



VFW Post 261

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March – April 2009

Commander: Randy Cordero
Senior Vice: Joe Harter
Junior Vice: Ralph King
Quartermaster: Dick Braun
Adjutant: Bruce Swenson
Chaplain: Cordia Masten
Judge Advocate: Jim Smith
Surgeon: Merle Ritter
Trustee #1: Richard Bower
Trustee #2: Bill Edwards
Trustee #3: Lee Bell
1st year House: Mike Haeberle
2nd year House: Brady Huggins
3rd year House: Charles House
Service Officer: Brady Huggins

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: Linda Warner
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!

FROM THE COMMANDER » My Comrades and Sisters. We are heading into our final quarter of the year. We are striving for 100% membership (we need 26 more members to renew) and soon we will be having our Voice of Democracy/Public Service Awards dinner as well as our annual Buddy Poppy event and Loyalty Day parade. Please check the Newsletter Calendar for all events and upcoming activities.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Comrade Dick Braun, who has just finished the task of building a website for our Post. I urge you to take a look at www.vfwpost261.org A really professional job. Dick, by the way has also been elected as our new Quartermaster, and I am looking forward to working with him. Congratulations.

I would also like to welcome our newest member into our post, Comrade Craig Thompson. Comrade Thompson was sworn into the VFW and our Post by District 11, Sr. Vice Ernie Condra at the last meeting.

Also congratulations to Comrade Ralph King, who is our newly elected Jr. Vice, also elected last meeting.

Finally, thanks to Comrade Milton Cooper who due to health reasons, resigned as Quartermaster. Thanks for all your help Milton.

Yours in comradeship, Randy

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT » I'm glad Spring is on it's way ; I'm anxious to start planting. !! 261

ELECTION TIME for the '09-'10 Officers & Chairman ! Comrades & Sisters, I realize now more than ever that each and every one of us must diligently & purposefully uphold our obligation to strengthen & advance our great organization ! {Thanks MOM!} The lack of our member participation continues to significantly minimize our impact on not only veterans & their families needs & issues but, our communities issues as well! Our Post exists for these reasons and more! OUR WORK IS NOT DONE !! In the spirit of loyalty, may we unite to bring glory to our cause! I sincerely appreciate all the faith, patience and guidance I received from everyone throughout this past year; especially my Officers & Chairman! Thank you, Commander Randy, for your support. The world needs more people like you! Galations6; 1-5

With love and loyalty, Rhonda

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER » We extend our deepest sympathies to Kathleen Bond on the loss of her sister. Please call [me @ 823-1234](tel:823-1234) for notification of an illness or loss of an Auxiliary Member. May God Bless and keep each and every one of you! Peace, prayers and a safe return to all our troops.

Sincerely, Linda

NEEDED 2 CONVERTABLES » On May 2nd there will be a Loyalty Day Parade that the Post and the Auxiliary would like to participate in. The problem is that the length of the parade route will require

that the participants ride and not march. So we need two convertible automobiles for our representatives to ride in. If you have access to a convertible and can volunteer it for Parade Duty on May 2nd Please contact Randy Cordero at 317-823-0481.

BAR MANAGER » Thanks to Ray Coon for donating his time, to do so much work and donate so much material to the post. We are honored that you are on board with us.

The Post would like to thank, once again, Mike Haeberle and Joe Harter for all their hard maintenance work they do in the Post on their days off. Thank you for donating your precious time.

The Post would also like to say thank you to our staff: Wayne Ruth, Peggie Brinkley, Michelle Michaels, Donna Poindexter and our new gal Christie Haemmerle for all their hard work and all the extra efforts they do for our Post. They do a great job!

Don't forget, our kitchen is open for lunch Mon-Fri from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM — we serve daily specials and all items on the menu. Please show your support, come in for lunch and bring a friend. All guests are welcome. Something new: the Post will be serving fried foods every night from 4:00 PM till close. Come in and check it out!

Just a reminder our Spaghetti Suppers are every 1st Thursday of the month. We have had a great turnout for this and appreciate all your support. Feel free to bring family and friends.

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 hit oldies music playing in the background. Feel free to bring a CD that we can play for you.

New: Post 261 is hosting the 11th District Irish Fest on March 14th there will be dancers, bagpipes, raffles, Irish Stew Cook off, etc. Come join the fun and don't forget, wear your green! Dinner tickets are \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple and dinner will be served from 5:00 PM until its gone. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

In April we will be having our semi-annual bus trip to Argosy. Come one, come all... seats fill up fast — Guests welcome. For details see the bartender.

Our next annual picnic will be held on August 15th. All details will follow in the next newsletter. So

PLEASE put AUGUST 15th on your schedule to participate in all the fun and sun.

Thank you, Neece.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who attended the breakfast buffets over the winter. Scheduling conflicts have caused us to cancel the buffets for March and April. We plan to resume the buffets in October. Donna Poindexter.

TAPS » Life Member Frank Dodd June 28, 2008, Anthony Adamiak November 1, 2008

NEED TO KNOW » Mark your calendars now! The next Post business meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on March 16th and April 20th. The next Auxiliary meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on March 9th and April 13th. Come out and support your post by attending the appropriate meeting. We need your input. The next District meeting will be held at 10:30 AM on March 21st at Post 2999. Support your post by attending the district meetings.

GET INVOLVED » We need you! Contact Brady Huggins 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. **VOLENTEER TODAY** your Post needs YOU!

NEW WEB SITE » Our post now is on the internet. We have an official web site www.vfwpost261.org Check it out!

COMPUTER SAVVY? » 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 send your request to dbraun@msbservices.com

Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is April 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 I will pick them up.

WELCOME » New Post members this period are: Crain Thompson. New Auxiliary members this period are: NONE.



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 1 - 7	Mar 1	2	3 11:00am Tacos	4	5 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner	6 11:00am Fried Shrimp	7
	8	9 7:00pm Auxiliary Meeting	10 11:00am Tacos	11	12	13 11:00am Fried Shrimp	14 4:00pm District 11 Irish Fe
Mar 8 - 14	15	16 7:00pm Post Meeting	17 11:00am Tacos	18	19	20 11:00am Fried Shrimp	21 10:30am District 11 Meetin 5:00pm Post VOD Awards
	22	23	24 11:00am Tacos	25 6:00am Post 261 hospitle	26	27 Spring Conference at Adams Mark Hotel; Adams Mark Hote 11:00am Fried Shrimp	28
Mar 15 - 21	29	30	31 11:00am Tacos	Apr 1	2 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner	3 11:00am Fried Shrimp	4
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	12	13 6:00am Hospital visit; Me 7:00pm Auxiliary Meeting	14 6:00am Visit to VA Hospit 11:00am Tacos	15 Newsletter Submissions D	16	17 11:00am Fried Shrimp	18 6:30pm District testimoni
Apr 12 - 18	19	20 7:00pm Post Meeting	21 11:00am Tacos	22	23	24 11:00am Fried Shrimp	25 State testimonial
	26	27	28 11:00am Tacos	29	30	May 1 Loyalty Day 11:00am Fried Shrimp	2 Loyalty Day
Apr 19 - 25							
Apr 26 - May 2							