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COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

JERRY BLAKE

Hello everyone,
Well summer is almost over, and fall is just around the corner. By the time you get this letter the Westside Fall Festival will going on so come down and enjoy the festival, stop in at the VFW, have a drink, and eat the food you buy at the festival. I want to thank the members that are coming down on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and enjoying the food and adult drinks and having a good time. I want to encourage all of our members to come down and bring a friend who is eligible to join the VFW and get them signed up. We are at 91% in membership right now but we still need 160 new members to be at 100%. The wiring for the new electronic pull tab machines will be completed by the time you get this newsletter so come down to the bar and see what is going on. Paul Glover, Charlie Sumner, and Tim Mahone are working together to make some great changes so come down and see what they are doing and enjoy some Sunday football at the bar.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 812-453-0799

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
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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**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This is such an exciting time of year. We are reminded that there is so much to celebrate and be thankful for. Every day God gives us - is a gift. We owe so much to our service men and women and Veterans for keeping us safe and out of harm's way. Thank a Veteran and our active military when you see them. A simple "Thank You for serving" goes a long way. Remember our fellow comrades, who are homebound or in nursing homes. Send a card or stop in for a visit. No Veteran should be forgotten. Attending Veteran's Day Services is another great way to show our respect to our Veterans.

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":

***Erik E Chandler
Leonard J Sansman Jr
Sylvester M Neumann
John W Schwentker
Kenneth David Walton Sr
Michael J Waterman***

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

Oct 14	Columbus Day
	Cuban Missile Crisis 1962
Oct 23	Beirut Barracks Bombing 1983
Oct 25	U S Invaded Grenada 1983
Nov 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 4	Election Day
Nov 11	Veterans' Day
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day

VFW HOUSE COMMITTEE

After careful thought and input from others the following changes will be coming for the Dining Room. This is in an effort to the rising cost of some products. But first let's give a shout out to the Gals in the kitchen who provide us with some good food. Our Salad Bar was voted as the #1 Salad Bar in Evansville so congratulations to Peggy and crew in our kitchen. Now for the changes. These changes will take effect after the Fall Festival. Effective as of Saturday 18 October 2025 there will no longer be a Saturday Buffet we will continue with Salad Bar and will be adding soups. Sunday 19 October 2025 we will be changing the hours of our Brunch. The new hours will be from 9am-1pm. Saturday October 4th will also be our last Prime Rib this decision was tuff to make but is a necessity at this time. We will also be running specials on Saturday. Sunday's hours are the only time change. And lastly there will be changes coming to the club so continue to look at the calendar for upcoming events. Remember calendar is online. And don't forget Karaoke and Trivia night they rotate Fridays

PAUL GLOVER – KITCHEN

If you haven't been to the post lately you need to come. You have missed the work done by our Kitchen, Bar and Maintenance Staff. They have been painting the curbs, steps, and wheelchair ramps in preparation for Fall Festival. Final note to those who have been parking on the Motorcycle Only pad please STOP. The pad is not rated for the weight of a car. If you continue to park there, I will be forced to have your vehicle towed at the owner's expense. On behalf of the House Committee, we look forward to seeing everyone coming to the Post, this is your Home use it!

CHARLIE SUMNER – BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Just a Little Sprinkle of Kindness

A tiny bit of kindness and good deeds
Sure do go a long, long way,
And when they're given from the heart
They have so much to say.
Even though the heart can't speak,
Acts of kindness say it all:
A sincere note of thanks, a tender smile,
A warm cup of tea, and a friendly call!
Simple gestures of goodwill
Help silence many a weary sigh,
It might be speaking words of encouragement
Or holding a hand when someone questions why.
A little sprinkling of kindness
Is like pausing to hand someone a gift –
It may seem small, but oh, the strength
Of giving a gentle, upward lift!

Linda C. Grazulis

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

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110 N Wabash Ave.

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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. Still not many members or officers showing up for these events, it's kind of disappointing to have lack of support. And i know some are busy doing other things for the post.....but.... And still no response on basement games??? or open mike nite on Sat night when bar is super slow. Special thanks to Gayla and Moe, the bar staff, cooks, waitstaff and vendors who give us trivia prizes: Westside LOGANS and HACIENDA, AZZIPPI PIZZA, BIAGGI'S, DRAKES, BUBBAS – These items are much appreciated.

Comments or suggestions are welcome jboyle1and230@cs.com

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

Here's hoping this finds everyone healthy and well. I can't believe summer is almost gone but the calendar is looking like it. It won't be long, and it will be the West Side Nut Club Festival.

We will not have any meetings in October.

The Auxiliary is getting ready to be busy. Don't forget we will be renting spaces out for parking at the Fall Festival. Unsure what the cost will be but it's always cheaper for members. Hope to see ya there!! If you haven't paid your dues this is a good time to do that. The canteen will be open inside. If you're interested in helping with the parking lot, please call or text me. We will be having our Membership kickoff dinner on October 15th at 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30. No charge for life members or for those whose dues are paid for the calendar year 2025-2026. If dues are unpaid there will be a charge of \$5.00. Not sure of menu yet but we will get it out to you as soon as possible. You can pay dues at the door also. We're working hard on Membership to keep growing and thriving.

Some of upcoming events are: Visiting the Indiana Veterans home in West Lafayette Indiana on October 5. The Big Ten Conference October 17-18th. The Auxiliary will be hosting a Veterans' Day(November 11th) luncheon for our post members and a guest. This will be at the post and catered by Golden Corral. The times are 11:00 till 2:00. Fall Conference will be October 31- November 1st.

The auxiliary meetings are the first and Third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 Pm at the Post. Would love for you to join us if possible. Come check it out and See what you think. We always need new ideas and would love to hear yours.

