



## VFW Post 261

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March — April 2010

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: Joe Harter  
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: Constance Gruner  
Chaplain: Chris Huggins  
Conductress: Shirley Booth  
Secretary: Constance Gruner  
Guard: Roxanne Moore  
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, I hope that everyone is doing well and not suffering too much from cabin fever. One cure for cabin fever is to get out to the post home for some fellowship and just plain fun. At the monthly spaghetti dinner, on February 4, the 32in LCD TV raffle was won by Carol Winn, Congratulations to Carol. I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary with special thanks to Dona and Susie for the wonderful Saturday breakfast that they serve on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. I hear nothing but compliments on the breakfast, so anyone that has not been able to make it, please make an effort to come to the post home for the next breakfast you will not be disappointed.

Attention Attention Attention We are raffling another laptop computer, stop in the Post to get your chance on a new laptop.

**MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP** We are very close to achieving 100% so keep up the good work. I would like to thank comrades Randy Cordero and Larry Ward for their exemplary work towards the post membership goals. The existence of the post and VFW depends on maintaining and growing membership, so let's all of us give Randy and Larry as much help as we can.

The nominations for officers for the next year 2010 – 2011 will be at the March 15 post meeting. This is very important to the post's success so if you would like to run for an office or would like to nominate someone please come to this meeting.

Please keep our troops and their families in your prayers.

Yours in Comradeship,  
*Bruce D. Swenson*

Bruce Swenson, Commander

**FROM THE POST CHAPLAIN** » If you know of any comrade that is ill or deceased please call the post (823-0481) and they will let me know. Have a blessed and happy holidays. Chaplain Masten.

**FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT** » Well, we finally had a real Indiana winter! THANK YOU to each and every one of you who have given your time and effort to that which supports our veterans and their families! We continue to make a difference because of your dedication! As the second half of our year progresses with the many events scheduled; I encourage you to tell our volunteers/workers that you appreciate them! Speaking of volunteers! If anyone has donated their time to a hospital, church, school, nursing home or veteran, please let us know so that we can include your hours on our report! Aux. membership is at 90.51%. We still have time to make 100% before Spring Conference, March 26-28. This will be @Marriott on E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. Their new wing, completed in 2008, was dedicated to the VFW. Please try to attend. Speaking of attendance! It would be lovely to see YOU at a meeting!! March 8 @ 7:00 will be a regular meeting and April 12 @ 7:00 is your opportunity to elect your incoming Auxiliary President & Officers. The date for installation is penciled in for May 8; check at the canteen for update. The Auxiliary District elections will be on May 8 @ 10:30 at Post 2839. At the Aux. District March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting there will be a memorial service for our Sisters. We will be making a visit to the patients at Roudebush VA soon; if you would like to join us call Sister Jessica @ 317-485-6683 to let her know. We can meet at the Post or if you need a ride we will be glad to pick you up! Thank you to those of you who have supported the Aux. breakfasts. Sisters Donna, Tracy and Suzy are responsible for all that good grub! And you know Sister Betty loves to

take your money! Without these wonderful women we wouldn't have been able to serve this year! The dates for March breakfasts are the 13th & 27th. April dates are the 10th & 24th. Those will be the last for this year. Our Voices of Democracy & Patriots Pen Program is tentatively set for April 3rd. More details and signup sheet will be posted at the canteen a.s.a.p.! Just a few more things to bring to your attention and to try to get dibs on your calendar: The Buddy Poppy Program will be coming up before you know it so remember to save some time to volunteer for this very important promotion. These are the funds that are used strictly for educational purposes. The weekend of the 14th is the tentative date. Also the Loyalty Day Parade: We want to represent our Post with as many as possible! We need walkers as well as riders! Let us know you're if interested. O.K., I hope out of all of the things to do in this newsletter that you attend at least one!! **YOUR POST NEEDS YOU!** "For so long as there are Veterans, so long will our work continue." Loyally and sincerely with love, Rhonda

**FROM THE AUXILIARY SECRETARY-TREASURER » A REMINDER:** Ladies! Please send in your dues money for 2010 if you haven't already! It's still a great deal at \$15.00 If anyone is interested in a life membership so they don't have to worry about the yearly dues drive, I'll be more than interested in helping you with that! A permanent ID card and no more hassle! - Conni Gruner, Sec-Treas.

**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER »** In January 2010 Kay Minter, one of our sister's passed away, Carolyn Duncan had surgery and is in Methodist Hospital. Continue to pray for Maxine (Sylvia) Scott. She is in Westminister Nursing Home. I am hoping some of us will take time out of our busy schedules and visit with her. If you know of any auxiliary sisters that is deceased or sick please let me know.

Home # 855-3360 or cell # 697-9399 or call the post 823-0481. As God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. Christine Huggins, Auxillary Chaplain.

**NEED TO KNOW »** Mark your calendars now! The next Post business meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. The next Auxiliary meetings are March 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support your post by attending the appropriate meeting. We need your input.

The Post now accepts **major credit cards!**

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](http://www.vfwpost261.org)

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

**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.

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**TAPS »** Post: Thomas E. Frey Life Member.  
Auxiliary: Kay Minter.

**WELCOME »** New Post members this period are: Stephen Burton, James C Womack, and Pat Daily. New Auxiliary members this period are: NONE.

**Deadline** for submissions to the next newsletter is April 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.

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Feb 28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6
2/28 - 3/5			Tacos		Spaghetti Dinner		
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3/7 - 12		Auxiliary Meeting	Tacos			Commanders Chi	Auxillary Breakfa
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3/14 - 19		Post Meeting	Tacos	St Patricks DayTr			11th District mee
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
3/21 - 26			Tacos	VA Hospital Visit			Spring Conference Auxillary Breakfa
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4/4 - 9			Tacos				Auxillary Breakfa VOD Ceremony a
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4/11 - 16	Persian Gulf War	Auxiliary Meeting	Tacos		Newsletter Subn		
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4/18 - 23		Post Meeting	Tacos				Auxillary Breakfa RIB FEST
	25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
4/25 - 30			Tacos				Loyalty Day