



# The Vet Gazette

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

**JERRY BLAKE**

Hello everyone,  
Hope everyone is doing well as you receive this article. The post is doing really good. We still have a long way to go, but with your help and your participation in coming down and eating lunch or dinner with us on Friday, Saturday or Sunday and coming to our canteen for a friendly drink and some comradeship we can do a lot better.

We are starting a brand new year and I'm asking for each one of you to pitch in this year and give us a hand as you know we made All American last year with 102%. Hopefully we can keep that going again with each one of us helping and participating, this should be a pretty easy job, please consider getting involved whether it be just coming down for socializing or getting something to eat or just helping out here and there together we can make this post great again.

Yours in the faith  
Jerry Blake

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

**Senior Vice Commander Tim Mahone**

No Article This Issue

2023-2024	VFW 1114	OFFICER'S
Commander		Jerry Blake
Sr. Vice Commander		Tim Mahone
Jr. Vice Commander		Ed Shoultz
Quartermaster		Paul DuPont
Asst. Quartermaster		Jerry Blake
Asst. Quartermaster		Gayla Schapker
Chaplain		Tom Verkamp
Judge Advocate		Paul Dupont
Surgeon		Larry Lukeman
Trustee 3 Yrs.		Paul Walters
Trustee 2 Yrs.		Joe Misuraca
Trustee 1 Yr.		Jerry Boyle
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		Randy Muston
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**

[www.VFWpost114.org](http://www.VFWpost114.org)

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

VFW 1114 BAR NEWS

Where is time going? Summer is in full swing; school will be starting in a few weeks and Fall is not far behind. When a Veteran is in a nursing facility, their life slows down and our visits and prayers mean so much. Everyone loves to know they are remembered and that their life was worth something. Stop in and share a story or two and find out giving a few minutes to our fellow comrades is so very rewarding. When you run into a Veteran when you are out – Thank them for defending our freedom.

**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
- Hospital: Steve Wildeman  
Linda White Roy Fosshee, Jr.
- At Home: Henry W Sandefur  
John LaVancy "Chio"  
Don Brown

**TAPS**

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

- John T Alvey*
- Ray L Cashen*
- Michael Stonecipher*

***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**

- Aug 2 Start of Gulf War 1990
- Aug 4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
- Aug 7 National Purple Heart Day
- Sept 1 WWII Begins 1939
- Sept 2 VJ Day WWII ended 1945  
Labor Day
- Sept 11 Patriot's Day  
Grandparent's Day
- Sept 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept 18 U.S. Air Force Birthday 1947
- Sept 22 Autumn Begins
- Sept 27 VFW Begins 1915

The VFW Bar is operating very well. The Bartenders and I are very pleased to see everyone coming in and having a good time. Our Goal is to make sure the Veterans, their family, and friends are having a good time and enjoying their time with us. Bar Trivia on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6 pm. Thanks to Kim Gregory for officiating. Also, thanks to Josh for offering a limited Menu for those that like something to eat.

Tim Mahone – Bar Manager

Honor Our Military

Let's honor our military,  
The men and women who serve,  
Some came back; some didn't.  
Some saw combat: some rode a desk;  
All of them did their share.

No matter what the duty,  
For low pay and little glory,  
These soldiers gave up normal lives,  
For duties mundane and gory.

Let every veteran be honored;  
Don't let politics get in the way.  
Without them, freedom would have died;  
What they did, we can't repay.

We owe so much to them,  
Who kept us safe from terror,  
So when we see a uniform,  
Let's say "thank you" to every wearer.

By Joanna Fuchs

Trivia is going really well, thanks to Paul & Millissa, Gayla & Moe, Marisha & Kim, and the Kitchen staff, Bar staff, Wait staff for making this a huge success. Been trying to get 2-man Pac Man Game table in the bar and maybe a SINGO NITE and that is Bingo with music and trying to guess the songs that are played and marking them off your SINGO card for prizes. If this is something you would be interested in, please let me know at 812-461-8939 [jboyle1230@cs.com](mailto:jboyle1230@cs.com) Jerry Boyle

## 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



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### **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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# VFW 1114 Auxiliaries' News

Hello! Hope everybody is doing ok. Can you believe it's already August? Kids are back at school. Time sure flies! We have settled into a new year at the auxiliary and the post. We're off and running and getting things going and want to keep everybody updated. Most of you know, it's going to be membership time again. We had to raise our dues to \$30.00, due to national raising their dues. We are in the process of getting notices for dues sent out. We will keep everyone updated through our Vets Gazette online. Our annual Rummage/Vendor sale is going to be held at the post August 24<sup>th</sup>. If interested, you can sign up at the bar and information is on our website. The annual picnic will be held on Labor day at the post starting at 11:00 Am. You are ask to bring a covered dish. We will have entertainment for the kids. Bingo is still being played with info on website. The dining room is back up and getting quite a crowd, so come and enjoy. Would love to see you around the post. Meetings are on the first and third Thursday at 7:00 pm at the post.

Sandy Ferguson President

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Rita Allega  
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Debra Switzer

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS AUG-SEPT 2024

1114 aux.	73.17%
District 8	61.41%
Dept of Indiana	62.88%

We are off to a good start – but everyone needs to make sure their dues are paid for the next year.

**REMEMBER: ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW \$30.00 PER YEAR**

All of our over 80's dues have been paid for this year – if you are going to turn 80 years young this year – we pay your dues as a Thank You for your years of commitment to the VFW Auxiliary.

Also, annual dues notices have been mailed out, please use the return envelope and send them in as soon as you can. Also, note that the dues are now \$30.00 per year. If you wish to convert to life please contact me at the Post.

