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POST 52'S NEWS

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Our Troops >>>

Project Support our Troops

UPCOMING PACKING Dates:

- Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at **5:45pm.**
- August: NO PACKING. *See you at the Crawford County Fair!*
- Tuesday, September 5th at **5:45PM**

Visit us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Support-Our-Troops/>

We are accepting stateside names and addresses and they will receive a small appreciation box. Reach out to your friends and neighbors and let's get as many soldiers boxes as we can.

Please Contact:

Kim Lengling at (814) 724-9099

OR

Laurie Davis at (814) 853-8145

PLEASE SUBMIT NEW NAMES & ADDRESSES!

Commander's Comments

This is a test for those of you who don't read the newsletter. We are still having our weekly Saturday night dinners and things are going okay but still not like it was before Covid-19. Hopefully we will get back to normal and live happily ever after.

I know you don't see it on the news, but we still have Troops deployed all over the world and in places you've never heard of. We continue to send boxes every month. Our numbers are down and we are always looking for and asking for new names and addresses. Project Support Our Troops is a big part of "Who We Are".

The Crawford County Fair is coming up in August and you will be getting a phone call asking for your help to man the booth. Please fill in some time to help us cover the booth for the week.

Our benevolent fund continues to help our veterans in need and through our Veterans Service Office we help many veterans and their families.

We are all getting a little older and there are less of us who are able to perform color guard duties for those who may need our services. If there is anyone interested in helping out our color guard we could use the help. Post # 52 and the V.F.W. Post # 2006 are about the only ones that still have any color guard to perform services / ceremonies.

Thank you to everyone that continues to support the Post and the many activities we are involved with.



Yours In Brotherhood,

Phil

814-282-9737



**Check out our
redesigned website!
www.post52.com**

PLEASE NOTE: Now that the warm weather is here we are often short staffed in the kitchen/dining room for Saturday dinners. If you can help out please give us a call to help fill in the gaps. Call Laurie at 814-853-8145

Saturday Dinner Schedule

MENU / PRICE LIST

Weekly Selections for JULY 2023

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE - CALL 814-807-1661

Fish & Spaghetti available every week. See below for additional feature

Beer Battered Fried Fish 15

Deep fried haddock served with choice of fresh cut french fries or baked potato; choice of applesauce or coleslaw. Veggie and dessert included.

Lemon Pepper Baked Haddock 15

Haddock seasoned with lemon pepper seasoning, freshly baked served with choice of fresh cut french fries or baked potato; choice of applesauce or coleslaw. Veggie and dessert included.

Spaghetti 10

Post 52 homemade spaghetti meat sauce. Served with choice of applesauce or coleslaw. Dessert included.

Feature dinner for July 8, 2023

SHRIMP BASKET 15

8 pieces of golden fried butterfly shrimp. Served with choice of fresh cut french fries or baked potato; choice of applesauce or coleslaw. Dessert included.

Feature dinner for July 15, 2023

Chicken Wings 1+

Wings are \$1 each. Flavor choices are BBQ, Dry Ranch, Hot, Butter & Garlic or Hot BBQ. Add the meal deal for additional \$5 which includes choice of applesauce or coleslaw and dessert.

Feature dinner for July 22, 2023

Ham and scalloped potatoes 12

Choice of applesauce or coleslaw and dessert.

Feature dinner for July 29, 2023

VISIT OUR WEBSITE to find out the Feature for July 29th! www.post52.com

Because You Asked.....

Because there are several who have commented that you are not getting a newsletter, here's what you need to know:

- If you provided an email address, then a newsletter is emailed to you monthly.
- If you did not provide an email address, then you will receive a newsletter in the post office mail quarterly. The months the newsletter is sent by USPS mail are March, June, September, and December.
- If you forget which months are for paper/mailed copies, the months are listed in each issue of the newsletter. (This month, the schedule is listed on Page 9.)

