

By The *Post Lake*



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American Legion Post 91**

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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

Contact Marilla Baher
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**Commander
James Lockyer**

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Commander's Corner



Greetings Legion Family Members:

Summer is finally here. I would like to wish all of our member a safe and happy season. Enjoy the weather, the Post and our activities. With the warmer weather here, please watch the bulletin boards for any upcoming events or entertainment we might have either in the canteen or pavilion.

We had our elections and are starting a new Legion year. I would like to thank all our officers, E-board members, and our canteen and kitchen staff for a great 2025/2026 year. It was very productive, and a bit loud at times, but we accomplished a lot of good for the Post and the Legion. What we accomplished could not be done without their dedication and endless hours of work and time. So, thank them and let them know they are appreciated.

We have roughly 1200+ registered members in our Legion family, but at times our volunteer pool is very shallow. It is always the same smiling and lovely faces we see at all the events. Please, if you have time, give us a few hours. We know everyone works and we all have tight schedules at times, but every little bit will help us succeed and grow together.

Our general membership meeting is the 2nd Thursday of each month in the hall at 7pm. 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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1st Vice, Edward Leopold

Dear Blue Caps,

We reached 92% of our quota for the year, with 91 members remaining unpaid for 2026. As we look ahead, let's focus on securing these renewals for 2027.

National will begin sending out 2027 renewal notices in July. Please encourage members to submit their payments as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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



A Note from the Entertainment Coordinator:

Keep an eye out for the bands that will be playing inside the canteen or in the pavilion. We have some good ones scheduled for July and August.

Have a great Summer,

Big Ed

Hall Rental Agent, Walter Fadrowski

Mighty Post #91,

With summer time here, people are inquiring about renting out the pavilion. The pavilion is NOT for rent. However, there are priorities:

Priority #1--Official Post activities

Priority #2--If the hall is rented that day, those individuals will have access to the pavilion if they wish to utilize it

Priority #3--Other than that, first come first serve

You can contact the Hall Manager to see if there is anything planned on the day you wish to use it. But it will not be "saved." Special circumstances can be addressed to the Commander, Sarah and the Hall Manager and will be handled on an individual basis.

Leave the pavilion nicer than you found it. Trash bags, brooms etc. can/will be provided. Don't leave a mess for "the next guy." If you use it, clean it, including placing trash into the dumpster.

Hoping all of you have a safe and fantastic start to the summer season.

Walter "SKJ"

2nd Vice, Keith Mattison



Well, it's hard to believe that June is almost over, we're well into summer, and soon it'll be Fourth of July. Time is flying by as always.

A few things to let you know: There'll be no evening meals on Wednesdays for the months of July and August. The kitchen will be open as usual from 12-2pm for lunch. We will be doing a Friday special in July and August of walking tacos with a bottle of water. Also, we'll be selling soft pretzels with a choice of cheese or hot mustard.

Couple things coming up: On July 4 we will be selling food outside from 3-5pm. Stop by for a tasty hotdog, hamburger or brat. They will be served with a bottle of water and a bag of chips. August 8 is the JAMES C Masie Golf Outing. It is \$125 per golfer and the deadline for registration is August 1. This fills up quick so if you're thinking of going, get your money to your favorite bartender and secure a spot. It's always a good time out there. Then August 22 will be our annual Riddie Run, with kick-stands up at 11am. More to follow on that.

When I reflect on summer, I think about the proudest moment in my life. Thirty-seven years ago in June, my beautiful daughter was born. That was definitely the proudest day of my life. Now I also need to add that in September, I'm going to become a grandfather, which obviously is a very, very proud moment in my life. I'm extremely happy and can't wait. Thirdly, it was my honor to escort my daughter at the Memorial Day Ceremony. It made me very proud to be able to walk my daughter up to the cross and place the wreath.

Most of you probably know me as you see me in the kitchen all the time. In July, I'll be hitting 3/4 of a century old. Yes...75. I'm proud to say I am a Veteran. I served four years in the Navy in the Seabees, 33 years as a police officer, and now I'm working in the kitchen. I've been very blessed in my life and I enjoy it immensely, even though some of you may think I'm a grumpy old man—lol. It does make you reflect upon your life as it goes so quickly—all that you were blessed with. I am proud to be an American, a proud dad, and soon to be a proud grandfather.

I hope everybody enjoys their summer, whether it's camping, boating, fishing, spending time with your family at a picnic, or just enjoying a nice warm summer day. Don't complain about it being too hot. Remember, you don't have to shovel heat.

