

JANUARY 2023



Bruce Hook of Geneva is the winner of the January 2023 Raffle Giveaway. Bruce served in the U.S. Air Force from August of 1976 to February of 1978 and then he switched over to the Air Force Reserves working as civil engineer technician. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1998. Bruce enjoys building replica models of light houses and other structures in his spare time. He also enjoys camping and traveling in a motor home with his wife.

Bruce received two, \$25 gift cards for Becker's Restaurant, a \$20 gift certificate from Sports & Sports, a \$50 Shell Gas Card from Raisian Family Funeral Home, and a \$36 subscription to the Gazette Newspapers/Great Lakes Printing!

FEBRUARY 2023



Rich Mongell of Austinburg is the winner of the February 2023 Raffle Giveaway. Rich served in the Marine Corps from 1971-1972. Currently, he resides in Austinburg with his wife of 49 years. Rich has a rich history as a servant of his community, having served 47 years in law enforcement and as an investigator for the coroner's office. From 1976-1978, he served as a police officer in Willoughby Hills and as a detective in Madison, ultimately transitioning to detective in 1984 until his retirement in 2000. It was at this time, that he would become an investigator for the Ashtabula County Coroner's Office, retiring again in 2021. During this time, he also worked as a consultant for North Kingsville Police Department. He now spends his time being a taxi driver for his 9 grandchildren.

Rich received three, \$25 gift cards for Becker's Restaurant, a \$30 gift card from Biscotti's Restaurant, a \$50 Shell Gas Card from Raisian Family Funeral Home, and a \$36 subscription to the Gazette Newspapers/Great Lakes Printing!

MARCH 2023



Our March winner was David Bailey. David served in the Army from 1970 through 1972. He was assigned as Weapons Mechanic loading, maintaining, and protecting our assets and upholding our military laws. He was honorably released of duty and joined our community of veterans both here and abroad. We, the VSC would like to thank him for his service and offer our congratulations on winning the March raffle.

This is what he won:

One, \$115 value Burial Flag Case with Shadowbox, donated by Seavey's Bargain Box, LLC., a \$25 gift card from Max's Pizza & Grill, two, \$25 gift cards for Becker's Restaurant, a \$20 gas card from Glotzbecker's Gulf Station, and a \$36 subscription to the Gazette Newspapers/Great Lakes Printing!

APRIL 2023



Clifford Gregory Keefer (a.k.a. "Greg") of Ashtabula is the winner of the April 2023 Raffle Giveaway. Greg served in the U.S. Army from August of 1968 to August of 1971. He served overseas in Thailand as a Motor Sergeant. He then went on to be a Spec 5 before exiting the service. Greg is now retired and loves traveling on his motorcycle, having accumulated 100K+ miles on the open road. He also loves trap shooting, rim fire bench rest, and golf!

Greg received a \$25 gift cards for Becker's Restaurant, a \$30 gift certificate from Biscotti's restaurant, a \$50 Shell Gas Card from Raisian Family Funeral Home, a \$25 Giant Eagle Gift card from the Geneva VFW Auxiliary, and a \$36 subscription to the Gazette Newspapers/Great Lakes Printing!

MAY 2023



Steven Meier of Ashtabula is the winner of the May 2023 Raffle. Steve served in the U.S. Army from February 2011 until July 2014 as an Infantry Mortarman. He served in Vilseck, Germany where he was asked by the Regimental Commander to become a bomb dog handler (TEDD). Of the 200 interviewed for this position, 26 were chosen and only six completed the course. Following his training, Steve was deployed to Afghanistan where he had a two-gun mortar section for which he was the fire direction and control chief. He served six months in Afghanistan before returning to Germany and finishing his enlistment.

Steve received two, \$25 gift cards from Becker's Restaurant, two \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards from the Geneva VFW Auxiliary, a \$30 gift certificate from Biscotti's Restaurant, and a \$36 subscription to the Gazette Newspapers/Great Lakes Printing!

JUNE 2023



Rick Oberstar of Ashtabula is the winner of the June 2023 Raffle. Rick served in the U.S. Marine Corps from September 2015 to September 2019 as a motor transport operator. While in the Marines he participated in a joint training exercise in Norway. A graduate of Lakeside HS, Rick returned to the Ashtabula area after he was discharged. He currently resides in Ashtabula and was married to his wife, Hannah on May 20th of this year. We hope you both enjoy this wedding gift from our Commission! Rick has worked at MFG in the research department for the last couple years. His hobbies include running, basketball, and gaming, as well as spending quality time with his new wife.

Rick received two, \$25 gift cards from Becker's Restaurant, two \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards from the Geneva VFW Auxiliary, a \$30 gift certificate from Biscotti's Restaurant, a \$20 gift certificate from Martell Cleaners, and a certificate for one yard of mulch or topsoil, provided by Geneva Materials!

