

By The *Post Lake*



May / June, 2026

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**Albert E Baesel
American Legion Post 91**

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Berea, Ohio 44017
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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

For hall rentals, contact
Wally Fadrowski: 757-642-2895
walterfadrowski3@gmail.com

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:

It is spring time and warmer weather is very slowly working its way here. With the warmer weather, we are starting our spring cleanup outside with the help from Scouts Troop 228. We could use all our members' help with cleanliness, as this is each and every member's Post. If you see something, pick it up, or if something needs to be fixed or cleaned in- or outside...say something please.

With the warmer weather here, watch the bulletin boards for any upcoming events or entertainment we might have either in the canteen or pavilion.

Our general membership meeting is the 2nd Thursday of each month in the hall at 7pm. Our meeting on May 14th is the election of officers for 2026/2027. Veterans, this is your Post. Your input and your vote matters and counts. I would like to hear from you.

Usually on the 2nd Saturday of each month, we have a work party. Volunteers are always welcome.

James Lockyer



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Flag Prices at Post 91



- Complete Pole Kit, \$40
 - Includes 6ft fiberglass pole w/ bracket and gold cap (screws and flag not included)
- 6ft pole, \$15
- Gold Cap, \$10
- Bracket, \$15
- Never-Furler, \$16
- American Flag (Nylon)
 - 3X5, \$35
 - 4X6, \$45
 - 5X8, \$65
- POW/MIA Flag (Nylon)
 - 3X5, \$55
 - 4X^, \$65
- Branch Service Flag
 - 3X5, \$40



Flag Retirement Ceremony

- June 14, 7pm in the Post pavilion
- Includes a Color Guard salute, ceremonial burning and burying of the ashes
- Canteen will be temporarily closed during the ceremony
- Open to all
- Drop torn and faded flags into the blue mailbox by the canteen entrance to be properly disposed of at the ceremony



Nomination deadline for consideration for the 2026 class of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is June 1

To be considered, the Veteran must meet the following criteria:

- Be a past or current Ohio resident
- Have received an honorable discharge
- Be of good moral character

Nomination form can be found at <https://dvs.ohio.gov/hall-of-fame>



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

2nd Vice, Keith Mattison



Well, another fish fry season is over. All went well. I would like to thank all the units and all the personnel and volunteers that helped to make this a wonderful success. And now that the fish fries are over, that means summer is almost here, not that you would know it with all the rain we've had. It's grilling season time, which means every Friday in May we're going to be doing burgers, hotdog and brats. Make sure to stop up on a Friday night and enjoy it.

This year, the Riddy Run is going to be in August again. Make sure to watch for the flyers. Come out for a good cause. I will be making breakfast in the pavilion again for all the Riders.

May 25 is Memorial Day. Hopefully a lot of you will make it up for the Memorial Day parade as we honor the Veterans with our wreath ceremony

I'm sure all of you know now, for the last couple years, we've been doing pre-orders when we have our specials on Wednesdays during bar bingo. The pre-orders have to be in by Tuesday morning so I can buy everything we need to make our specials on Wednesday. We do this so we can figure out how much food I need to get. I know that sometimes people have forgotten, but as food costs have risen, we try to make enough for the pre-orders so we don't waste food. Sometimes, we have people cancel their pre-orders on Wednesday, and we make sure that everybody is aware that we have extras so they could purchase food that night. This is the easiest way for all the kitchen staff to be able to do this and, again, not waste food. I do hope everyone understands and I appreciate all of you whom I've done pre-orders for in the past. It makes things a lot easier for all of us. Also please note, we will not be doing dinner specials in July and August.

As summer is approaching, I want to wish everybody a very happy summer. Enjoy your families. Enjoy vacation together. And hopefully enjoy very warm weather. I think we're all ready for it. Please remember Memorial Day, and try to be down at the triangle for the Ceremony.

One last thing...I am going to be doing more brick orders during the summer. You can find the order forms over by the coffee pot in the Post. Please fill one out, enclose your check, and either find me or give them to one of the bartenders. They'll get them into my mailbox.

For those of you with children, happy Mother's Day or Father's Day. As always please remember our Veterans, and when you see one, say thanks for your service. Again, stay safe, enjoy your summer and, as always, God bless the United States of America.