In closing, I would just like to wish everyone a very happy, very wonderful and a very safe summer. Enjoy the weather. Enjoy the family and have a great time. From Sarah, Kaylyn and I, we all wish you the best for your summer. Come down to the Post and enjoy. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the volunteers that help to make everything possible. Without the volunteers, we couldn't do it all, so thank all of you.

Always remember to think of Veteran. Be kind. It doesn't hurt to just wish somebody you don't even know a good morning.

God bless America. God bless you all.

Keith



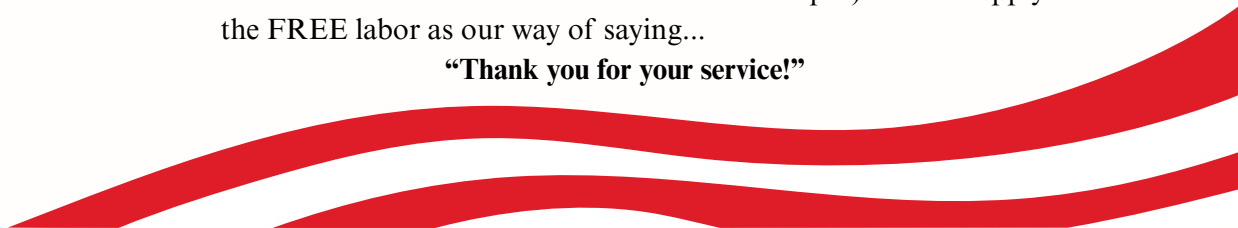
American Legion Post 91 Member, Private First Class Richard H. Adler, was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame in 2026 for his extraordinary valor during combat in Vietnam Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. Born in Lakewood, Ohio, and entering service in Cleveland, Adler was a member of the 23rd Infantry Division (Americal), serving as an infantryman with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment



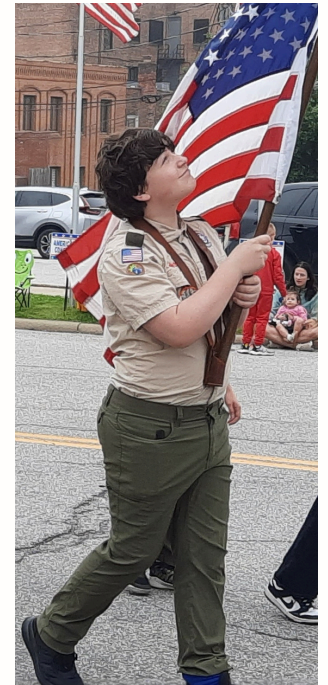
Olmsted Falls High School's Veteran Support Program

- 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!”



Memorial Day Parade, 2026



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President, Nina Zdravecky

Hello Happy People!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our Post 91 for your support during the past two years as Auxiliary President. It has been an honor to serve in this role, and I could not have done it without the help of everyone, especially our Auxiliary members. I would like to welcome back our elected 2026 - 2027 President Marianna Peris, who is no stranger to this role! Our other elected members for 2026 - 2027 are: 1st Vice, Linda Joy; 2nd Vice, Stacey Lehmann; Secretary, Christine DellaPenna; and Treasurer, Nancy Douth.

I hope everyone has a great summer! God bless you all and God bless America!

Thank you,

Nina



1st Vice, Linda Joy

Hello, Sunshine!

Summer has a special way of lifting our spirits and reminding us to slow down and enjoy the present moment.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our Monday night raffle baskets. Together we can make a difference.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer.

Linda



Memorial Day Ceremony at McKelvey Park, 2026



Membership and Community Service Chairman, Nancy Doutt



Membership Update

At the writing of this report, we have processed 432 memberships, 18 juniors (age birth through 17) and 414 seniors (age 18 and over), which is 103.846% of goal! Thank you to all our members who help promote membership amongst your family and friends, making us the largest Auxiliary unit in the 13th District/Cuyahoga County. We will start processing 2027 membership August 1, 2026. If you pay by November 11, 2026, you receive the “early bird” stamp.

Welcome New Members

**Pamela Glus
Melissa Kraft
Denise McCarthy
Kelsey Saxton
Kelly Schraibman**

Garage Sale & Scholarships

Thank you to everyone who donated, purchased and volunteered to make this year’s garage sale our best sale ever!!! Through your generosity, we were able to award four scholarships. The 2026 Auxiliary scholarship recipients are: Addison Heidenhoffer, Nadia Hritz, Michael Masie, and Kevin Schaft. The leftover items were donated to Second Mile Outreach, Berea library, Habitat for Humanity, Medina Hospice re-sale store, a church baby depot for young mothers, and a few boxes used for a couple of smaller sales. The volunteer team members were phenomenal all week, logging over 1,000 service hours! Thank you!!