JULY 2023



Terrance James McConnell (a.k.a. "Terry") of North Kingsville is the winner of the July 2023 Raffle Giveaway. Terry served in the U.S. Air Force from June of 1966 to September of 1987 before retiring as a Master Sergeant. He had the pleasure of serving overseas in both Germany and Italy with his family. Nowadays, he spends much of his time with his beloved wife, three sons and grandchildren, and faithful companion, his dog, Chance. Terry loves golfing and traveling the country whenever the opportunity presents.

Terry took home the highly cooler stand, provided by Greg's Custom Creations!

AUGUST 2023



Dayna Hopkins of Jefferson is the winner of the August 2023 Raffle Giveaway. Dayna served in the U.S. Air Force from March of 2011 to March of 2018 as an Instrument Flight Control Systems Technician. She served her entire tour of duty at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Today, she spends most of her time caring for her three children and is currently expecting her fourth in December 2023. She enjoys hunting and spending time with her husband of 8 and half years, as well as her children.

Dayna took home four \$25 gift cards provided by Becker's Restaurant, two \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards donated by the Geneva VFW Auxiliary Post 6846, and one \$25 gas card to Circle K, donated by Miquelina Cox!

SEPTEMBER 2023



Barbara (Barb) Glass of Andover is the winner of the September 2023 Raffle Giveaway. Barb served in the National Guard from March of 1987 to March of 1993. She was activated to federal service during the Gulf War in January of 1991 and served in Persian Gulf Theater until June of 1991. During this time, she served in the 324th Military Police Company. Barb is married to her husband of 30 years and has one child. Barb taught at the STEAM Academy of Warren until she felt it was time she retired. She enjoys crafting, reading, and working in her yard.

Barb took home four \$25 gift cards provided by Becker's Restaurant, two \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards donated by the Geneva VFW Auxiliary Post 6846, and one \$25 gas card to Circle K, donated by Miquelina Cox! Remember that all you need to do is come into our office and allow one of our Service Officers to conduct a Benefits Well-Check and you are automatically entered into our raffle!

OCTOBER 2023



Mildred Tomblin of Ashtabula is the winner of the October 2023 Giveaway. Mildred served active duty and reserve time in the Marine Corps from December 1979 through May 1989. She was a Marine who enforced and protected our assets and personnel while upholding our military laws while servicing all our administrative needs. She was honorably released of duty as a Sergeant and joined our community of veterans both here and abroad.

We, the VSC would like to thank her for her service and offer our congratulations on her winnings. She took home a \$50 Visa card donated by Vietnam Veterans of America, a \$25 Giant Eagle gift card donated by VFW Auxiliary of Geneva Post #6846, a \$25 Gift certificate donated by Beckers Restaurant, and a wooden coin stand made and donated by local veteran, Mr. Tim Baum. We salute your future endeavors and look forward to seeing you at our events & wellness checks.

NOVEMBER 2023



Kyle Woodard of Ashtabula is the winner of the November 2023 Raffle Giveaway. Kyle served in the U.S. Air Force from July of 2007 to July of 2013. He was a computer programmer at Tinker AFB, OK.

He deployed overseas serving as a radio transmission airman on a combat patrol in Afghanistan. Kyle recently graduated from Kent State with a Bachelors in Information Technology. Computers and his dog "Bella" are his passion. He loves to travel whenever can and he plays a lot of disc golf.

Kyle took home a wooden coin rack, donated by Mr. Tim Baum, a \$50 VISA gift card, donated by the Vietnam Veterans of America, one \$25 Giant Eagle gift card, donated by the Geneva VFW Auxiliary Post 6846, and a \$25 gift card provided by Becker's Restaurant.

DECEMBER 2023



Matt Welch of Windsor is the winner of the final raffle of the year for December 2023. Matt joined the US Navy in January 2001 at the age of 20. He turned 21 during boot camp. He graduated with the Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois on September 7th, 2001. He served as a Navy Corpsman at the Naval Submarine Base Hospital in Groton, Connecticut. When he went out to the fleet, he served aboard the USS McInerney FFG-8 at Naval Station Mayport and aboard the USS Cape St George CG-71 in Norfolk, Virginia. Upon leaving active duty, he transferred to the Connecticut Army National Guard as a medic (91W then, now 68W). In 2006, he moved back home to Ohio where he transferred to the Army Reserve component Inactive Ready Reserve. He received an Honorable discharge in March 2012. Matt and his family now live in Windsor where he continues to serve as a fire fighter, advanced EMT, and as a member of the local American Legion.

Matt will be taking home a \$50.00 Giant Eagle gift card donated by Rolling Thunder Ohio Chapter 2, a \$25.00 BP gas card, provided by the Veterans Service Commission, a \$25.00 Circle K gas card donated by Miquelina Cox, widow of veteran Dennis Cox, two \$25.00 certificates donated by Becker's Restaurant, and a metal POW/MIA sign donated by Veteran Service Officer, Guy Korvig.