was a member of Post 52 since 2011. He served in the US Army as a combat infantryman for 7 years, receiving a Purple Heart for his time in the Vietnam War. He worked at Channellock and Nutec over the years. The Post honor guard provided graveside services. Don will surely be missed by many.
Rest in Peace Brother.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of Post Life member Rick Kaintz of Conneaut Lake. He served in the Marines from 1967 – 1969. He earned the National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal with device; Vietnam Service Medal w/2*; Purple Heart Medal; Rifle Marksman Badge.
Rick was 79 years young.



Post 52 Color Guard proudly marched in the Cochran Fair Parade on Wednesday, August 6th.

Pictured left to right:
Marshall Lillie, Tracy Gutfreund, Phil Davis, Ken Novosel (Jeep driver) Myke Bennett, Wayne Gray, Del Preston



We were very moved by the generous donation from Sons of the American Legion, Squad 205 in Saegertown. They presented us with a check for \$1,200. That will ship 65 boxes. We are SO grateful.



Once again, Military Miss (Allie) and her mom, Linda joined us for the August packing. So honored they drive from Ohio. It's wonderful to see such dedication in our young people.



Wooden Cube Brain Teaser Puzzles

TIME TO THINK CHRISTMAS!!!

We are hoping to send a box of these wooden puzzles to each of our soldiers this Christmas. A box of 6 puzzles costs \$16.

If you would like to donate, simply send a check and mark "puzzle" in the memo. You can also send a Christmas card signed by you that we will attach with the gift.

Christmas boxes will be packed in November and there will not be a packing in December.





***Thank you to everyone who worked
the Crawford County Fair.
We had a successful year and we truly
appreciate everyone who did their part.
THANK YOU.***

This year's Fair workers were: Phil Davis, Del & Sheila Preston, Rich Littlefield, Charlie Manning, Ed McClay, George Gisewhite, Ken & Theresa Novosel, Bill McComas, Charlene Smith, Jerry Hickernell, Myke Bennett, Kim Lengling, Jack Sheets, Marsha Manning, Ken Gilmore, Chuck Provost, Ruth DeJohn, Tom & Karen Burbidge, Mike & Kathy Parks, Bob & Rita Preston, Laurie Davis, Pat & Ruth Tim, Pete Albaugh, Bob Deane, Stan Niwa, Jim & Jayne Urquhart. Thank you to the several Post members who stopped by the booth to give workers a break. What a super team!



50/50 WINNERS DURING FAIR WEEK:

Karen Faivre \$223.50

Rob Barton \$348

David Rauch \$242.50

Jeffrey Ames \$303



A very sweet lady stopped by the Fair booth and insisted on taking a group picture. She was the sweetest thing.

Pictured left to right: Kathy Parks, Mike Parks, Tony Digiaco, Theresa Novosel, Laurie Davis and Ken Novosel



Enjoying a moment with Harold and Jean Beerbower at the Fair. August 21st was the anniversary date of Harold being released from POW camp in Korea. He was a prisoner April 25, 1951 – August 21, 1953...28 months!

None of us can understand his experience or what his family endured, but we are truly honored to call them friends.



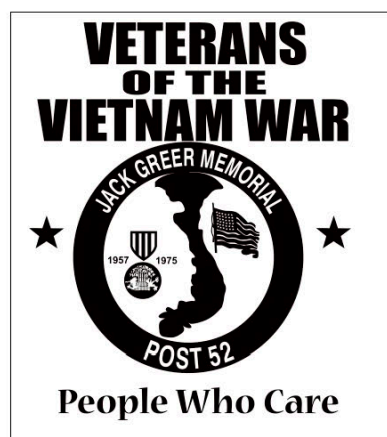
Who doesn't love seeing these beauties at the Fair.
(FYI – referencing the horses!)

*I spy with my little eye.....
Commander Phil keeping an eye on the folks...*



The Post was gifted this beautiful VN Ware Veterans piece by Tim Geer. Tim is long time supported and friend of Post 52. He is a member of the Guardian Vets and that group has helped with Ride for Freedom for many, many years. Much love to Tim for this beautiful gift.





2025

POW/MIA VIGIL

FRIDAY, September 19, 2025

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 20, 2025

Staging for the Ride at The Goat Bar, 11780 Route 618, Conneaut Lake, PA. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. 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.

Food & drink available

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



Are you interested in take control of your health through My HealtheVet?

With My HealtheVet you can:

- View VA Health Records
- Refill VA Prescriptions
- Send secure messages to team
- Manage VA Appointments

We are anticipating setting up a monthly instructional class at the Crawford Clinic to assist with navigating My HealtheVet.

****Date and times to be determined****

If you are interested in one of the classes please see the front desk or Amy to get signed up!

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2nd Vice: Tom Burbidge

Master Sgt-at-Arms: Jack Sheets

Trustee: Ken Novosel

Quarter Master: Laurie Davis

Secretary: Marsha Manning

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!

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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Submission Deadline for the Post 52 Newsletter is the 28th of each month. Items received after the 28th will be held for future issues, printed as time and space permit, and as appropriate.

Lion's Club dinners are listed on our calendar so that members are aware of when we need additional kitchen help; our Post caters the dinners for the Lion's Club. Stop in, lend a hand, and thank the Lion's Club members for their community work

FROM the VA



Share your story: America250 wants to hear from you

July 5, 2023, Rosie Rios, Chair of America250, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission

The story of America has always been made possible by the stories of our Veterans and military families.

