



Green Township Post 10380 Veterans of Foreign Wars October/November 2026



Welcome from Commander Mike Donnelly

The Huey Helicopter story continues! I'm excited to share the latest chapter in the restoration story of our UH-1H "Huey" helicopter and the progress being made to make it whole again. The challenge: finding the parts we need. To continue the restoration, we still need several important, difficult-to-find parts for the chopper, including cowling pieces and some additional missing body components. Not exactly what's in your garage!

So, I wrote to the CEO of Bell Helicopter to ask if they could provide plans for the cowling and other missing body parts and sent it off via snail mail. About two weeks later, around 8:00 a.m., I received a phone call from Bell Helicopter. At first I was told that we would not be able to get the plans to which I simply replied, "Well, I had to ask!" We continued to have a pleasant conversation, then ended the call.

About two hours later, another person from Bell called back with a new possibility: if I would sign a non-compete agreement, they would help us get the plans. Of course, I agreed. As the conversation continued, he said, "Well, just bring a trailer to Ozark, Alabama. I have some of these (cowling pieces, missing body components, another fuselage, and boxes of spare parts) there." I told him we would come take a look.

On September 21, Jim Crane, John Kramer and I traveled to Bell Helicopter in Ozark, Alabama. While there, we selected another fuselage (aka, parts-chopper) and boxes of spare parts that will help move the restoration forward. By the time, you read this we will be headed back to Ozark to pick up the spare parts and fuselage that will provide parts that are missing on our Huey.

The Huey is currently being restored at Paul Wilke and Son, Inc. where it has been torn down to reduce weight so it can be mounted on a pedestal at Veterans Park. Charlie Wilke designed and manufactured a "rotisserie" to make it safer and easier to work on the chopper. The design and build required very careful engineering because the front and rear mountings on the Huey are offset. His fabrication work is truly impressive. Thank you for your ingenuity and expertise, Charlie! Check out pages 8-9 for photos of the progress.



We continue to raise money to complete the restoration and prepare the Huey for its future home as a "Gate Guardian" near the tank at Veterans Park. Thank you to everyone who has donated to date; every donation is important and deeply appreciated.

Post 10380 continues to be busy as we come into the Fall and Winter. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss anything! YOU are what makes us a great Post!

Now, on an unhappy note from Denise, this is last edition of the newsletter in this format. She has used Microsoft Publisher to produce it but as of October 1, 2026 it will no longer be available nor supported by Microsoft. So please be patient while we investigate new programs and build a new design. Wishing you a Happy Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and, maybe, Merry Christmas! *Mike*

VFW Mission

- * To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts
- * To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities
- * To advocate on behalf of all veterans

VFW Core Values

- * To always put the interests of our members first
- * Treat donors as partners in our cause
- * Promote patriotism
- * Honor military service
- * Ensure the care of veterans and their families
- * Serve our communities
- * Promote a positive image of the VFW
- * Respect the diversity of veteran opinions

Meeting Date

The Post meeting is the
Third Thursday each month
7:30 p.m. (6:30 p.m. dinner)
Nathanael Greene Lodge, **upper level**
6394 Wesselman Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247
513.598.3100
(Call Lodge for meeting cancellations)

Staff Meeting Dates

The 2026 Staff meetings will be
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
October 7
November 11, December 9
Nathanael Greene Lodge



November 11, 2026



Mark Your Calendar



Daylight Savings
Time ends at
2:00 a.m. on
Sunday
November 1st



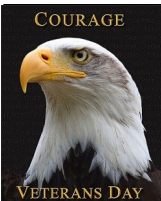
October 6: Absentee Voting by Mail & Early In Person
Voting begins

November 3: Election Day Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to
7:30 p.m.



November 7 & 8, 2026
Delhi Kroger, Delhi Pike

Volunteers needed!
If you can help, call Dan Gentry
513.824.9764



VFW Post 10380
Veterans Day Ceremony
November 11, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Green Township Veterans Park
6303 Harrison Avenue
Public welcome



Green Township **Winterfest**

Friday, December 4, 2026

5:00—9:00 p.m.

Nathanael Greene Lodge / 6394 Wesselman Rd.

*Fun for the whole family—pics with Santa, Story-time with
Mrs. Claus, Carolers, the Grinch, Popcorn, Cookie Decorating,
Crafts and much more!*

Wreaths Across America

December 19, 2026

12:00 p.m.



