



The Vet Gazette

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2023

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OCTOBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bingo 4 PM	2	3	4	5	6	7 Fall Festival Parade
FALL FESTIVAL						
8 DINING ROOM CLOSED Bingo 4 PM	9 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	10	11	12 Bingo 6:30 PM	13 TRIVIA 7PM	14 Rental Buffet Returns
15 Bingo 4 PM	16 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	17 7:00 Post Mtg.	18 Auxiliary Membership Kickoff Dinner Doors Open 5:30pm	19 Bingo 6:30 PM	20 RENTAL KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	21 <i>Friday Night Dance Club</i>
22 Bingo 4 PM	23 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	24 Evansville Stock Club 5:00 PM	25 AFA MEETING in the Annex	26 Bingo 6:30 PM	27 TRIVIA 7PM	28
29 Bingo 4 PM	30 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	31			Fall Conference - Indianapolis IN	

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Bingo 6:30 PM	3 KARAOKE 7pm	4 Rolling Thunder 9:00 AM
5 Bingo 4 PM	6 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	7	8 ROA Meeting in Annex	9 Bingo 6:30 PM	10 NO TRIVIA	11 ALS TRIVIA Veterans Day
12 Bingo 4 PM	13 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	14	15 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	16 Bingo 6:30 PM	17 NO KARAOKE	18
19 District 8 Mtg Post 2939 Tell City 10:00 am EST Bingo 4 PM	20 Coliseum Bingo at Post	21 7:00 Post Mtg.	22	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 TRIVIA 7PM	25
26 Bingo 4 PM	27 Coliseum Bingo at Post	28 Evansville Stock Club 5 pm	29	30 Bingo 6:30 PM		

Keep your eye out - a new Post Webpage will be launched soon - call for information <https://vfwpost1114org/>



COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

JERRY BLAKE

Hello everyone,
Hope all of you are doing well. In case you have not heard yet, the coliseum has moved their Friday night bingo to Monday night at our post so now you can enjoy bingo on **MONDAY THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY.**

We are also adding a **SATURDAY** buffet in the kitchen starting after the **FALL FESTIVAL.**

I want to thank Roger Ferguson our Chief of Staff for all the work he does at the post and keeping me focused on up coming events. I also want to thank Tim Mahone and his lovely wife Mel for all the work they have done in the bar.

Please come down and enjoy a great meal and some good conversation and see what is new at **YOUR** post. We just finished putting a new roof on the bingo hall and now we are going to put new ceiling tiles in the office dining room and bar. We will take one room at a time until the work is finished.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTONS I CAN BE CONTACTED AT
812-453-0799

Jerry Blake Post Commander

Senior Vice Commander **Tim Mahone**

Membership has been doing very well. We are currently at 80.08%. These are very good numbers for this time of the year. This doesn't mean we can relax. We all as members of the VFW must make every attempt to bring new members in our Post 1114. I will be taking care of the Over 80's soon.

We have lost members due to past wars and time. We owe it to those members and the New VFW members to always fight for those that cannot. Please help me do my job and remind every VFW member it is time to pay our dues. Our Goal this year 2024, is to reach 102.5 %.

We made our Goal in 2023 of 101%. Please, if possible, **PAY YOUR DUES EARLY.** It does make a difference.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

Tim Mahone-Senior Vice Commander

2023-2024	VFW 1114	OFFICER'S
Commander		Jerry Blake
Sr. Vice Commander		Tim Mahone
Jr. Vice Commander		Joey O'Brien
Quartermaster		Paul DuPont
Asst. Quartermaster		Jerry Blake
Asst. Quartermaster		Gayla Schapker
Chaplain		Tom Verkamp
Judge Advocate		Jerry Blake
Surgeon		Larry Lukeman
Trustee 3 Yrs.		Joe Misuraca
Trustee 2 Yrs.		Jerry Boyle
Trustee 1 Yr.		Paul Walters
House Comm 3 Yrs		Roger Ferguson
House Comm 2 Yrs		Jerry Blake
House Comm 1 Yr.		Tim Mahone
Adjutant		Paul Dupont
Service Officer		Paul Dupont
Membership Chair		Tim Mahone
Post Budget Chair		Jerry Nunning
Community Service		
Entertainment Chair		Jerry Boyle
Hospital Chair		Tom Verkamp
Chief of Staff		Roger Ferguson
Past Commander		Roger Ferguson
Sgt Arms		Jim Fuller
Guard		Ray Kissel
Vet Gazette Editor		Linda Misuraca

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR
MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR THE
EXPIRATION DATE AND RENEW IF THE
CARD HAS EXPIRED
THANK YOU**

VFW POST 1114 is in the process of getting a website. One this site you will have access to the post calendar and several other events. At press time, it is not sure what the website address will be, you can call the post at 812-422-5831 to get updated information regarding the website

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The 1st signs of Fall are among us, cooler evenings, leaves falling, all signs that time moves on fast. Our Veterans in extended care facilities, nursing homes, rehabilitation and at homes, so appreciate a card or visit from a fellow comrade. I challenge you to send a card or visit a fellow Veteran during this fall season.

