



VFW Post 261

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July — August 2009

Commander: Bruce Swenson
Senior Vice: Randy Cordero
Junior Vice: Diann Lawrence
Quartermaster: Dick Braun
Adjutant: Dick Braun
Chaplain: Cordia Masten
Judge Advocate: OPEN
Surgeon: Merle Ritter
Trustee #1: Bill Edwards
Trustee #2: John Armstrong
Trustee #3: Lee Bell
1st year House: Brady Huggins
2nd year House: Charles House
3rd year House: Mike Haeberle
Service Officer: Dennis Lewandowski

POST HOURS OF OPERATION:

The Post opens at 10:30 am Monday – Friday and at 2:00 pm on Saturday. Kitchen hours are lunch menu 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and evening menu 4:00 pm – close Monday – Friday. The Post will close when there are not enough customers to warrant staying open or not later than 1:00 am. If you plan to stop by in the evening, please call ahead 317-823-0481 to verify that we are open.

President: Rhonda Smith
Senior Vice: Jessica Smith
Junior Vice: Donna Poindexter
Treasurer: Maxine Scott
Chaplain: OPEN
Conductress: Shirley Booth
Secretary: Constance Gruner
Guard: Carolyn Duncan
Trustee #1: Jessica Smith
Trustee #2: Donna Poindexter
Trustee #3: Tonie Cordero

ATTEND A MEETING! See what goes on, make a new friend, rekindle old friendships, and above all,

participate!

BAR MANAGER » Don't forget our Spaghetti Suppers are every 1st Thursday of the month, which are July 2nd and August 6th. We have had wonderful turnouts for this and appreciate all your support. Feel free to bring family and guests. Thanks again to Betty Grant for what you do!

Also, don't forget to come in every Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for our "Free Beer Bingo". We also have all the oldies hit music playing in the background. Feel free to bring a CD that we can play for you.

July 4th the post will be open normal hours. Have Safe and Happy 4th!

The Post would like to thank Ray for all his lovely donations. They are appreciated! Thanks Ray!

It's that time again folks, our annual picnic is coming August 15th. The Post will open at 12:00 that day and we will be having a hog roast, horse shoes, cornhole, door prizes, and raffles! This is a pitch-in and the post will provide the hog, so please feel free to bring a covered dish, it would be much appreciated! Also, WFMS will be here at the post broadcasting their show, and the Blood Mobile will also be in the parking lot accepting much needed donations.

ADMISSION is FREE to Post Members and \$5.00 per non-member. This includes the all-you-can-eat buffet.

HORSE SHOE TOURNAMENT: \$10.00 per person,

blind draw — register by 11:00 AM. Tournament starts at Noon.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT: \$5.00 per person, will start immediately after the horse shoe tournament finishes.

RAFFLES: Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets, either at the bar now or during the picnic. One of the prizes is a new BBQ grill. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Thank you, Neece.

Show your support for our troops, wear your red, white, and blue. The person with the best patriotism outfit will win \$50.00. Judging will immediately follow the raffle (approximately 4:00 PM).

NEED TO KNOW » Mark your calendars now! The next Post business meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on July 20th and August 17th. The next Auxiliary meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on July 13th and August 10th. Come out and support your post by attending the appropriate meeting. We need your input.

Pledge of Allegiance

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 22, 2009 via www.vfw.org - It was on this day back in 1942 when America's Pledge of Allegiance was officially recognized by Congress as the national pledge.

The original draft of the pledge is said to have been written in 1892 by James B. Upham, a magazine publisher in Boston. The first version was: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." In 1939, the U.S. Flag Association concluded the pledge's author was Francis Bellamy.

At the first National Flag Conference in 1923 in Washington, D.C., delegates from patriotic societies, civic and other organizations substituted the words "the flag of the United States" for "my flag." The change was made because it was thought that the foreign-born might have in mind the flag of their native land when they said "my flag." Another change was made at the second National Flag Conference in 1924 when the words "of America" were added.

For 30 years the version was: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." In 1954 Congress added the words "under God" to the pledge.

We now recite: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The pledge of allegiance should be rendered while standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform people should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Members of the armed forces in uniform should remain silent, face the flag and render the military salute.

VFW Statement on Senator Boxer WASHINGTON, June 19, 2009 via www.vfw.org – At a Wednesday Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on New Orleans levees, Chairwoman Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) insisted that Army Corps of Engineer Brig. Gen. Michael Walsh address her as "Senator" instead of "Ma'am." A 17-second videoclip of the exchange has now become the latest Internet fodder to emanate from Washington.

The general is 100 percent correct in responding to members of Congress with "Sir" or "Ma'am." The senator, on the other hand, is also correct, though probably everyone now agrees that this should have been handled differently, if at all. There are far more important issues facing America — from national security to the proper care and treatment of veterans, military service members and their families —and this difference of opinion in salutations is not one of them.

GET INVOLVED » We need you! Contact Randy Cordero about assisting on a committee. He will be very happy to hear from you and will explain how you can help. Don't have any time you say, well it doesn't take a lot of time when you are sharing the load with others and the comradeship will give you more back than you put in. VOLUNTEER TODAY — your Post needs YOU!

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL » Get this newsletter by email instead of on paper. You will get it quicker and can save it for referral without having the paper lying around. To be added to the Post email list, email your request to dbraun@msbservices.com

Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is August 15th. Submissions may be mailed to Dick Braun, 5339 Hedgerow Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226, emailed to dbraun@msbservices.com or leave them at the Canteen and he will pick them up.

WELCOME » New Post members this period are: Richard Erwin and Charles Dawson. New Auxiliary members this period are: NONE.



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Jun 28 - Jul 4	Jun 28	29	30 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	Jul 1	2 5:00pm 7:00pm Spaghetti	3 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	4 BD - Irene Maris Independence Day
Jul 5 - 11	5	6	7 BD - Tony Cordero 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	8	9	10 BD - Linda Warner 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	11
Jul 12 - 18	12	13 7:00pm 8:30pm Auxiliary M	14 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	15	16 BD - Larry Hoskins	17 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	18
Jul 19 - 25	19	20 7:00pm 8:30pm Post Meeti	21 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	22	23	24 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	25
Jul 26 - Aug 1	26	27 Korean War Armistice Day	28 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	29	30 BD - Angie Owens	31 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	Aug 1

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Aug 2 - 8	2	3 BD - Ron Trover	4 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	5	6 5:00pm 7:00pm Spaghetti	7 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	8
Aug 9 - 15	9 BD - Kathy McGuire	10 7:00pm 8:30pm Auxiliary M	11 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	12 BD - Carol Winn	13 BD - Ron Banks	14 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	15 National Convention -- Phoen BD - Mike Davidson BD - Tom Backman
Aug 16 - 22	16 BD - Neil Sandrock	17 BD - Ruth Clemens 7:00pm 8:30pm Post Meeti	18 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	19	20	21 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	22 BD - James Haeberle
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