



# The Vet Gazette

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

**JERRY BLAKE**

Hello everyone,  
 Looks like we are getting ready to have some cold weather. Make sure your heat is working, and you have extra blankets ready. The Post is doing ok, but we sure could use more members coming in to eat, drink and enjoy themselves so that we can get more income to help with the bills. Remember this is your club and each one of us to make sure we do our part to ensure this club survives another 92 years. By the time you get this Thanksgiving will be over and we will be looking forward to Christmas. If you are in the area and want to enjoy some really great food at the best prices in town, then come in and try us out. I think you will realize what you have been missing out on. We have Prime Rib every other Saturday and Josh cuts all of his steaks in-house. If you are into BINGO, then come down on Monday, Thursday, or Sunday and enjoy our Bingo which pays out \$6000 each night. I want to thank all of our Officers, Employees and volunteers for all they do to keep our Post up and operational for you as members to come down and have a great experience and some place to bring your kids and not have to worry about if something is going to happen to them. If anyone has questions or just want to talk, please contact me at (812) 453-0799

THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

Jerry Blake  
Commander

| 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**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
PRAY – PRAY – PRAY**  
*Our world is in harms way. Making our military service members to need our support through Prayers 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:

Willow Park: George "Sonny" Laubner  
River Point: Walter Putman  
Mt. Vernon: Steve Wildeman  
At Home: Rick Smithart.  
Henry W Sandefur  
Don Brown

**TAPS**

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

*Stephen A Martin  
Richard L Wargel*

***May their 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**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 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 Years Day                             |
| Jan 9  | National Law Enforcement Appreciation 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 | Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord 1973      |
| Jan 28 | US Vietnam Cease Fire 1973                |



**New Bar Hours**

Sunday & Monday  
Closed  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
1:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Thursday  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Friday & Saturday  
11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

**ONE DAY AT A TIME**

Each day is a blessing, enjoy it to its fullest.  
Take one day at a time and cherish the time you have.  
Make each moment count,  
For tomorrow is a mystery.  
Don't fear the future but instead,  
Let the future fear you.  
Nothing in life is overwhelming  
You allow it to be.  
Life is simple at its best.  
It's really not that complicated.  
Don't dwell on the past – it's over.  
Look forward to the future and embrace  
the present as a gift.  
When life gives you a tumble, remember there  
Is an answer to everything. No matter  
how bad it seems; the clouds will clear. AMEN

Trivia going well. Tuesday nite bar trivia with Kim Gregory is going to take a break – Updates in next Gazette as to when it will resume!  
We had a Halloween theme with lots of great costumes – Goldilocks and 3 Bears won. As always thank to Paul & Milisa, Gayla, Moe, the kitchen, waite and bar staff for making this a success. In added notes-new games are coming to the basement game room to prepare it for members and rentals to enjoy.  
Kim Jason and Marisha Boyle did Franklin Street trick or treat-the auxiliary provided the treats – we had about 1500 children. Thanks to the Aux. for their help.  
Roger Ferguson is working to get the Lucas Place patio back on track. Thanks to Mr. Fence and Thatcher Concrete for their contributions.  
If there are ideas for post entertainment  
Jerry Boyle 812-461-8939

## 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)





# VFW 1114 Auxiliaries' News

I hope everybody is doing fine and free from any health problems. Can you believe it's almost Christmas? Unreal! Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. It's time to plan our Christmas party. It's going to be held on December 18th, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The doors will open at 5:00 pm. The menu will be pork loin and meatloaf with all the trimmings. The cost is \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for guests. If members would like to bring sweatshirts or sweatpants, we will get them delivered to the VA center. The VA has expressed a need for sweats for our veterans. We will also be collecting cookies in packages for our members in the nursing homes. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$10.00 gift for a man or woman. Of course, we will be playing Bingo and having door prizes. Hope to see you there. The Post Christmas party will be December 24th starting at 11:00 Am. You're welcome to bring a dish. We are planning an event for New Years Eve. At this time, I'm unsure of what time but will keep you updated. Keep checking the website and FB page. Your welcome to call the post and they will have information. We will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary this year. Keep checking for updates and we would like to have a good crowd. Hope to see you around the post. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Sandy Ferguson President

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Guard  
Rita Allega  
Patriotic Inst.  
Debra Switzer

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DEC 2024 – JAN 2025

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1114 aux        | 89.27% |
| District 8      | 82.94% |
| Dept of Indiana | 81.93% |

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**

We still need 132 to reach 100%

**Remember! If your dues are not paid by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – you are not in good standing and can't participate in any Auxiliary events or use the Canteen at the Post!**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY/DINNER**

**December 18th**

**Doors Open 5:00 pm**

**\$3.00 for members with current dues paid**

**Guests \$5.00 per person**

**Dues can be paid at the door!**

Program and Bingo to follow dinner

Please join us and meet up with old friends and even make some new friends!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Mel Mahone – Membership Chair

**See President's article for more Info**

Proverbs 23:12 "Instructions"

Chaplain's Corner

December 2024 – January 2025

If you are working with the wrong information, you are going to end up with disastrous results. Always. This is why Proverbs encourages us to "apply our heart to instruction and our ears to words of knowledge" God's wisdom (v.12). If we instead seek advice from those who are foolish, those who pretend to know more than they do and who have turned their back on God, we'll be in trouble. They "scorn.... prudent words" (v.9) and can lead us astray with unhelpful, misguided, or even deceptive advice. Instead, we can bend our "ears to words of knowledge" (v.12). We can open our heart and receive God's liberating instruction, words of clarity and hope. When we listen to those who know the deep ways of God, they help us receive and follow divine wisdom. And God's wisdom will never lead us astray but always encourages and leads us toward life and wholeness. At life's crossroads, how do you make decisions? Sometimes it is helpful to recognize and write down your spiritual landmarks – the places in your journey God has guided and directed you powerfully. By creating a kind of spiritual map or story, you can remember how God communicates, moves, and speaks to you personally, helping you to discern his voice in your current situation. But he often works in new ways – so be ready for surprises too!

