

JANUARY 2025



George Boh of Harpersfield is the winner of the January 2025 Raffle Giveaway. George is a boots on ground Vietnam Veteran, who served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Gilmore from March 1966 - December 1969. He worked in finance on a four-man team, responsible for going to different locations and meeting with soldiers to ensure that their military pay was accurate. His experience spanned a variety of operational and finance positions before retiring in 2007.

George is a member of Vietnam Veterans of America #231; he is the Chaplain for the DAV Bob Swanson Chapter #39; Ashtabula, OH, VFW #6947 Huntington, IN, American Legion #103 Ashtabula. He started as a DAV volunteer 2-3 days a week with the VA at the Ashtabula VA Clinic in October 2010. George stated that the satisfaction of being able to assist veterans and working with an outstanding clinic staff was extremely rewarding. The brothers and sisters he has served has provided an inner understanding of the many challenges we as comrades face in life; and the fighting spirit that over shadows the physical and emotional scars we all face on a daily basis; generated for many of us with the experience in a combat environment.

George and his wife Kathy have been married 55 years. They love to travel and dive into genealogy. He said that he and his wife would like to thank all veterans; families and other individuals that they have assisted over the past few years; enjoying the comradeship and experience of life.

George received a \$75 Giant Eagle gift card, donated by the Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 of Ohio, a \$25 Giant Eagle/GetGo gift card, donated by the Geneva Post 6846, VFW Auxiliary, a \$25 Speedway gas card, donated by the Ashtabula Elks Lodge #208, a \$50 VISA card, donated by the In-Country Vietnam Veterans, and a \$35 valued Paver on the Veterans Service Commission's Warrior Walk!

FEBRUARY 2025



Catherine Glosser of Conneaut is the winner of the February 2025 Raffle Giveaway. Catherine entered the service through the Women's Army Corps (WAC), serving in the military intelligence field in the Army Security Agency (ASA). She is a Vietnam Era Veteran, having served from January 1972 - November 1976.

It was during her service that the WAC was disbanded, making the Army a co-ed force. Most of her service took place in the European Theater of Operations.

Catherine is a retired law enforcement officer out of the state of New Hampshire. She moved back to Ashtabula County in 2006 to take care of family. Since moving home, she has been an active member of her community. Currently, she is the Quartermaster for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2836 in Conneaut. Catherine also spends a lot of time providing assistance with specialty groups within the community.

Catherine received a \$35 VISA gift card, donated by the family of veteran, Robert Ellsworth, in his honor, a \$25 Giant Eagle/GetGo gift card, donated by the Geneva Post 6846, VFW Auxiliary, a \$50 VISA gift card, donated by the Military Order of Cooties of Pup Tent 68, a \$50 VISA card, donated by the In-Country Vietnam Veterans, and a \$35 valued Paver on the Veterans Service Commission's Warrior Walk!

MARCH 2025



Terry Caruthers of Geneva is the winner of the March 2025 Raffle Giveaway. Terry served in the U.S. Army from 1969-1971 and was stationed in Vietnam from December 1969-November 1971. He was in charge of a vehicle recovery and evacuation team during his first year in Vietnam. He served as the Assistant Motor Sergeant for the last part of his service in Vietnam.

Following his service, Terry spent 30-years in the grocery business before making a shift to working construction, where he would spend another 15 years. He and Mary Jo, his loving wife of 46 years, have four adult children and seven grandchildren. Terry is on the Board of Directors for the Sam Wharram Nature Reserve in Kingsville and he enjoys both, working with wood and taking care of the woods. He was the original donor of the Vietnam map that our office has been able to share with many Ashtabula County Veterans.

Terry received a \$25 Giant Eagle Get/Go gift card, donated by the American Ashtabula American Legion Dewey Howlett Post 103, Auxiliary, a \$50 VISA gift card, donated by the In Country Vietnam Vets/ In Country Veterans, a \$50 Giant Eagle gift card, donated by the U.S. Veterans MC Ashtabula, a \$50 Speedway gas card, donated by Ashtabula Elks Lodge #208, a \$25 Giant Eagle gift card, donated by Helping Hands Foundation of America, and a \$35 valued Paver on the Veterans Service Commission's Warrior Walk!

APRIL 2025



Roger Kubat of Ashtabula is the winner of the April 2025 Raffle Giveaway. Roger served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1963-1967. He mainly served as Embassy Security in Saigon and New Dehli, which was considered American soil. He loved serving in our military because for him, it felt like the right thing.

