



The Vet Gazette

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

JERRY BLAKE

Hello everyone,

Everything going pretty good here at the Post. We have the best auxiliary in the nation wanted to thank them for all they do for us as veterans. Reaching out to everyone to ask you to come down and participate on Friday and Saturday nights at the dining room we have great food, and great cooks. Also, come on down and enjoy the atmosphere at our trivia every other Friday. Always remember this is your post it will only succeed with you being a part of it and coming down and participating.

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

Jerry Blake Post Commander

Senior Vice Commander Tim Mahone

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. On 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

Merry Christmas PRAY, PRAY, PRAY
Our World is in harms way, making our military service members need our support through prayer and love now more than ever.
Our Veterans have given so much to keep our Country the greatest there ever was and our job is to let them know how grateful and thankful we are.
Let's remember our fellow Veterans that are homebound or in facilities by a visit or card to let them know they are remembered this holiday 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"

Louisville Hospital: Don Brown

TAPS

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

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>William R Calhoun</i> | <i>Delbert L Fluty</i> |
| <i>Hale W Hart</i> | <i>Donald H Merrick</i> |
| <i>Deryle D Miles</i> | <i>Charles S Moore</i> |
| <i>Berry L Maston</i> | <i>Charles C Neisen</i> |
| <i>Marlan E Maidlow</i> | <i>Christian F Nix</i> |
| <i>Donald R Oeth</i> | <i>William E Rosenbarger</i> |
| <i>Gary L Stone</i> | <i>Kenneth A York</i> |

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.

VFW 1114 BAR NEWS

No Report This Paper
Tim Mahone – Bar Manager

Dates to Remember

- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day 1941
- Dec 13 US National Guard Birthday 1936
- Dec 15 End of Grenada 1983
- Dec 16 Battle of the Bulge 1944
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Jan 1 New Year's Day
- Jan 16 Persian Gulf War Began 1991
- Jan 21 Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Jan 25 End of the Battle of the Bulge 1946
- Jan 27 Vietnam Peace Accord Signed 1973
- Jan 28 US Vietnam Cease Fire 1973

I AM AN OLD FASHIONED AMERICAN

A man once wrote: "I believe in America. I believe it became great because of its faith in God, its hope for independence and its love for freedom. I am grateful for America's glorious past; I am awed by its unbelievable present; I am confident by its limitless future. I am not ashamed to take my hat off and to stand at attention when Old Glory passes by. I do not apologize for the lump in my throat when I repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. I am not embarrassed by the tears in my eyes when I hear "The Star Spangled Banner". Like millions of Americans, I want free choice, not a free handout. I prefer an opportunity to prove my abilities on the job rather than a license to demonstrate my frustrations in the street. I am an old fashioned American with a new-found determination to do my part to make Democracy work. Freedom is not the right to do as you please, but the liberty to do right. What a price has been paid for freedom, men and women have given their lives to so that we can be free from bondage of totalitarian government. We are free to live, to speak, to write, and to worship. Let us pray that our fair land shall remain free and we will use that liberty to do rights. There is a greater freedom, however that gives real meaning to our political liberty. It is the freedom our Savior has provided. Through his death and resurrection, the believer is free from sin's guilt and dominion. For the first time, he has the liberty to do Right.

Trivia still going well, good crowds for dining and trivia. We appreciate all the players joining us at the Post. We did a benefit for our Trivia Master and his family. Huge crowd thanks to Gayla, her family and the great committee members who made this a super successful event. Big thanks to the kitchen and wait staff, who were busy, busy all night. It was nice to see the Post hall full for this. If you have an idea 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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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

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 CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 20, 2023

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

Meal is \$3.00 for PAID Members

Guests are \$5.00

Meal will be Pork Loin and Roast Beef with all the trimmings

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.

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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 – 6:30 pm

***New 6-week series beginning November 20
thru December 18, 2023 and The next
session January 8 thru February 12, 2024
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

Good day everyone!!

Hope this finds all of you healthy. It's about time for old man winter once again. Thanks to all that came out to the membership kick off dinner it was a success. We have set a record for annual members that have transferred to life members. We appreciate all the members who have paid dues so far. We would love to see all dues paid for by the end of December. Our auxiliary Christmas dinner will be December 20th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and doors open at 5:30 PM. Meal will consist of Pork Loin and Roast Beef with all the trimmings. You are welcome to bring a guest. There is a nominal fee at the door. We will play bingo and door prizes are available. Don't forget the sweats our veterans are wondering if the VA will have any available this year, according to Angie, the volunteer coordinator. We also ask for wrapped cookies to distribute to local nursing homes. Our anniversary dance will be February 24th. More details will be in the next Vet Gazette. So, Save the Date. If you haven't been by the post by and check out the upgrades. It's looking really nice around there. The dining room is open, and Josh is working hard to come up with some tasty new ideas. The crowd is picking up on the weekends. 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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President

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Sue Shoultz

Jr Vice Pres

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Mary Crews

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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 would like to thank everyone who showed up for our membership kickoff dinner in October. We all had a good time and as always enjoyed playing bingo. As our 2023 year is coming close to an end, Auxiliary 1114 strives to keep our membership at 100%. As of November, we are at 87.33%. So please, if you have not paid your dues, please do so. 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. If you have a friend that is eligible, please tell them what we are about and ask them to join our great organization.

I hope to see everyone in December at our Christmas Dinner. Please take the time to come visit the post and enjoy what we have to offer from our dining room, trivia night, and karaoke night, you can find the dates for all these on the calendar on the back of the Gazette. Let's all enjoy what our membership has to offer. Wishing all members, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year

Stacey Glover
Auxiliary 1114 Membership Chairman

Christmas Dinner for the Auxiliary will be December 20th at 6:00pm. Doors Open at 5:30. Pork Loin and Roast Beef with all the trimmings. Auxiliary Members \$3.00 – Guest \$5.00

Thessalonians 4:14,16 & 17and Matthew3 25:1-3 Be Prepared

14 "For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven...., and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 ...We who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever."

Matthew 25:1-3 1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins (people) who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom." (Jesus)

As it goes further, five were foolish and five were wise. The foolish did not take extra oil and the wise did. The foolish were focused on their own lives, worldly things instead of Jesus. The wise were focused on their bridegroom Jesus and following him. They were prepared to wait a long time.

Are you prepared? Do you have what it takes to wait? Stay Ready!

Lord God, give us the faith to wait for Jesus. Help us all to have faith in you, that you will come and take us to your wedding banquet. Amen.

Our prayers and sympathies go to the families of our dearly departed brothers and sisters; Ruth Deller, Anita Thomas, Annette Lynch, Carlene Parker/Marilyn Monarch, Joyce Brooks, Annis Buley and Helen Grimm, Ruth Orman.

Gloria Spivey-Larrance

Auxiliary Chaplain

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Auxiliary Membership Kickoff Dinner was well attended. A good time was had by all.



The trivia group had a very successful turnout and fundraiser at the Post for a Veteran with ALS.



Sandy and Roger Ferguson at the banquet for Fall Conference as Peanut Butter and Jelly. Everyone enjoyed their costume.



Rita Allega, second from left presenting a check to teachers from Glenwood Schoolt for supplies



From left: Department President Gennie Pickens, Auxiliary President Sandy Ferguson, Commander Jerry Blake (National Home Board Member for Indiana) and the Buddy Poppy Child from this year accepting a check for donations.





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DECEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 KARAOKE 7PM	2 Rolling Thunder 6:00 PM
Bingo 4 PM					USI ROTC	GAYLA
3	4 Coliseum Bingo at Post	5	6 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8 TRIVIA 7PM	9 Rolling Thunder Christmas Party
Bingo 4 PM	ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30			Bingo 6:30 PM	Gayla Gone	
10	11 Coliseum Bingo at Post	12 Bingo Christmas Party	13	14	15 KARAOKE 7PM	16 Steve Rental Painters Union
Gayla Gone					IN THE BAR	
Bingo 4 PM	ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30			Bingo 6:30 PM	22 TRIVIA 7PM	23 Children's Christmas Party
17	18 Coliseum Bingo at Post	19 7:00 Post Mtg.	20 Auxiliary Christmas Dinner	21		
Bingo 4 PM	ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30		Doors Open 5:30pm	Bingo 6:30 PM	29 Friday Night Dance Club	30
24 Post Tea Dance Starts: 11:00 am	25 Coliseum Bingo at Post	26 Evansville Stock Club 5:00 PM	27	28	KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	
NO BINGO TODAY						
31						
Bingo 4 PM						

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!!	2 West Side Nut Club	3 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5 TRIVIA 7PM	6 Nick West Wrestling
				Bingo 6:30 PM		
7	8 Coliseum Bingo at Post	9	10	11	12 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	13
Bingo 4 PM	ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30			Bingo 6:30 PM		
14	15 Coliseum Bingo at Post	16 7:00 Post Mtg.	17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	18	19 TRIVIA 7PM	20 Nick West Baby Shower
Bingo 4 PM	ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30			Bingo 6:30 PM		
21 District 8 Mtg Post 3281 New Albany 10:00 am EST	22 Coliseum Bingo at Post	23 Evansville Stock Club 5:00 PM	24	25	26 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	27
Bingo 4 PM	ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30			Bingo 6:30 PM		
28	29 Coliseum Bingo at Post	30	31			
Bingo 4 PM	ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30					

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