



The Vet Gazette

ART FELLWOCK VFW POST 1114
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

JERRY BLAKE

Hello everyone,

Well, it's starting to get hot again, so break out those shorts and T-shirts and enjoy the nice weather. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the post needs your help for us to stay alive and viable. All we need from you as members - just come down and eat on Friday, Saturday or Sunday or maybe stop in at the bar and have a beer. Take a moment to associate with other members. If we don't do this, we will get smaller and smaller and eventually this post will close. I know no one wants to see that happen - so please help keep our great post alive.

We have karaoke every other Friday in the front bar, which is really great. On the opposite Fridays, there are between 100 to 150 people in the back playing trivia. Please come down and join us and have a lot of fun. We have karaoke in the bar. Also, a lot of fun so a lot of things are really happening at the post.

All we ask you to do is come down and participate and help us out to keep going.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 812-453-0799.

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.VFWpost1114.org

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

Summer makes us smile!

We want to honor our Veterans ALWAYS!

If you hear of a Veteran that has passed away, is in the hospital or homebound – PLEASE pass this one to me by texting or calling me at (812) 459-3473. I would rather be told 10 times instead of not at all. Our Veterans and military deserve to be remembered. They are why we are the best we can be in the U.S.A.

When stories are shared by our Veterans and military, we realize how they fought for our freedom.

Love you all! – Chaplain Tom

REMEMBER to take care of yourself too!

Current Veteran's in Nursing facilities:

Veterans currently recuperating in extended care facilities or at home:

Independence Park: George "Sonny" Laubner

River Point: Walter Putman

At Home: Henry W Sandefur
Don Brown
Steve Wildeman
Kermit Neighbors

TAPS

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

***Michael K Dahl
Rick A Smithhart
Dorris S Stone***

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.



STARTING APRIL 28 TRIAL BAR HOURS

Monday – Wednesday

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday & Saturday

11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Starting May 9 and every other Friday
(Trivia Friday)

Front Bar 11 am – 5 pm

Back Bar 4pm - 10pm

Only His Peace

When the wind howls and snow flies
And the temperature takes a dive,
I'm thankful for the home I'm in
And very grateful to be alive.
The next-door neighbor may need help
Before this storm is through.
I wish we could just fall asleep
And wake when skies turn blue.
But God knows our every need
And sees our unwanted tears.
He'll give to us that inner peace
That takes away all fears
M. Elaine Fowser

Dates to Remember

June 4	Battle of Midway Begins 1942
June 6	D-Day
June 14	US Army Birthday
	Flag Day
June 15	Father's Day
June 21	1 st Day of Summer
June 25	Start of the Korean War 1950
July 1	Last Draft 1973
July 4	Independence Day
July 26	Americans with Disabilities Act 1960
July 27	End of Korean War 1953
July 28	Start of World War II 1939

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE – VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

AGE OF DECEMBER 31ST

ONE-TIME PAYMENT

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 31ST

	<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

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

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!

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

Happenings around the Post – Jerry Boyle

Trivia and karaoke are still going well.

A list of games for the basement to be ready for rentals has been submitted for over a month now and there is still no action on that. We still need pool tables recovered, and new pads installed waiting on a decision on that also.

The dance group would like to try giving dance lessons again and it would be nice if more officers attended these events.

I would also like to try an open MIKE NITE to see if it would pick up Saturday night attendance.

If you have ideas or events you would like to see happen let me know:

jboyle1230@cs.com

812-461-8939

VFW 1114 Auxiliaries' News

Hello! Summer is about here, and I hope everybody is doing ok. We've had elections since our last Vet Gazette. The officers for the upcoming year will be listed in the next Gazette. Here's wishing for a great 2025-2026 year. We will hold our annual Memorial Day Service at Alexander Memorial Park, off Mesker Park Drive. We're unsure at this time whether it's inside or outside. The weather has been unpredictable lately. We will be hosting our annual Art Scholarship program on June 3rd at the post and tickets will be available for the dinner at \$5.00 each. Our Scholarship program will honor the students who submitted Patriotic art and the 3D art entries. The high school students are area students. The menu is pending. The Department Convention will be held on June 19th, 20th and 21st in Indianapolis, IN. We will be electing State officers at this time. Bingo, trivia, and karaoke are held at the post. Check the calendar on the website for the dates. The Dining room is open to the public on weekends. Come down and visit the post and support our veterans. They were there for us when we needed them. Meetings are on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. We would love you to join us. Hope to see you soon.

Sandy Ferguson, President
Fergusonsandra395@gmail.com
 812-480-4019

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 Sue Shoultz
 Trustee 2 Year
 Stacey Glover
 Trustee 1 Year
 Amy Elder
 Guard
 Rita Allega
 Patriotic Inst.
 Debra Switzer

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you have not paid your dues for the 2024-2025 year – you are no longer in good standing. If the dues payment is not received by June 30th – you will no longer be a member and will have to rejoin to enjoy the privileges at the Post. We have printed off a list of those unpaid Auxiliary members and left a copy behind the bar.

