



## VFW Post 261

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September — October 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  
1<sup>st</sup> year House: Brady Huggins  
2<sup>nd</sup> year House: Charles House  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Chris Huggins  
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** » Hello everyone this is my first letter as Commander. I am looking forward to an eventful year and a productive year with help from my fellow comrades of Post 261. By the time this news letter gets out the Post Annual Picnic will be history so I want to thank everyone who helped and participated to make this year's event a success.

Membership Membership Membership – As in the years past membership is the primary goal of the post. The lifeblood of the Post and VFW is new members. I am as guilty as anyone else of not actively seeking out new members and just wait for them to walk in the door and ask to become a member. This year the State has set up a rewards program recruiting new members which are; any member that recruits ten new members will receive a membership team jacket. The member that recruits the most new members by Division will receive \$300 in cash. The member that recruits the second most new members by Division will receive \$200 in cash. Any member that recruits the most new members by District will receive \$100 in cash. It would be great to see several Post 261 Comrades wearing these jackets. I will post the entire rewards program on the post bulletin board. There are many eligible veterans out there we just need to invite them to join our wonderful organization.

HELP! We are in need of members to participate in the Post meetings. The Post is still in need of members to fill two elected positions, Judge Advocate and Trustee, and several appointed positions. The only way our Post can survive is if we

all get active so come out and enjoy the comradeship of your fellow members while making Post 261 the best in District 11.

Indiana day at the VFW National Children's Home in Eton Rapids, Michigan is on September 26 and 27, 2009. The District has reserved hotel rooms and chartered a bus for the trip which will be leaving from the Speedway Post2839 at 8:00 AM and Fort Harrison Post at 9:00 AM on the 26<sup>th</sup> and return on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> about 6:00PM. The cost for the bus and double occupancy hotel room for one night is only \$90 per person. There are 11 seats left for the trip so if you are interested in going contact Ernie Condra, District 11 Commander at 317-694-8603 for your reservation.

Post 261 meetings or on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday on each month, hope to see you there.

Yours in comradeship,

Bruce Swenson, Commander Post 261

**FROM THE POST CHAPLAIN** » Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We extend our sympathies and prayer to Marge Netter in the lost of her husband, Bernard Netter, a long time member of VFW Post 261. Our prayers go out to comrade Milton Cooper and family during his time of illness. We pray that our troops will return home to their love ones safe. If you know of any member that is ill or pass away please call the post 823-0481 and they will let me know. Father, touch the hearts of the wounded in the hospitals and bless as only you can. Peace, Cordia

**FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT »**

THANK YOU Comrades & Sisters for everything you and your family do to further the success of our cause!!! CONGRADULATIONS to all incoming officers and chairman! Let our efforts reflect the honor and pride we have for our service men and woman! It is time to renew your membership and your obligation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dues reminders will be sent out soon. It is our goal to be 100% by November. It is also our goal to recruit at least 20 new members this year. Do you have family or friends that are eligible? If so, PLEASE talk to them and encourage them to join our organization! STRENGTHEN THE VFW!!! You can contact any one of us by phone, mail, e-mail or come to a meeting. We would be glad to hear ANY suggestions, opinions, or ideas for the good of the order. The month of Sept. will have many local POW/MIA programs from which to choose. Please try to attend at least 1! The one downtown is on Sept. 18. Last years attendance was shameful! If you let us know you would like to go but need a ride, we will pick you up. The State Campout is Sept.11, 12, 13. Indiana Day at National Home is on Sept. 27. If you've never been; you should go; it's always a great experience! The next Aux. meeting is Sept. 14 @ 7:00. One important topic to be discussed will be breakfasts. We need your input on this so let us know! Our Aux. District meeting will be @ Post #2999 @ 10:30. Madam President Andrea Heinrick runs an interesting meeting; if you want to ride with us, call us. Our Auxiliary National President, Jan Tittles, will be visiting South Bend, Indiana on October 7, 8, 9. Plans for 261 Aux. are to attend the Isle of Honor at Goshen. We would like to have a good representation of our Aux. for this so, try to free up your schedule, for this special occasion. The Presidents Special Project is VA Domiciliary. The needed items list will be posted on the board at the canteen. These items can be bought by you or we will use any monetary donations to purchase them. We will then set up a visit to the VA to deliver them. This will be included with our monthly visit and we would very much like to have you join us. The theme this year for our Cancer Pins: LET FREEDOM RING!!! They look great and all proceeds go to Cancer Aid and Research. You can get them for \$3.00 from Donna P., Cancer Chairman. The Big Ten Conference will be in Omaha, NE , on Oct. 16, 17,18. There will be a bus leaving on Thur., Oct. 15, the detail sheet will be at canteen. Aux. meeting Oct.12 @ 7:00 still hope to see more faces! May God Bless You. May God Bless Our Troops. With Love and Loyalty, Rhonda

