



VFW Post 261

10550 Pendleton Pike
Indianapolis, IN 46236
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January - February 2012

Commander: Bruce Swenson
Senior Vice: Larry Ward
Junior Vice: Cordia Masten
Quartermaster: Randy Cordero
Adjutant: Leslie Lee
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
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,

By the time this news letter arrives the holiday season will be over. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that your health will be good and you will prosper in 2012. We have many important decisions to make this year so I encourage everyone to attend our monthly meetings. We are going to be kicking off the start of the renovation project which will require as many members input as we can get. There is also a possibility that we could sell the property where we are now and rebuild at a different location because we have been contacted by a couple of real estate agents that are interested in purchasing our property. So as you can see we have some very important decisions to make in the coming weeks and we need as much participation as we can get.

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 come out and support the post whenever you can. The canteen serves a delicious lunch Monday through Friday, so bring guest and enjoy the comradeship. The ladies auxiliary serves breakfast twice a month on Saturday and we have a spaghetti dinner on the first Thursday on each month.

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

Yours in Comradeship,

Bruce D. Swenson

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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

AUXILLARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER »

Hello Sisters,

Welcome to the New Year hope everyone had happy holidays and that you got all that you wanted and more from santa. the next breakfast will be on January 14th and on the first and fourth Saturday of every month after hope to see you there the next meeting will be on January 9th looking forward to seeing you there.

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 January 16st and Febuary 20th. The next Auxiliary meetings are January 9th and Febuary 13th. 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 member this period is: Daniel Greicar

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



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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 February 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	
1	2 BD CHARLE NICHOLS	3 Tacos \$1.25 each 11am, Tuesday	4	5 Spaghetti Dinner \$6.00 5:00pm, Thursday, BD BETTIE APPLGATE	6	7 BD WAYNE RUTH	
8 BD MARION MYERS	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm, Monday	10 Tacos \$1.25 each 11am, Tuesday	11 BD	12	13 Mid-Winter conference	14 Mid-Winter conference Breakfast all you can eat \$6.00 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM Saturday	
15	16 MLK MEMORIAL DAY Post Meeting 7:00pm, Monday	17 Tacos \$1.25 each 11am, Tuesday	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24 Tacos \$1.25 each 11am, Tuesday	25	26	27	28 Breakfast all you can eat \$6.00 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM Saturday	
29	30	31 Tacos \$1.25 each	Notes: VFW State Mid-Winter conference January 13-14, 2012 The conference will be held at the Radisson Indianapolis Airport.				

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19	20 PRESIDENTS DAY Post Meeting 7:00pm, Monday BD KAY MINTOR BD TONY GALEMA	21 Tacos \$1.25 each 11am, Tuesday	22	23	24	25	
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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