I will begin collecting dues for the 2025-2026 year, July 1st. We will send out dues notices to all Annual members at the end of July-beginning of August. Please pay them as soon as possible. It is \$30.00 a year. You may also convert to life if that is more suitable for you. The cost of that goes by your age and is listed in the Gazette. We are presently at 100.41%. The District is at 98.57%. Even though we are above 100% there are still some Auxiliary members that have not paid their dues – you still have time to get them in.

Save the Date: October 15th – Membership Kickoff Dinner for all those who have paid their 2025-2026 dues. Life and Over 80's are all invited.

Mel Mahone –
 Membership Chair-Treasurer

John 17:11

Chaplain's Corner

June – July 2025

"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."

After reading many obituaries for loved ones, many are described as "faithful", "godly", "witness" for Christ. They go on to read about cancer, long illnesses, yet still portraying them as prayerful people in times of distress, reaching out to pray for and with people in need around them. During our times of illness and distress, we long for and need the prayers of others. How those prayers help and encourage us! But may we also, like our Lord, lift our eyes to pray for those around us who are in great need. *Dear Lord, help us to pray for our and others' troubles. Fill our prayers with love and empathy for others.*

Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of our Sisters; Helen Nolen, Lillian Gerichs, Dorothy Hammond and Betty Angel.

For the past seven years as your VFW Auxiliary Chaplain, I've thoroughly enjoyed this position and will continue to pray for all of you! May the Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and give you peace. Amen. I'm passing this office along to another very dedicated auxiliary member, Linda Misuraca

Gloria Spivey-Larrance, Chaplain

***Please Join Us for the Annual
Patriotic and 3D Art Banquet
Honoring Students from around the
area who submitted artwork***

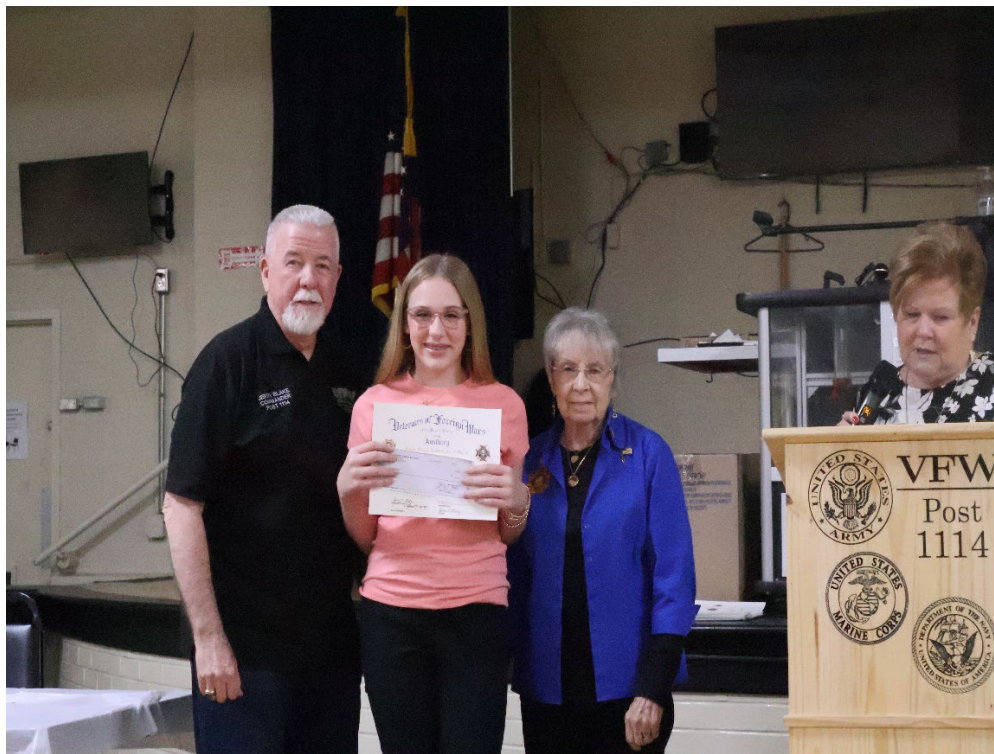
***Tuesday June 3rd
Dinner at 6:00pm
Ceremony Following***