Mel Mahone – Membership Chair

### Chaplain's Corner

**Isaiah 59:1** No matter how deep your shame is, He is deeper still. No matter how deep your grief, He is deeper still. No matter how deep your debt, He is deeper still. No matter how deep your loneliness, He is deeper still. No matter how deep your trouble, He is deeper still. No matter how deep your personal hell is, He is deeper still.

I visited a place recently from my past. When I walked through the door, memories flooded my mind. I immediately felt a sense of shame and condemnation, even though the faded memories were from half a lifetime ago! Shame wrapped itself around me, like an icy blanket. And for a moment, I forgot that I am not who I was. I am not my past. I am not my mistakes. I am not my sin.

The enemy would have loved to hold me hostage to my past. But God doesn't consult with the enemy about my past when He is mapping out my future. That day, I felt God whisper into my heart, "Girl. I already rescued you from that pit. There's no good reason to go back." His words were warm enough to melt the icy blanket that had wrapped itself around me.

Where are you today? Are you in a pit? Are you in need of a rescue? Maybe your pit is in the form of your past mistakes, maybe you've fallen into a pit on account of what happened to you. Maybe you are in that pit right now? Have you fallen so deep you think you're beyond rescue? No matter how deep we have fallen, God's love is deeper still. God's arm is "not too short to save" you from wherever you are right now.

Lord God, give us the faith to trust in Jesus to bring us out of our pit. Amen.

Our prayers and sympathies go to the families of our dearly departed sisters; Joellyn Ewin, Barbara Wedding, Charlotte Ficker, Fay Johnson, Judith Norrington, Catherine Chapman, Joyce Brumitt, Rosemary Yabroud and Joyce Baker.

**August – September 2024**

Gloria Spivey-Larrance

Auxiliary Chaplain

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The Auxiliary's Patriotic Art Awards dinner was recently held at the Post. Students who submitted a piece of artwork from schools in the area were honored with a dinner and a gift card for each student to show our appreciation for their participation. The Department winners also received a monetary gift from the Auxiliary in addition to the awards from the Department of Indiana. The families of the student also attended the banquet.



Auxiliary Post 1114, along with the Evansville VA Clinic, and Quilts of Valor quilters hosted a presentation recently at the Post Home. Members of the Ranger group from this area were honored with a recap of their service and the presentation of a Patriotic Quilt to thank them for their service. The ceremony was also attended by family and friends of the recipients.







# VFW Post 1114

## AUGUST 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 War Memorial Rental	2 TRIVIA 7PM	3 <i>Rolling Thunder P.M.</i>
			National Convention - Louisville, KY			<i>Wrestling</i>
				Bingo 6:30 PM		
4 Bingo 4 PM	5 <i>Zumba in Gameroom 5:30</i>  <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>	6	7 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	8 Bingo 6:30 PM	9 <b>KARAOKE 7PM</b> <b>IN THE BAR</b>	10
11 Bingo 4 PM	12 <i>Zumba in Gameroom 5:30</i>  <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>	13 BAR TRIVIA 6pm	14	15 War Memorial Rental  Bingo 6:30 PM	16 TRIVIA 7PM	17 <i>Rental-Reitz 67</i>
18 Bingo 4 PM	19 <i>Zumba in Gameroom 5:30</i>  <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>	20 7:00 Post Mtg.	21 <i>Auxiliary Meeting CANCELLED</i>	22 Bingo 6:30 PM	23 Rummage Sale Set Up 3-8 pm <b>KARAOKE 7PM</b> <b>IN THE BAR</b>	24 Rummage Sale 7am to 2 pm
25 Bingo 4 PM	26 <i>Zumba in Gameroom 5:30</i>  <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>	27 BAR TRIVIA 6pm	28 AFA - Annex  <i>Rental Zfaliar</i>	29 Bingo 6:30 PM	30 TRIVIA 7PM	31 <i>2AP 6:00pm</i>

## SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bingo 4 PM	2 <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>	3	4 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	5 Bingo 6:30 PM	6 <b>KARAOKE 7PM</b> <b>IN THE BAR</b>	7 <i>Rolling Thunder A.M.</i>
8 Bingo 4 PM	9 <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>	10 BAR TRIVIA	11 <i>ROA METTING</i>	12 Bingo 6:30 PM	13 TRIVIA 7PM	14 <i>Wrestling</i>
15 Bingo 4 PM	16 <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>	17 7:00 Post Mtg.	18 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	19 Bingo 6:30 PM	20 <b>KARAOKE 7PM</b> <b>IN THE BAR</b>	21 <i>Nick West ???</i>
22 District 8 Mtg Post 2953 Evansville 10:00 am CST Bingo 4 PM	23 <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>	24 BAR TRIVIA	25	26 Bingo 6:30 PM	27 TRIVIA 7PM	28 <i>2AP 6:00pm</i>
29 Bingo 4 PM	30 <i>Coliseum Bingo at Post</i>					

Post Webpage is now active - Please visit often for updates and events [www.vfwpost1114.org](http://www.vfwpost1114.org)

**\*\*\*\*VENDORS WANTED\*\*\*\***  
**INDOOR RUMMAGE/VENDOR SALE**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2024**

TO BE HELD AT:  
VFW Post 1114  
110 N. Wabash Ave  
Evansville, IN  
812-422-5831

Saturday AUGUST 24 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**OVER 40 VENDOR BOOTH SPACES AVAILABLE:**

\$20 for single 8' table setup, (table provided)

\$35 for (3) 8' table setup 10'X 10' (tables provided).

PRE-SET UP AVAILABLE FRIDAY 3 PM TO 8 PM

Lunch will be available on Saturday in our dining room.

For more information or to sign up as a vendor,  
CALL OR STOP BY VFW POST 1114 Mon. thru Saturday

**THIS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**ALL VENDORS ARE WELCOME.**