Keith





Memorial Bricks



*American Legion
Post 91
Pavilion Brick Pavers*

\$40 Each

*Up to 3 Lines
at
20 Characters per Line*

*Order Forms
Available in the Canteen*

*Deadline to Order
June, 30*

Building Chairman, Gene Joy

As building guru, there's not much to post, but this time—and I know it's long after the fact—I want to thank everyone who participated in Operation New Floor. From the furniture removal crew to the replacement crew, we can't thank you enough.

We were closed for almost a week and unsure when we would reopen. The flooring crew from Pucher's left the building around 1:45pm on Thursday and by 3:55pm, Post 91 canteen was back in business. (Not *for* business because we had to wait until Friday to set up completely to open at noon.) I could name all those who turned out to help, but I'd probably miss a few...but you know who you are. Mayor Kleem even donated some help from the Rec Department. We literally could NOT have done it without you—male, female, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Blue Caps, SALs, Auxiliary, Riders, young, old...a slice of what America should be. Thank you.

I'd also like to thank all the members who attend our Saturday work parties. We know you don't just show up for eggs a la Leopold and a few drink chips. You are the ones who maintain the Post and help keep it functioning. Remember, the Post belongs to all of us, and we should treat it that way. To quote Red Green, "I'm pullin' for you. We're all in this together."

Gene



Floor: Before and After



Finance Officer, Mel Baher



DATE	Name	Memo	Amount
Aug ...	American Cancer Society	Donation	\$100.00
Aug ...	Special Olympics Ohio	Donation	\$200.00
Aug ...	Alheimers Association	Donation	\$100.00
Aug ...	Friends Forever	Donation	\$100.00
Aug ...	Berea-Midpark Boosters	Donation	\$300.00
Aug ...	USS Cleveland Foundation	Donation	\$3,100.31
Aug ...	Maryssa's Mission Foundation	Donation	\$5,000.00
Sep ...	Salvation Army	Donation	\$100.00
Sep ...	Berea Historical Society	Donation	\$25.00
Sep ...	Grindstone Elementary PTA	Donation	\$500.00
Sep ...	Polaris Career Center	Donation	\$500.00
Sep ...	Hanson House	Donation	\$500.00
Oct ...	Gardner Family	Donation	\$1,000.00
Oct ...	The Memorial Day Foundation	Donation	\$100.00
Oct ...	The Education Foundation	Donation	\$250.00
Oct ...	Buckeye Chapter PVA	Donation	\$250.00
Oct ...	Berea-Midpark High School PTA	Donation	\$500.00
Oct ...	Vikinmgs Racing Relay Team	Donation	\$500.00
Nov ...	Smitty Sports	Donation	\$500.00
Nov ...	Berea City Club	Donation	\$125.00
Nov ...	Ohio Veterans Home	Donation	\$250.00

Nov ...	Healing Heros with Horses	Donation	\$250.00
Nov ...	Wreaths Across America	Donation	\$1,020.00
Dec ...	Northern Ohio Veterans	Donation	\$2,500.00
Dec ...	Kiwanis Club of Berea	Donation	\$50.00
Dec ...	Operation Care Package	Donation	\$250.00
Dec ...	Veteran Companion	Donation	\$250.00
Dec ...	Beacon Charities	Donation	\$750.00
Dec ...	Louis Schmidt Annual Grants	Donation	\$1,000.00
Dec ...	V.A. Christmas Party	Donation	\$1,416.50
Dec ...	Unit 91 - Childrens Xmas	Donation	\$450.00
Dec ...	The Little Red Schoolhouse	Donation	\$500.00
Dec ...	Buckeye Chapter PVA	Donation	\$500.00
Dec ...	Cub Scout Pack 107	Donation	\$1,800.00
Jan ...	Unit 91 - Wade Park Veterans	Donation	\$619.50
Feb ...	Grindstone Elementary	Donation	\$150.00
Feb ...	VVA - Chapter 15	Donation	\$100.00
Feb ...	Berea-Midpark Orchestra	Donation	\$250.00
Feb ...	13th District Auxiliary -	Donation	\$240.00

