



VFW Post 261

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Indianapolis, IN 46236
317-823-0481



May — June 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 » Well! We finally come to it, the end of the year. These last two months encompass a lot though; Loyalty Day (parade in Lawrence, 2nd May), District 11 VOD awards luncheon (Post 261, 7th May), a joint installation of officers ceremony on 9 May, our Buddy Poppy days 15-16 May, and our cemetery visits on 24-25 May and our District 11 Memorial Day Service on 30 May. These are all important events and it would be really great to see a good turnout for them.

I want to congratulate all the newly elected officers in both the VFW and the Auxiliary. I wish them a super year!

Finally, I would like to thank all those who helped make our annual VOD/Recognition dinner a success, especially Pres. Rhonda and V.P. Jessica, and all our sisters in the Auxiliary who helped make it a such a success. The service and settings were great and the food excellent. Thank you Brady for an excellent job of hosting.

Yours in comradeship, Randy

FROM THE POST CHAPLAIN» Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I AM Cordia Masten, the newly elected Post Chaplin. If you know of any Member that passed away or is ill, please call the post 823-0481 and they will let me know. Heavenly Father, we are surrounded by so many distractions that it causes us to walk by sight and not by faith. We pray that you protect the

troops that guard the gates of freedom and return them to their loved ones, safe. Touch the hearts of the wounded in the hospitals and bless as only you can. Peace, Cordia

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER » We extend our deepest sympathies to Kathleen Bond in the loss of her sister and to Mary Ervin in the loss of her son. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow. Get well wishes are extended to Bernie Crawford, Carolyn Duncan and Donna Poindexter. Please call me at 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

BAR MANAGER » 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 oldies hit music playing in the

background. Feel free to bring a CD that we can play for you.

Our 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.

NEED TO KNOW FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:

We all have hopes and dreams for the future. The day you take office, the slate is wiped clean for all of you as you start afresh. Why not take a few moments to think about your dreams and goals for the year that is starting? Have a clear vision and focus of what you want to achieve and set a time frame. Challenge yourself to be the best you can at all times. Visualize what you want to accomplish. See it in your mind. Write down your goals, have a plan of action, and never doubt you will be successful. Do at least one thing a day that makes you feel uncomfortable. Push yourself; you will be amazed how far you can go. Remember: on the other side of fear is freedom. To remain stagnant is to not grow. To reach your full potential, you must rise above the fray and soar like an eagle. Show passion in everything you do. Let it show in your body language, in your smile, in your voice. Let your eyes sparkle. Let the world see and hear your enthusiasm and feel your passion. Be proud of your achievements. Take time to recognize yourself and others for even the small successes. But also be humble and dignified, sensitive to people who are not as fortunate as you. Remember, people will sometimes forget what you say to them or do for them, but they will never forget how you made them feel in their hearts. Make yourself a commitment for this not only to be your best year ever, but to help others accomplish this goal as well. God Bless you all, Brady, Past Post Commander

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. VOLUNTEER 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 June 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: NONE. New Auxiliary members this period are: NONE.



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