Current Veteran's in Nursing facilities:

Veterans currently recuperating in extended care facilities or at home:

- West River: Dave Emge
- Willow Park: George "Sunny" Laubner
- River Point: Walter Putman
- At Home: Henry W Sandefur
Bill Becker
John LaVancy "Chio"

TAPS

Our fellow members who are now guarding the "Gates of Freedom":

- Joseph E Evans*
- Paul J Ohl*
- Donald W Winstead*

May their souls and the souls of our departed comrades Rest in Peace – Amen!

Please call me - Tom Verkamp, Chaplain
Home: 812-307-1116 Cell: 812-459-3473
Please let me know of any veterans who are ill or in Nursing Homes, so we can spread the word.

Dates to Remember

- Oct 9 Columbus Day
- Oct 14 Cuban Missile Crisis
- Oct 23 Beirut Barracks Bombings
US Invaded Grenada 1983
- Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 7 Election Day
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day

ZUMBA CLASSES AT VFW POST 1114
110 N Wabash Ave – 812-422-5831
Open to the Public - Adults and Teens!
For beginners to advanced!

6 week series with Miss Tammy
Mondays (new session starts Oct 9th)
5:30-6:25pm
\$15 for the entire series or \$5 for each class
MEET in the Game room/Basement, doors open at 5:15
Make sure to bring a water bottle – it will be needed.

If well attended, we will try to have additional sessions

VFW 1114 BAR NEWS

Well, here's hoping everyone is doing OK. The Post seems to be very busy, and we all have had a great deal of duties keeping us active. Now we are also getting to the Fall Festival swing. With the Fall Festival just around the corner we will not be doing Karaoke on 10/06/2023. The TNT Karaoke Group will be going on a much-needed vacation so there will be no Karaoke on 11/17/2023 either.

Tim Mahone – Bar Manager

While we were home on our comfortable sofas,
Munching and watching TV,
Our Veterans were fighting our battles,
In situations we'd certainly flee.

Whatever would keep us all safe
Is what they were called to do,
Rough duties of every kind
Protecting us: me and you

So when you Vets, please thank them
For their service and sacrifice.
Be aware, and always remember
For us, they paid a price.
Joanna Fuchs.

Trivia still going good having about 16 -17 teams, the team "We Don't Know Nothing" came in first the week before last-they have won 5 of the last place trophies, so it was a surprise. A big thanks again to Mo, Gayla, and Marisha for doing the half pot. Special thanks to the bar, kitchen, and wait staff for keeping us running smooth. We are gearing for a special Trivia on Veterans day, so hoping a lot of post members can join us.
The Franklin Street Bazaar was a success for the Chaplin's fund. Thanks to Kim Gregory and Marisha Boyle for their great help on those Saturday mornings. Any Ideas for Post activities, please let me know.
Jboyle1230@cs.com



LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE – VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

AGE OF DECEMBER 31 ST	<u>ONE-TIME PAYMENT</u>
THROUGH AGE 30	\$425.00
31-40	\$410.00
41-50	\$375.00
51-60	\$335.00
61-70	\$290.00
71-80	\$225.00
81 AND OVER	\$170.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE – INSTALLMENT PLAN

AGE OF DECEMBER 31 ST	<u>INITIAL PAYMENT</u>	<u>11 PAYMENTS OF</u>
THROUGH AGE 30	\$ 45.00	\$38.64
31-40	\$ 45.00	\$37.27
41-50	\$ 45.00	\$34.09
51-60	\$ 45.00	\$30.45
61-70	\$ 45.00	\$26.36
71-80	\$ 45.00	\$20.45
81 AND OVER	\$ 45.00	\$15.45

LIFE MEMBERSHIP can be purchased in a monthly payment program. Inquire with the Quartermaster Paul Dupont, if you are interested in learning more about the program

Auxiliary Life Member Fees

Attained age as of 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership

Up thru 20	\$253.00
21-25	\$242.00
26-30	\$230.00
31-35	\$219.00
36-40	\$213.00
41-45	\$201.00
46-50	\$196.00
51-55	\$184.00
56-60	\$173.00
61-65	\$161.00
66-70	\$150.00
71-75	\$132.00
76-80	\$109.00
81-85	\$ 86.00
86-90	\$ 69.00
91 and Over	\$ 58.00

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If your Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Brother, Sister, Grandfather or Grandmother served overseas and is eligible for membership in the VFW, then you are eligible for membership in the **Auxiliary**. Please ask about our benefits!

