



# VFW Post 10281 Family News

## FEBRUARY 2025



### 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

Veterans Service Officer – Carol Carpenter

Judge Advocate - Rob Woosley

Surgeon - Ralph “Butch” Hartzell



Greetings, Team 10281 Family!

**February 2025**

February is upon us in a flash as we see January in the rearview mirror and hopefully it takes all the freezing weather and ice with it. This is the first time we had to close in a long time due to the ice-cold temperatures coupled with the record snow that would not go away. A special thanks goes out to The Tood Brothers, Cliff, Mike and their team who removed the snow and ice rapidly ensuring maximum safety for our staff and members.



I would like to thank our staff, all the volunteers and especially our Military Order of the Cooties (MOC) and the Military order of the Cooties – Auxiliary (MOC-A), Jaime & Tiffany Palomo with the Kids Fishing Derby (KFD) and our wonderful Auxiliary for hosting the NFL Football Playoff Weekends. We shared a lot of homemade food, new recipes, comradery, and a whole lot of smack talking. The victors of the teams head off to the Super Bowl on Sunday the 9th between the four-time NFL Champions, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl 52 Champions. Please come and join us and get a chance of winning a 55-inch color TV as the KFD hosts the last NFL game of the season.

Currently our Post has 1,432 members and we are sitting at 98.55% for the year, we need an additional 21 new or returning members to reach 100%, however we only need 30 more new or returning members to reach the VFW standard of 102%. My goal is to reach 102% by March 7th at our State conference in Florence, Ky from March 14th- the 16th. With your help we can reach our goal and make All-State and All-American this year.

I would like to thank, and hopefully you will join me in a very heartfelt "Thank You" to Mr. David Lower, our Staff Judge Advocate(SJA) and to Mr. Stephen Egan our Chaplain for their dedication to our Post the 4th District and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and our VFW. Over the years they have served in several positions of leadership including District 4 Commanders. It is my highest honor to say I served with them and learned so very much from them with their keen insight and "Words of Wisdom" as a rookie Commander. Your legend lives on, we will endeavor to maintain the level of Standards that you established. You will always be in our hearts, thoughts, prayers and yes, the stories, oh the stories!

I would like to welcome our former Post Commander, Mr. Rob Woosley as our incoming SJA and to Ms. Ursulor Lowery on incoming Chaplain. Thank you so much for volunteering to assist our Post in these critical leadership positions.

In accordance with our VFW National bylaws section 217, Nominations for Post officers shall open in March and will remain open until the elections are held in April on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Any VFW member in good standing is eligible to run for office/position. Our Post will be conducting written balloting at our regular Post meeting. If you are interested in running, I would encourage you to go online and review the duty position that you would like to run for. The duty positions carry a lot of responsibility and dedication to our Post and its members!

Our monthly executive meeting is on the 5th and our membership meeting is on the 12th. See the calendar on the back page.

February 14th is Valentines Day, don't forget to take care of your Valentine. Also, the Military Order of the Cooties will have their Cootie Grand in Franklin, Kentucky from the 14-16th, please make your reservations early, I hear it is a very lousy time. "Keeping them in sheets of white."

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Randy Morris, Ed Romo, Ken "TK" Meyer, Stephanie Woosley, their team, and the rest of the volunteers for doing such an excellent job with the Turkey Shoot this year. They are exceeding their goal of increasing participation by 10% annually. In addition, I would like to thank our wonderful House Committee members for an outstanding job making all the membership meeting and potluck meals, Money Monday's, Balloon night as well as all the behind-the-scenes responsibilities you do for our Post and its members.

Please remember our elderly, check in on them and assist them with their needs. Stay safe, relax, laugh occasionally, 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*



Love is in the air and that mirrors the love we have for our Veterans!

***February 2025***

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our annual NFC/AFC Championship party! The food was fantastic as was the company. We truly are grateful.

After the craziness of the holidays, we are entering a quieter period but the work we do must never stop. Taking care of our Veterans is why we are here.

Next month we'll be sharing information about the Department Conference and the upcoming Easter event. We look forward to chatting with you then!

**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*



Hello Cooties,

***February 2025***

We appreciate everyone showing up and supporting our mission. Join us for our monthly scratch or Tag a long when we visit the RVC.

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





# *Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary*

**From MOCA #7 President Ashtin Birkicht**

Happy February and Valentine's Day Everyone!

**February 2025**

Well, the first month of the year is already done, and we're moving on to the second. I would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Cooties' football party. It was fun and entertaining to spend that time with all of you supporting our favorite teams! I would also like to thank everyone who came out and supported our first annual Red and White Gala!

The Cooties have quite a lot of programs that don't get a lot of attention if you aren't a Cootie. Many know about our hospital work, which is our primary focus, but few realize that we also donate to the National Home, a medical scholarship, and contribute towards raising awareness on suicide prevention for our veterans. Cooties have tremendously big hearts, and strive to make sure that we aren't just great Cooties, but great VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. We can't be one, without being the other.

I look forward to seeing you all at our February meeting, as well as at our February Grand Council of Administration.

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>

**February 2025**

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 Managers– Malcolm Gass & Jacob Herman*



Hello 10281 Family!

**February 2025**

- Money Madness E-tab tournaments begin on February 3rd and continue every Monday at 7pm.
- We will hold Corn hole on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm.
- We will open at 5pm for the Super Bowl February 9<sup>th</sup> to support the KFD.
- February's Balloon Party will be on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm.
- Our Community Breakfast will be on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** starting at 11am.



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





# Views from the V







# Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10281

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VFW Commander – David "Dusty" Rhoads

February

MOC Seam Squirrel – Chris Squires

VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

2025

MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <b>Aux: Conference Championship</b> Open 1hr before Game	27 - <b>E-tab Tourney:</b> 7pm	28 - <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	29	30 - <b>Nerd Game Nite</b> w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	31	1 - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am <b>Cooties</b> RVC 10am - <b>Turkey Shoot:</b> 1pm
2 <b>POST CLOSED</b>	3 - <b>E-tab Tourney:</b> 7pm	4 - <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	5 - <b>JECVO Mtg 10AM</b> Frankfort - <b>Executive Mtg:</b> 6pm - <b>House Comm Mtg:</b> 6:30pm	6 - <b>Nerd Game Nite</b> w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	7	8 - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am - <b>CVMA Mtg:</b> 10am - <b>Turkey Shoot:</b> 1pm  - P/P: 5pm-TBD
9 - <b>MOC/MOCA:</b> Scratch 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows) - <b>KFD Super Bowl LIX</b> Open @ 5pm	10 - <b>E-tab Tourney:</b> 7pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	11 - <b>P/P:</b> 5-9pm - <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6pm	12 - <b>General Membership Meeting:</b> 7pm	13 - <b>Nerd Game Nite</b> w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	14: <b>Cootie Grand Franklin, KY 14-16th Valentine's Day</b> - <b>Balloon Party:</b> 7pm	15: <b>Cootie Grand</b> - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am - <b>HCPMA Mtg:</b> 9am - <b>Turkey Shoot:</b> 1pm
16: <b>Cootie Grand Community Breakfast:</b> 11am	17: <b>Presidents' Day</b> - <b>E-tab Tourney:</b> 7pm	18 - <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	19	20 - <b>Nerd Game Nite</b> w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	21	22 - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am  - <b>Turkey Shoot:</b> 1pm  - P/P: TBD
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**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:**  
**31-Jan-25**