By The Post Lake



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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 & immediatefamily members for celebrations of life
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James Lockyer

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Commander's Corner

Greetings Legion Family members:

We are down to the last two months of the year. WOW! Where did the time go? I would like to thank my officers and staff for all their support during the last year, and our members for their support also. We accomplished a lot and I'm looking forward to next year.

Volunteering: 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 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 7:00p.m. 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.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVEYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Please be safe out there.

James Lockyer

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Post Service Officer, Ken Kicen

Comrades,

It is my honor to serve as your Post Service Officer at American Legion Post 91. I take this responsibility seriously and look forward to serving our members, fellow Veterans, and their families.

The American Legion has a long and proud tradition of Veterans helping Veterans. As your Service Officer, I am here to assist Veterans in understanding the benefits and services available to them, and to help guide them toward the proper resources when assistance is needed.

If you have questions concerning VA benefits, disability claims, health care, or other Veterans' programs, please do not hesitate to see me. If I do not have the answer, I will work to put you in contact with someone who does.

I am at the Post regularly, and I encourage you to stop and speak with me whenever you see me. No question is too small, and you do not need to wait until you have a serious problem to ask for assistance.

I also ask each of our members to continue looking out for our fellow Veterans. If you know a Veteran who needs assistance, whether or not they are a member of the American Legion, encourage them to come see me. Service to Veterans is one of the foundations upon which our Legion was built.

It is a privilege to serve Post 91 and those who have worn the uniform of our Nation. I look forward to doing my part to continue the proud tradition of service and comradeship that has defined the American Legion for generations.

For God and Country,

Ken



Veterans
Resource & Support Event, 2026





1st Vice, Edward Leopold

Ok, fellow Veterans—it's time once again to pay your dues. As of right now, only 120 Vets have paid out of 581. Please PAY ASAP, if possible. Be an Early Bird. You can either pay at the Post, by mail or online.

Thank You!

Big Ed

2nd Vice, Keith Mattison

Hello everybody. I hope all is well. It's hard to believe it's the middle of October already as I write this. Fall is here.

We just had our clam bake, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves: great food, great company and a wonderful band. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that helped make this year's clam bake another wonderful success. As I walked through the Post, people were saying I did a great job and my response to them was—no I didn't, it was a team effort. Without all the volunteers, it would've never happened. So again, I wish to thank all of you who helped to make the clam bake the success it was.

Halloween is right around the corner and then we'll be changing our clocks back again. By the time Halloween is over, I'm sure we'll notice all the stores will be decorated for Christmas. That'll be here before we know it. It's been a great year. Fall to me is always a great time of the year: the changing leaves that fall in the air, knowing that the holidays are right around the corner, and wonderful times with family and friends. As we move into the holidays, decorations will be going up. To me, it's always a very joyous time of the year.

As always, remember Veterans Day on November 11. The Auxiliary will be serving lunch, and then the SALs will be serving dinner, both are free for the Veterans. Hopefully we'll see everybody there. This is our way of appreciating all of our Veterans. I hope to see a lot of you there to enjoy the food and great camaraderie.

I'm looking forward to the new year. Sometime in February, we will be having our annual Night at the Races--the date to follow. It's always a good time. I hope to see a lot of people turn out for that also.

In closing for the final newsletter of the year, I want to wish everybody a very wonderful, very warm and very happy holiday season, and a very wonderful and happy New Year to all. Remember the holidays are to enjoy family and friends and as a new year approaches, reflect on everything that you've had in the past year.

As always, I want to thank all the volunteers that helped with everything that we did throughout the year. Again, without your help, none of this would be possible—so thank you.

I also ask that you thank a Veteran, and from my family to yours, I wish all of you a very happy holiday season.

God bless the United States of America.

