



The Vet Gazette

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

JERRY BLAKE

Hello everyone,

Hope this edition of the newsletter finds everyone doing well!

I want to take a few minutes to let everyone know that we really need your help in the dining room and at the bar.

Bingo has backed off and we are struggling to get bills paid at this time. But I know with all your help by coming down on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday and eating or coming into the bar having a beer or two, we can get this turned around. Without your help, we are headed in the wrong direction - so I'm asking each one of you to take one day a week and come down and enjoy the camaraderie with your fellow Veterans and auxiliary members to enjoy a great meal or have a beer or two at our bar. We have over 1200 members on the VFW side of the Post. And we have one of the largest auxiliaries in the world, so we should not have any problems getting our members to come down and helping out with a meal and a drink. If you need more information, please contact me at 812-453-0799.

Hope each and every one of you are having a great summer

Jerry Blake, Commander

2025-2026	VFW 1114	OFFICER'S
Commander		Jerry Blake
Sr. Vice Commander		Tim Mahone
Jr. Vice Commander		Nick West
Quartermaster		Paul DuPont
Asst. Quartermaster		Jerry Blake
Asst. Quartermaster		Gayla Schapker
Chaplain		Tom Verkamp
Judge Advocate		Paul Dupont
Surgeon		Larry Lukeman
Trustee 3 Yrs.		Jerry Boyle
Trustee 2 Yrs.		Paul Walters
Trustee 1 Yr.		Joe Misuraca
House Comm 3 Yrs		Tim Mahone
House Comm 2 Yrs		Charlie Sumner
House Comm 1 Yr.		Paul Glover
Adjutant		Paul Dupont
Service Officer		Paul Dupont
Membership Chair		Tim Mahone
Post Budget Chair		Randy Muston
Community Service		Jerry Nunning
Entertainment Chair		Jerry Boyle
Hospital Chair		Tom Verkamp
Chief of Staff		Tim Mahone
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**

Here we are in the middle of Summer – Fall is not far away. A lot has gone on so far this year. A big THANKS goes to everybody who is helping the Relief Fund. The Fund goes out to Veterans and their families who are in need. It is so depressing when a Veteran calls and needs help. They went and helped defend our Country and now times are down for them. So we, the VFW tries to help get them back on their feet again. So, PLEASE drop some money in Poppy Jars at the bar or mail a donation into the club and mark it "Relief Fund".

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
Kermit Neighbors

TAPS

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

***Jack G Burgdorf
Hugh R Collins
David L Curl
Carolyn N (Natter) Mott
Harold R Schmehlenberger***

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

Being Kind Says a Lot

When you're kind, it says a lot
Without uttering a single sound;
A smile, a friendly nod, an unexpected gift
Shows goodness in the heart abounds.
An encouraging note, going the extra mile,
A card of good wishes, and a caring touch
Makes life seem so sunny and worthwhile
As others, too, feel loved so very much.
Happiness shines when we're reaching out
To others in deep need;
If lifts our spirit, heart, and soul
When we plant a kindness seed!
If we offer a helping hand along life's way,
It can paint a rainbow in the sky of stormy blue;
Just maybe we'll see another prosper
Because of a simple deed that we could do!

Linda C. Grazulis

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 Began 1939
	Labor Day
Sept 2	V J Day WWII Ended 1945
Sept 10	Grandparent's Day
Sept 11	Patriot's Day
Sept 16	POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sept 18	U.S. Air Force Birthday 1947
Sept 22	Autumn Begins
Sept 27	VFW Began 1915

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

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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!

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 seem to be doing well getting 20 to 25 teams for trivia. Again, I have asked for promised games for the basement rentals and open mike night on Saturdays, but have not got any updates on this, it's been over 6 months.....

We need more members and (officers) to attend these events to show support for the Post. If you would like to see other events at the Post-,I will submit them and try to get them approved

Thanks to those that make this a success: Cooks, waitress, and bartenders Trivia would not work without you. Also, a big thanks to Ward and Donnie for helping out with the Bazaar set up and take down, again you are what makes it a success

If you have ideas or events you would like to see happen let me know, contact me 812-461-8939.

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VFW 1114 Auxiliaries' News

Notes From the President

Good morning. It's a new year and time to get our running shoes on. It's time to pay your dues again. If you pay dues annually. The dues are \$30.00. We will be holding our kickoff dinner on the 3rd Wednesday in October.

We've received calls about our Annual Rummage Sale. Usually this is in August but due to conflicting schedules we are unable to do that. We have tentatively scheduled this for April. We will get more information to pass on and we will update you in this column.

During the month of August, we have a couple of items to raffle off. We will be selling tickets at bingo and functions at the post if you're interested in purchasing tickets. We will hold the drawing at the Annual picnic. The picnic will be held on Labor Day. Everybody is asked to bring a covered dish and come on by the Post. Bring the kids, we will have the foam party available and some surprises. The picnic starts at 11 and goes until 3. It is always a fun time. We have some nice prizes to give away. I hope to see everybody there.

