



VFW Post 10281 Family News

June 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)

Post Contact Information:

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Web Site: <https://vfwpost10281.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vfwpost10281>



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



VFW Commander's Corner

From VFW Commander David "Dusty" Rhoads

Greetings, Team 10281 Family!

June 2025

Team 10281, this will be my last monthly Newsletter. We have accomplished so very much this year! We made a bunch of facility upgrades to our Post; supported so many events within our community, high schools, and JROTC programs. We added the Fort Knox Army Recruiting and Retention College as a unit that our VFW supports, helped homeless Veterans with meals and put them up in hotels out of the weather. We put on a new roof, upgraded HVAC units, and painted the kitchen.

We supported the Joint Executive Counsel of Veterans Organizations (JECVO), provided critical relief supplies to flood victims in Kentucky; cleaned up headstones at our Veterans cemetery, we honored our POW/MIAs, and held Post ceremonies. Some of our Legends passed away and we conducted funeral ceremonies as requested by their families. We had the Saint Patrick Day River Dancers entertain us. Now we have added the "Two Man Band" and scheduled comedians to come for our entertainment. We had the best year at the Turkey Shoot surpassing several records from the past. We got snowed out and flooded out. We coordinated with our fellow Veterans' Organizations: such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), the new Elks Club, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA), and our other motorcycle groups. We received great support from our Scout Troop 152, the Fort Knox Bluegrass Challenge Academy, and JROTC from our schools. And so many more activities supporting our communities, Army Base, our members and our Veterans!

We had our "VFW Day of Service" and wonderful First Responder "Loyalty Day" with seven city and county Police, Sheriff, and Firefighter groups - with over 55 in attendance for their annual Honor Ceremony. They had a great meal and enjoyed the fellowship with other first responders and our veterans!

We achieved all this while we grew our membership to more than 1,518 members surpassing the VFW National Commander's goal of 102% to currently over 104%, making "All State" for the second year, and currently in fifth place at "All American."

I cannot thank you enough for the long volunteer hours you have dedicated to our Post, its members, and our community. Our volunteers are the very best! A big thank you to our past Commanders and past Auxiliary Presidents for their mentorship and patience throughout the year.

It has been my honor serving as your Post Commander over the last two years; you have a **Great** Command Team coming in as Commander Andrell "Jack" Jackson and his team transition at the State Convention in Lexington, KY from June 12-14th.

Commander Dusty, signing off - "Mission Complete."

VFW Auxiliary President's Pen

From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West

Happy Summer!

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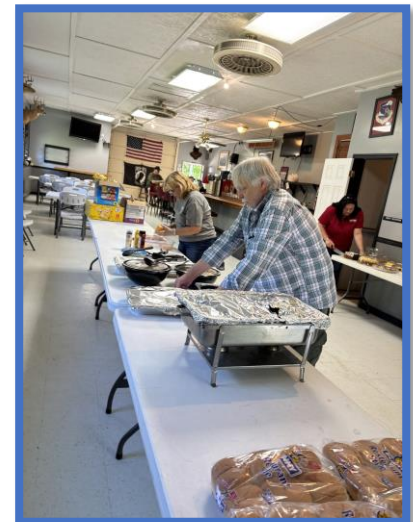
Just a reminder, June is your LAST chance to renew your dues. If they're not paid by 30 June, unfortunately you will no longer be a member, and we don't want that to happen. Please get with me, Annie, Diane, or Tiffanie so you don't fall off the books. We hope to have a bit more robust collection support in the coming year.

Convention in Lexington is right around the corner. We really hope to see you there 12 - 15 June. It's an amazing time and it's wonderful to make new friends across the Department.

Keep an eye out for pop-up events throughout the summer. Also let's wish incoming Commander Jack the best as he embarks on this new adventure. He's going to be a phenomenal leader!



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





Military Order of the Cooties *Cootie Bites & Auxiliary* *From Military Order of the Cooties Seam Squirrel Chris Squires* *& MOCA #7 President Ashtin Birkicht*



Listen Cooties!

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Happy June Comrades, Cooties, and all!

Summer is just heating up, and your local Cooties are ready for some fun in the sun! With a motto like "Keep 'Em Smiling in Beds of White" and our backwards way of doing things, it's no surprise that we Cooties love any excuse to have some good times!

We love spreading our cheer and mission with our hospital work. June 7th we will be going to the Radcliff Veteran Center at 10am for an ice cream social! If you're a Cootie or a VFW member who can't hang in the sun, come on out for some ice cream and socialization with the veterans who can't join us. It'll be a very *cool* time!

The Cootie hospital mission is the key component to being a Cootie. We love spending time with the veterans in hospitals and veteran centers. A lot of the money we raise with our fundraisers go towards our hospital work. Buying the ice cream for the RVC, getting goodies to the veterans at the VA hospital, bringing Christmas presents to veterans in Signature, etc. We work hard, so we can play even harder!

Speaking of playing hard, Fourth of July is right around the corner! Beat the heat by joining us inside the ballroom of the Post, enjoying some delicious food and great company! Come out and try your hand at some chalk art, decorating our post sidewalk, and maybe win a prize for Most Patriotic or Most Silly! A fun-filled day to celebrate our great nation's birthday!

