



VFW Post 261

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November — December 2009

Commander: Bruce Swenson
Senior Vice: Randy Cordero
Junior Vice: Diann Lawrence
Quartermaster: Dick Braun
Adjutant: Dick Braun
Chaplain: Cordia Masten
Judge Advocate: Brady Huggins
Surgeon: Merle Ritter
Trustee #1: Bill Edwards
Trustee #2: John Armstrong
Trustee #3: OPEN
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: Constance Gruner
Chaplain: Chris Huggins
Conductress: Shirley Booth
Secretary: Constance Gruner
Guard: Carolyn Duncan
Trustee #1: Donna Poindexter
Trustee #2: Tonie Cordero
Trustee #3: Jessica Smith

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

FROM THE COMMANDER » Greetings fellow comrades, as you know we are in the process of upgrading the office equipment at the post. The plan is to purchase new equipment by conducting raffles specifically designated for this purpose. At this time we are raffling off an HP laptop computer. The number of tickets sold is limited so get into the post or contact a post officer to get a chance on the computer. We are very close to the maximum number of tickets to be sold and should be holding the drawing in the next two weeks. Don't get left out - get your tickets today!

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP I can't stress enough the importance of membership to the Post, State and National VFW. We need to keep the members we have and bring in new veterans to keep our many programs operating. The VFW is constantly pushing programs in congress to benefit all veterans and, without a strong membership base, we could lose our voice. As a post, if every member would just try and bring in one new veteran, we could possibly double our membership. Wouldn't that be awesome?

The bus trip the VFW children's home in Eton Rapids was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the trip, and to see a very important program in action is beyond description. Make plans now for next year's trip so you won't be left out.

Calling all Comrades! We need all post members to make an effort to attend the monthly meeting. I know that meetings in general are boring, but this is the place where the decisions are made that affect every post member. Many posts have disappeared because it is easy to let the other guy do it, until there is no "other

guy". The 2009 Fall Conference is in Merrillville, Indiana on October 30th and 31st with the main business meeting on Saturday. Advance hotel reservation deadline has passed but you can still come to the meeting on Saturday and visit the hospitality rooms. I urge everyone who can to come to the Saturday meeting, and see what it takes to operate the VFW and its programs, and enjoy the comradeship of fellow veterans. See you at the Meeting,

Bruce Swenson, Commander Post 261

FROM THE POST CHAPLAIN » Comrades, our prayers go out to Joe Harter who has been in Community East Hospital for back surgery. He went home October 14, 2009. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery and stop by and check on him. Also keep Milton Cooper in your prayers. He is really going through a lot at this time. He may be having surgery soon. If you know of any comrade that is ill or deceased, please call the post (823-0481) and they will let me know. Every good and every perfect gift comes to us from God, the creator of all light, and He shines forever without change or shadow. James 1:17. Chaplain Masten.

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER » I, Christine Huggins, am the newly elected chaplain. If you know of any auxiliary sisters that are deceased or sick, please let me know. Home # 855-3360 or cell # 697-9399 or call the post 823-0481. Keep Marge Netter and Irene Maris in your prayers; they both are dealing with some issues. Prayer: God, we are looking to You for answers to life's problems. We understand that Your plan is not only the best way, but the perfect way. As we search Your word, give

us understanding and wisdom so that we may follow Your plan; not settling for anything less than Your best. We anticipate the amazing things that lie ahead. We wait patiently for the sound of Your voice; lead and guide our life. Amen. Chris Huggins

CANTEEN MANAGER » Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in the picnic and horseshoe tournaments during the summer months. November: everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving! December: We will be having a Christmas Dinner Pitch-In on December 5th at 4:00 PM. The Post will provide ham and mashed potatoes. Feel free to bring a covered dish. Thank you all for a wonderful year. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Cheers to a new 2010, may all your New Year's Resolutions come true! Neece

NEED TO KNOW » Mark your calendars now! The next Post business meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on November 16th and December 21st. The next Auxiliary meetings are November 9th and December 14th. Come out and support your post by attending the appropriate meeting. We need your input.

The Post now has **free Wi-Fi**. Come on by and check it out!

Get an up-to-the-minute calendar view of the happenings of the Post by clicking the calendar menu button on our web site www.vfwpost261.org

FISH FRY at Post 261 coming soon. Keep on the lookout for the signs!

EARLY BIRD pitch-in dinner at the Post on November 20th at 5:30. If you are a paid-up member for 2010, you are an early bird and it's free - otherwise it's \$6.00.

GET INVOLVED » We need you! Contact Comrade Bruce Swenson 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 back more than you put in. **VOLUNTEER TODAY** —your Post needs YOU!

MARION COUNTY VETERANS BURIAL TEAM - Did you know that some branches of the services only send 2 or 3 people to do a military funeral? They play taps and

flod the flag. We do the FULL SERVICE! We have a Commander, Chaplain and Firing Squad. We are able to play TAPS and flod the flag. Tell the funeral home what you want! Also, if you know any veterans who would like to volunteer to be on this team, please give them our names and numbers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Richard Viles at 317-244-1465 or Tom Elias at 317-908-5980.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE OR BY EMAIL » Get this newsletter online by going to www.vfwpost261.org or 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 or if you do not want the paper copy mailed to you, email your request to dbraun@msbservices.com

TAPS » Post: None. Auxiliary: None.

WELCOME » New Post members this period are: Hunter Francis Miller, Allen Royce Keen, Robert Anthony Mondy, Austin Stoner, Donald Moyer, Larry Montgomery. New Auxiliary members this period are: NONE.

Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is December 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.

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Nov 22 - 28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			11:00am Tacos	BD - Tic Croft	Thanksgiving		
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