



# VFW Post 10281 Family News

## NOVEMBER 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

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Chaplain – Steve Egan

1 yr. Trustee – Greg Bibb

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3 yr. Trustee – Jimmy Silva

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Acting Veterans Service Officer – Steve Grant

Judge Advocate - David Lower

Surgeon - Ralph “Butch” Hartzell



## *Current and Future Events*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Turkey Shoot Competition	Saturdays/Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,9,16,23,30	1pm	Turkey Shoot
Vine Grove Veterans Day Parade	Saturday/Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am–5pm	Vine Grove
<b>Thanksgiving Basket Apps Open</b>	Monday/Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	VFW
Boy Scouts Troop 152	Tuesdays/Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> ,12, 19, 26	6:30pm	Turkey Shoot
Post Executive Meeting	Wednesday/Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	VFW
Cemetery Flag Placement	Thursday/Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	North Hardin H.S.
Cemetery Flag Placement	Friday/Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	Vine Grove
Kids Fishing Derby Steak Dinner	Friday/Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	VFW
Combat Vets Motorcycle Association	Saturday/Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	VFW
Community Breakfast	Sunday/Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	11am	VFW
Military Order of the Cooties/AUX	Sunday/Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	Canteen
Veterans Day Ceremony/Steak Dinner	Monday/Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	11am	VFW
Cemetery (3) Flag retrieval	Tuesday/Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	NHHS, Vine Grove
Membership Meetings	Wednesday/Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	VFW
<b>Thanksgiving Basket Apps Close</b>	Friday/Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	11pm	VFW
Balloon Night	Friday/Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Canteen
Kids Fishing Derby Football Potluck	Sunday/Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	12pm	Canteen
Nerd Night (aka Dungeons & Dragons)	Thursday/Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	Hall
<b>Thanksgiving Basket Pick Up</b>	Monday/Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	VFW
Kids Christmas Kids Party Apps Open	Monday/Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	VFW
<b>Thanksgiving Dinner Meal</b>	<b>Thursday/Nov 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12–5pm</b>	<b>VFW</b>

Greetings, Team 10281 Family!

***November 2024***

It is the time of the year to give thanks for so many blessings and remember we are also celebrating our first meal as an up-and-coming nation with such a bright future ahead. It's a time to give thanks – to the Veterans who faced and overcame all the challenges our nation has endured over the years; to all our Veterans who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms! And to all our great military personnel standing watch all around the world continuing to keep us safe while being so far away from their families. May God continue to keep them safe and bring them home to their families!

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman called upon the United States to observe November 11<sup>th</sup> as Armistice Day by recalling the valor and sacrifices of those Americans who brought victory in 1918 and dedicated themselves to the building of an enduring peace among the countries of the World. In 1947, Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized the first celebration using the term "Veterans Day" in Birmingham, Alabama. The name was officially changed to Veterans Day in 1954 after a bill was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; ceremonies were to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month as Veterans Day.

This month is also a month to give thanks for sharing precious time we spent with all our brothers and sisters around the world and here at home who paid the ultimate price for this great nation. And we would be remiss if we don't take a moment and remember all those great Americans and their spouses who recently passed away and those that have passed away throughout the years! We will continue to honor them throughout the year at Veterans Day, Memorial Day, in parades, at funerals, and other days as we meet with our fellow Veterans and have a beverage and tell stories and continue to say their names!

As a Comrade and your VFW Post Commander, please remember to say something nice to a fellow Veterans before it is too late; **you never know!**



With that said, let's continue to celebrate our VFW, our VFW Auxiliary, the Military Order of the Cooties (MOC) and its Auxiliary (MOCA). We have another full month of events and opportunities for our members to volunteer. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** for these events on the calendar; if you have time, we sure could use your assistance. Please call the Post and ask to be placed on the volunteer list. We need help setting up events, cooking, serving, and cleaning up after events.

