



## VFW Post 261

10550 Pendleton Pike  
Indianapolis, IN 46236  
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March – April 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  
1<sup>st</sup> year House: Charles House  
2<sup>nd</sup> year House: Mike Haeberle  
3<sup>rd</sup> year House: Brady Huggins  
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: Donna Poindexter  
Senior Vice: Jessica Smith  
Junior Vice: Susan Scott  
Treasurer: Constance Gruner  
Chaplain: Chris Huggins  
Conductress: Rhonda Smith  
Secretary: Mary Murray  
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,

I want to thank everyone, especially Larry Ward and Randy Cordaro, for all the work on membership. Post 261 reached the 100% mark in December and we are the first post to attain 100% in District 11. This does not mean that we can take it easy on membership; we need to go after more members so that the Post will continue to grow and prosper.

By now everyone knows that we have a huge remodeling project started at the post, we need everyone's help so come in and get involved. The best way to get involved is to attend the post meetings to help with the many decisions that have to be made. The meetings have been poorly attended in recent months by Post Officers and members. Remember this is your Post so don't let a few members make all the decisions.

Make plans to attend the Spring Conference at the Radisson Airport, not only are the meetings informative but District 11 has an awesome hospitality suite. The Conference is being held March 18 and 19 so come out and join your fellow Comrades for a weekend of fun.

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

*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. Chaplain Masten.

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER** » Dear sisters:

It was a great night at our last meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We installed 8 new members. We want to welcome you to the auxiliary.

The auxiliary is selling hearts and shamrocks for donations going to the renovation of the post.

The breakfast is going great please get the word out to all your neighbors and friends about the breakfast on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Thanks to Betty Grant for helping each month, couldn't get along without her. Also, a big thanks to Susie Scott and Tracy Poindexter for their help with cooking.

Keep the veterans and their families along with anyone that is ill or in the hospital in our prayers.

Till next time God bless.

Donna Poindexter

**CANTEEN MANAGER** » A special THANK YOU to all our volunteers that care and help keep the post alive. Thank you, Denise Hubbard

**NEED TO KNOW** » Mark your calendars now! The next Post business meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>. The next Auxiliary meetings are March 14<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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!

**AS A REMINDER** to all Post and Auxiliary members, Club Regulations and By-Laws states on page 3 of 9 Paragraph G. "No member or auxiliary member will be served in the Canteen during the holding of any regular Post or Auxiliary meeting." This has been in effect for at least the past 20 years and is done to encourage everyone present to attend the meetings. Please plan to attend the next meeting!

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**TAPS** » Post: None Auxiliary: Life Member Shirley Booth.

**WELCOME** » New Post members this period are: Larry Bradbury, Larry Dennis, transfer of James Henderson, Life Member from Post 6904, and James Stone from Post 6246. New Auxiliary members this period are: Marla Parker, Nancy Neal, April Lynn, and Cynthia Netter.

**Community day at Monical's Pizza** was a hit and generated a check to the renovation fund in the amount of \$68.00. Thank you to all who participated.

**Thank you to our Renovation Donors this period!**

Betty Grant, Eli Lilly, Pat Daily, Gini & Don Stephens & Family, William Blake Co., Schneider National, Monical's Pizza, Bud Christianson, and Milestone Contractors L.P.

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



**Post 261**

Renovation2011

**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!

*Thank you to our*  
**Renovation Partners:**



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