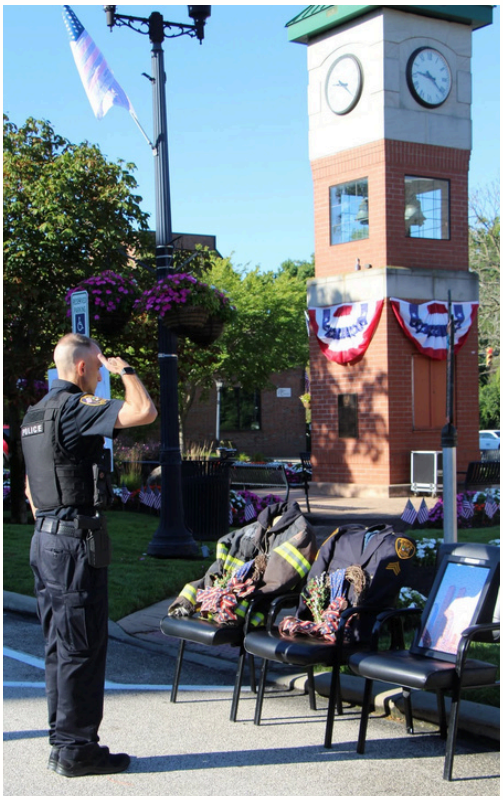
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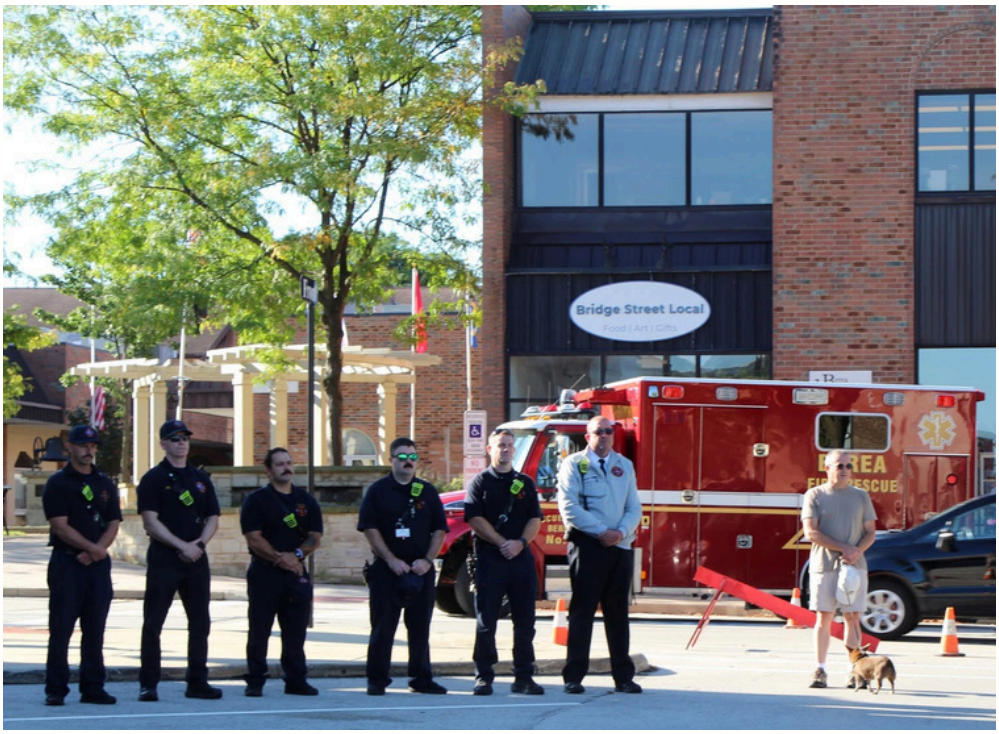






911 Memorial Service
September 11, 2026







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, Marianna Peris

Hello Friends,

The Post has had some great events the past few months. Thank you!

The Auxiliary has also been busy, with events on the road and at the Post. Trick-or-treat on the Nature Trail, sponsored by the City of Berea, was very well attended and we had new volunteers, which was great. Post members were very generous with candy and gift item donations. Thank you.

As we approach the holidays, a collection box will be by the door for food items. Please donate if you can: Thanksgiving-type foods and Christmas dinner food items (nonperishable), whatever you feel is appropriate. If you or a family is in need of assistance, please let me know and we will see how we can help.

