



VFW Post 10281 Family News

July 2024



Post Operating Hours:

10:00am - 11:00pm (Monday – Thursday)

10:00am - 1:00am (Friday)

8:00am - 1:00am (Saturday*)

(*8-11am Open to public for breakfast)

Sunday Closed (except for Special Events)

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Post Officers

Commander - David “Dusty” Rhoads

Senior Vice - Andrell “Jack” Jackson

Junior Vice - Scott Scholl

Quartermaster – Belinda Gaither-Schmitt

Chaplain – Steve Egan

1 yr. Trustee – Greg Bibb

2 yr. Trustee – Tommie Eiland

3 yr. Trustee – Jimmy Silva

Adjutant - Eddie Knowles

Acting Veterans Service Officer – Steve Grant

Judge Advocate - David Lower

Surgeon - Ralph “Butch” Hartzell

Post Membership as of 25 Jun 2024

Over 1,450 Veterans strong

107% of 102% Goal

550+ Auxiliary Members at 100%

VFW Commander's Corner

From VFW Commander David "Dusty" Rhoads

Greetings Team 10281 Family,

July 2024

As we celebrate Independence Day and the birth of our "Great Nation" on the 4th of July, take time to pause for a moment and remember what our forefathers and mothers did – they made enormous sacrifices to go against the British Empire and start a fledgling nation; they defied all odds establishing our current freedoms under our Constitution to become the greatest and the freest Nation on the planet! In honor of all of those great Americans who came before us, we will be having a celebration ceremony at 11:00am in the hall. Following the ceremony, the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) will be hosting a picnic in the hall.

What a great year for Team 10281! We just had the State Convention the last part of June, which signifies the transition from 2023/24 Team to the new 2024/25 Team. At the Department (State) level, I would like to thank VFW Department Commander, Mr. John Wingfield, and the Department Auxiliary President, Ms. Annie O'Connor, and their teams for all their wonderful accomplishments this year. Welcome to this year's Department Commander, Mr. Bruce Ashley; his Senior Vice Commander, Ms. Nichole Horseman; Junior Vice Commander, Mr. Johnathan Allan; returning Quartermaster, Ms. Martha Lain; and the rest of the Department Team.

Our Team 10281 was recognized several times this year for all its accomplishments due to all your hard work! Our Post won the number one Post in the State with 107% Membership, and your Commander and Quartermaster received new "All State" Lids (Hats) for being number one. Ms. Belinda Gaither-Schmidt won Recruiter of the year beating our State VFW Legislative representative Mr. Nathan Sesco. Thanks to Ms. Debbie Ferrell, your Post won the State Commander's Community Book of the Year!

I would like to start off by congratulating all the VFW Post and District leadership and all the Great Volunteers who made this year such a great success, culminating in the State of Kentucky recognizing our VFW Post 10281 as the best VFW Post in the State! It was accomplished by sheer grit, determination, teamwork, and cohesion through the turbulent times, ensuring success.

I would like to personally thank:
Ms. Cindy West, our Great Auxiliary President, and her teammates;



VFW Commander's Corner

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The former Post and District Commanders for their mentorship;
Our "Never Give Up Staff;"
Joe Parker and our House Committee;
Our detailed Trustees;
Belinda Gaither-Schmidt, the best quartermaster in the state of Kentucky, for all her hard work, as well as ensuring our books were balanced when State checked them, and being the "Recruiter of the Year";
Our "Just ask Eddie" Adjutant, Eddie Knowles, for absolutely everything, every single day;
Senior Vice Commander, Jack Jackson, for all his patience, guidance, outstanding assistance, and the best Community Breakfasts;
Junior Vice Commander, Scott Scholl, for ensuring all the contracts for the facility were completed to your standards with our new roof, new chairs in the hall, lights for Old Glory, our helicopter, and tank, as well as all the other upgrades we enjoy daily;
Chaplain, Steve Egan, for his spiritual guidance through so many meetings, individual assistance, and many funerals this year;
Our Chief of Staff, Drew Flynn, who provided our team with great insight and information for me as a new rookie Commander, also our national recognition with our comedian, Drew Fernandez and crew, fundraising, planning, and preparing the Kids Fishing Derby for success;
Our Turkey Shoot Chairman, Shane O'Connor, for leading a very safe and successful Turkey Shoot season;
Our editors, auditors and managers of the VFW calendars and newsletters – Ms. Clarissa Aliff, Mr. Dave Frost and Ms. Debbie Ferrell. Debbie also put together the Community Service Book; she spent so much of her own time and personal funding putting together the best First-Place Community Service Book Ever!
Our Facebook Queen, Ms. Nancy Basham, documenting absolutely everything with photographs for historical documentation;
And how about Ms. Kim Flynn and her Canteen staff taking care of us and caring for us every day through thick and thin; good and bad; jumping through hoops and always making it happen!
But most importantly, our Stellar Volunteers like Butch Hartzell, Rosetta Montgomery, Dierk Lempert, Peggy Daniels, and so many others serving our members in the manner they deserve as America's Finest! Thank You!