The public is invited to join Post 10380
members and their families as we again
participate in this national program of placing
ceremonial wreaths on the graves of veterans at

Bridgetown Cemetery
4337 Bridgetown Road

If you would like to purchase a wreath to lay on your
family member's grave, call Jack Taphorn
513.763.0933.



VFW Commemorates Fifth Anniversary of the Afghanistan War Conclusion

Their sacrifice, loss, perseverance and the bonds forged in service will never be forgotten.

Kansas City—On August 30, 2026, the VFW paused to honor and remember the conclusion of the Afghanistan War, and the service and sacrifice of all who carried out the missions defending our nation. Five years ago, the United States ended its military presence in Afghanistan, officially ending America's longest war. For the generations of veterans who answered the call to serve there, the end of the mission in Afghanistan remains difficult to process as it carries memories of sacrifice, loss perseverance and the bonds forged in service.

More than 800,000 Americans served in Afghanistan over nearly 20 years, often facing dangerous and uncertain conditions during multiple deployments. More than 2,400 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan, while countless others returned home bearing the physical and invisible wounds that continue to shape their lives. The circumstances surrounding the final withdrawal from Afghanistan remain difficult for many veterans and their families. The images from those final days, and the loss of 13 American service members at Abbey Gate, will never be forgotten. Questions about the decisions that led to the end of the war deserve thoughtful consideration, and the lessons learned from nearly two decades of conflict must continue to influence how our nation prepares for and conducts future military operations.

But as we remember the end of the Afghanistan War, we must not allow the way the war ended to overshadow the service of those who fought it. Our veterans did what generations of American service members have always done: they answered their nation's call. They deployed when asked, served alongside their brothers—and sisters-in-arms, and accomplished their missions under extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

On behalf of the nearly 1.2 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, we will continue to stand with every veteran of the Afghanistan War, not only on this anniversary, but every day. You demonstrated courage, professionalism and an unwavering commitment to our country, and we commend your selfless service

Source: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events.latest-releases>



From the Bridges Newsletter Archives, August 2012

A message from Matt Buchert, Afghanistan 6/8/2012

Hey Everyone,

Just wanted to send a few more pics of our last patrol to a village outside of our FOB. I know pictures help you all see and develop a better understanding of what we're doing over here. During this patrol my TPT gave ANA (Afghan National Army) guys some school supplies to disseminate to the local populace.



Overall, it was a great mission. Spreading and promoting education is always a great thing, especially in a war-torn country where the local populace has been oppressed by extremist ideas. I wish you could all see the smiles we bring to the faces of the children. My conversations with village elders, mullahs (which are their religious leaders), are priceless. The Afghan people are very warm and always hospitable; something that gets lost on the nightly news back home I've seen. No matter what you hear on TV or hear people say back home, not all Afghans are terrorists. They are a very resilient, proud, determined, and generous group of people. I'm proud to call a few of them my friends and thought that these pictures would help tell the story. Hope you enjoy them! Take care and Godspeed!

Living the Dream, Matt

Welcome New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members who transferred in or joined our Post August and September 2026.

None

We appreciate you choosing Post 10380 and hope you enjoy yourself. We welcome your suggestions and encourage you to become actively involved.

Please ask us for help if / when you need it.

If you like us, invite a buddy; if you don't, please tell us why.



How Do I Join?

VFW Post 10380 always welcomes new members.

Contact Matt Buchert

513.406.0001
for eligibility requirements.



Purple Heart Day August 7, 2026

The **2026 Purple Heart Day Ceremony**, held at Veterans Park, began with Post 10380 Honor Guard Posting the Colors followed by Commander Mike Donnelly’s Opening Remarks. Samuel Hillgrove then sang the National Anthem, and Post 10380 Chaplain Bob Abrams offered the Invocation.

Mel Heis, PDC MOPH Chapter #3620, honored veterans in his speech citing the following statistics of Purple Heart presentations to veterans: WWI—320,518; WWII—1,076,245; Korea—118,650; Vietnam—351,794; Persian Gulf—607; Afghanistan—12,534; Iraq—35,411 and Iran—estimated 630.

The Honor Guard conducted the Missing Man Table Ceremony and then closed the program playing TAPS.