The Auxiliary supported Veterans at a variety of events: a visit to the Columbus Zoo, work and assistance with the Domiciliary, items donated for Veterans housing, etc.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a lunch for Veterans at the Post on Veterans Day (November 11) from 11-2pm. Please join us. There is no cost, and guests are asked to give a donation of their choice. No sign-up is required. The SAL Unit will be hosting dinner. We will also host our annual Ladies Veterans Day Lunch on a different day. Ladies will be notified.

The children's Christmas party will be December 12 in the hall from 12-2pm, with the doors opening at 11pm. A sign-up sheet will be available in the canteen the day after Thanksgiving. Anyone attending must sign up. Please bring a gift (only one), wrapped with a child's name on it BEFORE the party. Lunch will be served to all, entertainment will be provided, face painting and, of course, Santa will visit to hand out gifts and for pictures. An adult must be present with the children.

Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm. All members are welcome. Non-members are welcome to attend to listen. Just let me know if you are a non-member attending.

Have a great, warm fall and winter,

Marianna

1st Vice, Linda Joy

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the 12 Weeks Before Christmas Baskets—there is still more to come!

As this is our November and December newsletter, I want to start by reflecting on Thanksgiving. It is a time for gratitude, and in the spirit of the holiday, I am truly thankful for all of you.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas! I love when candy canes are in mint condition, and I hope your holidays are decorated with happiness.

Warm wishes,

Linda

Membership and Community Service Chairman, Nancy Doutt, Cont

Membership Update

With sadness, we share that Unit 91 recently lost 9-year member Darleen Gooslin. Darleen not only volunteered for Unit 91 programs, but was also a volunteer with the Northern Ohio Veterans Association and the Berea Community Outreach Active Senior Network. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant. Darleen's loss will be recognized at the Auxiliary's annual memorial service during the meeting on November 9. All are welcome.

The first dues notice from the National Auxiliary has arrived, and dues are coming in fast and furious! We've processed 178 seniors and 2 juniors, which is about 41% of where we finished for 2026. We have not yet been told what our 2027 goal is. Dues received by November 11 will receive an "early bird" stamp! Members who do not pay their 2027 dues by December 31 will be considered delinquent as of January 1, 2027, and key card access to the canteen will be terminated until dues are paid and processed.

Welcome New Members

Marlene Bergenstein-Davis
Karen Fox
April Heidenhoffer
Ken Kicen
Gerilyn Laney
Elise MacGregor
Suzana Pastor
Kathy Rothermund
Lisa Weaver
Michelle Wilson
Alyssa Papes

Unit 91 welcomes our first male member, Ken Kicen, who is also a Blue Cap and S.A.L. member at Post 91. He is not the first Veteran to join the Auxiliary, as we also have three female Veterans who hold dual membership as a Blue Cap and an Auxiliary member. This is also not the first time a male could join the Auxiliary, as male spouses of female or male Veterans could previously be a member. Expanded membership eligibility in the American Legion Auxiliary was officially changed at the 2026 American Legion convention. Please see the updated application or talk to a Blue Cap or Auxiliary officer to see if you qualify for the Auxiliary. The American Legion Auxiliary has never been the "Ladies Auxiliary"—it has always been the American Legion Auxiliary and will continue to be so.

Americanism & Government Test Grading

Get your red pens ready!! The Americanism & Government tests are being administered at Berea-Midpark, Olmsted Falls and Strongsville High Schools early November. Help will be needed grading these tests within a week after they are returned. If you would like to help, please contact Nancy Doutt at (440) 552-4713.

Giving Tree

The Christmas giving tree will be up and brimming with gift requests the weekend before Thanksgiving, so you can do some holiday gift shopping on Black Friday. Gifts will be due back by December 7. Please check the tag if your gift should be wrapped or unwrapped. If unwrapped, the donation of a gift bag, or gift box and wrapping paper are welcomed. Please include a gift receipt where applicable.

