



# The Vet Gazette

ART FELLWOCK VFW POST 1114  
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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

**JERRY BLAKE**

NO ARTICLE – COMMANDER TRAVELING ON BUSINESS

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

**Jerry Blake Post Commander**

### Senior Vice Commander **Tim Mahone**

Well welcome to the New Year with Post 1114. I am excited to be working with Jerry Blake, (Commander) and Roger Ferguson, (State Jr. Vice Commander) and **all** the other fine elected Officers. As Senior Vice Commander my primary duty is backing our Commanding Officers locally State and National. I will take every opportunity to assist members any way that I can with their issues as members. I will fill in as Commander when our Commander is out of town. I am honored to be in the Sr. Vise Commanders position.

#### MEMBERSHIP

As members of Art Fellwock Post 1114, we as members have an ongoing duty to bring new members into our organization, talk with members about becoming Life Members or even Legacy Members. Why become a life member? What does it do for you as a current member? What does it do for the post? As a continuously active member you must pay dues each year to stay active. By becoming a Life Member, you pay for your life membership according to your age. Once paid you are good for life, saving you money and the hassle of trying to remember paying your yearly dues. Let us talk about Legacy Membership. A Legacy Member is a way of providing a history for your family and VFW Post 1114. The dues you pay for Legacy Member, goes to National. National pays the Post (Our Post) a percentage back to help support and keep Art Fellwock Post 1114 running. If you have Question about any of the levels of membership, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be glad to assist you with further information. Now is the time for everyone to assist in drawing new members in and reminding continuous members to pay their dues.

Thank you all for what you do and God Bless America  
TIM MAHONE

<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>VFW 1114</b>	<b>OFFICER'S</b>
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		Roger Ferguson
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 WEBPAGE

<https://vfwpost1114org/>

**Visit it often for schedule  
changes, cancellations and  
new event information  
Also to access past issues of  
the Vet Gazette**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Make someone's day! A veteran that is unable to get out or is in a healthcare facility would love to hear from you by sending a card or giving them a call to stay connected and feel cared about.

I challenge you to check the list below and pick a name or two. Send them a card. Easy task and you will feel good knowing you've made a fellow comrade smile. Pray, take a daily walk, and eat sensibly to keep yourself happy and heart healthy.

Love you All!

### **Current Veteran's in Nursing facilities:**

Veterans currently recuperating in extended care facilities or at home:

Parkview Don Brown  
West River: Dave Emge  
Willow Park: George "Sonny" 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":***

*William Brockelman Jimmie J Hawkins  
Charles Moore Andrew C Mosier Sr  
Berry L Muston*

***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**

Feb 1 National Freedom  
Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday  
Feb 14 Valentine's Birthday  
Ash Wednesday  
Feb 15 Sinking of the USS Mail 1898  
Feb 19 President's Day  
Feb 22 Washington's Birthday  
Feb 23 Flag raised on Iwo Jima 1945  
Feb 27 Battle of Java Sea 1942  
Feb 28 End of Persian Gulf War 1991  
Mar 17 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
St. Patrick's Day  
Mar 20 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring  
Mar 29 National Vietnam War Day  
Veteran's Day

## VFW 1114 BAR NEWS

I am incredibly pleased with the way the Bars are going. I cannot say enough good things about our Bartenders. We have wonderful young ladies that put all their available time into making our customers know that we appreciate them. Our customers know that we all want to provide the best customer service. The Karaoke is great fun, with a sizable number of outstanding singers.

Come and join all of us. We want to provide a place to have Fun, Relax, and enjoy being with all our friends, families, and customers.

Tim Mahone – Bar Manager

### "Special People"

On Valentine's Day, we think of people who have cheered and encouraged us, who go out of their way to be kind and caring, who have enriched our lives just by being themselves. You are such a person. I'm so happy you're my Veteran  
**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Joanna Fuchs

Trivia is going really well. We had a Christmas trivia and gave out Aunt Bethany gifts. Nineteen teams participated and we gave out over 124 gifts. Thanks to those who brought in gifts and wrapped them. Thanks to the wait staff, the kitchen, and the bartenders for keeping everything on the go. Thanks to Gayla and Moe for taking care of half pot and all they did and do for making trivia shine like it does. To the Trivia Master, and his lovely wife Mellisa, for all they do to keep everyone entertained. And of course, thanks to all the teams. We can't forget Santa who was a big hit. It would be nice if more club officers joined us.