In addition to the weekly events, we also have Community Breakfast on one Sunday each month, setting up Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and meals, putting together Homeless Veterans' baskets, visiting the Veterans in the retirement home, filling the bird feeders in the Radcliff Veterans Center up the street, and so much more. Currently we have 1,359 paid up VFW members and 416 paid up VFW Auxiliary members. **We need your support** with our monthly events and volunteers to run them. So, if you can help or would like to become an Event Coordinator, please step up; any assistance will be greatly appreciated!

The Vine Grove Veterans Parade is November the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be participating in the parade and doing a Membership and Poppy Drive at Optimist Park. Our veteran's cemetery flag placement at the local cemeteries will start on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November; please join us and bring your children.

The Kids Fishing Derby (KFD) will be offering a steak dinner with all the fixings for \$20.00 on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> to help raise money for next year's KFD.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony in the hall followed by a steak dinner for a Veteran and their spouse/or one guest. We will have additional menu items for children and the rest of your guests.

Please remember our elderly; check in on them and assist them with their needs. Stay safe, relax, laugh once in a while, and be kind to each other!

**Supporting our veterans, rest homes, and the homeless.**

**VFW Motto – No One Does More for Our Veterans!**

**Post Motto – Serving the Best with Our Best!**



# *VFW Auxiliary President's Pen*

*From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West*



Happy November, Team!

**November 2024**

As we enter November, we do so with a heart full of gratitude for our Veterans. Without you, none of anything we have in this country would be possible and we never want to lose sight of that.

I want to thank everyone for their flexibility as adjustments were made to events due to circumstances beyond the Auxiliary's control. We still got our missions accomplished and, in the end, that's all that matters in making sure we take care of our Veterans and Community.

Don't forget that we are collecting for our annual Christmas Cheer endeavor through the 6<sup>th</sup>. A labeled bin is in the canteen to collect items such as: instant coffee, tea, ramen, gum, snack items, and hygiene goods. We are so grateful to the Fort Knox Red Cross for working with us and ensuring that these items get packed and shipped. It's a fantastic partnership the Auxiliary has established and it really helps us with the nuts and bolts of our Veterans and Family Support program.

Make sure to come out and support our Veteran's Day programs if you have the opportunity!

Additionally, we will be gathering on the 20<sup>th</sup> to fill out our reports together at 6:30pm. Let's work together to ensure that our team gets the recognition it deserves for the work they do.

In closing, I am always thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful organization. As we gather around our tables with families and friends, please whisper a prayer for those who aren't able to because they are protecting our freedoms around the globe.



**VFW AUXILIARY**  
UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

**As always, it is an honor to work with you all!  
We are all an important piece of our Volunteer puzzle!**



# *Cootie Bites*

*From Military Order of the Cooties Seam Squirrel Chris Squires*



Listen Cooties,

**November 2024**

I would like to thank everyone who came out to Oktoberfest. It was absolutely lousy spending time together and seeing so many crummy individuals! I need to give a huge shoutout to Juergen Schmitt, Belinda Gaithersburg-Schmitt, Joe Parker, and Gabby Parker for running the kitchen.

This month we have Tomb Trek to Arlington National Cemetery and our regularly scheduled Scratch. Please don't forget that we fill bird feeders and hangout with the Veterans at the RVC on November 2nd. You do not need to be a Cootie to participate! It is a great volunteer and community service opportunity.



**Yours in L.O.T.C.S.**



# *Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary*

**From MOCA #7 President Ashtin Birkicht**

Hello Cooties!

**November 2024**

Well, it is now well and truly into the Holiday Season, with Spooky October behind us and Thankful November ahead. I would like to take the time to start November with how thankful I am to have all of you as Cooties, and how thankful I am to have the support of non-Cooties at this post.

Thank you all for coming out to support our Oktoberfest Celebration. It was a bit of a challenge, but we overcame and persevered in the best way possible. Thank you to all those who volunteered (y'all are awesome) and thank you to everyone who showed up! Awesome food and awesome company! We even had five veterans from the Radcliff Veterans Center come out to support our event and enjoy everyone's company.

