



# *VFW Post 10281 Family News*

## *July 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 - Andrell “Jack” Jackson

Senior Vice – Joe Parker

Junior Vice – David Thomas

Quartermaster – Belinda Gaither-Schmitt

Chaplain – Ushelor Lowery

1 yr. Trustee – Kenneth Meyer

2 yr. Trustee – Jimmy Salva

3 yr. Trustee – Tommie Eiland

Adjutant - Eddie Knowles

Veterans Service Officer – not assigned

Judge Advocate - Rob Woosley

Surgeon – Daniel Molley



# *VFW Commander's Corner*

**From VFW Commander Andrell "Jack" Jackson**

Greetings, Team 10281 Family!

**July 2025**

I want to start my first newsletter by expressing how honored and humbled I am to be your commander. We are lucky at Post 10281 to have a number of members who could be in this position. I want to thank those who have given me their support or offered it freely when asked. I will do my best to serve this Post, knowing that if I have problems or need assistance or answers, I have people on whom I can depend. Thank you in advance.

I want to take a moment to reflect on our success of last month. Specifically, I want to talk about the success of the Kids Fishing Derby (KFD). The support of Fort Knox and the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation staff was great. You cannot find a better place to host this event. The volunteer support we had from our VFW was superb. This is why our Post is always leading the state (Department) in several categories. Our volunteers are second to none. Give yourselves a round of applause. Naturally, this could not have been possible without Jamie and Tiffany Palomo and their family. We thank you for all the fundraising, preparing food for the fundraising events, flyers, Facebook post, cadets, t-shirts, announcements, and more. The KFD is in great hands, and we are happy to have you as the chair couple for next year's KFD. We give our best and this event exemplifies it.

In Lexington, KY on the 14th of June, Nicole Horseman took over as our new Commander. Our very own Drew Flynn of the 4th District is the new Department Judge Advocate. We wish them and all the other officers success in their tenure. Past Commander Dusty Rhoades and Quartermaster Belinda Gaither-Schmitt received All State covers from none other than the VFW National Commander, Al Lipphardt.



Past Post Chaplain, Steve Egan, received the Chaplain of the Year award. Senior Vice, (Fighting) Parker, received the Fireman of the Year award. Our Post received the Lloyd Loveall award for the Post with the most life members in the state. Congratulations all around! The fall conference will be in Pikeville, KY, 24-27 October, at the Hampton Inn (888-708-7153). Make your reservations early because these rooms tend to sell out quickly.

# *VFW Commander's Corner*

From VFW Commander Andrell "Jack" Jackson

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We have always had a robust calendar and looking forward nothing has changed. July starts off with two full weeks of fun with events planned every day except Sundays. On Friday, the 4th of July, we will have a flag ceremony at 11am which will be followed by a picnic on the hill sponsored by the Cooties at noon. Free food and fun are available to everyone. Bring your wallet because I plan to start off the dunk tank!

The very next week, on the 12th of July, we have a POW/MIA ceremony. I believe at last count we still have 13 MIAs from the state of Kentucky. It is important to recognize those who gave their all to this great nation. We will also be recognizing several members of this Post for their efforts in making our Post as great as it is today. The ceremony will be at noon, indoors, with food and refreshments served afterwards. Please come out and give thanks to our POW/MIA's and our Post members. Please look out for each other! Call "Ten Two," Response "Eight One"



# *VFW Auxiliary President's Pen*

*From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West*



Happy Summer!

***July 2025***

Welcome to the new VFW and VFW Auxiliary year and I cannot be more excited!

We want to welcome our new treasurer, Tiffanie Bailey. We know it's a huge step to take but we're grateful you've done it.

We also want to thank Diane and congratulate her on a job well done. For 8 years she has been our amazing treasurer and for 8 years she has been the top treasurer in the state...with the awards to prove it. Words can never explain just how much we value everything she has done, even in the most austere circumstances.

A new year means that DUES ARE DUE! If you are an annual member, this would be a fantastic time to upgrade to life and never have to worry about dues again. You can do this yourself through MALTA at <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/>. All you need is your membership number to activate your account and either pay your annual dues or upgrade to life member. You will also be getting a letter in the mail with instructions if you want to mail in your payment. Remember that we do have an Early Bird discount and renewal between now and September 30<sup>th</sup> is reduced to \$25. You don't want to miss that opportunity.

Let's get to work and make this the best #Team10281 year ever!

**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!

**July 2025**

I hope you are having the crummiest summer so far! We at Pup Tent 7 are planning our annual 4th of July cookout for a patriotic and lousy time. Please come out and support the Post and the Pup Tent.

We will be asking for donations for our Pup Tent 7's and Pup Tent 7 Auxiliary's joint special project: a wheelchair accessible foosball table for the veterans living at the Radcliff Veterans Center.