Also, you can open the most current issue of the newsletter on the post website – www.post52.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS at Post 52

- Lions dinner – Thursday July 13th – help needed.
- Next meeting – Monday, July 17th – 7 pm
- Next troops packing – Tuesday July 25th – NOTE new time. We will begin packing boxes at 5:45 PM. Also new is we are accepting any name and address on anyone in the military. We are accepting stateside names and addresses and they will receive a small appreciation box. Reach out to your friends and neighbors and let's get as many soldiers boxes as we can.
- Veterans Resource Fair at the Downtown Mall – Monday, July 31st. Help needed
- Cochran Parade – Wednesday July 9th – all colorguard needed
- Crawford County Fair August 20th – August 26th. Set up will be Friday August 18th.
- POW/MIA Vigil Friday September 15th
- State Senator Michelle Brooks' Senior Expo in Greenville, PA 10:30am – 1:00pm Friday, September 15th
- Ride for Freedom – Saturday September 16th
- Also on September 16th we will be catering a wedding. Lots of help is needed for both the Ride and the catering. Let us know which one you would like to help with. Call Phil 814-282-9737.
- State Senator Michelle Brooks' Senior Expo in Meadville, PA Thursday, September 21st 10:30am – 1:00pm
- Post Christmas Party, Saturday December 16th. MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All Post monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Thanks for all you do every day of every month!

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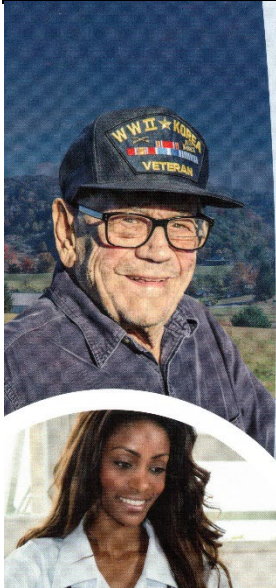
Master Sgt-at-Arms: Jack Sheets

Trustee: Ken Novosel

Quarter Master: Laurie Davis

Secretary: Marsha Manning

From The Department of Veterans Affairs



Dear Veteran, Save time and travel. Receive VA care closer to home.

ATLAS (Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations) enables you to meet with your U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers by video at a convenient location in your community!

To learn more about ATLAS and receive VA care in your community, visit connectedcare.va.gov/partners/atlas.



Dear Veteran,

You can now visit your local ATLAS site to receive select VA clinical services by video in a private appointment room. Through this new option from VA, you don't need to travel to your nearest VA facility or have an internet connection at home.

To schedule an appointment, contact the Erie VA Medical Center Call Center at **814-868-8661** and **press 2**.

ATLAS Site Location:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7842
6913 Gehrton Road
Linesville, PA 16424

Associated VA Medical Center:

Erie VA Medical Center
135 East 38th Street
Erie, PA 16504



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Office of Connected Care

VFW Post 7842
6913 Gehrton Road
Linesville, PA 16424

Homeless Employment

Veterans working with the Homeless Care Team use employment as a strategy leading to permanent housing and the elimination of homelessness. Community based job development and support is provided for homeless Veterans.

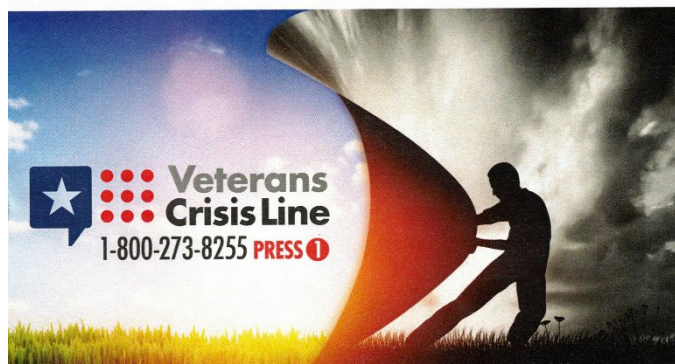
Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)

Eligible Veterans involved with the criminal justice system are supported through outreach and advocacy services. The purpose of the Veterans Justice Outreach program is to avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among Veterans through access to Veterans Health Administration (VHA) mental health and substance services.

For more information,
contact the Homeless Care Team at 814-860-2038



If you are or know of a Veteran in crisis, contact the Veterans Crisis Line for confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You are not alone.



Call 1-800-273-8255
and press 1



Text 838255



Chat Online at
veteranscrisisline.net



HOMELESS CARE TEAM

Ending Veteran Homelessness

Direct Dial: 814-860-2038
Ask for the Homeless Care Team

Erie VA Medical Center
135 East 38th Street | Erie, PA 16504

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Erie VA Medical Center



Mission

The mission of the Homeless Care Team (HCT) is to end homelessness among Veterans through outreach, services, and community partnerships.