Mel Heis



Joe Augustine and Tom Bittner



Samuel Hillgrove sang the National Anthem



Narrator Ray Frey read the traditional explanation of the symbolic items on the Missing Man Table



Dave Lahni, Coast Guard



Missing Man Table



Jack Taphorn, Army



Bill Daniel, Army



Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Cincinnati Chapters 3620 and 156

VFW Youth Essay Competitions

The VFW is now accepting entries into the **2026-2027 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarship** competitions. These competitions are dedicated to promoting patriotism among our nation's youth. Students are asked to submit an essay in response to a question or statement on a subject which prompts them to consider how democratic ideals and principals apply to their lives.

Each contest consists of four levels. The first (entry) level is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners will advance to the VFW District (regional) level where one first-place winner will advance to the VFW Department (state) level. Winners from each state will then compete for the national prizes. Prizes/awards can be awarded at each level.

♦ **The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9—12.** It has been the VFW's premier scholarship program since 1947. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on a patriotic theme.

♦ **The Patriot's Pen is open to students in grades 6—8.** The top national winners all receive at least \$500.

Joe Augustine, Program Coordinator for Post 10380, recently visited area westside Middle Schools and High Schools to invite teachers to encourage student participation. Home-schooled students are also eligible. If your child cannot participate through his/her school, entries may be mailed directly to Post 10380, PO Box 62, North Bend, OH 45052. Essays must be their own work.

The 2026-2027 Theme is the same for both Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen.

Voice of Democracy Competition consists of four levels:

Entry: local VFW Posts

Post 10380 awards 3 winners: 1st place receives \$400; 2nd place receives \$300; 3rd place receives \$200

District (Regional): winner advances

Department (State): winner advances

National: winner competes for scholarships up to \$35,000

2026– 2027 Theme:

“What a Veteran Taught Me About America”

Information and Entry Form available at:

www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

Patriot's Pen competition consists of four levels:

Entry: local VFW Posts

Post 10380 awards 3 winners: 1st Place receives \$300; 2nd Place receives \$200; 3rd Place receives \$100

District (Regional): winner advances

Department (State): winner advances

National: winners compete for prizes ranging from \$500—\$5,000

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Harvest Home Parade & Fair September 10, 2026

The Annual Harvest Home Parade kicked off 20 minutes late due to Mother Nature’s weird sense of humor. She decided to unleash a torrential downpour just before the start of the parade! But that didn’t dampen the spirit of the participants or crowds along the parade route.

Thank you to everyone who ‘weathered the storm’ and carried out the traditional opening of the Harvest Home Fair.

Special thank you to Post 10380 member Jack Taphorn for designing and building a replica float of a UH-1H “Huey” helicopter; a creative way to introduce the next memorial coming to Veterans Park.

Thank you, Jack, for continuing the legacy of Bill Ostermeyer in building, maintaining, and using the floats that remember WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, and now the UH-1H Huey, and Wreaths Across America. Well done, Jack!

And thank you to Ed Murphy for organizing (in the pouring rain on Thursday) the set-up of the Post 10380 Welcome Home Recruiting Booth at the Fair. Ed also did a great job of “recruiting” volunteers to man the booth on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you to all those who volunteered in any way.



You are what make our Post great!

“Huey” Helicopter

Wreaths Across America which is December 19, 2026.



Korea



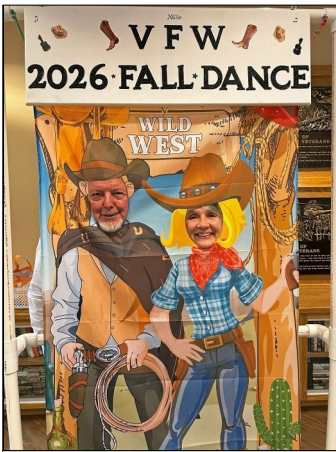
Vietnam Wall



Norb Mause
Ed Murphy
Welcome Home



Fall Dance September 12, 2026



Jerry Dehner & Nancy Holthaus

Howdy All Y'All!
Welcome to the Annual Post 10380 Fall Dance!
Hosted by Jerry Dehner & Nancy Holthaus, this year cowboys and cowgirls enjoyed an evening of fun with great folks and greater conversations, a costume contest, drinks and snacks.
Dancing was not a requirement but some light-footed partners showed us how they could still cut a rug to music provided by DJ Jacob Dehner. The evening was complete with a custom face-cutouts Wild West Photo screen.
Congratulations to Bobbie Ostermeyer, winner of the Best Costume Contest!