This November we have a special meeting instead of our regular meeting. We will have a special election (or 2), and discuss Christmas. Letters with the information have been disseminated.

I'm looking forward to the Holiday Season, and hope you all take some time and reflect on what you're thankful for this year.



Don't forget... **Always Keep them smiling in beds of white.**



# *Turkey Talk!*

**Randy Morris Turkey Shoot Chairman**



Turkey Shoot Season Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Mar 29<sup>th</sup>

**November 2024**

Join us for the 2024-2025 Turkey Shoot Season. Practice opens at 11:30 and ends at 12:30pm. Lunch is provided. Initial buy-in is 10 rounds at \$25, jackpot entry is \$5, side bet is \$12 and the monthly leaderboard is \$3 for an "all-in" total of \$45. Shoot begins at 1pm. Prizes are awarded for each round and lunch is provided.

**Spread the word and we hope to see you there!**

## *Manager's Mention*

*From Manager Kim Flynn & Assistant Manager– Malcolm Gass*

Hello 10281 Family!

**November 2024**

- Money Madness E-tab tournaments begin on November 4<sup>th</sup> and continue every Monday at 7pm.
- Every Tuesday, starting at 7pm, we offer Cornhole.
- Our Community Breakfast will be on **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** starting at 11am.
- November's Balloon Party will be on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm.
- Join us on the 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Dinner from 12 to 5pm.

**As always, thank you all for your continued support!**





# Views from the V



VFW Commander – David "Dusty" Rhoads





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MOC Seam Squirrel – Chris Squires

VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

2024

MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27  <b>POST CLOSED</b>	28  - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	29  - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	30  - P/P: 5pm - 9pm	31 <b>Halloween</b>   - Nerd Game Nite w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	1	2  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am <b>Cooties RVC</b> 11:30am - Turkey Shoot: 1pm  - P/P: 6pm - Close
3  <b>POST CLOSED</b>	4  - Thanksgiving: Basket Apps <b>Open</b>  E-tab Tourney: 7pm	5 <b>Election Day</b>  - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	6  - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	7  - Flag Placement Radcliff (VFW) @ 4pm	8 <b>89th TOMB TREK</b> - Flag Placement Vine Grove (Aux) @ 4:30pm - <b>KFD Steak Dinner</b> Cocktails 5pm Dinner 6pm	9 <b>89th TOMB TREK</b> - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - <b>CVMA Mtg:</b> 10am - Turkey Shoot: 1pm  - P/P: TBD
10 <b>89th TOMB TREK</b> <b>Community Breakfast:</b> 11am  <b>MOC/MOCA:</b> Scratch @ 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows)	11: <b>Veterans Day</b> Ceremony @ 1100  - Steak Dinner: 6pm - E-tab Tourney: 7pm <b>Happy Hour All Day</b>	12  - Flag Retrieval 4pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	13  - General Membership Meeting: 7pm	14	15  - Thanksgiving: Basket Apps <b>Close</b>  - Balloon Party: 7pm	16  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - <b>HCPMA Mtg:</b> 9am - Turkey Shoot: 1pm  - P/P: 5-7pm
17  - <b>KFD Football &amp; Potluck</b> Doors Open @ 12pm Game Time @ 1pm	18  - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	19  - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	20	21  - Nerd Game Nite w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	22	23  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am  - Turkey Shoot: 1pm
24  <b>POST CLOSED</b>	25 <b>Thanksgiving</b> Basket Pick-up <b>Christmas Kids Party</b> Applications <b>Open</b>  - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	26  - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	27	28 <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Dinner &amp; Bar Service</b> Noon - 5pm (Meal Free)	29	30  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am  - Turkey Shoot: 1pm

**Legend:** Aux: VFW Auxiliary

**RVC:** Radcliff Veterans Center

**P/P:** Private Party in Ballroom

**KFD:** Kids' Fishing Derby

**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:**  
**29-Oct-24**