Objectives

- The Homeless Care Team (HCT) assists homeless Veterans through prevention, outreach, housing, and support.
- The HCT partners with VA and community resources to address the immediate housing needs of Veterans and address the causes of homelessness.
- The HCT provides Veterans with programs and services leading to permanent housing and an improved quality of life.

Eligibility

Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness and who meet VA eligibility requirements will be as-sessed for services through outreach, at the Erie VAMC, or by calling 814-860-2038. Veterans may then be referred to VA or community services such as emergency, transitional or permanent housing, employment assistance, or other services.

Emergency Shelter Services

The HCT partners with community resources to assist Veterans with short term emergency shelter and case management support.

Grant & Per Diem Housing

Liberty House is a supportive transitional housing program for homeless Veterans. Veterans focus on the development of life skills necessary to achieve permanent housing.

HUD VASH Program

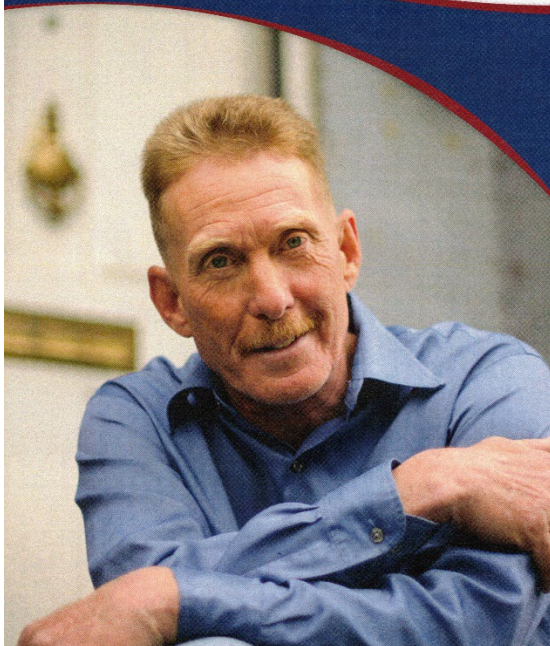
The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD-VASH) program provides permanent supportive housing and requires active participation with case management. Veterans receive a section 8 voucher and pay approximately 30% of their household income towards rent.

Help for Homeless Veterans
877-4AID-VET
va.gov/homeless (877) 424-3838



The National Call Center for Homeless Veterans provides 24/7 access to trained counselors. The hotline helps homeless Veterans and their families by connecting them with their local homeless program please call **1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838)**

Richard, former homeless Veteran
Served 1975-1977



"VA honestly saved my life."

– Ginny, former homeless Veteran
Served 1981-1985

VA follows HUD's definition of Homeless:

- (1) an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
- (2) an individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- (3) an individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing);
- (4) an individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided;
- (5) any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

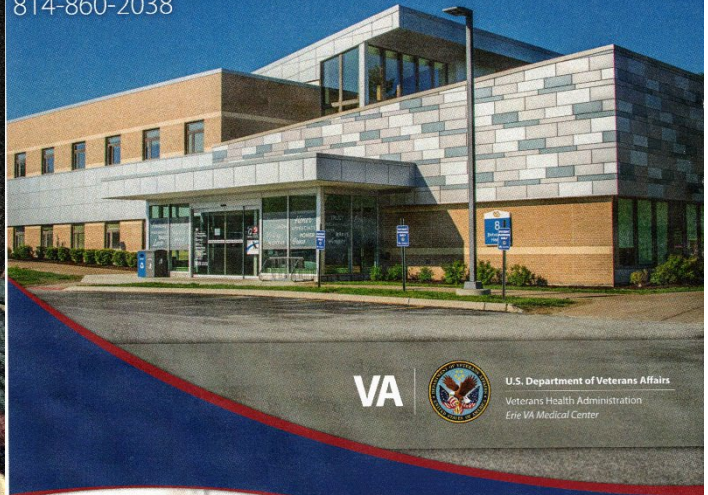
Definition of Imminent Risk:

an individual or family who—

- (A) will imminently lose their housing, including housing they own, rent, or live in without paying rent, are sharing with others, and rooms in hotels or motels not paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, as evidenced by—
 - (i) a court order resulting from an eviction action that notifies the individual or family that they must leave within 14 days;
 - (ii) the individual or family having a primary nighttime residence that is a room in a hotel or motel and where they lack the resources necessary to reside there for more than 14 days; and
- (B) has no subsequent residence identified; and
- (C) lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

