



Above: Original Post 91, 1930. (Top Right of Photo, where Library is Today)
 Bottom: Current Post 91, July 2026. (American Legion Parkway)



*Happy Birthday Post 91
 (September 5, 1919)*

September / October, 2026

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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
Ken Kicen 216-358-4408

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:

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. It's hard to believe we are near the end of it. But it was a busy one starting with Memorial Day weekend, and it seemed like every few weeks we had some type of event. That is all thanks to our staff in the kitchen and canteen, our 2nd Vice Commander and our entertainment chairman. So, hats off and thanks to Sarah and her team, Keith Mattison and Ed Leopold, and not to mention the countless numbers of volunteers. I hope our members appreciate all the work that goes into your planning and events. As Commander, I sure as hell do.

Fall is starting and a new lineup of events will be posted soon, so watch our Facebook page and flyers in the canteen.

We have roughly 1200+ total members registered in our Legion family, but at this time our volunteer pool is very shallow. It is always the same smiling and lovely faces we see at all our events. Please, if you have time, give us a few hours. We know everyone works and has 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 7:00pm. 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.

As we start into fall (this is on a personal note), my wife will be officially retired after over 45 years of working.

James Lockyer

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American Legion Boys State & Boys Nation

American Legion Boys State & Boys Nation Since 1935, American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation have offered outstanding high school juniors a unique, hands-on experience in how government works. At Boys State, students create and participate in mock governments while developing leadership skills and gaining a deeper understanding of civic responsibility.

From each Boys State program, two delegates are selected to attend American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. There, they serve as U.S. Senators in a week filled with mock Senate sessions, party conventions, debates, and visits to our nation's landmarks and government institutions. Many Boys State and Boys Nation alumni have gone on to distinguished careers in public service, government, business, and other fields.

The Boys State and Boys Nation programs seek young men who demonstrate leadership, character, academic achievement, and a commitment to their school and community. Typically, schools recommend qualified students to their local American Legion post, which interviews and selects the delegates to attend. Individual expenses are generally covered by the sponsoring American Legion post, a local business, or another community organization.

American Legion Post 91 was proud to sponsor Ryan Krivak, a student at Berea-Midpark High School, to attend Buckeye Boys State at Miami University of Ohio the week of June 14, 2026.

Ryan's experience at Boys State became even more memorable when he was selected as one of only 15 young men from the 672 boys in attendance to interview for the opportunity to represent Ohio at American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C.

At the conclusion of Buckeye Boys State, Ryan was honored to be selected as one of Ohio's two 2026 Boys Nation Senators! This is an exceptional achievement and a tremendous honor. Ryan traveled to Washington, D.C., where he represented Ohio at American Legion Boys Nation from July 17–25, 2026. He joined outstanding young men from across the country for a week of mock Senate sessions, debates, leadership activities, and visits to our nation's landmarks and government institutions.

Post 91 is incredibly proud to have sponsored Ryan and to have played a part in making this extraordinary experience possible. We are proud of all that Ryan accomplished at Boys State and Boys Nation and look forward to seeing where his leadership and dedication take him in the future.

"A week that shapes a lifetime."

These simple yet powerful words illustrate the lasting impact of The American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation programs. For generations, these programs have positively influenced the lives of more than a million young men, including notable alumni such as Tom Brokaw, Bill Clinton, Neil Armstrong, Michael Jordan, and many others.

Congratulations, Ryan, on this tremendous honor! American Legion Post 91 is proud to have played a small part in helping you have this life-changing experience.

1st Vice, Edward Leopold



Hello Folks,

Well, here we are in September and we are starting a new year. With that being said, we are now accepting 2027 dues now. You can pay them numerous ways: online, mail, or pay at the Post with a bartender. No matter how you pay, let's do it early—it makes my job a little easier. Thank you!

And for good news...I am the entertainment person that gets a DJ or a band into the canteen or pavilion. More than likely, they will be inside since we are going into fall. Keep your eyes open for the entertainment calendar at the Post. These are all free. No Charge—just for what you are drinking. This is something we as Post Officers want to do for our own members.

Big Ed

James C. Masie Golf Outing



2nd Vice, Keith Mattison



Well, it's hard to believe that it's September and it's time for another newsletter. It's sure going by quickly. Hopefully everybody's enjoying their summer. We've had some beautiful weather.

Obviously, my newsletter will be short as I haven't been there since the end of July. Most of you know, I had my hip replaced. I'm still going be out for a couple more weeks, but I want everybody know that October 10 will be the clam bake from 5-7pm. Prices are the same as last year. Sarah and I talked the other day; She was getting the tickets made. See one of your friendly bartenders. Sales are limited, so make sure you get them.

Also, I'm sure most of you know, I'm excitedly anticipating the birth of my grandson. By the time the newsletter comes out, hopefully he will already be in the world. I'm looking forward to spending time with him and becoming a grandfather.

