



# Veterans of Foreign Wars Ohio Charities "Serving Ohio Veterans & Their Families"

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## Executive Director's Comments



There have been some changes in the Charities office over the last several months. As many of you may already know, Bill Seagraves has retired after 15 years of service to VFW Ohio Charities. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for all that Bill has done and continues to do for this organization. Bill is currently with Paramount games and we wish him continued success in all of his endeavors.

As the new Executive Director of the VFW Ohio Charities I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to those of you that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. My name is Todd Reveron, I am a U.S. Army Veteran who served on the front lines of Desert Shield/Storm as a Stinger Gunner for the 1st Cavalry Division attached to the 2nd (Blackjack) Brigade. I am a Life member of Marysville VFW Post 3320, where I have been active for the last 11 years having earned the distinction of All-American Quartermaster as well as having served as District 11 Commander in 2016-2017. I am currently serving as Sr. Vice Commander of my post. I am honored and excited to have been selected as the new Executive Director of the VFW Ohio Charities.

There have been a couple of other new additions to the office staff. Don Clifford was chosen to fill the position of Executive Assistant. Don is currently serving as VFW District 11 Commander. Theresa Conkle has been hired as a new Administrator. Suzanne Dountz is still here and has her hands full as we transition into our new positions!

I want to invite you to call our office if there is any way that we can be of assistance to you or your Post.

*Todd Reveron*

## Treasurer's Comments

As we enter into a new year there are some financial reporting requirements that VFW Ohio Charities must provide to the IRS on our annual form 990. If your location has made a donation to any one charity of \$5000.00 or more, VFWOC must acquire, and supply to the IRS, with our 990, a form W-9, which is a request for tax payer Identification and certification number (EIN). The form can be found on the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Search for forms and enter W-9. The charity that you donated to must fill this form out and then it must be sent to the VFWOC office so we can supply it to our accountant.

We are constantly trying to stream line our operations in the office in order to allow us to spend more time assisting our agents. If you have any questions concerning the proper splits or the procedures and bookkeeping required by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, please contact us. We are here to help you. Without YOU there would not be an US.

*Ervin Yoder*

**These are GREAT uses of our Charity Funds.**



The VFW Post 2920 had a ramp built for Past City Fire Chief Bill Sharp. Present in the picture Bill Sharp, Commander Mike Kelly, Post Members Doug Manning, Lonnie Ramey, Post Auxiliary Members Barb Bowman and Rosie Ramey, Crestline EMS and Auxiliary Members Vicki and Marvin Lash.  
**Thanks Crestline for sharing!**

Three Ohio Veteran Service organizations have come together to help active military members visit the National Veterans Memorial and Museum by offering free admission. The Ohio Department of AMVETS Service Foundation, the American Legion Department of Ohio Charities and **Veterans of Foreign Wars Ohio Charities** will fund the admission and parking costs for all active military personnel starting Feb. 1 through the end of 2019, the museum announced Friday.



"We thank the leaders of AMVETS, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars for this generous gift to support active military and the National Veterans Memorial and Museum," said Lieutenant General Michael Ferriter, President and CEO for the museum.





Thanks to the generosity of Paramount Games, VFW Ohio Charities was presented a check for \$10,030.05 at the Mid-Winter Conference. We cannot express enough gratitude to Paramount Games for their generous donation to the VFWOC Relief Fund. To date Paramount Games has donated over \$57,000 to our Relief Fund. Thank you Paramount Games for your donations which helps our Veterans and their families in Ohio.

### *Speaking of Relief Fund*

*I would like to take this opportunity to send a message to each VFWOC Agent. Just as each of you have a "Relief Fund", so does VFWOC. On a regular basis we are answering the needs of Veterans in the state of Ohio. This can range from financial assistance for housing to providing funds so that a veteran can be laid to rest in a dignified manner, just to name a couple.*

*Here are some numbers to consider. Since July 1, 2018, \$98,742.00 has been spent out of VFWOC Relief Fund. Housing has made up the largest expenditure at \$40,389.00. \$17,902.00 was spent on helping veterans maintain their vehicles so that they could go to work, medical appointments and take care of their families. \$14,000.00 was spent in assisting veterans with their utility payments during periods of hardship. The balance of expenditures has been spent on a variety of miscellaneous requests up to and including funeral costs.*

*I would like to ask each Agent to consider making the VFWOC Relief Fund one of the charities that you give to regularly. There are several Agents who already make regular donations to the VFWOC Relief Fund and to them we send a big **THANK YOU!!** Many veterans and their families have benefitted because of your generosity. Please examine your charity accounts and try to designate a regular donation to the VFWOC Relief Fund. Thank you!*

*Todd Reveron, Executive Director*



## VFW Ohio Charities

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This newsletter goes out to all VFWs, affiliates and friends of VFWOC. Please send us what you have used your Charity funds for so we can share it with everyone!



### Flag Cases

Opa's Woodworks, a division of Kayllen Company, will make their flag cases available to Ohio VFW posts for a special price. The simple solid red oak case has a glass pane at front, a 3/16" plywood back and splined miters. We have made over 150 of these quality cases in the past 15 years, many for VFW Post 9381 to be presented to the family of a deceased member. A number of these cases have been sold at \$90 each. We will be honored to build one or more for your VFW Post for \$50 each plus our actual cost to ship. For more information please contact us at [opa@kayllen.com](mailto:opa@kayllen.com). You can view one of the cases on our Etsy Site at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/OpasWoodworksOfAda>. You can view one in person if you happen to be at the Columbus office of VFW Ohio Charities or if they are coming your way. Custom treatments such as laser engraving of the wood and laser etching of the glass (such as we did for the VFW Ohio Charities) are available at reasonable prices. Other wood species including but not limited to walnut, cherry, maple and pine are available as well. We look forward to working with you.

