



## VFW Post 261

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



November- December 2011

Commander: Bruce Swenson  
Senior Vice: Larry Ward  
Junior Vice: Cordia Masten  
Quartermaster: Randy Cordero  
Adjutant: Dick Braun  
Chaplain: Redd Carr  
Judge Advocate: Brady Huggins  
Surgeon: Don Hughes  
Guard: Charles House  
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 Haeberie  
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 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 Post picnic was a huge success, if you missed it you missed a very good time. I want to thank all the people that worked the picnic and especially our bar manager Denise for coordinating and planning the event.

We will be going the VA Hospital in December for our Post visit. I would like as many Post and Auxiliary members to participate as possible so please put it on your calendar for December. The Vets in the hospital really appreciate the visits from the posts but during the holidays the visits are special. This year we will give each Vet a Christmas card with a small gift from the post.

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%.

There are many things happening at the Post so your attendance at post meetings is very important. The post renovation is still on track and many important decisions will be made in the very near future. The Post also needs input for planning future events, these are very important for the ongoing success for our Post. The Post meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month so please make plans to attend and make your voice heard.

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 or call me at home (317 292-1903).

Redd Carr  
Email: [chaplainredd261@live.com](mailto:chaplainredd261@live.com)

### AUXILLARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER »

Hello sisters:

Summer is over and now it's time to start thinking about the holidays with friends and families. Please keep all of our troops and their families keeping in mind that some will be alone or away from home.

Remember that the last breakfast for the year will be on November 12th. At the meeting on November 14th we will be deciding where to have our Christmas dinner on December 12th. We will have three places to chose from and vote on them that night, there will be a sign up sheet at the canteen so please sign up and join your auxiliary sisters for a dinner and fun.

Thanks again to Miss Betty for all the help she gives for the breakfast and all the other helpers.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2012 before January. Dues go up to 20.00 after the first of the year. Best wishes to Irene Mares who is recovering from hip surgery. Again come to the meetings and see what is happening at the auxiliary and help with decisions.

Best wishes to all,

*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

**NEED TO KNOW »** Mark your calendars now! The next Post business meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>. The next Auxiliary meetings are November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support your post by attending the appropriate meeting. We need your input.

**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 YOUR INPUT.

**WELCOME » New Post members this period are:** Silas C. Harris, Gary W. Hamilton, and David A Fentz .

**New Auxiliary members this period are:** None

**PLEASE** support these businesses that support us:

**Two Men & A Truck** 5% off military discount



**Burd Ford** \$500 Discount off purchase of vehicle



**TAPS »** Post: None Auxiliary: None



**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:**



## Membership

We are now working on the 2012 membership drive. Last year we were the first post in the district to get to 100%. We did this before the end of the year and would like to get it done again this year. We have 57 members that have not paid their dues yet as of October 5 2011. Please get them in ASAP. If there is a problem with paying the dues please call Larry Ward 317 459 8206 Our team work last year helped our post shine last year thanks for the good work.

Larry Ward

Sr. Vice Commander VFW Post 261

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**Deadline** for submissions to the next newsletter is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Submissions may be mailed to Stacy Williams, 6071 Sandcherry Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46236, or emailed to [msgsdwilliams@msn.com](mailto: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           |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Oct 30               | 31   | Nov 1                                 | 2                    | 3            | 4                   | 5                   |                    |
| 10/30 - 11/4         |  |                                       | 11:00am Tacos \$1.25 |              | 5:00pm Spagetti Dir |                     |                    |
| 6                    | 7  | 8                                     | 9                    | 10           | 11                  | 12                  |                    |
| 11/6 - 11            |  |                                       | 11:00am Tacos \$1.25 |              |                     | 2:00pm Veterans D   | 9:00am Breakfast - |
| 11/13 - 18           | 14   | 15                                    | 16                   | 17           | 18                  | 19                  |                    |
| Previous Appointment | BD - Elinor Davidson<br>D - Michael Michae | BD - Lihlo Bit<br>7:00pm Auxiliary Me | 11:00am Tacos \$1.25 |              |                     |                     |                    |
| 11/20 - 25           | 21   | 22                                    | 23                   | 24           | 25                  | 26                  |                    |
|                      | 7:00pm Post Meetin                         | 11:00am Tacos \$1.25                  |                      | Thanksgiving | BD - Tic Croft      | 9:00am Auxillary Br |                    |
| 11/27 - 12/1         | 27   | 28                                    | 29                   | 30           | Dec 1               | 2                   | 3                  |
|                      |  |                                       | 11:00am Tacos \$1.25 |              | 5:00pm Spagetti Dir |                     |                    |

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| 4                    | 5                                     | 6                    | 7  | 8   | 9                   | 10                                   |                  |
| 12/4 - 9             |                                       |                      | BD - Mike Perezi<br>11:00am Tacos \$1.25 | BD - Forrest Miller<br>National Pearl Harbc |                     |                                      | 9:00am Breakfast |
| 12/11 - 16           | 12                                    | 13                   | 14                                       | 15  | 16                  | 17                                   |                  |
| Previous Appointment | BD - Jim Scott<br>7:00pm Auxiliary Me | 11:00am Tacos \$1.25 | BD - Nyg George                          | Newsletter Submissi<br>12:00pm Newsletter ; | BD - Larry Montgom  |                                      |                  |
| 12/18 - 23           | 19                                    | 20                   | 21                                       | 22  | 23                  | 24                                   |                  |
|                      | 7:00pm Post Meetin                    | 11:00am Tacos \$1.25 | 6:30pm VA Hospital                       |   | BD - Donna Poindex  | ANNIV - Linda Wa<br>BD - Tina Sandro |                  |
| 12/25 - 30           | 25                                    | 26                   | 27                                       | 28  | 29                  | 30                                   | 31               |
|                      |                                       |                      | 11:00am Tacos \$1.25                     | BD - John Armstrong                         |                     |                                      |                  |

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