

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 August 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!