

By The *Post Lake*



November / December 2025



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Canteen Hours

Monday-Friday 12-12 pm
Saturday 12-1
Sunday 12-8 pm

Kitchen Hours

Tuesday-Friday 12-2 pm
Monday, Thursday, Friday 6-8 pm
(Third Thursday 7-9pm)
Tuesday, Wednesday 5-7 pm

Hall Rentals

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Celebrations of Life / Sunshine Fund

***Post 91 provides hall and food at no cost for members & immediate family members for celebrations of life**
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Commander
James Lockyer

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Commander's Corner



Greetings Legion Family Members.

Where did this year go? It's hard to believe we are into November and December.

We had a great year. We accomplished a lot of work at the Post, with my last project being completed at the end of October. We had a lot of good events, thanks to the great work of our (2nd Vice) Keith, (canteen manager) Sarah, (her assistant) Kaylin, and all the work of our volunteers.

I would like to thank all my table officers and E-board members for their support. I am also grateful for the advice of some of our past Post Commanders. I would like to thank the AUX, ALR and the SAL for their support this year. I look forward to working with everyone into the new year.

I hope everyone has time to spend with family and friends during the upcoming holiday season. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving, merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you and your families.

James Lockyer

Celebrating
U.S. Navy's
250th Birthday
October 13, 2025



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The New Guy



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I am not a get-in-where-you-fit-in type of guy, but more like an insert-yourself-where-you-are-needed guy. You can't make a difference by sitting and watching from the rear. I needed to be involved with Post 91, and I believe Post 91 needs me. My name is Walter Fadrowski and I am the hall rental manager. I go by Wally or Ski. You have seen me around: tall, grey and handsome.

I have been a member of this Legion since I was a kid as an SAL member. I retired from the Navy in 2023 after a blessed and fulfilling 30-year career. In 2024, my family made the decision that I knew was always in my future—to move back home. Upon returning to Cleveland and taking some time to unwind and adjust from active duty to civilian life, I noticed that I had a void that needed to be filled. Post 91 was that void.

Being stationed in the south and raised in the military has made me the man and leader I am today. But it started before that. It started with Post 91. I was lucky enough to receive the opportunity to attend Buckeye Boys State through our Post. There we ran a fictitious government for a week, and it taught me core values that I use to this day. This Post provided the foundation for little Wally from Berea to become Master Chief Ski in the world's finest Navy. I owe the Legion. I owe Post 91. The opportunity to be part of the future of this fine Post is something I take with the utmost respect and responsibility. Being able to be around fellow Vets who "get it" has filled the void. Being able to help this Post, fellow Vets and the community is what I need to do—and I will. A "fresh set" of eyes to soak up all the aspects of the day-to-day operations and procedures of the Legion and Post 91 and then provide feedback is needed, and I hope will be welcomed. I am a proud member of Post 91. If it is mopping the deck in the head, renting out the hall, or being a future Board member, I will do what needs to be done because it has to be done!

Insert yourself where needed! This is how we keep mighty Post 91 going! Insert yourself where needed! I urge you all to follow my lead and do the same.

Very Respectfully,

Wally "SKI"

Master Chief (USN) (Retired)





1st Vice, Ed Leopold

Hello Everyone,

Ladies and gentlemen, it is that time of year to get your dues paid. We still need 270 Blue Caps to pay their dues. It sure would help out your Post. There are a few ways to pay them: online, send it in the mail to the Post, or stop in and pay with the bartender. Let's get them paid please.

With that said, I want to take a minute to thank 2nd Vice, Keith Mattison, and his crew for a job well done with the clambake. The food was excellent, and the entertainment was great for their third year in a row. It was the best I have had in a long time. Again, thank you to all.

Big Ed



*To the Colors!
The Travel! The Excitement!
The Pay! --just kidding*



Your Post 91 Color Guard Needs YOU!

We are always looking for volunteers, Legionnaires and SALs. Represent your Post in local ceremonies and events. Uniforms are provided. Short monthly drills.

For more information contact,

Jon Silvis 440-823-1066 *OR* Bob Roginsky 440-582-5856



Clambake, 2025

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2nd Vice, Keith Mattison

Well, where has the time gone? October is half over as I write this. It's fall. People have closed up their pools and are getting ready for winter.

