



# The Vet Gazette

ART FELLWOCK VFW POST 1114  
110 North Wabash Avenue of the Flags  
Evansville, Indiana 47712  
(812) 422-5831

## December 2025 – January 2026



Auxiliary Christmas Party  
December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Doors Open 5:30  
Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Cost \$7.00

Children's Christmas Party  
December 21, 2025  
Doors Open at 9:00 am  
Party Begin at 10:00 am

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY

**JERRY BLAKE**

Hello everyone,  
Winter is here and I guess the snow will be here soon. Hope everyone is doing great. The post has been very busy since our last newsletter with Halloween and Veterans Day. I want to thank all the members that have been coming down to the post and enjoying a great meal in our dining room and hope that more of our members will come down and support YOUR post. We have the kids Christmas party coming up so bring your children and have a good time. Bingo is doing OK and if you want to come and have a good time and win some of the six thousand dollars that we give away on Sunday's, bingo starts at 4:00PM and ends about 7:30/8:00PM. Starting in January we should have our new Electronic pull tab machines like the ones at the casino so come down and have some fun instead of going to the casino.

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
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](http://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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
It's a wonderful time of year, a lot of us get together and have lots of fun, - and good food. Then comes the New Year for a lot of new things to happen. Let's Thank the Lord for all we have and our freedom. Which women and men in service around the world, keep us safe and protect our freedom  
Please take a little time to go see, call, or send a card to our Comrades who are not able to get around.

***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:

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":***

***Alfred "Lee" Askins  
John East  
George Laubner  
Timmie L Robertson***

***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 12	U S National Guard Birthday 1936
Dec 15	End of Grenada 1983
Dec 16	Battle of the Bulge 1944
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 9	Nat'l 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 the Vietnam Peace Accord 1973
Jan 28	U S Vietnam Cease Fire 1973

## VFW HOUSE COMMITTEE

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 were effective 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. 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. 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**

### **Rest Beneath His Wings**

In this restless world,  
Lord, help me to be still  
And walk in peace,  
Surrendered to Your will.  
In all I say and do  
May You be glorified.  
Lord, be my strength  
From morn 'til eventide.  
When the day is done  
And darkness falls again,  
Let me forget the things  
That brought me pain;  
And with a grateful heart  
Find rest beneath Your wings,  
Until the rising sun  
New hope and healing brings.

Regina Wiencek

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE – VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

AGE OF DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

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 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>

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

Trivia went great-148 people-a lot in costume. For the Halloween contest the winners of best costume: Jeremy& Kelly Biggs. A big Thank you to Paul our trivia master; Gayla and Moe for being a huge help. Kitchen, bar and wait staff that keep making this a success and all those that attend and again be super nice. If more post members participated it would be even better. I would still like to see open mike nite or Singo nite.



# VFW 1114 Auxiliaries' News

I hope this finds everybody doing well. If not, we will be saying a prayer for you. This is the last note I will write to you. I am resigning my position as Auxiliary President of #1114. It has been an honor serving you in this position for the last 6.5 years. As most of us know our lives change and so does our priorities. I am not going anywhere; I will still be around the Post and will still be attending meetings. If there's anything I can help you with feel free to contact me. We will hold a special election at our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Come out and vote for your next President.

The Christmas party will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 6:00 at the Post.

The children's Christmas party will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 at the Post.

There will be a Special Bingo on New Years Day starting at 2:30 pm. Please note the time change is for just New Year's Day. There will be a lot of prizes and surprises at the New Year's Bingo. This is open to the public. Bring your friends, family and come and enjoy. Please note the calendar.

Don't forget the karaoke and Trivia nights at the post. The dining room is open on weekends. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your present Membership cards will expire on December 31, 2025. If you haven't paid your dues this year, please stay current and do so by the end of the year. We appreciate all of our members. Hope to see you around the post.

Serving Veterans always

Sandy Ferguson 1114 Auxiliary 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 currently at 88.17% and need 142 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.

Our Christmas party will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> -Doors open at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Cost is \$7.00.

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!

Mel Mahone –  
Membership Chair-Treasurer  
(812) 483-6053  
or call the Post at **812-422-5831**

## Chaplain's Corner

December 2025 - January 2026

**Give glory to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to him: ad his wonderful works to the children of men. Psalm 106**

**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 Nancy Wagner, May She Rest in Peace.**

**If you are ill – we wish you a speedy recovery .**

Linda Misuraca

[Lsmvjcm72@gmail.com](mailto:Lsmvjcm72@gmail.com)

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## 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 [profbailey@aol.com](mailto:profbailey@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.



I couple of pictures from our meal for Veterans on Veterans Day. Thanks to the Auxiliary members who made desserts and those who served that day – Stacey Glover, Sandy Ferguson, Mel Mahone, Mary Crews and Linda Misuraca



Above: Mel Mahone, Chris Blake, Tabitha Titzer, Linda Misuraca, Sandy Ferguson, Tim Brauer Red Cross Rep, Mary Crews, Vi Fuller and Ginny Titzer.

Right: Joyce Compton, Gloria Spivey-Lawrance, Tim Brauer, Mary Crews, Vi Fuller and Linda Misuraca



The Auxiliary volunteered at the Red Cross to help them prepare for filling the "Hope to Totes" supplies. They worked on Monday and Tuesday to get everything ready for the packing of the totes on Wednesday evening October 5th.

## SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE FOR VFW 1114 AUXILIARY

### TO ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

Please plan on attending the auxiliary meeting on December 3, 2025.

As stated in her article in this paper, Sandy Ferguson is resigning her post as President. We will hold a special election on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December to elect a new President.





# VFW Post 1114

## DECEMBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	2 <i>Rental Stacey Hyslop</i>	3 <i>AUX MEETING 7pm</i>	4 Bingo 6:30 PM	5 <i>TRIVIA 7PM</i>	6 <i>Rental FCW</i>
7 Bingo 4 PM	8 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	9	10	11 Bingo 6:30 PM	12 <i>KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR</i>	13 <i>Rental DAV Dinner</i>
14 Bingo 4 PM	15 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	16 6:00 & 7:00 pm Post Mtg.	17 <i>Auxiliary Christmas Party Doors Open 5:30 Dinner 6:00</i>	18 Bingo 6:30 PM	19 <i>TRIVIA 7PM</i>	20 <i>Kid's Christmas Party doors open 9 starts 10  Rental Steve Family</i>
21 Bingo 4 PM	22 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	23	24 <i>Post Family Christmas Party 11:00 to 3:00 pm</i>	25 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS NO Bingo</i>	26 <i>KARAOKE 7PM IN THE BAR</i>	27 <i>2AP</i>
28 Bingo 4 PM	29 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

## JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Happy New Year!! Bingo Start 2:30 Come and Have fun! Door Prizes Given Away</i>	2	3
4 Bingo 4 PM	5 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	6	7 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	8 Bingo 6:30 PM	9 <i>KARAOKE IN THE BAR</i>	10
11 Bingo 4 PM	12 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	13 ROA 7PM	14	15 Bingo 6:30 PM	16 <i>TRIVIA 7PM</i>	17 <i>Rental</i>
18 District 8 Mtg Corydon Post 2950 10 AM EST Bingo 4 PM	19 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	20 Post Meeting 6 & 7 pm	21 <i>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	22 Bingo 6:30 PM	23 <i>KARAOKE IN THE BAR</i>	24
25 Bingo 4 PM	26 <i>Zumba in Basement 5:30</i>	27	28	29 Bingo 6:30 PM	30 <i>TRIVIA 7PM</i>	31 <i>2AP</i>