

# V.F.W.

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## **Upcoming Events – New Post Hours for 2017**

Saturday – February 4, Breakfast 7:30am – 10:30am

Saturday – *February 18, Band - Yayhoos*

Saturday – February 25, Breakfast 7:30am – 10:30am

Saturday – February 25, *Band – Parental Guidance*

Monday – February 27, Men's Associate Steak Night, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, \$9.00

Saturday – March 4, Breakfast 7:30am – 10:30am

Saturday – March 25, Breakfast 7:30am – 10:30am

Saturday – March 27, Men's Associate Steak Night, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, \$9.00

## **Veterans Clinic**

1203 Delaware Avenue  
(740) 223-8089 or (740) 223-8809  
Inside Corporate Center

\*\*Contracted with VFW of Ohio Charities to put  
100% of gaming money back to the community

## ~QUARTERMASTER COMMENTS~

As the New Year arrives, things change again at the Post. The last of November the officers made the decision to close the Post on Mondays and Tuesdays due to low traffic in the Post as more money was being spent on labor than we were receiving. In Mid-December we were approved by a group of poker players who wanted to come to the Post and play cards Tuesday and Saturday nights which is a win-win for both parties and means the Post opens at 5:00pm on Tuesdays for all members at this time. Food will be available 6:00pm – 9:00pm with a limited menu. Mondays remain closed as stated in the November/December Newsletter, except on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday for steak night.

Dues for Service and Regular Veterans went up to \$40.00 effective January 1, 2017. Three years ago the National VFW raised the dues \$10.00. However, we only raised the dues \$5.00 and the VFW Post 7201 paid the other \$5.00; the Trustees voted to increase the \$5.00.

The Veterans Memorial Clubs passed out 56 Stuffed Christmas Stockings to Veterans in Rest Homes in the City of Marion the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December and many thank you(s) and thank you notes were received. Maybe next year we'll be able to do more.

**"ANOTHER SIDE NOTE:** The Honor Guard performed 88 Veteran Funerals for the year 2016".

## ~MENS ASSOCIATE~

- **World Famous STEAK NITE** dinners will resume on Monday, February 27 and March 27 -- Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and includes a New York Strip, Baked Potato, Salad and Cookie; all for the unbelievably sensible price of \$9.00 (\$9.50 for Carryout) Thanks for your support.
- **2017** Dues are now being accepted -- \$35 for renewal and \$40 for new membership. Should you desire to have your dues card mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. To be in the clubroom is a privilege open to all card-carrying, paid-up members – so please have your card available when entering the clubroom. **2017** Dues may be paid beginning July 1, 2016 and will be honored up through December 31, 2017.

- **RAFFLE** – Chance to win a Char-Broil Tru Infrared Grill or a Premier Cut All-Wheel Drive Push Mower or \$100. Tickets \$10 each or 3-tickets for \$20. First winner drawn gets first pick, second winner drawn gets second pick, and third winner drawn gets remaining item.

## ~ NEW POST HOURS ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Post Open 4pm – 10pm</b>	Post Closed	<b>Post Open 5pm – 12am</b>	Post Open 11am – 11pm	Post Open 2pm – 11pm	Post Open 11am – 1am	Post Open 4pm – 1am
<b>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday Men's Assoc Steak Night 5pm – 9pm	<b>Kitchen Open Limited Menu 6:00pm</b>  Texas Hold'em 7:00pm	Kitchen Open Regular Menu 11am – 2pm 5pm – 8pm	Dine & Donate	Kitchen Open Regular Menu 11am – 2pm 5pm – 9pm	<b>Kitchen Open Limited Menu 6:00pm</b>  Texas Hold'em 7:00pm
1 <sup>st</sup> and Last Saturday of the Post opens at 7:30am for Breakfast						
Weekly Drawing – Fridays at 9:00pm Monthly Drawing – Last Saturday of Month at 9:00pm Queen of Hearts Drawing – Sundays at 7:00pm				Post Meeting – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Men's Associates Meeting – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Auxiliary Meeting – 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday		

Wednesday Specials listed at the Post

February 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					Strip Steak \$11.00 or AYCE Walleye \$10	Breakfast at 7:30am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					Beef Filet \$13.50 or AYCE Walleye \$10	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					BBQ Ribs \$12.00 or AYCE Walleye \$10	Band <b>Yayhoos</b> 8:00pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					AYCE Walleye \$10	Breakfast at 7:30am
26	27	28				Band Parental Guidance  Monthly Drawing
	Men's Assoc Steak Dinner \$9.00					