One last thing. Please mark your calendars for September 1st for another Wet & Wild Labor Day! The bouncy castle, inflatable water slide, and dunk tank are making their return along with other new family friendly activities. We are also supporting local, veteran-owned businesses by having Jack's Wings and The Cooking Leprechaun food trucks. Your patronage of them greatly supports the Pup Tent. Stay tuned for more information about more activities and vendors coming for Labor Day!



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



**Keep them smiling in beds of white**





# *Kid's Fishing Derby!*

**June 7<sup>th</sup> @ Camp Carlson**  
***From Jaime & Tiffany Palomo Co-Chairmen***



Dear Members and friends of VFW Post 10281,

***July 2025***

Hello!! This years Kids Fishing Derby was a major success thanks to all the volunteers from Post 10281, Fort Knox MWR, Bluegrass Academy, and Valley High School NJROTC. We had over 265 children and their families at Camp Carlson on June 7th. We had around 1,000 people present! While the weather leading up to the Kids Fishing Derby was not ideal, we went through with the event and the weather held out. This up coming month we will hold an appreciation dinner for those who volunteered to make our event successful. Once a date and time has been finalized, we will send notification via text and make a post on the VFW Post 10281 Facebook page. We look forward to hearing your feedback and celebrating your selflessness.

We will start fundraising in the next couple months for next year's fishing derby! Be on the lookout for our football events starting in September as well as a steak dinner. Thank you once again for all your support of the KFD.

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







# *Kid's Fishing Derby!*

June 7<sup>th</sup> @ Camp Carlson  
From Jaime & Tiffany Palomo Co-Chairmen



# *Manager's Mention*

*From Manager Kim Flynn & Assistant Managers– Malcolm Gass & Jacob Herman*

Hello 10281 Family!

***July 2025***

- We will hold Corn Hole every Tuesday at 7pm starting on the 1<sup>st</sup>
- Money Madness E-tab tournaments begin on the 7<sup>th</sup> and continue every Monday at 7pm.
- July's Balloon Party will be on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm.
- Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, July 13th** at 11am.



**VFW**  
**POW\*MIA REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00PM**

**VFW/AUXILLARY AWARDS**

**TRAVELING FLAG CEREMONY**

**VFW 10281**  
**299 BRIGGS LANE**  
**VINE GROVE KY 40175**

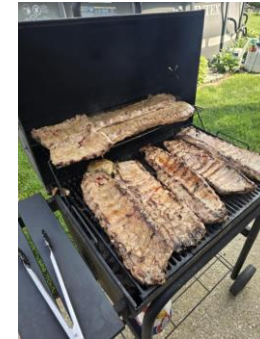
**POW\*MIA**  
**YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN**

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





# Views from the V




VFW Commander – Andrell "Jack" Jackson

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MOC Seam Squirrel – Chris Squires

VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>  <div>-----</div> <b>POST CLOSED</b> <div>-----</div>	<b>30</b>  - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	<b>1</b>  - Corn Hole 7pm	<b>2</b>  - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	<b>3</b>  - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	<b>4 Independence Day</b>   Flag Ceremony 11am - Cootie: Picnic 12pm	<b>5</b>  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am
<b>6</b>  <div>-----</div> <b>POST CLOSED</b> <div>-----</div>	<b>7</b>  - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	<b>8</b>  - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	<b>9</b>  - General Membership Meeting: 7pm	<b>10</b>  - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Warhammer	<b>11</b>  - Balloon Party: 7pm	<b>12</b>  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony @ Noon - P/P: 7pm - Close
<b>13</b> CVMA Mtg/Cookout 9am Community Breakfast: 11am MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows)	<b>14</b>  - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	<b>15</b>  - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	<b>16</b>  	<b>17</b>  - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	<b>18</b>  - P/P: 7pm-Close	<b>19</b>  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - HCPMA Mtg: 9am - P/P: TBD
<b>20</b> - Aux: SOI  <div>-----</div> <b>POST CLOSED</b> <div>-----</div>	<b>21</b>  - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	<b>22</b>  - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	<b>23</b>  	<b>24</b>  - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Magic: The Gathering	<b>25</b>  	<b>26</b>  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - P/P: 10am-2pm - Band Nite: Tickets \$5 Two of a Kind @ 7pm
<b>27</b>  <div>-----</div> <b>POST CLOSED</b> <div>-----</div>	<b>28</b>  - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	<b>29</b>  - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	<b>30</b>  	<b>31</b>  - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Anything	<b>1</b>  	<b>2</b>  - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am - CVMA Mtg: 10am

**Legend:** **Aux:** VFW Auxiliary

**RVC:** Radcliff Veterans Center

**D4:** VFW District 4

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

**CVMA:** Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

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

**TS:** Turkey Shoot

**HCPMA:** Hardcore Patriots Motorcycle Association

**KFD:** Kids' Fishing Derby

**Current as of:**  
**1-Jul-25**