Also, there is an order for five bricks that was placed, and they will probably be put in sometime in September. They're already done. They just have to be picked up and brought to the Post. We'll get those five in and that'll be it for this year as far as any more bricks being installed, but you can still buy one if you want to.

I'm not sure what else there is to add since I haven't been there, but I just want to wish everybody a safe and happy rest of your summer. Remember school is starting soon, so watch your speed limit, especially in the school zones as we get ready to usher in our fall in Ohio.

As always, I like to thank all the volunteers that helped out with the golf outing and all the volunteers that help out just to make everything run. Again, without the volunteers a lot of stuff couldn't get done, so it's greatly appreciated.

I also ask that you remember our veterans. Don't be afraid to thank a veteran for their service.

Lastly, as always, everybody stay safe, stay healthy, and God bless our wonderful United States of America.

Keith

James C. Masie Golf Outing





*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

*Congratulations
Consolina (Cons) Templeman
for winning
Berea's Annual
Grinstone Award*

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!"

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VETERANS

RESOURCE & SUPPORT

Event

CONNECT. GET SUPPORT. BUILD COMMUNITY.

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NAVY



MARINE CORPS



AIR FORCE



SPACE FORCE



COAST GUARD



**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**THANK YOU
VETERANS!**

WE APPRECIATE YOU.



ALBERT E. BEASEL AMERICAN LEGION POST 91

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**ALL VETERANS
WELCOME!**
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
**OPEN TO ALL
BRANCHES**

**WE ARE STRONGER
TOGETHER.**



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President, Marianna Peris

Hi American Legion Family and Friends,

The Post and Auxiliary have been very active. The Auxiliary did well at Conference on awards, thanks to all the ladies that complete the reports to submit, and the many volunteers who contribute hours to earn the awards.

Post 91 accomplished many positives this summer: the lake area is so open after much hard work to make the view so nice, Friday night food to accommodate people going to the city concert series, and multiple outdoor music events.

Auxiliary meetings are the second Monday of the month and limited to one hour. Please join us.

Thanks to Linda and others for great baskets that are raffled off each Monday.

Enjoy your day!!

Marianna

1st Vice, Linda Joy

Hi Everyone,

As summer winds down, I hope you all enjoyed the season. We will soon be welcoming the crisp air and vibrant colors of autumn.

If anyone has a cookie request for Monday night, please let me know. While I can't promise I will bake it, I always appreciate the suggestions!

On a serious note, thank you all for your smiling faces and your continued support of the Auxiliary through our basket raffles. We have a lot of fun baskets planned for the weeks ahead.

Best regards,

Linda



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Membership and Community Service Chairman, Nancy Douth

Membership Update

We finished our 2026 membership year with a total of 433--18 juniors (age birth through 17) and 415 seniors (age 18 and over), which is 104.09% of goal! Thank you to all our renewed and new Auxiliary members! We have not received our goal for 2027, but I'm sure we will have our work cut out for us to reach our new goal. You are our best ambassadors!! The 2027 membership year began August 1. If you pay by November 11, 2026, you receive the "early bird" stamp. Thank you!

Welcome New Members

Nancy Angelino
Sue DiFranco
Theresa McCullough
Dawn Owen-Young
Karen Sinkovic
Hannah Greenwood

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Back to School Giving Tree

The first year for the back-to-school giving tree was a success! Thanks to our generous Post members and friends, we were able to provide approximately 80 gifts for children of Berea Community Outreach. Those gifts included outfits, socks, underwear and shoes. They are all ready for the new school year!

Wade Park Veterans Day at the Akron Zoo

Volunteers are needed for an outing with the Wade Park veterans at the Akron Zoo on Wednesday, September 16. Volunteers need to be at the main gate by 10:45 a.m., and the bus will arrive at 11:00 a.m. Your day should end about 2:30 p.m. Please contact Nancy Doutt at (440) 552-4713. Thank you.

Let the Pumpkin Rolling Begin!

It's open season for 2026 pumpkin rolls. The box with order forms is in the canteen, and baking dates have been secured in September, October and November. The price is \$12 a roll. Last year we sold out before the end of our first bake, so don't delay! If you'd like to help, please contact Nancy Doutt at (440) 552-4713.

Habitat for Humanity

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



Veterans Photo Shoot at Post 91 Upstairs Hall



Above: The Veterans Parkway Dedication Ceremony

Below: Troop 228 before departing for summer camp, which was held at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation.





911 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday September 11th @ 9:00 a.m.

Location: Berea Triangle

Please join the City of Berea,
Northern Ohio Veterans Association,
Berea VFW 6676 &

American Legion Post 91

as we compassionately honor, remember and
pay tribute to those who lost their lives 25
years ago September 11, 2001

For more information
contact NOVA @ 440-822-3312
or email: [veterans @cityofberea.org](mailto:veterans@cityofberea.org)

300 flags will surround the triangle in remembrance of the victims of 911
(1 flag represents 10 victims)



Fall is right around the corner, and you know what that means....FOOTBALL!