Every Wednesday and Friday – 8 Wings & Fries for \$5.00 until 7:00pm

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					Strip Steak \$11.00 or AYCE Walleye \$10	Breakfast at 7:30am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					Beef Filet \$13.50 or AYCE Walleye \$10	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Corned Beef & Cabbage \$8 or AYCE Walleye \$10	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					BBQ Ribs \$12.00 or AYCE Walleye \$10	Breakfast at 7:30am  Monthly Drawing
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Men's Assoc Steak Dinner \$9.00				AYCE Walleye \$10	



PHOTOS BY STEFANIE HAUCK/THE MARION STAR

Team RWB Columbus member Jodi Wisecarver, center, presents Ron Staats with his Army uniform, which survived a fire intact. With him is his sister, Pam, left, and Wendy Anders of the Marion County Veterans Service Office.

# LOCAL VETERAN GETS HELPING HAND

Volunteers descended upon burned-out Marion home of Staats to help raze structure

**STEFANIE HAUCK**  
CORRESPONDENT

MARION - "It's a beautiful day for it, at least," said Marion resident Pam Jeffers as car full of volunteers descended upon the burned-out trailer home of her brother, Ron Staats, at 974 Bennett Street in Marion early Saturday morning.

After a brief roll-call and safety briefing, the more than 30 men and women got right to work. They came from all over the state and from all walks of life, with one common thread among them: All answered the call to help a fellow veteran in need.

Most were military veterans and either belonged to Team Rubicon or Team Red, White and Blue (RWB).

Team Rubicon puts the skills of veterans to work during disasters both large and small. Team RWB is focused on connecting veterans to their communities through physical and social activities but



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Members of Team Rubicon and Team RWB rip the siding off of Ron Staats' trailer.





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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7201 fed the Team Rubicon and Team RWB crews who helped local veteran Ron Staats.

## Staats

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have expanded their reach in the form of small-scale service projects.

Staats' home, a single-wide trailer, was deemed a total loss in a fire Jan. 6. Staats, an Army veteran who served in Vietnam, barely got out of the fire alive, suffering severe burns to his head and minor burns to his left ear and face. The home had to come down.

Jeffers, who lives around the corner from Staats, took him in while they figured out what to do. After several phone calls, Jeffers was put in touch with Wendy Anders, director of the Marion County Veterans Service Office.

"Ron has been to my office once, but that was a long time ago. It took some convincing by his sister that he couldn't go it alone this time and to come in and seek help with his situation," Anders said.

"Once he finally came

in, we got the ball rolling", Anders said. She heard that Team Rubicon sometimes will help out when not responding to major disasters so she gave them a try. Michael Metzger, state administrator for Ohio in Team Rubicon's Region V, said he would be happy to help out.

Metzger called in Team Rubicon members from all over Ohio and reached out to Team RWB Columbus for help as well.

Team Rubicon and Team RWB have worked together on some national initiatives such as Run as One, a run/walk in honor of Marine Corps veteran Clay Hunt, held the second Saturday in April.

"These partnerships keep opening up more doors and possibilities," Metzger said.

For the members of Team Rubicon and Team RWB Columbus, the day was all about a shared sense of purpose.

As the new generation of veterans comes home from war, new organizations like Teams Rubicon and RWB are stepping up to give them a chance to

connect with their communities using skills and leadership they honed in the military on projects such as this.

The best part is these newer groups are not exclusively made up of veterans. Team RWB encourages civilians to join their ranks and Team Rubicon welcomes first responders as members.

"We have everyone here," Metzger said. "We have civilians, we have military and we have first responders."

Both Team RWB and Team Rubicon aim to bridge the gap between civilians and veterans by creating new connections that foster a deeper understanding through fitness activities, social events and service projects such as this one.

The best part of the whole day was when Team RWB Columbus member Jodi Wisecarver rescued Staats' Army uniform from one of the bedrooms.

"Here you go sweetheart," she said presenting the uniform to him. "It's not burnt...It's perfect."

"Got your name tag on it and everything," Jeffers said.

The look on Staats' face said it all. He couldn't believe it.

Anders said she is working on getting Staats a new trailer to put on the lot as Staats couldn't imagine living anywhere else.

Within the space of four hours the contents of the trailer were emptied, the metal sides were ripped off and teams of volunteers were pulling several heavy duty straps in unison, causing what was left of the roof and walls to collapse on itself.

"All I did was make one phone call, and all this is the result. It's just amazing," Anders said. "I can't believe all this came out of one phone call."

"It was a blessing to be able to help. I will do it again," Wisecarver said.

For more information about Team RWB and Team Rubicon, please visit their respective websites, <http://www.TeamRWB.org> and <http://www.teamrubiconusa.org>.