



VFW Post 261

10550 Pendleton Pike
Indianapolis, IN 46236
317-823-0481 www.vfwpost261.org



July - August 2011

Commander: Bruce Swenson
Senior Vice: Randy Cordero
Junior Vice: Larry Ward
Quartermaster: Dick Braun
Adjutant: Dick Braun
Chaplain: Cordia Masten
Judge Advocate: Brady Huggins
Surgeon: Open
Trustee #1: John Armstrong
Trustee #2: Joe Harter
Trustee #3: James Womack
1st year House: Charles House
2nd year House: Mike Haerberle
3rd year House: Brady Huggins
Service Officer: Larry Ward

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: Donna Poindexter
Senior Vice: Jessica Smith
Junior Vice: Susan Scott
Treasurer: Constance Gruner
Chaplain: Chris Huggins
Conductress: Rhonda Smith
Secretary: Constance Gruner
Guard: Tracy Poindexter
Trustee #1: Tonie Cordero
Trustee #2: Jessica Smith
Trustee #3: Rhonda 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,

The VFW year is over and the newly elected Officers will be taking their new positions after the State Convention. We have had a very successful year, all the core programs have been completed and we have led District 11 in most categories. Post 261 achieved 100% in membership before December 31, 2010 making us the first post in the district to reach 100%. We lead the district in Community Service hours and we have provided over \$3000 to Veterans and their families that were in need of help. These and many more achievements are due to the relentless efforts of the members and friends of Post 261, to all of you a big THANK YOU.

On May 21 we held our first community day, the event was well attended and everybody enjoyed the day's activities. The Honor Guard from Grissom Air Force Base did a flag presentation to open the day's festivities. Then with the help of several volunteers we planted 23 trees to create a memorial garden so come out to the post and enjoy.

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, so even though we made 100% last year we have to work just as hard of harder to stay on top. I am confident that we will reach 100% but also to increase membership by at least 10%.

Remember to keep our troops and their families in your prayers.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bruce D. Swenson
Bruce D 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. Chaplain Masten.

AUXILLARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER »

Hello sisters,

Well summer is finally here with lots of things going on at the VFW. We had the memory tree planting ceremony in May with a nice turn out for all the festivities.

The next breakfasts are on Saturday June 25th, July 9th, July 23rd, August 13th and August 27th. The auxiliary really appreciates all the support you give the breakfast to make them a success.

The new officers for this year are President Donna Poindexter, Sr. Vice President Jessica Smith, Jr. Vice President Susan Scott, Secretary and Treasurer Connie Gurner, Chaplin Joanne Whitler. The trustees are Jessica Smith, Rhonda Smith and Toni Cordero. Congratulations to Toni Cordero on being elected the new District 11 President.

Everyone enjoy your summer and please attend a meeting and see what is happening at your VFW.

Have a great 4th of July.

Till next time God bless,
Donna Poindexter
Donna Poindexter, President

CANTEEN MANAGER »

. A special THANK YOU to all our volunteers that care and help keep the post alive.

- Denise Hubbard

Stop in and enjoy a great meal from:

LUNCH MENU: BLT, Breaded or Grilled Tenderloin, Chili Dog, Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chef Salad, House Salad, Chicken Tenders, Fried Chicken Salad, Freedom Fries, Grilled Cheese, Grilled Ham & Cheese, BBQ Riblet, Smoked Sausage, Onion Rings, Patty Melt, Pizza, Breaded Mushrooms, plus our [chef's daily lunch specials](#).

or

EVENING MENU: 12" Pizza, Jalapeno Poppers, Fried Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Chicken Fingers, Onion Rings, Fried Mushrooms, Fried Cauliflower, Freedom Fries, Combo Tray (Mushrooms, Cheese Sticks, Poppers, Chicken Fingers, Onion Rings, Cauliflower)

or

Monthly specials include all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Supper the first Thursday of every month from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Armed Forces Community Fest

Saturday, May 21, VFW Post 261 Volunteers alongside Keep Indianapolis Beautiful staff and volunteers had great weather while planting trees to create the Memorial Garden behind the Post.



Members of the Post placed a tree marker next to the tree they purchased to honor a Veteran. (Trees are still available, see the Post Commander for information!). The Memorial Garden was completed with a dedication ceremony by the Grissom Air Force Honor Guard.



We want to thank all of you who came out that day and helped plant trees and participated in the days' activities. Thank you to all the Sponsors: Burd Ford, Elite Beverages, Chiro1st, Cousins Tent Rental, Monical's Pizza in Lawrence, Two Men & A Truck, Staples, Monarch Beverage and Fall Creek Family Medicine.

- Sandi Ballard

Please note, these businesses that give Military Discounts to our members;

Two Men & A Truck 5% off military discount



Burd Ford \$500 Discount off purchase of vehicle



NEED TO KNOW » Mark your calendars now! The next Post business meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on July 16th and August 15th. The next Auxiliary meetings are July 11th and August 8th. Come out and support your post by attending the appropriate meeting. We need your input.

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

GET INVOLVED » We need you! Contact Commander 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!

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TAPS » Post: None Auxiliary: None

WELCOME »

New Post members this period are: Leslie D. Lee, Shawn Kopaczewski, and Tony Edward Gaalema

New Auxiliary members this period are: Debra Anderson.



Post 261

Renovation2011

Thank you to our
Renovation Partners:



We're ready to renovate! You can help. Our VFW Post 261 has remained unchanged since it was built in 1974. It's time for a face lift. We've all given time, treasure and talent to many community and statewide initiatives over the last 30 years. We're now looking for donations and grants to support the \$500,000 initiative to:

- Renovate the kitchen, canteen, offices and community room.
- Add new Energy Starr appliances to the kitchen.
- Create an outdoor dining area.
- Rebuild the parking lot.
- Update exterior landscaping, including new signage.

Here's how you can help. First simply spread the word about the updates. We want to support more soldiers returning home and create a community inclusive environment. Tell friends, co-workers and neighbors to stop in for lunch.

Community members can support the project in several ways:

- Buy a memorial brick, flag or tree. Forms are available at the post.
- Make a capital campaign donation.
- Have your company become a Renovation Partner!

Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is August 15th. Submissions may be mailed to Stacy Williams, 6071 Sandcherry Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46236, or emailed to msgsdwilliams@msn.com or leave them at the Canteen and he will pick them up.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Jun 26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2	
					10:00am BBQ Pork Sand		
					Click to add event		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	BD - Irene Maris Independence Day	10:00am Tacos \$1.25 each		BD - Tony Cordero 4:00pm Spagetti Dinne		8:00am Breakfast - all	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
BD - Linda Warner	6:00pm Auxiliary Meetir	10:00am Tacos \$1.25 each				BD - Larry Hoskins	
18	19	20	21	22	23		
	6:00pm Post Meeting	10:00am Tacos \$1.25 each				School of instruction; 8:00am Auxiliary Break	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	BD - Mike Davidson BD - Tom Backman Newsletter Submissions I WWII Cease-fire in Pacific Meeting at 7PM	BD - Neil Sandrock 10:00am Tacos \$1.25 each	BD - Ruth Clemens	Click to add event			
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