We've had another successful clambake, and I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped me. When somebody told me what a great job I did, I told them it was not just me; It was all the people that helped me. I may have orchestrated it and led the band, but they did all the work. I would like to thank John Weaver, Kathy Gehalo, M.P., Sandy Lehman and her son and daughter-in-law, George Masie, Chris (who cooked the steaks), our loving couple Brad and Sarah, Kaylin, Duane and Jeff (who again did an amazing job on the chicken). I want to say thanks to Josh and Rachel, who helped do the sideboards, and to Jimmy and Sandy, who were selling 50-50 raffle tickets. Again, it was a group effort that pulled this off.

I would like to thank all the people that came out for the clambake as it was once again sold out, making it a success. You couldn't ask for better weather. Bridge the Gap, the band that played, was outstanding as always. Everybody had a great time.

Also, during our Friday nights in November, we are doing our steak dinner from 6 to 8pm.

As we get ready to move into November and December, remember Veterans Day. I know the Post will be having lunch and dinner, which is free for all Veterans.

In December we'll be bringing in Christmas, and we will be having a customer appreciation night. Watch our whiteboard or the flyers in the Post to find out more information about the time and date of the event.

**Bridge the Gap
Playing at Post 91
Clambake, 2025**



As we get ready to close out another year, I want to say thank you again to everybody who has volunteered and helped out to make our Post one of the best around. Without the help of the volunteers, we wouldn't succeed the way that we do. So again, I want to thank all the volunteers. I know I may have forgotten a few names and if so, I apologize, but I do know and recognize you all. I need to say thanks to Jimmy who usually helps me on Wednesday nights and to Stan, an angel that helps me on taco Tuesdays, and to everybody else that pitches in.

So, as we return to the holidays, from my heart I want to wish everybody a very safe, wonderful and a happy Thanksgiving and also a warm and a very merry Christmas.

Please remember on Veterans Day to take a moment to think about it or even help a Veteran if you know one. Also, I ask if you may be thinking about volunteering—as I always say—be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

I want to wish you all a very wonderful, happy and prosperous new year. God bless you all and God bless the United States of America.

Keith



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Olmsted Falls High School's Veteran Support Program

My name is Sean Pellerite and I have started a new class at Olmsted Falls High School that is called "Home Maintenance and Repair." My students are learning how to fix common problems that come with being a homeowner. We are looking for Veterans, both active and retired, in the Olmsted Falls area who may have some repairs around the house that need attention. This program is made possible with the help of Olmsted Falls Schools and the North Olmsted Home Depot.

Ideally, we are looking for smaller projects that may take anywhere from one hour to one day and may involve framing, plumbing, electrical, drywall, painting or general yardwork. Here is the way our Veteran Support Program works:

1. Contact Sean Pellerite at Olmsted Falls High School at 440-427-6132 or email spellerite@ofcs.net if you have a repair need.
2. Fill out a short informational questionnaire to help identify your needs.
3. We will assess the scope of the repair and see if it is something that we can do.
4. If we can do the repair, we will contact the Veteran to confirm the date and time that we will complete the repair.
5. The Veteran will need to sign a liability waiver before the volunteer work begins.
6. The Veteran supplies some of the materials that are needed (with some donations from North Olmsted Home Depot) and we supply the FREE labor as our way of saying...

"Thank you for your service!"

Our students gain valuable experience and the Veteran gets their problem fixed for FREE. It's a community win-win!



POW/MIA Ceremony, 2025

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Auxiliary President, Nina Zdravecky

Hello Happy People!

I just want to wish each and everyone of you happy holidays!

God Bless you all and God bless America!

Nina

1st Vice, Linda Joy

Hi,

My wish for you this Thanksgiving is that your table is full of your favorite dishes and people.

A BIG thank you to the members who continue to donate and support the Monday night Auxiliary raffle. Together we can make a difference.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

Linda



2nd Vice, Stacey Lehmann

Post 91 is honored to participate this winter with Wreaths Across America. New this year, I am coordinating the ceremony and the wreath placement portion of the day at four of our local cemeteries. Our new locations include Adam's Street, Turkeyfoot, Little St. Mary's and St. Paul's cemeteries.

Although we will not be participating in events at Woodvale or Rittman Cemetery, you can still sponsor a wreath for those locations through our Wreaths Across America website. On National Wreaths Across America Day (Saturday, December 13, 2025) starting at 12pm., Post 91 will perform a small ceremony at Adam's Street Cemetery. Wreath laying by volunteers will begin immediately after. Simultaneous ceremonies and wreath placement will be occurring all over the world, including at Turkeyfoot and Rittman cemeteries.