Finance Officer, Mel Baher, Cont



Mar...	Wags for Kids	Donation	\$5,000.00
Mar...	Berea Animal Rescue Fund	Donation	\$5,000.00
Mar...	Berea Community Outreach	Donation	\$5,000.00
Mar...	Maryssa's Mission Foundation	Donation	\$5,000.00
Mar...	Berea Police Department	Donation	\$5,000.00
Mar...	Berea Foire Department	Donation	\$5,000.00
Mar...	The Fallen Outdoors	Donation	\$250.00
Mar...	Berea Arts Fest	Donation	\$250.00
Mar...	Charitable Fund of Berea Kiwanis	Donation	\$190.00
Mar...	Middleburg Hts. Historical Society	Donation	\$250.00
Mar...	Titans Baseball Club	Donation	\$25.00
Mar...	Civil Air Patrol	Donation	\$500.00
Mar...	Joint Veterans Council -	Donation	\$460.00

Mar...	Thanksgiving Hereos -	Donation	\$1,000.00
Mar...	Boy Scout Troop 2285	Donation	\$810.00
Mar...	Buckeye Chapter PVA	Donation	\$500.00
Mar...	City of Berea - live @ the lake	Donation	\$2,500.00
Mar...	City of Berea - Community	Donation	\$1,000.00
Mar...	Department of Ohio - BBS	Donation	\$1,200.00
Apr ...	The Memorial Day Foundation	Donation	\$250.00
Apr ...	Berea Baseball Association	Donation	\$250.00
Apr ...	D-Day Ohio, Inc.	Donation	\$250.00
Apr ...	Akron Bikers for Boobs	Donation	\$250.00
		Total	\$66,031.00

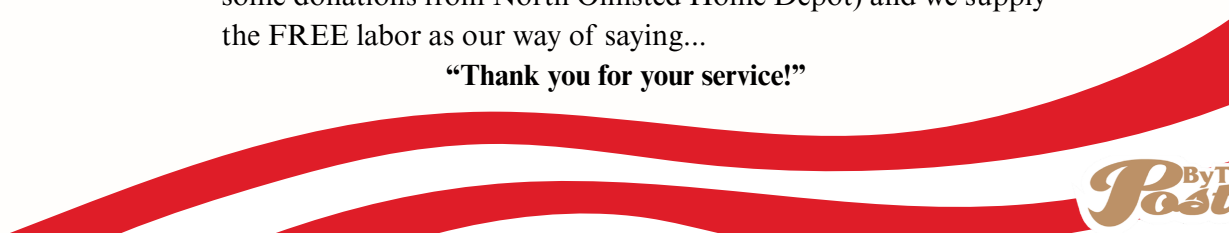
Mel



Olmsted Falls High School's Veteran Support Program

- Contact Sean Pellerite at Olmsted Falls High School at 440-427-6132 or email spellerite@ofcs.net if you need a household repair, yardwork done, etc.
- 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!”



President, Nina Zdravecky

Hello happy people!

I believe we are done with the white stuff, at least I hope so!

For anyone that attended our spaghetti dinner, thank you for your support and we hope you enjoyed it.

May is election month for our officers. Perhaps you have been thinking of taking a position and don't know much about it. Please ask any of our current officers about the positions. You may want to give it a try. We are taking nominations and elections at our May meeting on the 11th. Please come to a meeting to see what it is all about. Let your voice be heard!

God bless you all and God bless America. Thank you,

Nina

1st Vice, Linda Joy

Hi everyone,

With May being the final month of spring, I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather and the blooming flowers.

Our raffle baskets continue to be a great success. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to sponsor two paralyzed veterans to attend the 2026 Buckeye Wheelchair Games this April.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday nights. Together, we are truly making a difference.

Best regards,

Linda



Easter Bunny Brunch





Membership and Community Service Chairman, Nancy Doutt

Membership Update

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have processed 425 memberships, which is 102.16% of goal! Woot woot!! Thank you to all of our members who help promote membership amongst your family and friends. We can still process 2026 dues, and then starting August 1, we will start processing 2027!

Wade Park Domiciliary & Blind Rehab Visit

Thank you to our entire Post 91 family who made the Wade Park Domiciliary and Blind Rehab Unit bus trip to Post 91 on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, a HUGE success. It was wonderful to see everyone working together and interacting with all of our guests. I heard they were very grateful and talking about it for a long time after, as were we.

Annual Reports

Another year has been documented with all of your volunteer activities, and 18 of 19 reports were due April 15. We'll hear some of our results at the Auxiliary District Summer Convention in June, and the rest at the Department Convention in July. Please start writing down all of your good works since March 15 until next March. You can submit on a monthly basis if it's easier for you. Whatever you do, we'll find a place to report it. No activity is too small—every random act of kindness counts!

