

The 35th Annual Veteran of the Year Recognition

To All Veteran Posts and Chapters:

You are invited to the Thirty-Fourth Annual Veteran of the Year (VOTY) recognition dinner scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025, at the Summit County Veterans Service Commission at 1060 E. Waterloo Road, Akron, Ohio 44306. The hospitality/cash bar will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

This year's "Veteran of the Year" will be selected on October 8, 2025. It is with great honor and pride that the designated veteran is recognized for his or her collective contributions, sacrifices, and commitment, not only to the citizens of Summit County but to all American citizens.

The history of past nominees reflects outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to volunteer work for veterans and civic programs in Summit County. This distinguished service does not necessarily mean hours spent at V.A. establishments but working through other organizations serving Summit County veterans and citizens.

The Summit County Veterans Service Commissioners sponsor this event annually in honor of the late James C. Seminaroti, who died from ALS on November 4, 1981, whom the VOTY award is named. All proceeds will go to The ALS Association Northern Ohio Chapter to help fight against this deadly and dreaded disease.

A 50/50 raffle will be played with half of the proceeds supporting ALS research and awareness. Your generous participation is greatly appreciated as we strive to raise \$5,000.00 for this worthy cause.

The Summit County Veterans Service Commission sponsors this program at a minimal cost to the County. Tickets are available by ADVANCE SALES ONLY, at \$18.00 per person. Space is limited, and there will be no ticket sales at the door, so RSVP as soon as possible. If paying by check, please make check(s) payable to Moe's Catering.

Please use the enclosed form and envelope for your reservations. Please complete the Reservation Form, providing an address where we can mail the tickets or stating that you will pick them up at the Veterans Service Commission. The deadline for reservations is October 10, 2025.

If you have any further questions, please contact David Burden at the Veterans Service Commission at (330) 643-7636 or via email at dburden@vscsummitoh.us.

With appreciation for your support of veterans' programs, we are the

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