Congratulations to Terry Phillips for getting elected as our Grand Hide Gimlet! We're proud to support you! **Yours in L.O.T.C.S.**

Keep them smiling in beds of white



Kid's Fishing Derby!

June 7th @ Camp Carlson
From Jaime & Tiffany Palomo Co-Chairmen



Dear Members and friends of VFW Post 10281,

Hello!! Registration is underway and we currently have about 150 kiddos registered. Please be sure to pass any information to family and friends who would be interested in this event. Please remember, there will be no on-site registration. You must pre-register by **June 5th** to participate in this event. You can scan the below QR code and it will take you to the MWR page where you will find the two documents you need to fill out to register. If you have any questions or concerns, please send emails to kidsfishingderby10281@gmail.com .

We currently have about 30 volunteers for this event! THANK YOU ALL!
 If you would like to help out, please reach out to me, Jaime, at 252-259-0243, with your name and shirt size. On June 5th at 1800 (6pm) we will meet at the V and load the trailer for Saturday, minus perishable items. We will pass out volunteer shirts at this time as well.

Thank you once again for your support!
 Thank you all for what you do to support our youth.

The registration documents can be found on the VFW website: <https://vfwpost10281.org/announcements> (scroll to the bottom), the VFW Facebook page, or the Fort Knox MWR web page: <https://knox.armymwr.com/view-event/fort-knox-kids-fishing-derby/6842347/97870>

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VFW POST 10281
Fort Knox
KIDS FISHING DERBY
JUNE 7, 2025

FREE

Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in 8:30-9:30 a.m. • Mandatory safety brief 9:45 a.m. • 10 am Fishing Starts 	Address <p>Camp Carlson 9210 US Route 60 Muldraugh, KY 40155</p>
Contact Us <p>(502) 624-1838 kidsfishingderby10281@gmail.com</p>	Registration <p>Scan QR to Register and for more info</p>

VFW **MWR**

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

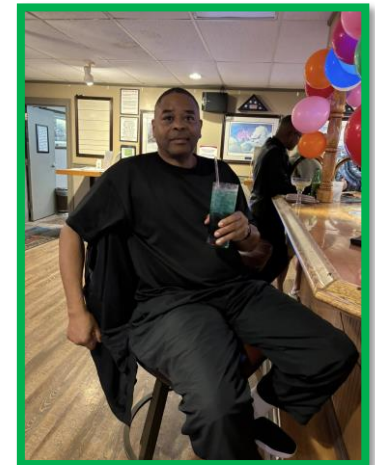
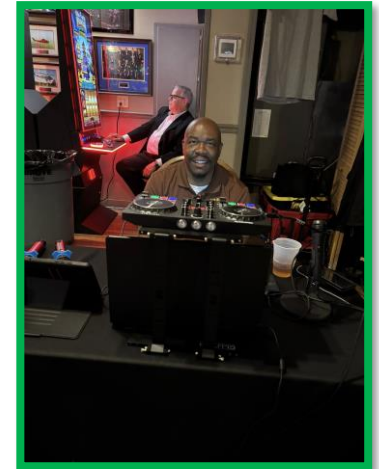
Manager's Mention

From Manager Kim Flynn & Assistant Managers— Malcolm Gass & Jacob Herman

Hello 10281 Family!

- Money Madness E-tab tournaments begin on June 2nd and continue every Monday at 7pm.
- We will hold Corn hole every Tuesday at 7pm starting on the 3rd.
- Our Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, June 8th** starting at 11am. Members who are Fathers will receive a steak for breakfast that day in honor of Father's Day that is the following Sunday June 15th.
- June's Balloon Party will be on Friday the 20th, starting at 7pm. It's a great way to end your work week, meet new people, and win prizes.

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As always, thank you all for your continued support!



Memorial Day 2025 at the V!





Views from the V





Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10281

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VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

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MOC Seam Squirrel – Chris Squires

MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 POST CLOSED	2 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	3 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	4 - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	5 - Nerd Game Nite w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	6 - Kids Fishing Derby Volunteer Meeting & Load Out @ 3pm	7 - KFD 6am @ Carlson - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am
8 Community Breakfast: 11am MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows)	9 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	10 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	11 - General Membership Meeting: 7pm	12: State Convention Lexington, KY 12th - 15th - Nerd Game Nite w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	13: State Convention - 10am VFW Business Meeting	14: State Convention - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - CVMA Mtg: 10am ARMY 250th Birthday
15: State Convention POST CLOSED Father's Day	16 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	17 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	18	19 - Nerd Game Nite w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	20 - Balloon Party: 7pm	21 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - HCPMA Mtg: 9am & Cookout on Hill - TBD P/P: 7pm - Close
22 NASCAR @ TBD Doors Open 1hr before Race POST CLOSED	23 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	24 - Corn Hole 7pm	25	26 - Nerd Game Nite w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	27	28 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am
29 POST CLOSED	30 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	1 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	2 - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	3 - Nerd Game Nite w/Pot Luck: 6-9pm	4 Independence Day  Flag Ceremony 11am - Cootie: Picnic 12pm	5 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am

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:
30-May-25**