



VFW Post 261

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Indianapolis, IN 46236
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September- October 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
Guard: Charles House
Trustee #1: John Armstrong
Trustee #2: Joe Harter
Trustee #3: James Womack
1st year House: Charles House
2nd year House: Mike Haeberie
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 new VFW year is underway which means everyone's help is needed and appreciated. Our Post is one of the leading posts in the 11 District supporting all the VFW programs; this has been accomplished through the tremendous support from the members and the Post Auxiliary.

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%.

The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Programs are being rolled out as this news letter is being written, so if you have or know a young person that would like to participate please contact them and explain the program to them. We have entry blanks and program rules at the Post and they are also available on the VFW National website that can be downloaded.

I have been informed that the bus is full for the trip to the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. This is for Indiana Day on September 25, 2011 but you can still go if you wish to drive your own vehicle or car pool. If you would like to go and need hotel reservations at our discounted rate please contact the Post for information. Remember to keep our troops and their families in your prayers.

Yours in Comradeship,

Bruce D. Swenson

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER »

Hello sisters,

Welcome to our new year. Glad to see some new faces at the last meeting. We installed new member June Miles-ward at last meeting welcome June. Get well wishes to Marge Netter and Nancy Neal and April Lynn. we wish you well. Remember the picnic is September 17th and the auxiliary will have a bake sale. Thanks to Tracy-Susie-Barb-Joanne-and Beverly for helping with breakfast. Congratulations to Tonie Condero for being our new district President. Come to a meeting and see all that is going on in the auxiliary and make suggestions for new things. Keep all the veterans and their families in your prayers. Hope to see you next meeting on September 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Remember the early bird dinner on October 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for membership. Paid members eat free. Ladies membership is \$15.00 yearly or you can update to a life membership. After January 1, 2012 the membership fee will be &20.00. So save money and pay early. Thanks

Donna Poindexter

Donna Poindexter, President

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 Steve Nichols.

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 our:

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

Monthly specials: all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Supper the first Thursday of every month from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM, also, all-you-can-eat breakfast the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.



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!

Trees are still available, see the Post Commander for information!.

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 September 19th and October 17th. The next Auxiliary meetings are Sept 11th and October 10th. 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!

NEWSLETTER ONLINE OR BY EMAIL » Get this newsletter online by going to www.vfwpost261.org or by email instead of on paper. You will get it quicker and can save it for referral without having the paper lying around. To be added to the Post email list or if you do not want the paper copy mailed to you, email your request to msgsdwilliams@msn.com

Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is October 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.

TAPS » Post: None Auxiliary: None

WELCOME »

New Post members this period are: Thomas E Carr III, Madeline Lothamez, and Paula Renee Cardell

New Auxiliary members this period are: Debra Anderson.

Thank you to our
Renovation Partners:



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▲ Chicken Salad & Chips \$3.75	Mon, Aug 29	
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Aug 30	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Smoked Sausage, Fried Potatoes, Corn & Roll \$5.50	Wed, Aug 31	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Cheese Burger, Freedom Fries or Cottage Cheese \$5.25 Spagetti Dinner	Thu, Sep 01	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
▲ Peace Treaty Ending WWII	Fri, Sep 02	
▲ Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Roll \$6.00	Fri, Sep 02	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Sep 06	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Breakfast - all you can eat \$6.00	Sat, Sep 10	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
▲ Anniversary of 9/11/2001	Sun, Sep 11	
▲ Patriots' Day	Sun, Sep 11	
▲ Auxiliary Meeting	Mon, Sep 12	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Sep 13	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ POW/MIA Recognition Day	Fri, Sep 16	

▲ Citizenship Day	Sat, Sep 17	
▲ Picnic @ Post 261	Sat, Sep 17	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
▲ POW/MIA Recognition Day	Mon, Sep 19	
▲ Post Meeting	Mon, Sep 19	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Sep 20	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ National Home for Children bus trip	Sat, Sep 24 to Sun, Sep 25	
▲ Auxiliary Breakfast Buffet 6.00	Sat, Sep 24	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Sep 27	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ VFW Founded in 1899	Thu, Sep 29	
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Oct 04	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Spagetti Dinner	Thu, Oct 06	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
▲ Breakfast - all you can eat \$6.00	Sat, Oct 08	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
▲ Auxiliary Meeting	Mon, Oct 10	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Oct 11	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Early Bird Membership Dinner	Fri, Oct 14	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
▲ Newsletter Submissions Due	Sat, Oct 15	

▲ Post Meeting	Mon, Oct 17	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Oct 18	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Donna Poindexter's retirement party	Fri, Oct 21	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
▲ Auxiliary Breakfast Buffet 6.00	Sat, Oct 22	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Oct 25	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Tentative -- Halloween Party	Sat, Oct 29 to Sun, Oct 30	8:00 PM – 12:00 AM
▲ Tacos \$1.25 each	Tue, Nov 01	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
▲ Spagetti Dinner	Thu, Nov 03	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM