



# The Vet Gazette

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

**JERRY BLAKE**

Hello everyone,  
Hope everybody is doing good,  
A lot of things going on at the post. Hope each one of you will come down to visit and see what's happening at your Post dining room is doing great. Please come down and enjoy a good meal a good food. Don't forget we have a lessons in April 3 Tuesday of the month if you're interested, please let me know come down and join us for the meeting.

June 1 we will start sending out the newsletter electronically which means all you have to do is go on our website and get the newsletter. The reason we did this is because of the money we're spending each year seven to \$8000 just to send out the newsletter. If you don't have a computer or access to a computer, please let us know so that we can get a copy to you. Again, this is your post we could only be successful if you come down and join us in the celebrations, the meals and the meetings, please consider coming down eating and enjoying yourself at the bar with the drink or just come down for the camaraderie.

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

## Jerry Blake Post Commander

**Senior Vice Commander Tim Mahone**

### VFW MEMBERSHIP

The information I want to pass out to all the members of VFW 1114 is that National has requested that each VFW post needs to increase their membership to 102 %. For small VFW Post that isn't tuff. However, for Bigger Post like VFW Post 1114. It is a true test of time. The good part is that with the help of members of the Post we have a good chance of pulling the increase off. If you know of someone and they are qualified to become a member, bring them in and either you can help them, or I would be more than happy to help them. This year is a true challenge for all involved.

Tim Mahone Membership Chairman

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		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

Well, here we are – Spring is just about upon us and people will be planning family outings. We must not forget our Veterans in nursing homes, hospitals and the homebound. They like to go outside once in a while, too. I want everyone to remember the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. On that day all Postal employees will be having their annual food drive to help the less fortunate ones in our area. A lot of our Veterans have to rely upon our local food banks for help. Just like other residents in our community. So please give generously to the Post Office Food Drive – May 13<sup>th</sup> – All donations stay right here in the Tri-State.

### Current Veteran's in Nursing facilities:

Veterans currently recuperating in extended care facilities or at home:

Willow Park: George "Sonny" Laubner

River Point: Walter Putman

At Home: Henry W Sandefur

Roy Weedman

John LaVancy "Chio"

Don Brown

## TAPS

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

*William E "Bill" Becker Thomas A Diehl Roger J Kissel*

*Robert W "Bob" Ennis Richard L Knee James R Little*

*Edward E Mellor Harold D Pettus Bill R Mace*

*Thomas Lawrence Schultheis Archie E Ward*

*Clarence G "Sonny" Zehner Donald E "Don" Ramsden*

*John "Jerry" Purdie*

***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

Apr 19	Shot heard around the World Start of American Revolutionary War
Apr 30	Vietnam War Ends 1975
May 3	National Day of Prayer
May 11	Postal Food Drive
May 12	Mother's Day
May 21	Armed Forces Day 1949
May 22	National Maritime Day 1819
May 27	Memorial Day

## VFW 1114 BAR NEWS

The bar is moving along fine. As the Bar Manager, my main concern is taking care of our VFW Veterans, Auxiliary members, and customers. All the bartenders do an excellent job seeing that this happens. The key is to have fun and enjoy being connected to people enjoying life. We are here to serve you. Come on down and be a part of our organization. Please thank our bartenders for the service they provide and for the work they put into taking care of the bar and helping everyone with the different games within the VFW. Thank you so very much. Your support is what keeps us being the best VFW Post. Should you have any questions please come in or call me. We are here to help.  
Tim Mahone – Bar Manager

### ***What is A Veteran?***

A "Veteran" – whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve – is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to, and including his/her life." That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.

Trivia is going really well thanks to Paul and Melissa, the trivia masters. The kitchen, bar and Amanda, Kristin, Gayla, and Moe. They make it an enormous success! The Franklin Street Events Assoc. of which the Post is a member – we participate in their events so on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> for Mardi Gras they served Gumbo on Franklin St – the Post had excellent Gumbo thanks to Kim, Marisha, and Taylor – for making the signs and service the Gumbo cooked by Josh. There is a committee trying to get our basement game room in a condition to use for rentals – help would be appreciated!

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING GROUPS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR TRIVIA EVENTS PRIZE PACKAGES**

**BUBBA'S 33**

**LOGANS**

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

**PALM BEACH TAN**

**DRAKES**

**CHICK-FIL-A**

## 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, Grand-father 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!

## Veterans Memorial Club serving Evansville and the tri-state.

Our Mission Statement: We are a group of Veterans dedicated to honoring those Veterans who have passed away in our area. They served our Country and now we serve them as they are laid to rest with pride and dignity. We honor them and their families by providing: an Honor Guard; Rifle Squad; Taps; and the Flag of our Nation. To be eligible, you must have a valid DD-214 and we accept women and men. For more information about joining our team – contact Jerry Brenner at the following: (812) 453-2738 or email: [Jerrbrenn@hotmail.com](mailto:Jerrbrenn@hotmail.com)



# 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



Anywhere

Military Real Estate Benefits™

## Earn Cash Back after Closing Based on the Sale Price of Your Home

### Cash Back Based on Home Price

Up to \$99,000	\$350
\$100,000 - \$149,999	\$600
\$150,000 - \$199,999	\$800
\$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!