Lord God, thank you for allowing us to listen to your instruction, hear your discipline and mature into the people we were created to be... that we can open-heartedly confront our mistakes and humbly learn from them. Amen.

Our prayers and sympathies go to the families of our dearly departed sisters and brothers that have passed and haven't been reported yet or that I apologetically may have missed in these last two months. This is the first since I've been your Chaplain Officer since 06/2018!

**Please remember to report any deaths, get wells, thinking of you(s) to me at my email address [spiveydg@gmail.com](mailto:spiveydg@gmail.com) or phone (812) 453-5680**  
**Gloria Spivey-Larrance, Chaplain**





The Auxiliary Membership Kickoff dinner was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and we were served dinner by Post 1114 members. Josh and his crew did an awesome job on the food which was enjoyed by all. Bingo was the activity of the night after dinner and everyone had a good time – meeting new people and chatting with old friends



The Dept of Indiana state campout was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Auxiliary members who were there on Saturday sat down for a picture – including our own Linda Misuraca and Vi Fuller.





The Auxiliary hosted a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner on November 19, 2024. Stacey Glover, Mel Mahone and President Sandy Ferguson posed with one group of the Veterans that came to enjoy the meal.



1114 President Sandy Ferguson and her husband Roger, Dept. of Indiana VFW Sr Vice take a moment at Big 10 Conference to enjoy the entertainment and visit with other members at the Banquet on Saturday night.



Trivia had a good time during their halloween night - the costume party was a big hit - Godilocks and the 3 bears won the prize for the best costume. Jerry Boyle and his group do a good job keeping the trivia nights enjoyable.



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# VFW Post 1114

## DECEMBER 2024



| Sunday           | Monday  | Tuesday                                       | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                      | Friday                                      | Saturday   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1<br>Bingo 4 PM  | 2<br>Zumba in<br>Gameroom 5:30<br>Coliseum Bingo  | 3<br><i>Steve Herrmann</i><br>Rental          | 4<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>7:00 PM          | 5<br>RVMC Dinner<br>10:45 AM<br>Bingo 6:30 PM | 6<br>TRIVIA 7PM                             | 7<br><i>RJ Christmas</i><br>10am-11pm                                    |
| 8<br>Bingo 4 PM  | 9<br>Zumba in<br>Gameroom 5:30<br>Coliseum Bingo  | 10<br>Stacey H.                               | 11<br>Post Bingo<br>Christmas Party        | 12<br>Bingo 6:30 PM                           | 13<br>D.A.V.<br><br>KARAOKE<br>IN THE BAR   | 14<br>Sofstall Rental<br>10am-11pm<br>Basement Rental<br><i>Schapker</i> |
| 15<br>Bingo 4 PM | 16<br>Zumba in<br>Gameroom 5:30<br>Coliseum Bingo | 17<br>7:00 Post Mtg.                          | 18<br>Aux Christmas<br>doors open 6<br>6pm | 19<br>Bingo 6:30 PM                           | 20<br>TRIVIA 7PM                            | 21<br>Children's<br>Christmas Party                                      |
| 22<br>Bingo 4 PM | 23<br>Zumba in<br>Gameroom 5:30<br>Coliseum Bingo | 24<br>Christmas Get<br>Together<br>11am - 3pm | 25<br><b>Merry</b><br><b>Christmas</b>     | 26<br>Bingo 6:30 PM                           | 27<br>KARAOKE<br>IN THE BAR<br>RENTAL-BERRY | 28   |
| 29<br>Bingo 4 PM | 30<br>Zumba in<br>Gameroom 5:30<br>Coliseum Bingo | 31<br>New Year's Eve                          |  |   |   |  |

## JANUARY 2025

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                          | Thursday            | Friday                      | Saturday                           |
|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
|  |   |                                | 1                                  | 2<br>Bingo 6:30 PM  | 3<br>TRIVIA 7PM             | 4<br><i>Rolling<br/>Thunder pm</i> |
| 5<br>Bingo 4 PM  | 6<br>Coliseum Bingo                               | 7                              | 8<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>7:00 PM  | 9<br>Bingo 6:30 PM  | 10<br>KARAOKE<br>IN THE BAR | 11                                 |
| 12<br>Bingo 4 PM   | 13<br>Zumba in<br>Gameroom 5:30<br>Coliseum Bingo | 14                             | 15                                 | 16<br>Bingo 6:30 PM | 17<br>TRIVIA 7PM            | 18<br><i>Wrestling</i>             |
| 19<br>D8 Mtg Post 1693<br>10:00 am EST<br>New Albany<br>Bingo 4 PM | 20<br>Coliseum Bingo                              | 21<br>Post Meeting<br>6 & 7 pm | 22<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>7:00 PM | 23<br>Bingo 6:30 PM | 24<br>KARAOKE<br>IN THE BAR | 25                                 |
| 26<br>Bingo 4 PM   | 27<br>Zumba in<br>Gameroom 5:30<br>Coliseum Bingo | 28                             | 29                                 | 30<br>Bingo 6:30 PM | 31<br>TRIVIA 7PM            |                                    |