We have our annual Browns Tailgate Sunday September 20th @ 1pm vs Mayfield and the Buccaneers! It's \$10 for all you can eat and drink! Watch for our flyers!

We will also have the OSU vs Michigan Tailgate Nov. 28th, the weekend after Thanksgiving! Keep an eye out for that one too!

It's been 25 years since the Twin Towers on 9/11 and still we never forget! We all remember where we were when it happened, the tragedy that it was, the lives lost, and fear and sadness that we felt.

What people tend to forget is the profound unity and strength of human spirit that followed. We all became one that day regardless of race, religion, culture and creed. People from all walks of life came together in a way we never had before. Twenty-five years later, this is what we need to remember to honor those we lost and grieved for. Remembering how to come together as one. I leave you with these quotes to help rekindle the unity we once had:

“If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there’s no time for hate.”

- Sandy Dahl Wife of Flight 93 Pilot Jason Dahl.

“Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, it is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.”

-President Barack Obama

While remembering those we've lost while serving, also remember the families and loved ones of those that were lost. Celebrate with love, kindness and be comforting to one another.

God Bless those we've lost.

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

NADIA HRITZ RECEIVES DAVE “BEAR” HOF SCHOLARSHIP CHECK
FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Nadia Hritz was the 2026 recipient of the Dave “Bear” Hof scholarship from the Sons of the American Legion.

Nadia attended Columbia High School. She graduated with a 4.5 GPA. She was very active in high school, including being captain of the volleyball team, being the school record holder in the 4x100 and 4x200 track events, having the lead role in the school musical, being captain of the basketball cheerleader team, and being vice-president of her class.

Nadia attended the monthly SAL meeting on July 8 to receive her \$1000 check. Her father Marty accompanied her. He is a 27-year veteran and a member of the Post.

Nadia plans on attending Ohio State University and she will be pursuing a PhD degree in Physical Therapy.

Jeff



American Legion Post 91 SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Weekly Drawings MONDAYS & TUESDAYS	Yahtzee Daily! Bar Bingo Begins Sept 16	1	2	3  Meeting 7 pm	4	5 <i>Happy Birthday Post 91</i>
6	7 <i>B U</i>	8 <i>A C O</i>	9 Bike Night  Meeting 7:30 pm	10 <i>I N G</i>  Meeting 7 pm	11 911 Memorial Service 9am Berea Triangle	12 Work Party 8:30 am Harvest Fest and Air Chiefs Band (in Pavilion)
13	14  Meeting 7:30 pm	15 <i>R G E R</i>	16 <i>Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes</i>	17 <i>N I G H T</i> <i>Special Wings 7-9 pm</i>	18 <i>N I G H T</i> POW/MIA Recognition Day	19
20 SAL Browns Tailgate Party	21 <i>& M O R E</i>	22 <i>N I G H T</i>	23 Veterans Resource & Support Event <i>Spaghetti and Meatballs</i>	24  E-Board Mtg 7 pm	25	26
27	28  Board Mtg 7 pm	29 <i>O R E</i>	30 <i>Lunch: Liver & Onions</i> <i>Pizza</i>			

American Legion Post 91 OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Weekly Drawings MONDAYS & TUESDAYS	Yahtzee Daily!	Bar Bingo Wednesdays		1  Meeting 7 pm	2	3
4	5	6	7 Cabbage Rolls	8  Meeting 7 pm	9	10 Work Party 8:30 am Clam Bake 5-7pm
11	12  Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14 LasagnaPizza  Meeting 7:30 pm	15 Special Wings 7-9 pm	16	17
18	19  Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21 Chicken Carbonara	22  E-Board Mtg 7 pm	23	24
25	26  Board Mtg 7 pm	27	28 Lunch: Liver and Onions Pizza	29	30	31

Bulletin Board

September

- 3: ALR Meeting, 7pm
- 5: Post 91 Birthday
- 9: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
- 11: 911 Memorial Service, 9am
(Berea Triangle)
- 12: Work Party, 8:30am
Harvest Fest
Air Chiefs Band, 7pm
- 14: AUX Meeting, 7:30pm
- 18: POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 20: Browns Tailgate Party
- 23: Veterans Resource & Support Event
- 24: Blue Caps E-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28: AUX E-Board Meeting, 7pm

October

- 1: ALR Meeting, 7pm
- 8: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
- 10: Work Party, 8am
Clam Bake, 5-7pm
- 12: AUX meeting, 7:30pm
- 14: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
- 15: Newsletter Reports Due
- 22: Blue Caps E-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26: AUX E-Board Meeting, 7pm



TAPS

Norman Davis,
William "Bill" Broestl

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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.

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