PLEASE CHECK CALENDAR FOR UPDATES

Sandy Ferguson - President

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President

Sandy Ferguson

Sr Vice Pres

Sue Shoultz

Jr Vice Pres

Tabitha Titzer

Secretary

Mary Crews

Treasurer

Mel Mahone

Conductor

Ginny Titzer

Chaplain

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

The theme for membership this year is "Celebrating 100 years + 100% in Membership". We are presently at 85.69% and need 173 to pay their dues to be 100%. If you have already paid your dues, thank you! For those who still need to pay, we would appreciate it if you could do so as soon as possible.

The membership kickoff dinner will be Wednesday October 15th. Doors will open at 5pm and we will eat at 6pm. Members are free (as long as current year dues are paid – or a life member). Guests are \$5.00. If you haven't paid your dues for 2025-26 – you may do so as you come into the dinner! (Dues are \$30/year as they were increased in 2024-25). We will be playing bingo after the meal. Please join us – we always have a good time!

Save the Date: December 17th – Our Annual Christmas Party for the Auxiliary!!

Mel Mahone –
Membership Chair-Treasurer
(812) 483-6053

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

Chaplain's Corner

October – November 2025

Always true to his promises, the Lord shows love in all he does. Only stumble and he at once supports you, if others bow you down, he will raise you up – Psalm 144

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 sympathies go to the families of Peggy Hensley, Amelia Nienaber, Marianne Vanover, Emma Koerber and Betty Rogge - May They Rest in Peace. If you are ill – we wish you a speedy recovery .

Linda Misuraca

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VFW 1114 Veterans and Auxiliary members have an evening meal together during the National Convention in Columbus Ohio on August 9, 2025. Left to right – Mary Crews, Mel Mahone, Tim Mahone, Chris Blake, Jerry Blake, Roger Ferguson, and Sandy Ferguson. Photo credit – Linda Misuraca.

FRANKLIN STREET – ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

(FSEA) Franklin Street Events Association will have a chili cook off at the bars on and around Franklin street on Nov 8th and the VFW 1114 will be a part of this from 1 to 4 pm. You have to have a FSEA cup to receive a cup of chili and they will be on sale for \$30.00 on Franklin street and online. Peggy, our cook, has agreed to make the chili for us...a huge thank you for that. Any questions hit me up at jboyle1230@cs.com

THE WE REMAIN PROJECT – PLEASE READ

“This is the greatest country that ever was. I spent 30 years in the service, from the National Guard to the Army to Vietnam and then two Reserves. I would do it all over if I could for our country,” said James Patmon of Kentucky.

The We Remain Project is gathering the stories, mementos, and artwork of Tri-State soldiers like James for a permanent exhibition in the Evansville Coliseum. The purpose of the exhibit is for the community to pay its respects and honor servicemembers’ sacrifices.

Funny stories, stories of courage, stories of tribute—all are welcome. The storytellers—that is, servicemembers—will be asked to read their stories for the exhibit’s loudspeaker system, or their story will be showcased in print throughout the exhibit.

“We’re especially working hard to get stories of KIA, MIA, and POWs,” said Rebecca Bailey, who is organizing the exhibition. “As you can imagine, they are getting more difficult to find by the day. But we want to honor as many Tri-State servicepeople as possible.”

If you have a story, memento, or artwork to share with the exhibit, contact Rebecca at 219-669-9089, or email her at profrbailey@aol.com.

The We Remain Project is funded by the Indiana Arts Commission. “Jerry Blake has been of particular help in launching this initiative,” Rebecca said.



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OCTOBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO AUX MEETING	2 VFW STATE CAMPOUT - RUSHVILLE IN Bingo 6:30 PM	3 KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	4 Gass Rental
5 Indiana Veterans Home Lafayette IN Bingo 4 PM	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Fall Festival - Parking Lot			
12	13	14	15 Auxiliary Membership Kick Off Doors Open 5:30 Dinner 6:00	16	17 BIG 10 - BETTENDORF IA KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	18 Rental Painter's Union
VFWAux National Presidents Visit - Ft. Wayne IN Bingo 4 PM	Zumba in Basement 5:30			Bingo 6:30 PM		
19 BIG 10 Bingo 4 PM	20 Zumba in Basement 5:30	21 6:00 & 7:00 pm Post Mtg.	22 AFA	23 Bingo 6:30 PM	24 TRIVIA 7PM	25 2AP
26 Bingo 4 PM	27 Zumba in Basement 5:30	28	29	30 Bingo 6:30 PM	31 FALL CONFERENCE - INDIANAPOLIS KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR	

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 FALL CONFERENCE - INDIANAPOLIS ICW Rental
2 Fall Conv - Indy Bingo 4 PM	3 Zumba in Gameroom 5:30	4 Neighborhood Assn.	5 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	6 Bingo 6:30 PM	7 TRIVIA 7PM	8 Rental VETERANS DAY PARADE
9 Bingo 4 PM	10 Zumba in Gameroom 5:30	11 VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS 11:00 LOCUST HILL 1:00 OAK HILL VETERAN'S LUNCHEON AT POST 1114 11 AM TO 2 PM	12 ROA	13 Bingo 6:30 PM	14 KARAOKE IN THE BAR	15 Rental All Day
16 District 8 Mtg Jasper Post 673 10 AM EST Bingo 4 PM	17 Zumba in Gameroom 5:30	18 Post Meeting 6 & 7 pm	19 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	20 Bingo 6:30 PM	21 TRIVIA 7PM	22 Rental
23 Bingo 4 PM	24	25	26	27 NO BINGO	28	29
30 Bingo 4 PM	Zumba in Gameroom 5:30			HAPPY THANKSGIVING	KARAOKE IN THE BAR	2AP