Thank you.

Nancy

Americanism & Government Test Winners



Thank you to the staff and students at the local high schools who participated in the 2025 Americanism & Government test. Here are the winners at the Post and District levels:

***Post winner**
#District winner

Berea-Midpark High School

Michael Gallagher, 12th gr. Boy
Anna Cavanaugh, 12th gr. Girl
Adrian Villafane, 11th gr. Boy
Grace Olexa, 11th gr. Girl
Collin Gallagher, 10th gr. Boy
Hannah Krane, 10th gr. Girl

Strongsville High School

Mohammed Nate, 12th gr. Boy *#
Madilynn Gorman, 12th gr. Girl *
Chris Ramaswamy, 11th gr. Boy
Kaylee Britton, 11th gr. Girl *#
Marko Stepanovich, 10th gr. Boy *#
Dina Tayeh, 10th gr. Girl *#

Olmsted Falls High School

William Kuri, 11th gr. Boy *#
Sandra Bassit, 11th gr. Girl

Welcome New Members

Christina Finn
Paige Gibbons
Juliann Jeffers
Doreen Johnson
Lindsay Parker
Teresa Smith
Oaklynn Gibbons
Peyton Orlando

2nd Vice, Stacey Lehmann



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I would like to thank all of the Post 91 families that attended this year's Easter Bunny Brunch. This year, 38 baskets were given out, and brunch was served to more than 75 members! A big thank you to Gale Bradish for the beautiful decorations, Marianna Peris for the delicious lunch, Diane Koch for the kids' basket donation, our anonymous bubble donor, our all-hands-on deck crew (Diana Bruner, Debra Hill, Vicki Chainey, Nancy Doutt, my partner in crime, Christine Della Penna), and to Gena Lemley for her special guest appearance again this year!

During the month of May, the Auxiliary will be selling flower certificates for \$20. Certificates can be redeemed at **J&J Greenhouse on Folley Road in Columbia Station until May 31, 2026**. Choose from a 10" hanging basket, a flat of flowers or a flat of vegetables. The flats can be a mix of flowers and vegetables. For more information or to purchase a certificate, please see an Auxiliary officer. Certificates can also be purchased on site at J&J by mentioning Post 91 at checkout.

This year I am hoping to see many more of you and your families at Post 91's annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, which will take place on Monday, May 25, 2026.

While our gatherings at the Post provide a vital space for camaraderie and shared stories, the true spirit of the American Legion demands that we extend that fellowship beyond our walls, particularly as we approach the solemn observance of Memorial Day. **I urge each of us to move past the comfort of our internal social events and actively participate in our community-wide Memorial Day Parade, cemetery wreath-laying ceremonies at Adams Street and Woodvale, and the public remembrance service at McKelvey Park to honor our community's fallen heroes.**

With a Post of over 1,250 members, it is our responsibility to be visible within our community, and to take a more hands-on role in these traditions rather expecting the same members to continue to do it all. By doing this, we not only fulfill our duty as members of the **Post 91 family**, but we also ensure that our Legion remains a living, breathing pillar of our community.

The Post 91 Poppy Garden will again be displayed over Memorial Day weekend. If you are interested in purchasing a poppy please contact me ASAP. No new poppies were made this year, so quantities are limited.

Stacey



Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91 Berea, Ohio

Requests your presence this Memorial Day as we honor our service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Memorial Day Observance as Follows:

8:00 a.m. Adams Street Cemetery Service

9:00 a.m. Woodvale Cemetery Service

10:00 a.m. Parade steps off from Coe Lake and concludes behind City Hall

Following the parade will be the Remembrance Ceremony at McKelvey Park. Wreaths will be placed for each conflict, and the names of Berea's fallen heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice during their service will be read.

****All Active military and Veterans along with their families are invited to walk or ride in the Parade.**

Vehicles are available for ANY Veteran who would like to ride in the Parade upon request

Veterans and Active Military should arrive at Coe Lake by 9:30 a.m. and assemble at the front of the parade line near the American Legion Post 91 participants.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Post 91 Memorial Day Chairman, Stacey Lehmann at (440) 465-3868 or at Staceylehmann15@gmail.com





SAL Commander, Sean Boddy

The warm weather is finally upon us, and we can say goodbye to the snow...for now.