Stay Safe, be nice to each other, and check in on our elderly.

VFW Motto – No One Does More for Our Veterans! ³ Post Motto – Serving the Best with Our Best!

VFW Auxiliary President's Pen

From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West

Happy Summer, Team!

July 2024

Wow, it's time to start a new Auxiliary year again!
This is really exciting, and I know we all can't wait to get started!

It was a wonderful Department Convention and I was thrilled to see so many Auxiliary members support it. You really make life-long friends at these department events! Remember, the first weekend in October is Fall Conference in Erlanger. Mark your calendar and plan on going. It's so much fun!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Appreciation Cookout. It was a great way to show our gratitude and of course to hang out with our 10281 Family!

National Convention is at the end of this month and I hope to see as many of you there as possible. It's my first one as well and I can't wait to experience it. We're going to need as much help as possible to help make Kentucky shine! Please let me know if you're interested.

In July, we celebrate our independence and our freedom. As you enjoy your time with family and watch the fireworks, please say a word of thanks to those visionaries who saw this as a future beacon of hope to the world and to those service members who continue to fight for the oppressed all over the globe. We owe every moment to their sacrifices.



As always, thank you to our Veterans. It's our pleasure to support this fantastic team!



Cootie Bites

From Military Order of the Cooties Seam Squirrel Chris Squires



Dear Comrades and Cooties,

July 2024

I hope everyone had a lousy June! July is looking to be very crummy!

Pup Tent 7 will be hosting a cook out in the VFW Post 10281 hall on the 4th of July. It will be noon immediately following the Post's ceremony. We will be serving hot dogs, bratwursts, hamburgers, pulled pork, sides, and desserts. All free! Please come out and celebrate our country's independence with us.

Don't forget to keep your calendars open for the big "splash" we will be hosting on Labor Day.

Lastly, I'm asking for maximum participation for our August 11th Scratch from our Cooties. We will be conducting a special election during the Scratch to decide whether to move the day and time of our monthly Scratch. Emails and notification letters have been sent.





Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

From MOCA #7 President Madison Albert

Happy July, Cooties and Everyone!

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Hello fellow cooties Happy 4th of July, I would like to announce we are having our 4th of July event in the hall at the VFW with the option of going outside. At the end of July going into August we have our supreme convention.

We also have Labor Day coming up so keep a look out for it.



Keep 'Em Smiling in Beds of White!

Manager's Mention

From Manager Kim Flynn & Assistant Managers– Malcolm Gass & Carmine Marra

Hello 10281 Family!

- Money Madness E-tab tournaments begin on July 1st and continue every Monday at 7pm.
- Every Tuesday, starting at 7pm, we offer Cornhole.
- July's Balloon Party will be Friday the 12th, starting at 7pm.
- Our Community Breakfast will be on Sunday July 14th starting at 11am.

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Thank you
Misty Corbitt,
for all you do!

As always, thank you all for your continued support!





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Views from the V





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VFW Commander – David "Dusty" Rhoads

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MOC Seam Squirrel – Chris Squires

VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

MOC Auxiliary President – Madison Albert

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 POST CLOSED	1 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	2 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	3 - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	4 Independence Day  - Flag Ceremony 11am - Cootie: Picnic 12pm - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	5	6 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am Cooties RVC 11:30am - POW/MIA 11am-4pm
7 POST CLOSED	8 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	9 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	10 - General Membership Meeting: 7pm Meal: TBD	11	12 - P/P: 1-3pm - Balloon Party: 7pm - Commanders Dinner	13 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - CDR & QM SOI 8am-3pm @10281 - CVMA Mtg: 10am
14 Community Breakfast: 11am MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows)	15 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	16 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	17 - Aux Audit: 6:30 pm	18	19	20 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - HCPMA Mtg: 9am
21 POST CLOSED	22 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	23 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	24	25	26 - National Convention Louisville, KY	27 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - National Convention
28 POST CLOSED - National Convention	29 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm - National Convention	30 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm - National Convention	31 Supreme Scratch Louisville, KY 31 July - 4 August - National Convention	1 Supreme Scratch - National Convention	2 Supreme Scratch	3 Supreme Scratch - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am Cooties RVC 11:30am - Turkey Shoot Post Competition

Legend: Aux: VFW Auxiliary

RVC: Radcliff Veterans Center

P/P: Private Party in Ballroom

D4: VFW District 4

TS: Turkey Shoot

MOC/MOCA: Military Order of Cooties / Military Order of Cooties Auxiliary

CVMA: Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

HCPMA: Hardcore Patriots Motorcycle Association

**Current as of:
30-Jun-24**