Over the next few weeks, Post 91 is asking our members and our community to remember and honor our local Veterans by sponsoring wreaths. With each sponsorship made, a wreath is placed and the Veteran is acknowledged by name to ensure that their legacy of duty, service and sacrifice is never forgotten.

If you have questions or concerns, contact me by phone at (440) 465-3868 or leave a message for me in my mailbox in the canteen. To sponsor a wreath or to sign up to volunteer, please go to Post 91's direct link at <https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/OH0487>.

Stacey



Wreaths Across America at Woodvale Cemetery, 2024

Membership and Community Service Chairman, Nancy Doutt

Membership Update

Unit 91 lost two members within 27 hours of each other: my cousin, Diane Constable (a 32-year member), and Jeanne Haas's sister, Andrea Kovalsky (a 4-year member). Their families have donated items from their estates for our annual garage sale, so their legacy will live on through our scholarship program. They will be honored during our annual Auxiliary memorial service on November 10. Thank you.

The first notice from National started arriving in our mailboxes mid-September. Senior dues (ages 18 and over) are \$40, and juniors (ages birth to 17) are \$6. Juniors do not receive notices, so please pay your junior's dues when you pay yours. Our membership goal for 2026 has been set at 416. We've got our work cut out for us to maintain the status of being the largest unit of the 14 units in the 13th District (Cuyahoga County). To date we have processed 131 renewals and new members, which is 31.49% of goal. Early birds receive that special stamp on their membership card if their dues are paid by November 11. All 2026 dues must be paid by December 31, 2025, or your membership becomes delinquent on January 1, 2026, and your key card access to the canteen is turned off. Save us a little more work of deactivating your key card, reactivating it, updating the system, and writing you in the book by paying your dues by the end of the year. If you are paying with cash, please include your name and any one of the following pieces of information: membership number, phone number or address. We have a couple sets of Auxiliary members with the same name, and this will help identify which member paid. Thank you for your cooperation and your renewal, which helps us support our Auxiliary programs.



Giving Tree

By request, so people can do their giving tree shopping over Black Friday weekend, the giving tree (supporting children through Berea Community Outreach, Veterans and their families through Second Mile Outreach, and several local families in need) will be going up in the canteen November 22 or 23. It's always a quick turnaround to deliver gifts, based on the deadlines given by the organizations we help, so gifts can get to the families before Christmas. Thank you for all you will do to help make this year a Christmas they will remember.

Nancy

Welcome New Members

Susan Blahovec
Catherine Cornell
Tori Dzik
Renee Gillespie
Terry Jaegers
Cheryl Latto
Ashley Tonsing

Habitat for Humanity

If anyone is interested in volunteering for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, November 8, please contact Nancy Doutt at (440) 552-4713 to receive a link to sign-up. Exact assignments are not known until a couple of days before the event, but work will be in Cleveland and may include demolition/ripping things out, painting, building, yard clean-up, etc. No experience necessary.

Americanism and Government Test

The Americanism and Government test will be given at Berea-Midpark, Olmsted Falls, and Strongsville High Schools the first two weeks in November. If you are interested in helping grade these tests, please call Nancy at (440) 552-4713. An answer key is provided and it's a simple process, but we need to have a quick turnaround to submit our winners, so many hands make light work.

SAL Commander, Sean Boddy

What a year it's been so far!

We hosted our Browns vs Baltimore Ravens tailgate party on September 14th here at the pavilion at Post 91, and the turnout was fantastic! The Browns unfortunately didn't win, but it still turned out great! Our OSU vs Michigan tailgate party in the canteen will be November 29th at 12pm. Tickets are \$20 for all you can eat and two drink tickets, and are available at the bar or through Jeff Haas. There will also be squares and raffles as well. Flyers are in the canteen and on our Facebook page.

We recently installed a new digital photo frame on our SAL wall where we will be posting pictures from our events, flyers, updates and more! Go check it out when you have a chance and enjoy!

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

– Theodore Roosevelt

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

– Anne Frank

The Sons of American Legion will again be hosting dinner to honor all our Veterans this Veterans Day, November 11th at 5pm here at Post 91. All Veterans are welcome, so please join us. To all the Veterans, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION!