13th District Summer Convention

The Auxiliary District Summer Convention was held at Teddy M. Zieja Post 627 on June 6, 2026. A summary of activities from the past year was given by the District Chairmen for the five major programs of Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Junior Activities, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R). Awards are given by membership group, and Unit 91 finished in first place for all five programs. It should be noted, Unit 91 is the ONLY unit in the district in their membership group of 401+ members. Now on to Department Convention, where we’ll hear how all of our 18 reports did compared to 450+ units throughout the state of Ohio. May the force be with us!

Christmas in July – Back to School Giving Tree

By the time you see this article, a Christmas in July giving tree will be up in the canteen. We’ve been asked to help sponsor children registered with Berea Community Outreach by providing them with back-to-school outfits and shoes. Please consider taking a tag and returning your unwrapped item to the canteen by Monday, July 13. You can also donate gift cards, and our personal shoppers will pick out an outfit on your behalf. Let’s help these kids start their school year on the right foot. A huge thank you to Louise Gant for her donation of the patriotic tree to help celebrate America’s 250th!

Habitat for Humanity

If anyone is interested in volunteering on a Habitat for Humanity work crew on August 1, September 26, or November 5, 2026, please contact Nancy Doutt at (440) 552-4713. No experience necessary.

Nancy





The Blowtorch of Parma Amateur Radio Club Comes to Post 91



**Ham Radio Field Day in Progress at Post 91 Pavilion
Morse Code being Demonstrated to Strongsville Cub Scouts**

Clayton Brother Playing on the Pavilion, 2026



MASON OUTRICH RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP CHECK
FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Mason Outrich was the first recipient of a \$1000 check from the Sons of the American Legion for its newly established Vocational Scholarship for students planning on pursuing a vocational (trade) associate degree or technical certificate.

Mason attended North Olmsted High School and Polaris Career Center. He graduated last month from Polaris with a degree in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC-R). He was honored with the “Best Overall Polaris Senior” award.

Mason attended the monthly SAL meeting on June 10 to receive his check. His parents Mike and Jennifer accompanied him.

Mason plans on attending Cuyahoga Community College and pursuing a degree in Construction Management. His career goal is to build and operate his own business.

Jeff



Drum Group
Memorial Day Parade, 2026

Director, Tom Dees

Hello Legion Family,

Summer has arrived!! We are finally getting some warm (and occasionally dry) weather, and we are out on two wheels every chance we get.



You may see a few of us on Wednesdays, as we meet at the Post and ride to whichever Post is hosting the District 13 Rolling Bike Nights. We would love to have you join us on two, three or four wheels. And speaking of the Rolling Bike Nights, Post 91 is hosting on July 22 and Sept 9.

The Annual “Riddy Run” will be held on August 22 and tickets are available in the canteen. The Riders will be hosting an outdoor beer bar on July 4 for your convenience.







And with the warmer weather, there are more motorcycles, bicycles, scooters, etc. out and about, so if you're driving—let's put those phones down and be aware of what's going on around you.







Have a great summer everyone!!!

Tom



Memorial Day Parade, 2026

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Weekly Drawings MONDAYS & TUESDAYS	Yahtzee Daily!		1	2  Meeting 7 pm	3	4 Independence Day 250th
5	6	7	8  Meeting 7:30 pm	9  Meeting 7 pm	10	11 Work Party 8:30 am
12	13  Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15	16 Special Wings 7-9 pm	17	18 Sound Check Band
19	20	21	22 Rolling Bike Night	23  E-Board Mtg 7 pm	24	25
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Bulletin Board

July

- 2: ALR Meeting, 7pm
- 4: Independence Day - 250th
- 8: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
- 9: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
- 11: Work Party, 8:30am
- 13: AUX Meeting, 7:30pm
- 18: Sound Check Band, 7-10pm
- 22: Rolling Bike Night at Post 91
- 23: Blue Caps E-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27: AUX E-Board Meeting, 7pm

August

- 6: ALR Meeting, 7pm
- 7: Backtrax Band, 7-10pm
- 8: Work Party, 8am
James C Masie Golf Outing
- 10: AUX meeting, 7:30pm
- 12: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
- 13: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
- 22: Riddy Run
- 24: AUX E-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27: Blue Caps E-Board Meeting, 7pm



TAPS

Martin Egan

*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.