Thank you to Jerry and Nancy for continuing this dance, which was started by Bill Ostermeyer (rest in peace, Bill) as an end of the summer celebration. As summers become more difficult to find the time, we morphed into a welcome to Fall dance.



Tim & Audrey Burda



Jerry Dehner Nancy Holthaus



Costume contestants Jim Scheibling, Carrie McCoy, Bobbie Ostermeyer, Audrey and Tim Burda-the Masked Bandit



And the winner of the Texas Roadhouse Gift Card was Bobbie Ostermeyer!



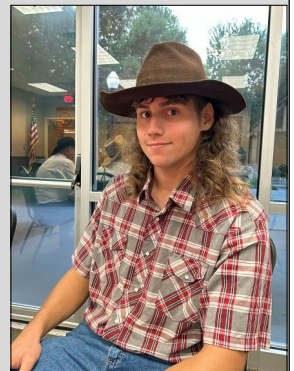
Guess Who?



Carolyn & Joe Siebenburgen



Mary Sue & Tom Schmitz



DJ Jacob Dehner



Donna & Mike Haarmeyer



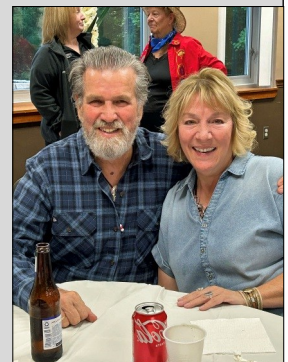
Dave & Sue Lahni



**Frannie & Matt Buchert
Mike Donnelly**



Carolyn & Bob Abrams



John & Marilyn Kramer

UH-1H Helicopter Restoration June 15, 2026

Having arrived at its new temporary home at Paul Wilke & Son, work began immediately. Upon opening the doors, the interior was found to be **very heavily** packed with some needed parts and **lots** of extras: mechanical parts, jump seats, fuel bladders and more. It was a lot to unpack but was filled with exciting discoveries, and many memories.



Jim Crane & John Kramer begin cleaning out the Huey



John Kramer found the missing copilot door on top of jump seats & fuel bladders

June 15, 2026
1st day of the restoration process



Top of photo is the ceiling of the Huey; jump seats were packed with fuel bladders and extra parts



John Kramer & Charlie Wilke remove parts of top rotor

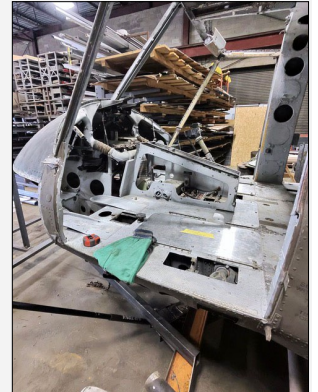
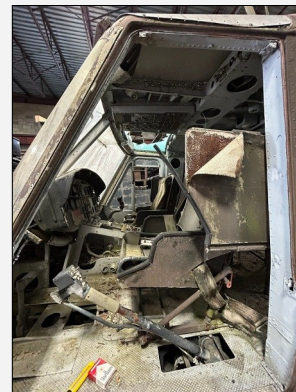
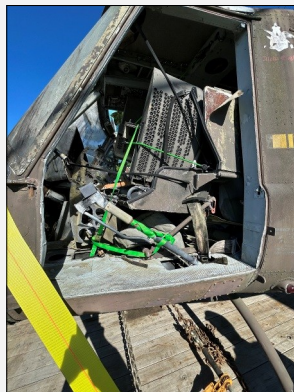


Jump seats cleared of debris



Jim Crane waves from cleared out jump seat

Below: Copilot seat before and after it was cleaned out on 6-15, and then on 8-20 after Huey was stripped



UH-1H Helicopter Restoration August 20, 2026



Instrument panel before and after cleaned out on 8-20-26



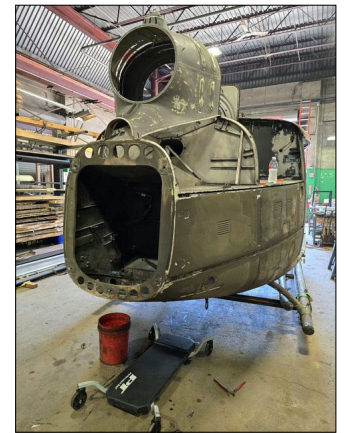
Arial view of fuselage; tail section was removed



