

in our post home >>>

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POST 52'S NEWS

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Our Troops >>>

Project Support our Troops

UPCOMING PACKING:

- **Tuesday, October 3rd – 5:45 pm**
- **No packing in November** -we will be gathering and preparing for the Christmas packing
- **Christmas Packing – Tuesday, December 5th – 5:45 pm.**
Anyone donating homemade cookies MUST do so no later than Saturday, December 2nd. Cookies received after that time will be taken to the Soldiers and Sailors Home.

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 Lengling at (814) 724-9099

OR

Laurie Davis at (814) 853-8145

Commander's Comments

Happy Labor Day. Summer has been busy with many Post activities. The color guard has been busy with parades, ceremonies, funeral details etc. Thank you to all the color guard members that have participated with the many things the Post is asked to do. As always, if there is anyone interested in joining the color guard even if you are not able to march, we need members to help.

Project Support Our Troops continues to send packages every month to our soldiers. if you know anyone serving stateside or overseas, please get us their information so we can send them a box. As I have said many times, do not be fooled by what you see or don't see on the news...we have soldiers serving all over the world in places you've never heard of.

We continue to serve dinners on Saturdays to help pay the bills and help as many veterans and their families as we can. Our benevolent fund continues to help veterans in need. We are always looking for help in the kitchen / dining room.

The annual POW/MIA Vigil and Ride for Freedom is September 15 – 16. See the flyer in this newsletter. It is always the third Friday in September so mark your calendars for 2024. Please try to attend this very important event. This is one of the reasons our organization was founded and continues to be one of our main concerns. We say "We Would Never Forget" – be a part of the honoring to those who did not return.

I would like to let you know that I have been accepted as a volunteer for the VA Medical Center and hopefully will be helping at the new Clinic working in the Whole Health Department.

Thank you to everyone that helped at the Crawford County fair. We had a successful fair thanks to all of you. The figures will be reported at the next monthly meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Phil

814-282-9737

National POW/MIA Recognition Day



PLEASE NOTE: With warm weather 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

Fish & Spaghetti available every week.

See below for additional features

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 a choice of applesauce or coleslaw. Dessert included.

CLOSED SEPTEMBER 16th. Join us at annual Ride for Freedom

Feature dinner for September 23, 2023

Chicken Wings

1+

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

Feature dinner for September 30, 2023

Meatloaf

12

Served with mashed potatoes and veggie. Choice of applesauce or coleslaw. Includes dessert.

**Ride for Freedom tees available
at the Crawford County Fair or at
Tursky's the day of the Ride**



Post 52's jeep and crew looking good August 9th at the Cochran Community Fair Parade!

Did You Know.....

This is election year for Post 52.

- Nomination of officers will be at the October meeting.
- Nomination and election of officers will be at the November meeting.

Make a difference and run for an office.

All officers have tons of support from the membership.

Don't be shy. Help your post and fill an office!



UPCOMING MEETINGS at Post 52

- State Senator Michelle Brooks' Senior Expo in Greenville, PA Friday, September 15th 10:30am – 1:00pm in Greenville. *Thanks to the Senator for always including a table for us so that the public is kept aware of Project Support our Troops, and to give donations!*
- **POW/MIA Vigil** Friday September 15th Candle lighting Ceremony at 8:00pm.
- **Ride for Freedom** – Saturday September 16th Leaving Turksy's at 2pm
- *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.*
- **Monthly Meeting – Monday, September 18th at 7:00pm**
- State Senator Michelle Brooks' Senior Expo in Meadville, PA Thursday, September 21st 10:30am – 1:00pm *Thanks to the Senator for always including a table for us so that the public is kept aware of Project Support our Troops, and to give donations!*
- **Tuesday, October 3rd – 5:45 pm**
- Election Day Dinner – Nov 7th. Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches dinner. *Mark your calendars to be available to help FROM 9AM – 7PM! (You can take shifts, you don't have to cover the entire day unless you want to!)*
- **No packing in November** -we will be gathering and preparing for the Christmas packing
- Veterans Day – November 11th. Stay tuned for details on members' free Veterans Day dinner on that date.
- **Christmas Packing** – Tuesday, December 5th – 5:45 pm. Anyone donating homemade cookies MUST do so no later than Saturday, December 2nd. Cookies received after that time will be taken to the Soldiers and Sailors Home.
- *The Post Christmas party is Saturday, December 16th. Social hour begins at 6 pm; dinner at 7 pm. No charge to post members and a guest. Bring a dish. BYOB. Entertainment Rankin and Schell. Best night of the year!*