Since leaving the Marine Corps in 1967, he has worked in the field of electronics, spending most of his adult life working with computers and learning. Currently, Roger works in transportation for Square One following a five-year stint working with Glenbeigh. Roger and his lovely wife, Terri celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February this year. He would like to thank you all veterans in our county for their service.

Roger received a \$100 Giant Eagle Get/Go gift card, donated by the Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 of Ohio, a \$25 Speedway gas card, donated by the Ashtabula ELKS Lodge #208, a \$50 Giant Eagle Get/Go gift card, donated by the Helping Hands of Ashtabula, a \$10 Speedway gas card, donated by Grace Gospel Church, and a \$35 valued Paver on the Veterans Service Commission's Warrior Walk!

MAY 2025



Aric (Ali) Camarata of Conneaut is the winner of the May 2025 Raffle Giveaway. Ali served in the U.S. Army from 2001–2004 as a 19D Cavalry Scout. An adventure and challenge based on duty and sacrifice; but with a greater purpose and chance of becoming something greater than oneself. For him, military service meant doing the hard thing that few are willing to do.

After leaving the Army, he pursued his passion for technology as a software engineer and architect. Today, he and his family run a nonprofit charity helping orphans. He also volunteers as the local Imam, offering spiritual guidance and support to inmates at the Lake Erie Correctional Institution in Conneaut.

He would like to thank all veterans in the county and wish everyone a blessed Eid this Friday.

Ali received a \$25 Giant Eagle/Get-Go gift card, donated by the Geneva VFW Post #6846 Auxiliary, a \$25 gift certificate to Earth's Natural Treasures too, located in Geneva and donated by the Geneva American Legion, Post 124, a \$50 gift card towards a car service at Lake Erie Automotive Service, located in Conneaut and donated by veteran, Paul Petro, a \$100 Giant Eagle/Get-Go gift card, donated by the Rolling Thunder, Inc. Ohio Chapter 2, and a \$35 valued Paver on the Veterans Service Commission's Warrior Walk!

JUNE 2025



June 2025 Raffle Giveaway Winner: Leonardo Lira of Ashtabula

We are proud to recognize Leonardo Lira of Ashtabula as the winner of our June 2025 Raffle Giveaway!

Leonardo served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, stationed in Germany as a combat engineer. His duties included constructing bridges, executing demolitions, and receiving specialized training in chemical and biological warfare, an essential contribution during a pivotal time.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Leonardo moved to Ashtabula to be closer to his brothers and quickly became a valued member of the community. He dedicated over 20 years of service to RMI Titanium, demonstrating the same work ethic and dedication he showed in uniform.

Leonardo was married to his beloved wife, Patricia, for 54½ years, and together they raised three daughters. Known for his love of karaoke and vibrant personality, Leonardo brings light and spirit to those around him. He shared that the most difficult chapter of his life was holding Patricia in his arms as she passed, a reflection of their unshakable bond.

Let us celebrate Leonardo not only for his service but for the heart, perseverance, and love he brings to his community every day.

Leonardo received two \$10 gift certificates, donated by Biscotti's Restaurant in Conneaut, two \$5 gift certificates to Dairy Queen, located at 1723 E. Prospect Road, Ashtabula, two \$25 Speedway gift cards, donated by the Ashtabula Elks Lodge #208, two \$25 Giant Eagle/Get-Go gift cards, donated by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 103 Ashtabula Ohio, and a \$35 valued Paver on the Veterans Service Commission's Warrior Walk!

JULY 2025



July 2025 Raffle Giveaway Winner: John Succi of Geneva

We are proud to recognize John Succi of Geneva as the winner of our July 2025 Raffle Giveaway!

John served in the U.S. Navy from 1960-1964. He was a Radarman on the USS Constellation CVA-64. The ship started in Brooklyn, NY and ended up in San Diego, CA. He and his wife Karen have been married for 60 years. Together, they have one daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. John worked for True Temper at the Saybrook plant for 17 years and retired from Grand River Rubber & Plastic in Ashtabula. He once loved doing remodeling projects with his wife, but no longer has the ability to do that type of hobby work. He does however, have very fond memories of the projects he completed over the years.

John received two tickets for the September 6, 2025 Goodtime III Honor Cruise, donated by the Rock Creek VFW Post 4953, two \$5 gift certificates to Dairy Queen, two \$10 gift certificates, donated by Biscotti's Restaurant in Conneaut, one \$100 Giant Eagle/Get-Go gift card, donated by the Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 of Ohio, one \$25.00 Speedway Gas Card, donated by the Ashtabula ELKS Lodge #208, and a \$35 valued Paver on the Veterans Commission's Warrior Walk!