The National Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio on August 9-14. I hope to bring back some useful information to share with you. Congratulations to Linda Misuraca for being elected National Council Member Area C at the State Convention. We are always proud to represent Auxiliary 1114 at conventions and conferences.

Everyone stay safe and I hope to see you around the Post. Don't forget the dining room is open on weekends. Trivia and karaoke every other Friday night. Check the calendar on the website at www.vfwpost1114.org or the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Sandy Ferguson - President

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Linda Misuraca

Trustee 3 Year

Sue Shoultz

Trustee 2 Year

Stacey Glover

Trustee 1 Year

Amy Elder

Guard

Rita Allega

Patriotic Inst.

Debra Switzer

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It's a new year as of July 1st – if dues for the 2025 year have not been paid – you will have to rejoin. We will be sending out dues' notices in the next week or two – some may have already received them.

Our annual dues are \$30.00, or you can convert to life (see the schedule on page 4 of the paper).

We have submitted the dues for our OVER 80 MEMBERS – if you do not receive your new annual card by August 15th – Please contact me and I will see that another card gets sent out to you.

Another item is that we want to touch base with our Over 80's - so we are sending out a letter to all those on file in the next week or two -please be on the lookout for it.

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
(812) 483-6053

or call the Post at **812-422-5831**

Chaplain's Corner

August-September 2025

Good morning-I am Linda Misuraca and I will be your Chaplain for the next year. I have really big shoes to fill and know that I will not have it under control as did my predecessor – Gloria Spivey-Larrance. I am going to ask everyone to help me out until I get my rhythm on this new job. If you know of someone who has passed away, or is ill, or just needs a little pick me up by way of a note letting them know we are thinking of them - PLEASE either call me at the number below or email me.

Our prayers and sympathy goes to the families of Delores “Dee” O’Risky and Donna Williams, a Past Department President as well as Department Historian for many years. May they Rest in Peace.

Linda Misuraca

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Newly Installed State Commander Roger Ferguson along with his wife Sandy and the New President of the Auxiliary Jessie Davenport for Indiana take time at their reception to pose for pictures. Pictured with them are Jerry Blake and his wife Chris.



VFW State Commander Roger Ferguson, with VFW Auxiliary President Jessie Davenport spend a few minutes the attendees. Seated next to Jessie is the National Representative for the Convention- Lois Callahan, National Sr Vice President.



HELP US TO SUPPORT YOUR POST

Raffle During Month of August

2 Drawings during the Post Picnic

Do Not Have to Be Present to Win!!

2 BUCKETS - PUT YOUR TICKET IN THE ONE OF YOUR CHOICE!

**DRAWING DURING POST PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 1ST FROM 11am to 3pm**

DONATIONS \$2.00



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AUGUST 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TRIVIA 7PM	2 <i>ICW Rental</i>
3 Bingo 4 PM	4 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	5	6 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	7 Bingo 6:30 PM	8 National Convention - Columbus Ohio KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	9
10 Bingo 4 PM	11 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	12	13	14 Bingo 6:30 PM	15 TRIVIA 7PM	16
National Convention - Columbus Ohio						
17 Bingo 4 PM	18 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	19 6:00 & 7:00 pm Post Mtg.	20 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	21 Bingo 6:30 PM	22 KARAOKE IN THE BAR	23 <i>Mater Dei-'65 Rental</i>
24 Bingo 4 PM	25	26	27 AFA	28	29	30 <i>2AP</i>
31 Bingo 4 PM	<i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>				TRIVIA 7PM	

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Post Picnic 11am-3pm Labor Day</i>	2	3 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	4 Bingo 6:30 PM	5 School of Instruction - Indy KARAOKE IN THE BAR	6
7 Bingo 4 PM	8 <i>Zumba in Gameroom 5:30</i>	9	10 ROA	11 Bingo 6:30 PM	12 TRIVIA 7PM	13 <i>ICW Rental Post Anniversary</i>
14 District 8 Mtg Post 1114 10 AM CST Bingo 4 PM	15 <i>Zumba in Gameroom 5:30</i>	16 Post Meeting 6 & 7 pm	17 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	18 Bingo 6:30 PM	19 Watchfire POW/MIA -Indy KARAOKE IN THE BAR	20 <i>Reitz Class of 70 Rental</i>
21 Bingo 4 PM	22 <i>Zumba in Gameroom 5:30</i>	23	24 <i>Paul Walters Rental Italian Club</i>	25 Post 93rd Anniversary 25-Sep Bingo 6:30 PM	26 TRIVIA 7PM	27 <i>2AP</i>
28 Bingo 4 PM	29 <i>Zumba in Gameroom 5:30</i>	30	31			