Wade Park Cares Towers & Domiciliary Christmas Parties

Volunteers are needed to help with the Christmas parties on the floors of Wade Park Cares Towers and the Domiciliary on the tentative date of Sunday, December 20. The event is being streamlined to include one-size fits all gift cards for all the residents, along with refreshments and fellowship. Please contact Nancy Doutt at (440) 552-4713 if you'd like to participate.

Nancy

POW/MIA Ceremony, 2026

The bowed head represents the suffering and endurance of prisoners of war. The guard tower and barbed wire represents captivity. The stark black-and-white colors give the flag a sense of seriousness and remembrance. And the words “You Are Not Forgotten” transforms the flag from a design into a vow. Whenever it flies, it reminds us that freedom is carried on the shoulders of real people—men and women who served, sacrificed, endured captivity or never came home.











Commander, Sean Boddy

Fall is here!

We had our annual Browns Tailgate on Sunday, September 20. We beat the Buccaneers and had a great time! Now on to our next events!

OSU vs MICHIGAN Tailgate is November 28, the weekend after Thanksgiving! Watch for the flyer, to come soon. November 11 is Veterans Day. The Sons of the American Legion will be hosting dinner here at Post 91 from 5:30pm-7pm. It is free to Veterans and their immediate family.

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day. It was first celebrated in 1919, the year we commemorated the armistice ending a war that was to have ended all wars. After World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 Act to change the name to what we now know as Veterans Day. We remember the Veterans both here with us now and those that are no longer, and what we have and can celebrate because of their efforts. We can never thank you enough for your bravery and sacrifice. Thank you to all Veterans.

"Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they've suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us. That is our duty. They have never let America down. We will not let them down."
- Ronald Regan, November 5th 1983

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 the Veterans!

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

Membership Chairman, Jim Matej

Greetings from Squadron 91 Membership,

It's renewal time for members of Squadron 91 for the 2027 membership year! Annual dues remain unchanged at $30. The Squadron has absorbed the increased fees from the National, State, and District levels, allowing us to keep your dues steady for another year. Renewals are already beginning to come in, and we currently have approximately 116 members renewed for 2027. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has taken the time to renew early. This year's State quota has increased slightly higher to 387 members. Last year, we narrowly missed our quota of 378 by just one member. With your continued support, we can reach and exceed our goal this year.

The Squadron will once again provide its annual Veterans Day dinner at the Post on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Veterans Day is officially observed on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. The Veterans Day National Ceremony, along with many ceremonies across the country, are held on Veterans Day itself. When November 11 falls on a weekday, many communities choose to hold parades and celebrations on the weekend before or after the holiday so that more people can participate.

Many people confuse Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Memorial Day is dedicated to remembering and honoring military personnel who died while serving their country, particularly those who gave their lives in battle or died from wounds sustained in combat.Veterans Day, on the other hand, is a day to thank and honor all who have served honorably in the United States Military, whether during wartime or peacetime. It is especially intended to recognize and thank living Veterans for their service, acknowledge their contributions to our Nation's security, and honor the sacrifices they have made in fulfilling their duty.

Please remember that if you see a Veteran, take a moment to thank them for their service, not just on Veterans Day, but throughout the year.

If you know someone who may be interested in joining the American Legion Family, please encourage them to complete an application. If you're unsure where they qualify, provide us with their contact information, and someone will be happy to reach out and help guide them in the right direction.

S.A.L. meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Post Hall. Meetings typically last about an hour. Come see what we have planned for the members of the Post 91 family. We are always looking for your ideas, suggestions, and involvement. If you have any questions regarding your membership or have recently moved, please send us a note or email us at salpost91@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Jim

American Legion Post 91 Sponsors Troop 228
Here are some of the great things they accomplished in 2026