Now, thanks to the service and sacrifice of generations of men and women who wore the uniform, our nation is just three years away from the 250th anniversary of our founding in 1776: our Semiquincentennial.

As we mark this historic milestone in the life of our nation, we want to celebrate and preserve the stories of all our Veterans and military families so that future generations will see these extraordinary American lives front and center in the record of America at 250.

This Independence Day, [America250](#)—the nonpartisan organization established by Congress to coordinate the commemoration of our founding—kicked off the official countdown to 2026 with [America's Invitation](#). America's Invitation is your opportunity to [share your story](#) and be a part of this historic milestone for our country. We want to hear from you—the story of your service, or family members' service, and your reflections on our nation's past, present, and future.

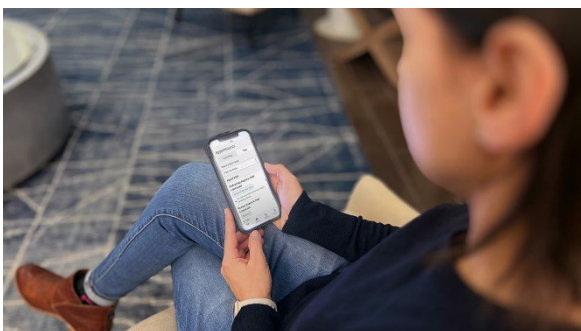
At [Stories.America250.org](#), Americans from all walks of life can share their stories—about their communities, culture, neighborhoods, and more—through photos, videos, artwork, poems, songs, letters and more. America250 will use these stories to help create a full portrait of America at 250 years to share with our fellow Americans and to pass down to future generations.

Together, the stories shared with America250 will showcase what makes America unique, and enable us to develop an historic commemoration of the people, by the people, and for the people a commemoration that includes all of us.

Our 250th is an historic milestone in the life of our nation. It is a milestone we owe in large part to Veterans and military families. Help us ensure that service is honored now and for the next 250 years to come.

Share your story today at [Stories.America250.org](#).

FROM the VA



Simpler VA travel claims right from your phone. August 26, 2025, VA Office of Information and Technology

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[Eligible Veterans](#) can now submit mileage-only travel reimbursement claims through the VA Health and Benefits mobile app. This new feature saves time, reduces paperwork, and makes it easier to access your benefits with just a few taps on your mobile device. Read the [official press release](#) about this feature.

What this means for you

- Submit mileage-only travel reimbursement claims for VA-approved health care appointments using the VA Health and benefits mobile app.
- Access a travel claim option on the app's home screen after an eligible appointment.
- Review and submit your claim directly in the app.
- Track the status of your claim without completing or mailing paper forms.

How to submit your travel claim

Watch a [short video](#) to see how easy it is to submit your travel claim, and then get started today by [downloading or updating the VA Health and Benefits app](#).

FROM the VA



And the 2025 Veterans Day poster contest winner is...

July 2, 2025, National Veterans Outreach, VA Office of Public Affairs

Earlier this year, the [Veterans Day National Committee \(VDNC\)](#) called on professional and amateur artists to create picture perfect designs that reflect the theme of this year's Veterans Day observance. There were more than 180 entries from artists with varied backgrounds and levels of experience.

The votes are in and the winner of the [2025 Veterans Day Poster Contest](#) is Jeremy D. Carpenter, whose creation "Unified by Service" reflects the 2025 Veterans Day theme "Service to Our Nation" by visually uniting all uniformed services under one flag and one purpose.

Carpenter is an Army Veteran living in Lowell, Arkansas, with his wife and son. Though not a professional artist, he turns to creative outlets like design, music and writing when inspiration strikes. For him, art is a way to reflect on experiences, express emotion and share meaning with others. He is grateful for the opportunity to contribute in this small way and hopes that his work can speak to others in ways that matter to them.

"Unified by Service" is "formal, structured and patriotic. It pays tribute to all Veterans regardless of when or where they served, and it emphasizes that service to the nation is not confined to one uniform, one battlefield or one generation. The eagle, flag, and seals work together to portray unity, honor and a continued commitment to freedom."

The Veterans Day [poster](#) will be displayed in VA facilities, military installations and municipal buildings across America. It will also serve as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day commemoration at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11.

Thank you to all who used their creativity to show appreciation for our Veterans. We welcome you to enter the 2026 Veterans Day competition and we look forward to seeing your future artistic creations.

See Image of 2025 design on next page.

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY



November 11, 2025

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What's Happening at Post 52

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 NO dinner
7	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day Lions Club Dinner, help needed	12	13 NO dinner
14 A.B.A.T.E. meeting at Post 52 11:30am	15 Post 52 Monthly Meeting 7pm	16	17	18	19  POW MIA Vigil 6pm- Midnight	20 Ride Safe at: Post 52's Ride for Freedom NO dinner
21	22 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)	23	24	25	26	27 NO dinner
28	29	30				

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM – Dinner RETURNS!
5	6	7	8	9 Lions Club Dinner, help needed	10	11 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4- 7pm
12 A.B.A.T.E. meeting at Post 52 11:30am	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4- 7PM
19	20 Post 52 Monthly Meeting 7pm	21	22	23	24	25 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4- 7PM
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4- 7PM
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4- 7PM
9 A.B.A.T.E. meeting at Post 52 11:30am	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Lions Club Dinner, help needed	14	15 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4- 7PM
16	17 Post 52 Monthly Meeting 7pm	18	19	20	21	22 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4- 7PM
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29 NO dinner
30						