Looks like Santa is giving away some good advice to our Entertainment Chair – Jerry Boyle. He needs a good round of applause for working with all the groups at the VFW to get some good times going!

THANK YOU JERRY!



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE – VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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

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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!

**89<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE      SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

**DOORS OPEN 5PM      DINNER AT 6:00PM**

**MENU: RIBEYE STEAK, BAKED POTATO, SALAD AND DESSERT**

**DANCE 7:00PM      MUSIC BY "THE BLACKSTONE BAND"**

**TICKETS \$15 PER PERSON OR 2 FOR \$25.00 ON SALE THRU FEB. 19, 2024**

**DINNER TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**

**DANCE ONLY \$5.00**

**CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR THAT NIGHT**

# 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%

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No one under 18

Good Food – Limited Menu

Designated No Smoking Area



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\$200,000 - \$249,999	\$1,000
\$250,000 - \$299,999	\$1,250
\$300,000 - \$349,999	\$1,500
\$350,000 - \$399,999	\$1,750
\$400,000 - \$449,999	\$2,000
\$450,000 - \$499,999	\$2,250
\$500,000 - \$599,999	\$3,000
\$600,000 - \$699,999	\$3,500
\$700,000 - \$799,999	\$4,000
\$800,000 - \$899,999	\$4,500
\$900,000 - \$999,999	\$5,000
\$1,000,000 - \$1,249,999	\$5,500
\$1,250,000 - \$1,499,999	\$6,000
\$1,500,000 - \$1,749,999	\$6,500
\$1,750,000 - \$1,999,999	\$7,000
\$2,000,000 and above	\$7,500

Purchasing a home is one of the most important steps in your life. As a veteran myself, and an experienced real estate agent, I understand the housing needs of the military community. I am here to assist active-duty military members, veterans and your extended families with buying or selling a home. Give me a call to learn about your military real estate benefits and how I can get you cash back after closing!

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# VFW 1114 Auxiliaries' News

Hello! Hope everyone is surviving this brutal winter weather. I know we are all looking forward to sunshine and warm weather. It was nice seeing everyone at the Christmas party.

**Mark your calendars for February 24<sup>th</sup>. It's time to celebrate our 89<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary.** Come out and help us celebrate. The menu is ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, and dessert. Doors open at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm. Music by the Blackstone Band. **Tickets are \$15.00 or 2 for \$25.00 and can be purchased at the bar. This event is open to the public.**

The Auxiliary will only have one meeting in February which will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Hope to see you at the post. The Dining room is open to the public on the weekends. Don't forget to check the calendar in this paper and check out all the activities.

Auxiliary meetings are still on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We have some new friendly faces at the meetings, which is great. If you need a ride, please notify the post, and let us know. We are here to help out in any way.

Sandy Ferguson – Auxiliary President

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Jane Blakeman  
Chaplain  
Gloria Spivey-Larrance  
Trustee 3 Year  
Stacey Glover  
Trustee 2 Year  
Amy Elder  
Trustee 1 Year  
Sue Shoultz  
Guard  
Rita Allega  
Patriotic Inst.  
Debra Switzer

## MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

Greetings Auxiliary Members, I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and New Year. As we start 2024 off, I would like to say that we are 92.61% in membership only needing 95 more to reach our goal of 100% so please if you know anyone that qualifies, please share our organization with them. We are also part of District 8 and as a District we are 93.70% needing 246 more. If you didn't know District 8 is made up of 14 Auxiliaries across southern Indiana. Also consider paying for your lifetime so that you do not have to remember to pay every year. Our lifetime rate is very reasonable and goes by your age. We hope to see all our members at our next event, which is our Auxiliary Anniversary Dinner on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month for our auxiliary meetings. We share a lot of information at our meetings. Come be apart of all the wonderful things we do as an Auxiliary. Meetings start at 7:00pm and are finished anywhere from 8:00/8:30  
Stacey Glover  
Auxiliary 1114 Membership Chairman