**LARRY LINVILL**

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\*The cash back bonus is offered in most states. In some states, a gift card or commission reduction at closing may be provided in lieu of the cash back bonus. The program is not available for employee-owned real estate or transactions in or outside the United States. The cash back bonus is not available in Alaska and Oklahoma. In Kansas and Tennessee, a Member Card (MC) gift card will be issued. In Missouri, Texas, Jersey and Oregon, a commission reduction may be available at closing. The cash back bonus is only available with the purchase and/or sale of your home through the use of a program-affiliated real estate agent. The actual amount of cash back is based on the purchase and/or sale price of your home. The program does not apply to certain transactions with restricted agent commissions (including newly-constructed, for-sale-by-owner, or for-sale-by-owner transactions). Your assigned agent can help you identify any transactions where the award would not be available. Participating program real estate agents are affiliated with an Anywhere™-franchised real estate brokerage. Cash back bonus, Commission, Buyer's Choice and Seller's Choice, and Commission Bonus are trademarks owned or licensed by Anywhere Real Estate Group, LLC or its subsidiaries or affiliated companies. Anywhere and its affiliated companies fully support the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. All real estate transactions are negotiable. This is not a solicitation if you are already represented by a real estate broker. Please check with your program coordinator for details. Program terms and conditions are subject to change at any time without notice. Additional terms, conditions, and restrictions apply. Each affiliated real estate agent and broker is responsible for complying with any consumer disclosure laws or regulations relating to participation in the program. Each Anywhere brand franchise brokerage is independently owned and operated. ©2022 Anywhere Real Estate ("Anywhere"), Acting as Broker.

# VFW 1114 Auxiliaries' News

## Greetings

It's this time again to let you all know what's going on in the Auxiliary and around the post. At this point it's my understanding that our paper is going digital (online) and will not automatically be a printed paper that you receive in the mail. If you do not have access to a computer, then we are working on some way to get you a monthly calendar. Even though you will not be getting a printout in the mail there are ways to obtain the monthly calendar. A lot of businesses and organizations are doing this because of the cost. National done away with mailing some time ago. Somethings won't change such as our meeting will still be every 2 weeks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Starting time is 7pm at the post. We will still be doing all the other extra events that we have done. Our Easter egg hunt will be Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at the post 10am. We will be having elections on April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to get involved come and join us. Would love to see you. We have reached 100% in membership, and we love our members. I guess this will be the last time I will write this column to share with you. Please stop and see what else is going on around the post. The weekends are going great in the dining room and bar area. Take care of yourself and your Auxiliary is here.

Hope to see every one of you soon!

Sandy Ferguson – Auxiliary President

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President

Sandy Ferguson

Sr Vice Pres

Sue Shoultz

Jr Vice Pres

Kelli McBride

Secretary

Mary Crews

Treasurer

Mel Mahone

Conductor

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 would like to start by thanking all of you for attending our 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner. It was a wonderful time for all and was so good seeing everyone. Now I would like to Thank all our members for getting their dues in, I am proud to say that we are 100% in membership. You still have a few months to pay your dues if you have not one so, please do not be left out of all the benefits you can help the veterans with. We are also part of District 8 and as a District we are 98.84%. If you did not 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.

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 a part 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

## THE CHARACTER OF A SOLDIER (1 Cor. 9:7) (Gal 5:22)

April-May 2024

Throughout the Bible those in military service are referred to in the same positive way as manual laborers, farmers, and athletes. Soldiers are shown to have an honorable job in serving their country, (1 Cor 9:7 "Who serves as a soldier at his own expense?"). Because we are a unique group of people in our society, we have extra responsibilities and are also subject to the Manual of Military Law and Queen's Regulation. We are to be examples to our society by holding to the service's core values: courage, discipline, respect for others, integrity, loyalty, and selfless commitment. There is a lot of overlap between the "Core Values" and the "fruit of the Spirit" (Gal 5:22 "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control"). This strength of character is essential in our military duty, in our service to our veterans and in pleasing God.

Dear Lord, Let us show love, discipline and kindness, peace and respect for others, integrity, loyalty and faithfulness, selfless commitment as we are examples to our society in our service to our military, veterans and one another. Amen.

Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of our Sisters; Waneta Hart, Vernita Koester, Grace Richter, Evelyn Lannert, Diane Burkhart, Doris Harrison, Alice kick, Leroy Schenk, Nevelyn Parker

Gloria Spivey-Larrance

Auxiliary Chaplain

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## APRIL 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bingo 4 PM	1 Coliseum Bingo at Post	2	3 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	4 Bingo 6:30 PM	5 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	6 Rolling Thunder 6:00 PM
7 Bingo 4 PM	8 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	9 VOD-PP BANQUET Doors Open 5:30	10	11 Bingo 6:30 PM	12 TRIVIA 7PM	13
14 Bingo 4 PM	15 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	16 7:00 Post Mtg.	17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	18 Bingo 6:30 PM	19 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	20 Rental - West
21 Bingo 4 PM	22 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	23	24 AFA in Annex	25 Bingo 6:30 PM	26 TRIVIA 7PM	27 Rental - Lofton
28 Bingo 4 PM	29 Coliseum Bingo at Post ZUMBA in Gameroom 5:30	30				

## MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Bingo 6:30 PM	3 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	4 Rental - Hyslop
5 Bingo 4 PM	6 Coliseum Bingo at Post	7	8	9 Bingo 6:30 PM	10 TRIVIA 7PM	11 Rental Westside Sportsman
12 Bingo 4 PM	13 Coliseum Bingo at Post	14	15 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM ROA - Dining Room	16 Bingo 6:30 PM	17 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	18 Rental-Wrestling
19 District 8 Mtg Post 673 Jasper 10:00 am EST Bingo 4 PM	20 Coliseum Bingo at Post	21 7:00 Post Mtg.	22	23 Bingo 6:30 PM	24 TRIVIA 7PM	25
26 Bingo 4 PM Bingo 4 PM	27 Coliseum Bingo at Post	28	29	30 Bingo 6:30 PM	31 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	

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