Above: Rotisserie front and rear panel connections



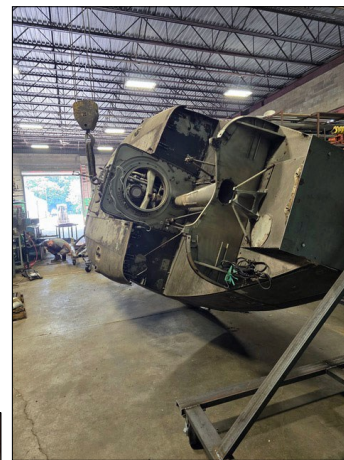
Interior completely removed



Above: the engine exhaust



Bottom of Huey
Top of Huey



Using the "rotisserie", the Huey was rotated onto its side allowing work on the top and bottom to progress safely.

Photos on left show the Huey rotated 1/4 turn to the right, taken from the front. Chuck Wilke is holding onto the roofline of the front windshield.

Photo in top center shows the Huey, taken from the rear. Tail section has been removed during restoration.



On the "rotisserie" this shows the bottom of Huey with all panels and repair patches removed.



★ GREEN TOWNSHIP ★ HELP RESTORE A HISTORIC HUEY

HONOR ★ PRESERVE ★ INSPIRE

— VFW POST 10380 —

PARTNERING WITH GREEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES



OUR MISSION

Your donation will help restore a Vietnam-era UH-1H "Huey" helicopter to be permanently displayed at Veterans Park. This iconic aircraft will stand as a lasting tribute to the men and women who served during the Vietnam War and a place of remembrance, honor, and education for future generations.

SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF A UH-1H "HUEY" HELICOPTER

SCAN TO DONATE



DONATE BY CHECK

Please make checks payable to:

GREEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

(Put HELICOPTER in Memo Line)

Mail or Deliver to:

Green Township Administration
6303 Harrison Avenue / Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

EVERY CONTRIBUTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE! Thank you for supporting our Veterans and our Community.

All Gifts are Tax Deductible as provided by law.

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THOMAS STRAUS
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Just in Case....

By Clement Clarke Moore

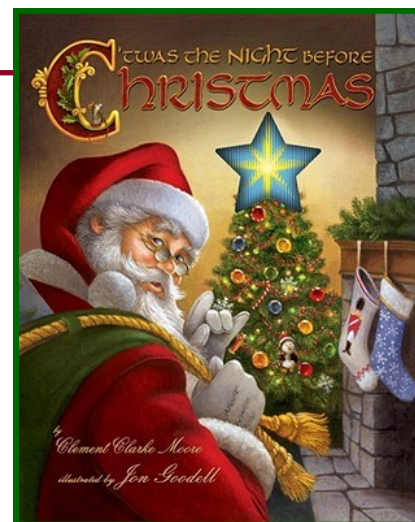
'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustré of midday to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too—
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

Merry
Christmas



As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.

His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



Local Veteran Service Officers

Hamilton County Veterans Service Office
7701 McCollum Way Cincinnati, OH 45137
513.946.3300

To assist you in filing a claim, contact one of the following **Veterans Service Officers (VSO)** directly:

- ◆ Dave Currence, 812.537.8819 — Dearborn County Veteran Service Office (VSO), 165 Mary Street Rm. 100, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025
- ◆ Christopher Smith, 513-946-3300 / christopher.smith@hamiltoncountyohio.gov— Hamilton County VSO
- ◆ Dorene Dillard—513.946.3300 / dorene.dillard@hamiltoncountyohio.gov— Hamilton County VSO
- ◆ James Massey, 513.946.3300 / james.massey@hamiltoncountyohio.gov— Transportation Manager & VSO
- ◆ Jim Gronefeld, 513.946.3300 / jim.gronefeld@hamiltoncountyohio.gov— Financial Assistance: Finance Manager

VA Contact Information

VA Benefits: 800.827.1000
 Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits: 877.294.6380
 Debt Management: 800.827.0648
 Education (GI Bill): 888.442.4551
 Health Care Benefits: 877.222.8387
 Status of Headstones/Markers: 800.697.6947
 Life Insurance: 800.669.8477
 Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 800.829.4833
 Special Issues—Gulf War / Agent Orange / Project Shad / Mustard Agents and Lewisite / Ionizing Radiation: 800.749.8387

August/September Raffle Winners

Attendance: Ryan Blankenship / Steve Murray

Split-the-Pot: Jack Taphorn / Rich Dickman

\$100 Raffle: Bridgetown Finer Meats / Patty Buelterman

\$50 Raffle: John Montag / Donnie Becker



Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission

Financial Assistance

Emergency financial aid for rent, utilities, and essential needs.