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

Lions Club Dinner

Lions Dinner SCHEDULE:

September 14th

October 12th

November 9th

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Phil has additional commitments on certain dates and cannot be there. PLEASE SIGN UP! approximately 3pm – 7pm.

PLEASE Call Phil to schedule your time at 814.282.9737.

Thank you!

Thanks for all you do every day of every month!

Commander: Phil Davis

1st Vice: Del Preston

2nd Vice: Pete Duarte

Master Sgt-at-Arms: Jack Sheets

Trustee: Ken Novosel

Quarter Master: Laurie Davis

Secretary: Marsha Manning



2023

POW/MIA VIGIL

FRIDAY, September 15, 2023

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. Guest Speaker will be Charlie Castelluccio. 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 16, 2023

Staging for the Ride at Tursky's Tavern, 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 immediately follow arrival of the bikes.

Food & drink available

There will be NO police escort in Vernon Township.

Ride shirts available at the Crawford County Fair, Post 52 and at the Ride at Tursky's before departure

Sponsored by Veterans of the Vietnam War, Post 52

Stories From the Front Lines, Back Home, and Being Home



I would like to share a story with you about an experience I had at the Crawford County Fair. Our colorguard had just finished performing a rifle salute for the Chris Higby concert. It was part of the patriotic part of his performance. It was very well received.

After we were done, I went to our booth in Home Show #1 to shut it down for the night. The wife and I were hungry as it was well past supper time. That evening was relatively slow at the Fair and many vendors were shutting down early. We decided to take whatever food we decided on home with us. The easiest thing to reheat when we got home was Chinese food. I was standing (still in my colorguard uniform) in front of the Chinese food truck and the woman inside commented that she liked my uniform. She asked about it and Laurie explained it was the uniform for a veteran's organization. The woman asked if I served, and I said yes. She then asked what war. I answered Vietnam. The man inside said we are Vietnamese and asked what branch and I told him Army. He then asked where I was stationed. I told him I was in Pleiku. The lady was very excited and said, "I Pleiku". She said she was born in Pleiku 53 years ago. It was 53 years ago when I served in Vietnam. She was a baby in Pleiku when we were still fighting the war. They were very nice people and I'm glad we got to talk to them. It amazes me what a small world we live in!

Phil Davis

(picture used for representational purposes only, not actual person(s) in story)

Do you have a special story or memory from your time in the military, when you were returning home, or since you've been home? Is there a special moment when the ugliness of war was overshadowed by a moment of beauty or some small joy? Was there a moment when you felt that humanity still cared? Has there been a recent experience that surprised you with a good memory? Would you like to share that with your fellow post members? Perhaps you'd like to leave a softer legacy with those who didn't serve, but support you and love you? Feel comfortable in sending that short story to: post52snews@gmail.com. We promise to treat your short story (250-750 words) with dignity and care. (Don't stress over word count, the sharing is the important part. You may make a difference in a fellow veteran's life.)



Color Guard members Wayne Gray, Norm M'Sadoques, Del Preston, and Phil Davis making a memory in Cochran PA.