HOMELESS CARE TEAM

Behavioral Health Clinic, Bldg 8
814-860-2038



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Erie VA Medical Center

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Denise Deptula LCSW Case Manager
814-860-2062

Kamie Lai, LSW, GPD Liaison
814-860-2481

Amber Allhouse, LPC, Housing Specialist
814-860-2392

HUD-VASH

Abby McUmber, LSW, Case Manager
814-651-3747 (Crawford County)

Natasha Prince, LCSW, Case Manager
814-860-2935

Lori Leonetti, LSW, Case Manager
814-860-2894

Joe Dahlstrand LCSW, Case Manager
814-860-2175

Cassandra Phillips, Psych Tech
814-860-2573

VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH

Bomber Ferraro II, LPC, VJO Coordinator
814-460-2945

Megan Paterson, LPC VJO Coordinator
814-860-2316

HOMELESS VETERAN EMPLOYMENT

Marty Acri, MA, CES Coordinator
814-860-2861

Michael Wehrer, LCSW,
Homeless Care Team Supervisor
814-860-2877

VA awards \$11.5 million in first-of-their-kind grants for legal services for homeless Veterans

For immediate release June 29, 2023 5:00 am

WASHINGTON — Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs awarded \$11.5 million in legal services grants for Veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness as part of its national homeless prevention efforts.

These [first-of-their-kind funds](#), available through VA's new [Legal Services for Veterans Grant Program](#), were awarded to [79 public or non-profit organizations](#) that will help Veterans in several ways, including:

- Providing representation in landlord-tenant disputes to prevent eviction
- Assisting with court proceedings for child support, custody, or estate planning.
- Helping Veterans obtain public benefits, including disability compensation.
- Defending Veterans in criminal cases that can prolong or increase their risk of homelessness, such as outstanding warrants, fines, or driver's license revocation.
- Assisting with requests to upgrade characterization of discharges or dismissals of former members of the Armed Forces.

Ending Veteran homelessness is a top priority of VA and President Biden, who has made supporting Veterans a key pillar of his [Unity Agenda](#) for the nation. In 2022 alone, [VA housed more than 40,000 formerly homeless Veterans](#), prevented more than 17,700 Veterans and their families from falling into homelessness, and helped nearly 191,700 additional Veteran families who were experiencing financial difficulties retain their homes or avoid foreclosure. Thanks in part to these efforts, the number of Veterans experiencing homelessness [has fallen by 11% since early 2020](#) and by more than 55% since 2010. In 2023, VA has set a goal to house [at least 38,000 Veterans](#).

“For Veterans, legal support can be the difference between becoming homeless and having safe, stable housing,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “With the award of these first-of-their-kind VA grants, more Veterans will have the legal representation they deserve — which will increase their access to housing and employment.”

This initiative is part of the Biden-Harris administration’s broader efforts to reduce [homelessness for all Americans by 25% by 2025](#) and [advance protections](#) for renters. These grants were created as a part of VA’s implementation of the [Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D., Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020](#), which authorized VA to award each recipient up to \$150,000 in grant funds, with at least 10% of funding being utilized for women Veterans.

The grant recipients successfully competed under a [Notice of Funding Opportunity published Oct. 6, 2022](#). Each grantee was permitted to apply funding to support legal services starting August 1, 2023.

For more information, including the list of awarded grantees, visit the Legal Services for Veterans website <https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/LSV.asp> or email lsv@va.gov.

Veterans can now call 1-800-MyVA411 to report sexual assault or sexual harassment at VA

For immediate release June 21, 2023 6:00 am

WASHINGTON — Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors can now report incidents of sexual assault or sexual harassment at VA facilities by calling 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411, option 9).

