



## VFW Post 261

10550 Pendleton Pike  
Indianapolis, IN 46236  
317-823-0481 [www.vfwpost261.org](http://www.vfwpost261.org)

May - June 2011



Commander: Bruce Swenson  
Senior Vice: Larry Ward  
Junior Vice: Cordia Masten  
Quartermaster: Randy Cordero  
Adjutant: Dick Braun  
Chaplain: Steve Nichols  
Judge Advocate: Brady Huggins  
Surgeon: Don Hughes  
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 Heerlen  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Grinner  
Chaplain: Joanne Whitler  
Conductress: Barb Keser  
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,

We are getting ready to start another new VFW year with some new officers and some of the same officers the post had last year. On behalf of last year's officers I would like to thank all the post members and auxiliary members for making the 2011 – 2012 year a great success. We will be having a joint planning meeting in July to schedule events for the next six months, everyone that would like to participate in the meeting please attend. If you cannot attend the meeting but you have an idea for an event please contact me or Donna the Auxiliary President and we will present it at the meeting. Check at the post for the date and time of the planning meeting and it will also be posted on our website.

The Post renovation programs to raise money are in full swing, so come in and volunteer to help out and of course we will accept any donations. We have a very lofty goal but the Post home will be one of the best in the area when renovations are completed.

Membership, Membership, Membership – I am very proud of our Post's accomplishment this year of being the first post in District 11 to reach 100% and to reach this goal before the end of 2010, great job everybody. Now is not the time to sit back and rest just because we have reached 100%, we need to continue to bring in new members so that the Post will continue to grow. The larger the memberships the more we can do as a VFW Post to assist our fellow veterans and the community that we live in.

I want to invite any Post or Post Auxiliary member to the VOD awards dinner on April 30, 2011, at 1700 hrs. We will be honoring these young people at this dinner for their accomplishments in the VOD and Patriot's Pen Programs. We will also be recognizing the Lawrence Policeman of The Year, Firefighter of The Year and EMT of The Year. There will be many community leaders and teachers present at the program so it would be nice to have as many members attend as possible. If you can attend please RSVP at the Post so that we can plan for the food and tables that will be needed, Thank You.

The 11<sup>th</sup> District Loyalty Day Parade is in the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, so please come out and be part of the festivities. The parade will step off from 53<sup>rd</sup> and Richardt St. at 11:00am. Reporting time will be 10:15am at the Belzer Middle School parking lot, see you there.

Again Thank You to everybody for what you do to make Post 261 the best in District 11.

Yours in Comradeship,

*Bruce D. Swenson*

Bruce Swenson, Commander

**WELCOME** » New post members this period are: Nobel Lugo, David Smerage and Kathryn Nichols. New Auxiliary members this period are: Debra Anderson. Correction to January-February newsletter where the first names of these ladies were not published: Barbara Keser and Beverly Perkins.

I'd like to make a special "**shout-out**" to Cheiko and have her call one of the ladies or the Post to let us know how she and the family is doing. She knows she is the only Cheiko we have! Conni

**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** » Dear Sisters:

We had election of officers in April new President Donna Poindexter, Senior Vice President Jessica Smith, Junior Vice President Susie Scot, Treasurer Connie Gurner, Chaplain Joanne Whitler Conductress Barb Keser and Guard Beverly Perkins. there will be 3 breakfasts in May the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> the ones on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> will be 8 to 10 due to scheduling conflicts in the hall and the one on the 28<sup>th</sup> will be at the regular time 9 to 11. June meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> will be a pitch in dinner.

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 May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>. The next Auxiliary meetings are May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 13<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!

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**TAPS** » Post: None Auxiliary: None

**Deadline** for submissions to the next newsletter is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Submissions may be mailed to Stacy Williams, 6071 Sandcherry Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46236, emailed to [msgsdwilliams@msn.com](mailto:msgsdwilliams@msn.com) or leave them at the Canteen and he will pick them up.

**MAY 21<sup>st</sup> Tree Planting:** Come out and assist with this beautification project. We will be planting about thirty trees in back of the post. We need volunteers to assist with the planting, mulching, parking cars, cooking, serving, assisting with the kids games, etc. A signup sheet is available at the bar, or just come out and enjoy the day. We will have a breakfast at 8:00 and start planting at 9:00, having lunch about noon with fun and games until about 3:00.