HCVSC provides emergency financial assistance to eligible Hamilton County veterans and their families facing financial hardship. Assistance is available for rent, mortgage, utilities, food, medical expenses, and transportation.

- Rent and mortgage assistance
- Electric, gas, and water utility bills
- Food and essential household needs
- Medical and prescription costs

To apply for financial assistance go to <https://hcvsc.org/apply>

Transportation

Free rides to VA medical appointments for eligible veterans.

We provide free transportation to and from VA medical facilities for eligible Hamilton County veterans who have no other means of transportation. Rides must be scheduled in advance.

- Rides to Cincinnati VA Medical Center
- Transportation to VA community care appointments
- Advance scheduling required
- Available Monday through Friday

Contact (513) 946-3300 to schedule

What are YOU Thankful For?



"I love Fall. It's the three weeks between complaining that I'm hot and complaining that I'm cold."

"I'm just here for the cool weather and carbohydrates."



2026 Calendar of Events

January	February x Harrison's Tomb x Four Chaplains Memorial Service at St. Boniface Church	March xx Flag Retirement Ceremony Veterans Park
April x Honor Flight TriState xx Cars & Courage Car Show — Diamond Oaks	May xx Honor Flight TriState xx-xx Poppy Days xx Memorial Day Parade in Cheviot xx Post 10380 Memorial Day Ceremony	June x Memorial Day Golf Outing at Aston Oaks
July x Green Township July 4th Celebration at Kuliga Park	August 7 Purple Heart Day at Veterans Park 20 Grill-Out/Post Meeting 22 Green Township Kids Fun Day Veterans Park	September 10 Harvest Home Parade 10-13 Harvest Home Fair Recruiting Booth 22 Honor Flight TriState Post 10380 Annual Raffle tickets available
October 3 Flag Retirement Ceremony Veterans Park 27 Honor Flight TriState	November 7-8 Poppy Days 11 Post 10380 Veterans Day Ceremony Community Veterans Day Ceremonies	December 4 Green Township Winterfest 19 Wreaths Across America Reminder: Annual Dues

Monthly Meeting: 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m. dinner / 7:30 p.m. meeting
Location: Nathanael Greene Lodge, 6394 Wesselman Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247

Post 10380 Officers

Commander:
Mike Donnelly
Senior Vice-Commander
Steve Murray
Junior Vice-Commander
Ed Murphy
Quartermaster
Tom Schmitz
Adjutant
Charlie Wilke

Judge Advocate
Chris McDowell
Chaplain
Bob Abrams
Surgeon
Jim Jansen
Officer of the Day
Ron Kelly
Guard
Bill Soto
Membership
Matt Buchert

Service Officer
Trustee 1 Year
Ryan Blankenship
Trustee 2 Year
Donnie Becker
Trustee 3 Year
Dan Wilcox
Illness & Bereavement
Jim Schnieder
Poppy Chairman
Dan Gentry

Reminders

Illness & Bereavement

Members, if you or your spouse are admitted to a Cincinnati area hospital, please contact:



Jim Schnieder 513.310.1256

Funeral Service

If you would like our Post 10380 Honor Guard to conduct a VFW ceremony at a funeral service, please contact:



Mike Donnelly 513.675.4249

Newsletter

You can also view this in color on our website www.vfw10380.org

FaceBook

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For additional information on services or programs, or to be added to or removed from this mailing, contact Mike Donnelly 513.675.4249 or email to vfwpost10380@gmail.com



Green Township Post 10380
Veterans of Foreign Wars



As the oldest branch of the U.S. Military, the Army protects the security of the United States and its resources.



The Marine Corps is often first on the ground in combat situations.



The Navy defends the right to travel and trade freely on the world's oceans and protects national interests overseas.



The U. S. Air Force protects American interests at home and abroad with a focus on air power.



The Space Force organizes, trains, and equips space forces in order to protect U.S. and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint force.



The Coast Guard protects America's waterways and deploys with the Navy during wartime.



Comprised of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard, the National Guard is a versatile force, supporting combat missions, domestic emergencies, humanitarian efforts, homeland security operations, and more.