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP KICK OFF DINNER

October 18, 2023

Doors open at 5:30 and eat at 6:00

Meal is FREE for PAID Members

Guests are \$5.00

Meal will be Beef Tips and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Cinnamon Apples

POST NEWS AND EVENTS

Auxiliary BINGO #002770 Thursdays Doors Open at 4:30pm

Sunday Afternoon BINGO

Indiana State Bingo License # 002769

VFW Post 1114

110 N Wabash Ave.

Evansville, IN 47712

Doors open at 2:00 PM

BINGO Starts at 4:00 PM

All paper BINGO – We play packets

Magic Number Accumulated Pot

15 Regular Games \$200 Each

3 Special Games \$250 Each

1 Jackpot game \$500

1 Super X Game \$1,000

Sold Extra on the floor – BIG BIRD \$.50 Each Paying 50%

Parking & Security

No one under 18

Good Food – Limited Menu

Designated No Smoking Area

ZUMBA CLASSES AT VFW POST 1114

5:30 – 6:25 pm

New 6-week series beginning Oct. 9, 2023

Mondays - Meet in Gameroom/Basement

\$15 for the entire series or \$5 each class

Open to the public – beginners to advanced

**Adults and Teens – bring a water bottle!!!
If well attended, we will try to have additional sessions**

VFW 1114 Auxiliaries' News

Greetings:

The weather outside feels like summer is about over. Kids are back in school and there's lots of buzz about the Westside Nut Club parade, munchie maps and half pot drawings. October is near.

Membership kick-off dinner is October 18th and we hope to see you there.

A big thank you to all that came out for the annual picnic, we appreciate the support. The food was really good. We had a good crowd, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The kids loved the foam party and so did the grownups. Thanks for all you do. Lots of activities happen in October. Some members will be attending the National President's visit, Big 10 Conference and Fall Conference. The National President's visit will be in Shipshewana, In. and traveling to places around that area.

Most of you know we will not be having meetings in October. The post home will be open. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope to see you at the Post.

Let's get our dues paid and anyone interested in joining, stop by the post and someone will be glad to help you. We salute our veterans and families.

Sandy Ferguson – Auxiliary President

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Debra Switzer

MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

I would like to tell you a little bit about what the VFW Auxiliary does throughout the year. We have so many programs that you can be a part of. We are always looking for volunteers. Some of our programs are Americanism, Veterans & Family Support, Hospital, Scholarships, Youth Activities, and Legislative and are very important to our organization.

Please join us at one of our meetings to learn more about each of them. It is important that we keep our membership growing. Last year we had 1,286 members, this year we have 1,075 members that have paid their dues so far so please get your dues in. We are only 211 members away from last year's total. We do not only want to reach that total, but we also want to increase it, so if you know someone that qualifies encourage them to join. Please consider choosing our life membership so you don't have to worry about paying annually. Life Member costs are located on page 4 of the paper. Annual Dues are still \$25.00.

We have our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Except for October 4th no meeting due to the fall festival and October 18th is our Membership Kick off dinner)

Stacey Glover
Membership Chairman

Membership Kickoff Dinner

October 18, 2023 Doors Open at 5:30pm Dinner at 6pm

“Psalm 3:3 But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.”

When I was 12 years old, we moved to a new home in the country, and I started attending a new school. I was very timid, shy, and bashful, so when I came to my first class everyone stared at me and whispered to each other. I was tall for a girl back then, very skinny with skinny bird legs so kids looked at me differently. But as my first day progressed, I met several nice classmates. One special girl befriended me, showed me around, introduced me to others (including boys) and took me under her wing. We spent the next several years as best friends, hanging out, riding ponies, having sleepovers, going skating and to class parties. My parents prayed for me to have Jesus' shield around me and as time passed, I was accepted into my new school of classmates. There have been many other challenges throughout my life since but, life presents a new challenge every day and God has always been by my side. I firmly believe that God is always with me and praise Him. May all your homes be filled with Thanks and Giving this season. Dear God, thank you for giving us strength to face each challenge, and help all those who are facing hardships.

Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of our dearly departed brothers and sisters; Marjorie Ruark, Margie Cargill, Carol Wellmeier, Sarah Blessinger, Jean Bengert, Lenora Britt, Judith Schmidt, Bettie Wolf, Ramona Merrick, Barton Gooch, Virginia Ellsperman, Patricia Arvin, Margaret Niebrugge, Helen Board and Lucy Ann Bolton



VFW ANNUAL POST PICNIC - The picnic was held on Labor Day - September 4th at the Post home.

Good food, and spending time with family and friends was the main event for the day. The kids really enjoyed the foam factory and Kona Ice - AS DID the adults. All in all a good time was had by all!!

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