Menu: To Be Determined

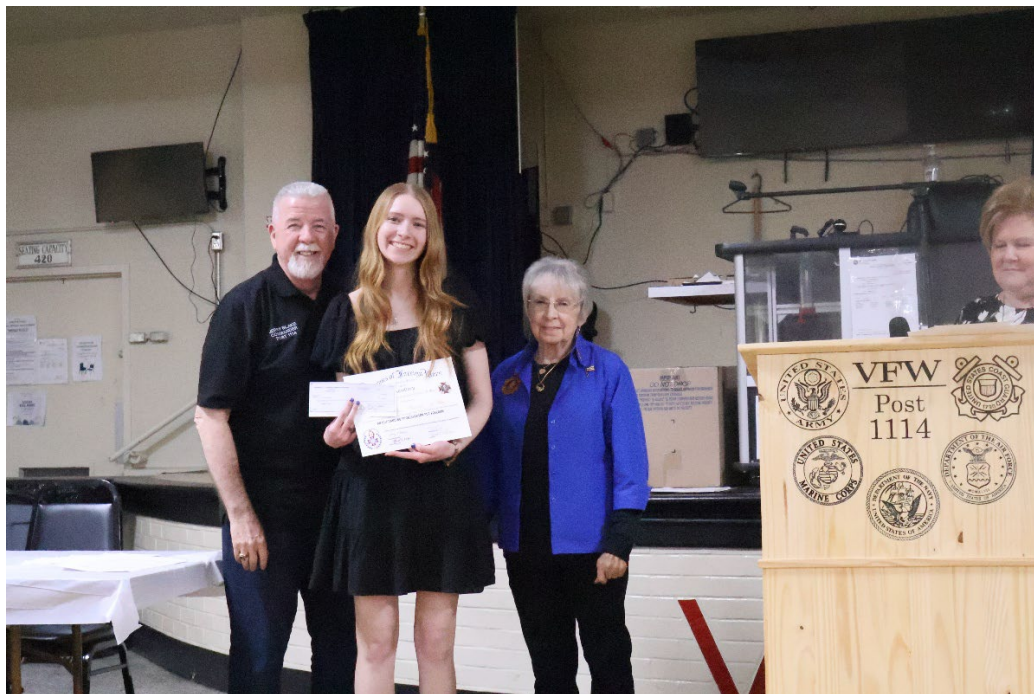
***PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE BAR
\$5.00 PER PERSON***



Department President Kathy Hankins (5th from left) and Michael Fleenor-Hospital Chairman for Department (1st picture) made a trip to Evansville to visit our VA Clinic. Pictured here from left to right after Michael are Mel Mahone VAVS Rep for the Clinic, Karen Lukeman and Mary Crews – Hospital Volunteers from 1114 and Dr. Irwin and Angie Adams from the VA.



Commander Post 1114 Jerry Blake and Sr Vice President 1114 Auxiliary Sue Shoultz posed with the Patriot Pen winner from Post 1114 Olivia McDonald (Thompkins Middle School). Karen Maxey Chairman is behind the podium



Commander Post 1114 Jerry Blake and Sr Vice President 1114 Auxiliary Sue Shoultz posed with the Voice of Democracy winner from Post 1114 Sydney Eckert (Castle High School). Karen Maxey Chairman is behind the podium



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JUNE 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bingo 4 PM	2 Zumba in Basement 5:30	3 Auxiliary Patriotic Art Banquet 5:30	4 Ozanam 7-9am <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	5 Bingo 6:30 PM	6 TRIVIA 7PM	7 <i>Rental Bonilla</i>
8 Bingo 4 PM	9 Zumba in Basement 5:30	10	11	12 Bingo 6:30 PM	13 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR <i>Early setup 7:30-9</i>	14 <i>Rental Macky</i>
15 Happy Father's Day! Bingo 4 PM	16 Zumba in Basement 5:30	17 6:00 & 7:00 pm Post Mtg.	18 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	19	20	21
State Convention - Indianapolis Marriott						
22	23	24	25	26 Bingo 6:30 PM	27 TRIVIA 7PM	28 <i>Rental JWC</i>
State Conv - Indy	Zumba in Basement 5:30		AFA	26 Bingo 6:30 PM	27 KARAOKE IN THE BAR	28 <i>2AP</i>
Bingo 4 PM						
29 Bingo 4 PM	30 Zumba in Basement 5:30					

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	3 Bingo 6:30 PM	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!! TRIVIA 7PM	5 <i>Rental Licea</i>
6 Bingo 4 PM	7 Zumba in Gameroom 5:30	8	9	10 Bingo 6:30 PM	11 KARAOKE IN THE BAR	12 <i>Rental JWC</i>
13 Bingo 4 PM	14 Zumba in Gameroom 5:30	15 Post Meeting 6 & 7 pm	16 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	17 Bingo 6:30 PM	18 TRIVIA 7PM	19 <i>Rental</i>
20 D8 Mtg Post 1832 10:00 am EST Clarksville Bingo 4 PM	21 Zumba in Gameroom 5:30	22	23	24 <i>Comfort Keepers Dance 12noon - 4pm</i> Bingo 6:30 PM	25 KARAOKE IN THE BAR	26 <i>2AP</i>
27 Bingo 4 PM	28 Zumba in Gameroom 5:30	29	30	31 Bingo 6:30 PM		