## **Armed Forces Day Fundraiser**

To the guys at Post 261 got some info to you about the May 21 fundraiser. See flyer below Calendar:

Sandi Ballard

Fundraising Coordinator

(317) 752-4806



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



**Keep Indianapolis Beautiful**

KIB and with the [Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services](#), and support from the [Department of Public Works](#) are coordinating with neighborhood associations and groups across the city to organize large cleanup efforts during the month of April, and smaller cleanups to continue through October.

Volunteers are sought for all cleanup days; visit [www.kibi.org/volunteer\\_project\\_calendar](http://www.kibi.org/volunteer_project_calendar) to learn more about times, location, and to sign up.



Are you looking for an opportunity to cleanup your neighborhood, but you don't belong to a neighborhood organization or group? Don't worry, you can visit any YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, or PNC Bank branch through the month of April, and receive a trash bag and gloves, compliments of KIB. Then, simply fill the bag with litter from anywhere in your community and place the bag with your weekly trash pickup. Then, count yourself as among the thousands of Indy residents participating in the Great Indy Cleanup!

The Great Indy Cleanup is made possible by the City of Indianapolis, Covanta Energy, South Side Landfill, Republic Services, and Kroger. For more information on KIB's efforts to beautify the city, or to learn how you can help, please visit us at

[www.greatindycleanup.com](http://www.greatindycleanup.com).

**Remember, every litter bit helps!**

**There are coupons for \$20.00 off of 1" or larger caliper Trees online.**



**Post 261**

# Armed Forces Day Fundraiser

## Saturday, May 21, 2011

*Join us to HONOR our Men and Women  
in the Armed Forces!*

Enjoy family activities, vendor booths,  
raffles, silent auction, food and entertainment!

**SCHEDULE:**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Volunteer Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - Memorial Tree Garden planting  
10:00 a.m. - Festivities begin!!  
3:00 p.m. - Vendor booths close (?)

*Raffle Drawings & Door prizes  
every hour! Music & Entertainment!  
Silent Auction open from  
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

## Help Us Make this a Great Day!

### DONATIONS NEEDED!

• Silent Auction Items • Raffle Items • Door Prizes • Goodie Bag Items

All proceeds will benefit the VFW Post 261 Renovation2011 Project, Community Sponsorships, Scholarships and Veteran Assistance.

*Interested in being part of the Renovation2011 Project?*

For more information on how you can best participate,  
Contact: Sandi Ballard 317-752-4806 or [sballard13@gmail.com](mailto:sballard13@gmail.com)

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# May 2011

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1 - 7	<b>May 1</b> Loyalty Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos \$1.25 each	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:00pm 7:00pm Spagetti Dinner	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
May 8 - 14	<b>8</b> WWII Ends in Europe	<b>9</b> 7:00pm 8:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	<b>10</b> 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos \$1.25 each	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00am Buddy Poppy	<b>14</b> 9:00am 11:00am Breakfast - all you can eat \$6.00
May 15 - 21	<b>15</b> Peace Officers Memor	<b>16</b> 7:00pm 8:30pm Post Meeting	<b>17</b> 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos \$1.25 each	<b>18</b> 11:00am 12:00pm Community Day Lunchin	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Armed Forces Day 9:00am 12:00pm Indy Beautiful Tree Planting (Post back lot)
May 22 - 28	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos \$1.25 each	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00am 11:00am Auxiliary Breakfast
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# June 2011

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Jun 5 - 11	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos \$1.25 each	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am 11:00am Breakfast - all you can eat \$6.00
Jun 12 - 18	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00pm 8:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	<b>14</b> Flag Day 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos \$1.25 each 6:30pm 7:30pm Flag Retirement ceramony	<b>15</b> Newsletter Submission 12:00pm 12:30pm Newsletter articles due to Stacy (stacy.williams@usar .army.mil)	<b>16</b> State Convention -- Raddison Airport, Indianapolis	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Jun 19 - 25	<b>19</b> State Convention -- Raddison Airport, Indianapolis	<b>20</b> 7:00pm 8:30pm Post Meeting	<b>21</b> 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos \$1.25 each	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am 11:00am Auxillary Breakfast
Jun 26 - Jul 2	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28</b> 11:00am 1:00pm Tacos \$1.25 each	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Jul 1</b>	<b>2</b>