

VFW Richard J. Gross Memorial Post 8896 in East Berlin, PA.

STILL SERVING the COMMUNITY:

We had a great year. Our commander Gary Kopp and Auxiliary president Bill Caldwell

Helped to make 2023-2024 a great year.

Here are just a few things we do to help make this a better place to live.

Our Memorial team and Color Guard run by Bill Kennedy, are still serving the community. They provide memorial ceremonies to our Veteran families. They provided color guard to various organizations;, they provided a Color Guard to the National Chaplins Banquet, these are just a few duties we performed.

Our Post sponsorsers 6 blood drives each year. We helped the central PA Blood bank with approximately 300 pints of life saving blood each year.

With the help of our auxiliary one of our important agenda's is promoting patriotism with our Young Americans. Our Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy has produced a state winner, and a second place winner within the last few years. We have encouraged our young people to keep patriotism in their hearts.

We make commitments to helping. If you would like to help the VFW or Auxiliary there are so many ways to help. We have provided care packages to those overseas, we have a Halloween Party , Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Party for children. We encourage patriotism with the Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy and Coloring projects for our soon to be leaders still in schools.

In December we will be having our Wreaths Across America ceremony. We have this at the East Berlin cemetery. We typically have a few hundred people that attend. We invite all to attend.

We just had our Memorial day ceremony. We had a full ceremony at 8 cemeteries and one at the post. We invite the community to attend and afterwards everyone is invited upstairs for something to eat.

Our post VFW is so lucky to have a very active Auxiliary. We work closely to provide good things to our post, community and schools.

List of some of the organizations we supported in 2023- 2024.

PA Wounded Warrior Foundation

Roots For Boots organization

Shining Stars Foundation

We support our Local Police and Fire departments

Boy Scouts , Cub Scouts and Girl Scout troops.

New Oxford and Bermudian Springs Schools organizations.

Adams county Art Council

USO

Hoffman homes

For Love of a Veteran organization

Selfless Service

Gold Star Families

Make a wish

Local Libraries

Wreaths Across America

Diane Klunk breast cancer

Wild Turkey hunt for vets

Adams County Community Foundation
Salvation Army
Northeastern H.S. Veteran trip to D.C.
Gettysburg H.S. S.T.A.R.S breakfast
Salvation Army
Alzheimers Assoc
Unit Xmas party for 28th Infantry Division
The Wellbrook Campaign
; Gettysburg H.S. JROTC.
. ; Susquehanna Srv dog
; Margaret Moul Foundation
Quilts for Valor and Toss for Jess (cancer fund).
East Berlin Fish and game.

Special Olympics Golf Challenge
Am Red Cross;
VISTA for Autism
Conewango Carvers;
National Museum of Army.
Hoffman Homes
American Cancer society
Central Food Bank
South Regional K9
Project Liberty ship Chesapeake
Adams County rescue
E.B. community singers
New Hope Ministries;

If you are able to help us to help others please contact the VFW Post 8896.