- With Post 91, Troop 228 placed flags on Veteran's graves in May and marched in the Memorial Day parade.
- They camped at a local horse stable in June.
- Then Troop 228 spent an amazing week at Seven Ranges summer camp.
- They completed many merit badges, some service projects, and loads of camp spirit!
- Three scouts also attended National Youth Leadership Training in June.
- In July they camped at Firelands Scout Reservation and went roller skating.
- In August, they hiked all their gear in for a primitive camp at Slater's Bluff, followed by a canoe trip on the Mohican River.
- In September, they went panning for gold with the Gold Prospectors Association of America's Buckeye Chapter.
- In October, they enjoyed a family friendly trip to Red Wagon Farms and a campout at Firelands.
- They have been holding their meetings at Post 91 once a month to pull weeds and pick up trash around the parking lot and pavilion.
- They also helped set up and clean up the Friends of the Berea Library book sale this month.







Director, Tom Dees

Hi everyone,

The riding season has pretty much come to an end with the colder weather rolling in, but the Riders are trying to stay busy!!! Come see us every Sunday during the Browns games as we serve burgers, hotdogs and other yummy stuff!!!

Also, please mark your calendars for our next Paint-n-Sip on January 23, 2026 at the Post. More details to follow, but please save the date!!!!

Thanks,

Tom

Post 91 Harvest Fest, 2026





American Legion Post 91 NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Chicken Paprikash	5 Meeting 7 pm	6	7 DJ Jerome 7-10pm
8	9 Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11 Veterans Day Vets Lunch & Dinner Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Meeting 7 pm	13	14 Work Party 8:30 am
15	16	17	18 Stuffed Peppers	19 Special Wings 7-9 pm	20 Sommers & Klann Band 7-10pm	21
22	23 Board Mtg 7 pm	24 E-Board Mtg 7 pm	25 Lunch: Liver and Onions Pizza	26 Thanksgiving Canteen Closed	27	28 SAL Tailgate Party
29	30	**Weekly Drawings MONDAYS & TUESDAYS**	**Bar Bingo Wednesdays**	**Yahtzee Daily!**	 Lunches Available on Browns Days	

TACO NIGHT

BURGERS & MORE

WING NIGHT

BURGERS & DOGS

American Legion Post 91 DECEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Weekly Drawings MONDAYS & TUESDAYS	**Yahtzee Daily!** **Bar Bingo Begins Sept 16**	1	2 Cabbage & Noodles & Kielbasa	3 Meeting 7 pm	4	5 DJ Jerome 7-10pm
6	7 BURGERS & MORE	8 TACO NIGHT	9 Meatloaf & Mash Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Meeting 7 pm WING NIGHT	11	12 Work Party 8:30 am
13	14 Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16 Chicken Paprikash	17 Special Wings 7-9 pm	18 Air Chiefs Band 7-10pm	19
20	21	22 E-Board Mtg 7 pm	23 Chicken Stir fry	24 Canteen Closes at 6pm	25 Christmas Canteen Closed	26
27	28 Board Mtg 7 pm	29	30 Lunch: Liver & Onions Pizza	31 New Year's Eve	Lunches Available on Browns Days	

Bulletin Board

November

5: ALR Meeting, 7pm
7: DJ Jermone, 7-10pm
9: AUX Meeting 7:30pm
11: Veterans Day
Veterans Day AUX Lunch, 11-2pm
Veterans Day SAL Dinner, 5:30-7pm
SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
12: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
14: Work Party, 8:30am
20: Sommers & Klann Band, 7-10pm
23: AUX E-Board Meeting, 7:30pm
24: Blue Caps E-Board Meeting, 7pm
26: Thanksgiving, Canteen Closed
28: SAL Tailgate Party

December

3: ALR Meeting, 7pm
5: DJ Jerome, 7-10pm
9: SAL Meeting, 7:30pm
10: Blue Caps Meeting, 7pm
12: Work Party, 8am
14: AUX meeting, 7:30pm
18: Air Chiefs Band, 7-10pm
22: Blue Caps E-Board Meeting, 7pm
24: Christmas Eve, Canteen Closes 6pm
25: Christmas, Canteen Closed
28: AUX E-Board Meeting, 7pm
31: New Year's Eve



TAPS

Darleen Gooslin

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.