### **Mark 1:-43 'Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.'**

Actress Nichelle Nichols is best remembered for playing Lieutenant Uhura in the original *Star Trek* series. Landing the role was a personal win for Nichols, making her one of the first African American women on a major TV show. But a greater win was to come of it. Nichols had actually resigned from *Star Trek* after its first season, to return to her theater work. But then she met Martin Luther King Jr., who urged her not to leave. For the first time, he said, African Americans were being seen on TV as intelligent people who could do anything, even go to space. By playing Lieutenant Uhura, Nichols was achieving a greater win – showing Black women and children what they could become. It reminds me of the time James and John asked Jesus for the two best positions in His kingdom. What personal wins such positions would be! Jesus not only explained the painful realities of their request but called them to higher goals, saying, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (v. 43). His followers weren't to seek personal wins alone but, like Him, use their positions to serve others. Nichelle Nichols stayed with *Star Trek* for the greater win it provided for African Americans. May we too never be content with a personal win alone but use whatever position we gain to serve others in His name.

What are your current personal and career goals? What doors could you open for others right now?

**Dear Jesus, show me how to use my position to serve others in Your name. Amen**

Our prayers and sympathies go to the families of our dearly departed brothers and sisters; Ruth Orman, Julia Blaize, Ronald Blankenship, Martha Broady, Evelyn Butcher, Sarah Daniels, Neva Crisp, Rita Englert-Wells, Cleo Ferguson, Joann Fowler, Anne Freson, Lilly LeBlanc, Mildred Cook-London, Betty Massey, Betty McLean, Dorothy Nelson, Lavern Neuendorf, Teresa Ann Paul, Ida Francis Porter, Patricia Sandefur, Frances Strupp, Betty Thiry, Claire Utley, Elizabeth Willis, Barbara Lacer, Stephen Schnur, Irene Westfall and Flossie Wilson.

Gloria Spivey-Larrance

Auxiliary Chaplain

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The Auxiliary Christmas Party for members and guests was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the food - that was served by our Post Comrades and Josh Bishop (our chef). They then enjoyed an evening of camaraderie and bingo



The children's Christmas party on December 23rd was a fun time for parents and children alike. Auxiliary President Sandy Ferguson takes time to have a chat with they children as everything gets under way. The magician is always a big hit.



The Tea Dance - no tea and no dancing is looked forward to every year by the Post and Auxiliary members. Gives them a chance to catch with each other and just have an enjoyable afternoon. Snacks are the food of choice today.







# VFW Post 1114

## FEBRUARY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bingo 4 PM				1 Bingo 6:30 PM	2 TRIVIA 7PM	3 Rolling Thunder 6:00 PM
4 Bingo 4 PM	5 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	6	7 TOWN HALL MGT VETERANS AFFAIRS	8 Bingo 6:30 PM	9 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	10
11 Bingo 4 PM	12 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day!!	15 Bingo 6:30 PM	16 TRIVIA 7PM IN THE BAR	17
18 Bingo 4 PM	19 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30 President's Day	20 7:00 Post Mtg.	21 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Bingo 6:30 PM	23 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	24 Auxiliary Anniversary Dinner - Dance 5 pm CST
25 Bingo 4 PM	26 Coliseum Bingo at Post	27	28 AFA in the Annex	29 Bingo 6:30 PM		

## MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TRIVIA 7PM	2 Honor Flight of Southern Indiana Rental
3 Bingo 4 PM	4 Coliseum Bingo at Post	5	6 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Bingo 6:30 PM	8 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	9 Rolling Thunder AM Meeting
10 Bingo 4 PM	11 Coliseum Bingo at Post	12	13 ROA in the Annex	14 Bingo 6:30 PM	15 TRIVIA 7PM	16
17 District 8 Mtg Post 2714 FT Branch 10:00 am CST Bingo 4 PM	18 Coliseum Bingo at Post	19 7:00 Post Mtg.	20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	21 Bingo 6:30 PM	22 Spring Conference - Indianapolis KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	23
24 Spring Conference - Indy Bingo 4 PM	25 Coliseum Bingo at Post	26	27	28 Bingo 6:30 PM	29 TRIVIA 7PM	30
31 EASTER Bingo 4 PM						