



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.**

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR: DONATIONS**

**FOR THE 2026 "THE REASON FOR FREEZIN" POLAR BEAR PLUNGE. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE PROGRAM BENEFITING CHILDREN OF ATHENS COUNTY WITH DISABILITIES.**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Post 9893, Albany Ohio and the Athens County  
Board of Developmental Disabilities  
(ACBDD) 8th Annual "The Reason for  
Freezin" Polar Bear Plunge**

**SUBJECT: Request for Donations**

1. The Albany, Ohio Post 9893 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is soliciting your donations for our benefit Polar Bear Plunge for the children with disabilities programs in Athens County, Ohio. This 4th Annual Polar Bear Plunge will take place on Saturday, February 21st, 2026 at 900 am, Lake Snowden, Albany, Ohio.
2. Our objective is to raise money to benefit the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the children of Athens County. The ACBDD runs several programs that benefit children with disabilities, including: Early Intervention, Preschool, Beacon School, and Youth Employment Programs, along with Service & Support Services (also referred to as case management).
3. We ask that you include us in your charitable or philanthropic community support this year, we welcome your help and thank you for your generosity.
4. Proceeds that are generously awarded to the ACBDD will remain in Athens County and directly and positively impact the children of Athens County. Specifically, the funds will be given to the Beacon School PTA. The funds raised this year will go toward canopy / umbrellas for the playground swing sets.
5. We ask that you consider making a charitable contribution to support this fund-raising effort. Albany VFW and Athens County Board of Developing Disabilities, (ACBDD) are 501c 3, 19, Non-Profit entities and your contributions are tax deductible.
6. Sponsorship and donation information is attached.

**8th Annual "The Reason for Freezin" Polar Bear Plunge to  
Benefit the Children at the Athens County Board of Developing Disabilities, Athens, Ohio.**

**Saturday, February 21st, 2026 Lake Snowden, Albany, Ohio  
Sponsorship Options**

**Please consider donating a monetary donation for the Polar Plunge.**

1. **Regular Donation is \$200.00.** You get a ground sign with your post or organization name at the event.
2. **For a \$300.00 Super Sponsorship,** you get a ground sign at the event and you may enter a ten-person team or donate for a team entry.
3. **For a \$350.00 Elite Sponsorship** you get a ground sign at the event with logo printed on the event T-shirts and payment for one team's entry fee or enter a team for the event.
4. **We accept monetary donations of any amount.** You can mail your donation to the address below or by logging onto the internet at [www.athenscbdd.org/polarbearplunge2026](http://www.athenscbdd.org/polarbearplunge2026).

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**Please make checks payable to: VFW Post 9893, Mailing address: 3025 Dickson Road, Albany, Ohio 45710.**

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Sponsor Name (On the line)

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Amount/check #/cash/product

Date

Person Collecting Donation