Elections have come again and the votes have been tallied. It was a close race again this year indeed. Our SAL officers and committee men were so great last year that they were voted to another term this year! Let's congratulate them as they set forth on another year of greatness!

Sons of the American Legion Post 91

Commander - Sean Boddy

1st Vice Commander - Andrew Leopold

2nd Vice Commander - Jeff Haas

Adjutant - Randy Genther

Treasurer - Chuck O'Malley

Membership - Jim Matej

Historian - Jon Silvis

Chaplain - Douglas Bloch

Sergeant in Arms - Chance DeWerth

Newly Appointed:

Information Display Administrator - Charlie O'Malley

Just a reminder that this year we advertised two different scholarships: one for college education and one for trade and/or technical school. Both are \$1000 scholarships. The deadline has been extended to May 1, and will be awarded at our June meeting.

In conclusion, I leave you with these quotes including one from Decoration Day 1868:

"That Nation which respects and honors its dead, shall ever be respected and honored itself."

- Brevet Lieut. - Col. Edmund B. Whitman, 1868

"Those who say that we're in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look." - Ronald Reagan

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please visit the Sons of the 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 Salpost91@gmail.com.

Sean

Here's a little history about Memorial Day.

For those of you that don't know, Memorial Day was originally called 'Decoration Day.' It was originally established on May 5, 1868, by General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic. He wanted it to be a designated time to honor Union soldiers who died in the Civil War; a time for the Nation to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers, wreaths and flags.






It increasingly became more known as Memorial Day in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Then after World War I, the holiday was expanded to honor any American Military member that died in any war or battle. Historically, it continued to be observed on May 30 until Congress passed the "Uniform Monday Act" in 1968, which then changed it to the last Monday in May.

While remembering those we've lost while serving, also remember the families and loved ones of those that were lost. Although this day is notably a positive celebration, some may still have difficulty celebrating and are still suffering from loss.

Happy Memorial Day. Celebrate with love, kindness and be comforting to one another. God bless those we've lost.



American Legion Post 91 MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Weekly Drawings MONDAYS	Yahtzee Daily!	Bar Bingo Every Wednesday			1	2 Mike Van Doohn Band 7-10pm
3	4	5	6 Meatball Subs	7  Meeting 7 pm	8	9 Work Party 8:30 am
10 Mother's Day Brunch 11am-1pm (Mom's eat free)	11  Meeting 7:30 pm	12	13 BBQ Chicken and Mac and Cheese  Meeting 7:30 pm	14 W I N G  Meeting 7 pm	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20 Pulled Pork Sandwich and Loaded Tots	21 Special Wings 7-9 pm	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day See Event Info on Page 10	26	27 Pizza	28  E-Board Mtg 7 pm	29	30
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American Legion Post 91 JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Weekly Drawings MONDAYS	1	2	3 Stoppo Joes and Pasta Salad	4  Meeting 7 pm	5	6 Dirty Switches Band 7-10pm
7	8  Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10 Baked Potato Bar  Meeting 7:30 pm	11  Meeting 7 pm	12	13 Work Party 8:30 am
14 Flag Day Ceremony 7pm in Pavilion	15	16	17 Chicken Parm Sandwich and Salad	18 Special Wings 7-9 pm	19 <i>June 19th</i>	20
21 <i>June 21st</i> Brunch 11am-1pm (Dads eat free)	22  Board Mtg 7 pm	23	24 Pizza	25  E-Board Mtg 7 pm	26	27
28	29	30	Bar Bingo Every Wednesday	Yahtzee Daily!		

Bulletin Board

May

- 2: Mike Van Doohn, 7-10pm
- 7: ALR Meeting, 7pm
- 9: Work Party, 8:30am
- 10: Mother's Day Brunch, 11-1pm
- 11: AUX Meeting, 7:30pm
- 13: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
- 14: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
- 16: Armed Forces Day
- 25: Memorial Day
- 28: Blue Caps E-Board, 7pm

June

- 4: ALR Meeting, 7pm
- 6: Dirty Switches, 7-10pm
- 8: AUX meeting, 7:30pm
- 10: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
- 13: Work Party, 8am
- 14: Flag Day Ceremony, 7pm
- 19: Juneteenth
- 21: Father's Day Brunch, 11-1pm
- 22: AUX E-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 25: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm



No TAPS to Report

*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 or call 440-610-2682.