**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER »** We extend our deepest sympathies to Kay Myette in the loss of her mother, Leah Myette a long standing member and great friend of our Auxiliary. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow. It is with heavy heart

that for personal reasons I am resigning this office and all Chairmanships. May God bless and keep each and everyone of you! Peace, prayers and a safe return to all our troops. Sincerely, Linda

We extend our deepest sympathies to Connie Gruner in the loss of her mother and Marge Netter in the loss of her husband a long time VFW member, Bernard Netter. May God comfort and bless you and your family so you can continue to be a blessing to others. May God bless and keep a hedge of protection around our men and women that's guarding the gates of freedom around the world and return them to their families and love ones safe. If you know of a Auxiliary Sister that is ill or deceased please give me or the Auxiliary President, Rhonda Smith a call. Her number is 1-765-606-9115 and my home number is 317-855-3360 and cell 317-697-9399. Sincerely, Chris Huggins

**CANTEEN MANAGER »** Thank you to everyone who volunteered their services for our Annual Picnic, the Post really appreciates all your help, couldn't have done it without you! Also, thank you to all who came out and participated in our annual picnic! It was a great success!

Also we will try to plan another bus trip in October. More info will follow at a later date.

Don't forget our Spaghetti Suppers are every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, which are September 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have had wonderful turnouts for this and appreciate all your support. Feel free to bring family and guests.

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.

**NEED TO KNOW »** Mark your calendars now! The next Post business meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on September 21<sup>st</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>. The next Auxiliary meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on September 14<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 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](mailto:dbraun@msbservices.com)

**TAPS** » Post: Lee Bell in July and Bernard Netter in August. Auxiliary: Leah Myette

**WELCOME** » New Post members this period are: Larry Pfaff and Larry Ward. New Auxiliary members this period are: NONE.

**Deadline** for submissions to the next newsletter is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Submissions may be mailed to Dick

Braun, 5339 Hedgerow Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226, emailed to [dbraun@msbservices.com](mailto:dbraun@msbservices.com) or leave them at the Canteen and he will pick them up.



	<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Sep 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Aug 30 - Sep 5			11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	Peace Treaty Ending WWII	5:00pm 7:00pm Spaghetti	11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	
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Sep 6 - 12			11:00am 1:00pm Tacos			State Campout Patriots' Day 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Sep 13 - 19	State Campout	7:00pm 8:30pm Auxiliary M	11:00am 1:00pm Tacos		Citizenship Day	POW/MIA Recognition Day 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	10:30am 12:00pm 11th Distri
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Oct 4 - 10			11:00am 1:00pm Tacos	Auxiliary National President, Jan Tittles, will be visiting South Bend, Indiana		11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin 5:30pm 7:30pm Command	
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	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Oct 18 - 24	Big Ten Conference will be in	7:00pm 8:30pm Post Meeti	11:00am 1:00pm Tacos			11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	
	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
Oct 25 - 31			11:00am 1:00pm Tacos			Fall Conference - Merrillville, IN 11:00am 1:00pm Fried Shrin	