Whenever someone calls the hotline, they will be able to confidentially report incidents of sexual assault or harassment that occur at VA facilities. The call center will be ready to answer the phones 24/7, and follow-up health care and support will also be made available to those in need.

This new capability is part of VA’s “no wrong door” reporting policy for sexual assault or sexual harassment. Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors are also encouraged to report incidents of sexual harassment or sexual assault as soon as they occur, including while they are still at the VA facility. These incidents can be reported directly to VA police, VA staff, or local law enforcement, and now also by calling 1-800-MyVA411.

“Maintaining a safe and welcoming environment at all VA facilities for Veterans, their caregivers, volunteers, visitors, and employees is a key priority for the Department,” said **Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough**. “By creating multiple avenues for persons to report sexual harassment or sexual assault incidents, the VA removes barriers to reporting and creates a quicker path for VA to investigate and take appropriate action.”

VA has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault and sexual harassment, which means VA expects and actively works to create a culture free of such incidents. VA believes that reacting to sexual harassment and assault is not

enough; instead, VA must achieve and sustain a proactively inclusive culture — supported by Veteran and employee-centered policy, operations, engagement, training, and technology — such that VA prevents sexual harassment and sexual assault and ensures an excellent experience for each person VA serves and employs.

In addition to implementing this hotline, VA has taken many steps in recent years to prevent and address sexual harassment and sexual assault at VA facilities, and to support survivors. These steps include designating points of contact at VA facilities to accept reports of harassment from Veterans and visitors; implementing Veteran safety surveys; providing bystander intervention training for staff and Veterans; encouraging employees and Veterans to take the [White Ribbon VA Pledge](#) to never commit, excuse, or stay silent about sexual harassment, sexual assault, or domestic violence; and requiring facility remediation plans for those that obtain five or more founded sexual assault or sexual harassment incidents during a fiscal year.

VA also has an active Secretary's Working Group on Sexual Assault and Harassment Prevention — a group of Veterans Service Organization representatives, advocates, State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Tribal representatives, VA employees serving in a personal capacity, and survivors of sexual assault and harassment. The input of this group, in addition to VA's ongoing Veteran engagement and outreach efforts, is informing VA's way forward.

[MyVA411](#) was launched in 2019 and served more than 1.5 million Veterans in fiscal year 2022. Customer Service Representatives answer inquiries, provide directory assistance, document concerns about VA care, benefits, and services, and expedite the referral and resolution of those concerns in addition to processing sexual harassment and sexual assault reports.

To learn more about reporting incidents of sexual harassment or sexual assault, visit [VHA's Assault and Harassment Prevention Office Website](#). For more information about the MyVA411 contact line, visit [1-800-MyVA411: One phone number to reach VA](#).

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!



FREEDOM FLOAT TEES
\$25 TSHIRT SMALL-3XL
(2XL/3XL +\$3)

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO POST 52
SHIRTS CAN BE PURCHASED DOWNSTAIRS AT
SILVER SHORES ALL WEEKEND.
LIMITED AVAILABILITY



Lions Club Dinner

Lions Dinner on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

YOUR help is needed approximately 3pm – 7pm.

PLEASE

Call Phil to schedule your time at 814.282.9737.

Thank you!

U.S. Representative Mike Kelly

Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District

VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR

with Crawford County Veterans Services

Please join us:

July 31, 2023 from 12 – 4:00 pm

Location:

Downtown Mall, 900 Water Street, Meadville, PA 16335

**All Veterans, Active Duty service members and Family Members
are welcome**

Organizations and Agencies from around
the area will be here to provide answers to
your question and offer support.



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 and chat online 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.

A.B.A.T.E. of PA, Crawford County Chapter is open to new members, is Not a club, is a political organization, meets at Post 52 on the 2nd Sunday of the month, & is listed on Post 52's calendar as a courtesy only to those who may be interested in joining the Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education in Pennsylvania.

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!

What's Happening at Post 52 and around the Globe

July 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Indep. Day	5	6	7	8 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
9 A.B.A.T.E. meeting 11:30am at Post 52	10	11	12	13 Lions Club Dinner, help needed	14	15 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
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30	31 Veterans Fair at Downtown Mall Noon- 5pm					

August 2023						
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CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR, August 20-26						
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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