State Senator Michele Brooks' **Senior Expos**

GREENVILLE

Friday, September 15
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

GREENVILLE CMA CHURCH
63 CONNEAUT LAKE ROAD
GREENVILLE, PA 16125
Across from Greenville VFW

MEADVILLE

Thursday, September 21
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Vernon Central Hose Co.
16589 McMATH AVENUE
MEADVILLE, PA 16335
Additional parking across the street at the Vernon Township Building

Flu Shots • Pneumonia Vaccines • Tdap Vaccines • Free Health Screenings

- Pneumonia vaccines available.*
- Tdap vaccinations are available (tetanus and whooping cough booster).*
- You must pre-register for shingles vaccinations. Please call Giant Eagle Pharmacy directly at 724-588-1381 to pre-register.

*Please check with your insurance for eligibility and copay prior to the expo.

Expo Will Feature:

- Fraud Prevention • Senior Health
- Hospice Services • Veterans Benefits
- County Assistance Programs • Federal & State Programs
- Senior Safety • Senior Housing • Refreshments
- Door Prizes • Tdap Vaccines • Therapy Dogs



Please Bring Your Donations for our Troops

Once again, at this year's expo you can donate an item in support of our servicemen and women serving overseas. Needed items include peanuts, beef jerky, hand sanitizer, lip balm, small tissue packs, eye drops, and more. For a full list of needed items, visit www.post52.com. This effort is in partnership with **Meadville Post 52's** Project Support Our Troops.

*More information is available at **SenatorBrooks.com**
or by calling (724) 588-8911.*

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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If you wish to receive a monthly copy, please send your email address to: post52snews@gmail.com

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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.

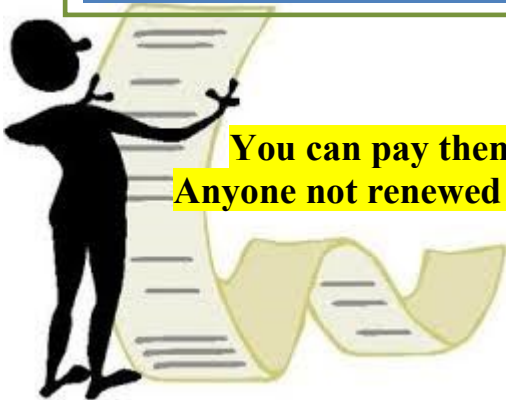
A.B.A.T.E. of PA, Crawford County Chapter is open to new members, is Not a club, is a political organization, meets at Post 52 on the 2nd Sunday of the month, & is listed on Post 52's calendar as a courtesy only to those who may be interested in joining the Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education in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

Membership dues are to be renewed by December 31st.

You can pay them at any time. Annual membership \$20; Life membership \$200.

Anyone not renewed by January 31st will no longer receive their monthly newsletter.



What's Happening at Post 52 and around the Globe

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 NO Dinner, Have a Safe Labor Day weekend!
3	4 Labor Day	5 Troops Packing 5:45pm	6	7	8	9 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
10 A.B.A.T.E. meeting 11:30am at Post 52	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 Lions Club Dinner, help needed	15 National POW/MIA Day Post 52 Vigil evening	16 NO Dinner, RIDE FOR FREEDOM Catered Wedding at the Post
17	18 Post 52 meeting 7pm	19	20	21	22	23 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Troops Packing 5:45pm	4	5	6	7 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
8 A.B.A.T.E. meeting 11:30am at Post 52	9 Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day	10	11	12 Lions Club Dinner, help needed	13	14 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
15	16 Post 52 meeting 7pm	17	18	19	20	21 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM Halloween Parade, MDVL
29	30	31 Halloween				

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saint's Day	2	3	4 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
5 Daylight Savings Time ends	6	7 ELECTION DAY	8	9 Lions Club Dinner, help needed	10 VETERANS DAY observed	11 VETERANS DAY SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
12 A.B.A.T.E. meeting 11:30am at Post 52	13	14	15	16	17	18 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 4-7PM
19	20 Post 52 meeting 7pm	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25 NO Dinner Happy Thanksgiving!
26	27	28	29	30		