The holiday times of the year can be extra hard for people struggling with any kind of sadness, conflict, and/or loneliness in their lives. There are people in our lives who could probably use a little extra care this holiday season. Send a quick text or a friendly email, mail a card, or pick up the phone and ask how they're doing. Be a shoulder to lean on or an ear to bend. It doesn't have to be anything big to make a huge difference. Just being there—just showing that you care—can help turn around the day for someone. With all the negativity going on around the world right now, we need to remember to look out for one another.

Please visit the Sons of American Legion Squadron 91 Facebook page for updates on future events and activities. As always, please consider joining us for one of our monthly meetings on every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the upstairs hall. If you have any inquiries about our organization and/or membership, questions, comments or concerns, please contact an officer. Feel free to send us a message on Facebook or email us at Salpost91@gmail.com.



Browns vs. Ravens Tailgate Party, 2025

Sean

Membership Chairman, Jim Matej

It's renewal time for the 2026 membership year for Squadron 91. Annual dues stay steady for another year at \$30. We just ended our 2025 year on June 30th. We fell a little short of our state quota of 380 new and renewed members by only 17, ending the year with 363 folks on the books. Even with the slide in membership, we continue to be the largest and best Squadron in the 13th District and 3rd largest in the State of Ohio. This year's State quota is 377 for new or renewed memberships. We are off to a fast start as of this writing as we have already recorded 64 on file, which includes three new members.

Your membership is the lifeblood of our organization and your \$30 membership dues contribute overall to the programs of the Sons of American Legion at all levels: National, State, District and Post. Your dues go a long way to keep our organization growing. Remember, each of you is important to us, and your promptness in forwarding your dues is greatly appreciated. The biggest impact of renewing your membership in the Sons of American Legion is what we do on a local level within our community. Your Squadron funds help support multiple organizations in the Berea and surrounding area. Over this past year, we have helped fund several youth baseball and football teams, the Auxiliary 91 Christmas Giving Tree, Wreaths Across America, the "Bear" Hof Scholarship, City of Berea, Berea Schools, The Veterans Day dinner, Veterans at the Wade Park VA Hospital, and the James C Masie Scholarship golf outing, just to name a few. If you are reading this, please take time to renew now, so that we can continue supporting our Veterans and the City of Berea community.

There are several ways you can renew: mail your dues to Sons of American Legion Squadron 91 (91 American Legion Parkway, Berea, Ohio 44017); pay your dues directly in the canteen at Post 91; or pay online at mylegion.org. If you moved or had a change in your information or have not received a renewal notice, please drop us a note so we can get it corrected.

As always, our meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Post hall. They only last about an hour. Come see what we have planned for our members of the Post 91 family. We can always use your input and help. If you have a question about membership, drop us a note or send us an email at salpost91@gmail.com. You can learn more about Sons of American Legion programs and the benefits of membership at www.mylegion.org. You can also create your Legion account where you can update your profile information, pay your yearly renewal dues and print your membership card.

For God and Country,

Jim



**Browns vs. Ravens
Tailgate Party, 2025**



Bike Night at Post 91, 2025





Bulletin Board

November

- 1: DJ Jerome, 7pm
- 6: ALR Meeting, 7pm
- 8: Work Party
- 9: AUX Lady Vets Lunch (at Santos)
- 10: AUX Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11: Veterans Day
AUX Vets Lunch, 12-2pm
SAL Vets Dinner, 5pm
- 12: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
- 13: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
- 24: AUX Meeting, 7pm
- 26: E-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27: Thanksgiving (Post Closed)
- 29: SAL Tailgate Party, 12pm

December

- 4: ALR Meeting, 7pm
- 6: DJ Jerome, 7pm
- 8: AUX Meeting 7:30pm
- 10: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
- 13: Work Party, 8:30am
- 14: ALR Chili Cookoff 12pm
Customer Appreciation Day
- 22: AUX Meeting, 7:30pm
- 23: E-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 25: Christmas (Post Closed)
- 31: New Year's Eve



TAPS

Diane Constable
Lawrence Jelinik
Andrea Kovalsky

*NOT A MEMBER?
Ask an Officer or Bartender
how You can Join
Our American Legion Family*



To share your patriotic stories, messages, photos and artwork, contact Victoria at vschaft@outlook.com and type "Post 91" into the subject line.