



VFW Post 10281 Family News

October 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 – Tommie Eiland

2 yr. Trustee – Jimmy Salva

3 yr. Trustee – Kenneth Meyer

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

Dear VFW Family!

October 2025

When you read this, we will have just returned from an honor flight, in Louisville. I can say ahead of time it was a heart warming and inspiring event, I hope you had the chance to experience it. September was a month filled with energy, commitment, and community. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, VFW Post 10281 continues to grow stronger and shine brighter. Every event this past month showed the heart of our Post—serving Veterans, Soldiers, and our Community with pride.

On September 5th, our Post proudly participated in the Resilient Warrior event at Fort Knox. We conducted a membership drive and hosted a poppy campaign, connecting with Soldiers and their Families. This event also opened doors for future partnerships and opportunities to support those who are still serving.

On September 19th, we held our annual POW/MIA Ceremony, honoring those who never returned home. This year's observance was made even more meaningful with our guest speaker, Franco Cottrell, who reminded us of the cost of freedom and the importance of keeping the promise to never forget.

During Rineyville Days, our Post showed up in force with another poppy distribution and membership drive. We reached out to the community, raising awareness of our mission and strengthening the connection between our Post and the people we serve.

These are not all the events but none of these events could have happened without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. From setting up and tearing down, cooking, spreading the word about VFW Post 10281, driving our van, working around the post, to simply showing up in support—you are the reason we succeed.

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Call "Ten Two," Response "Eight One"

VFW Motto – No One Does More for Our Veterans!

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Post Motto – Serving the Best with Our Best!

VFW Commander's Corner

From VFW Commander Andrell "Jack" Jackson

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We're not slowing down this month—October is packed with events and opportunities to connect:

October 3rd – KFD kicks off the month with their Steak Out. Come hungry and enjoy those beautiful steaks!

October 4th – Our 25-26 Turkey Shoot season begins, Doors open at 11, practice at 11:30, and the 1st round begins at 1pm.

October 5th – The 4th District Meeting is close by in Brandenburg. Let's show our support.

October 9th – We're feeding the United States Army Recruiting Division (USAR). Serving those who are still serving!

October 18th – Monthly Birthday Party open to all members and the Auxiliary. Come celebrate your month with cake, friends, and fun.

October 19th – No break! The very next day, KFD will host Football on the 3rd Sunday.

October 21st–23rd – The Great American Treasure Hunter will be in the building! Don't miss out on the excitement.

October 23rd–26th – The Fall Conference in Pikeville takes place. Safe travels to all attending.

October 30th – Trunk or Treat for the kids.

On Halloween the Adult Halloween Party—dress up, join the fun, and win a prize!

Finally, if you want to volunteer let me know. I could use another van driver.

As always, remember to treat each other with respect—inside and outside the Post.

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VFW Auxiliary President's Pen

From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West

Greetings Team

October 2025

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their VFW Auxiliary dues — your prompt support keeps our programs strong and our community thriving. We appreciate your dedication and commitment.

Please note the early-bird rate has ended; the renewal rate is now \$30. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so no later than December 31st to remain in good standing. We don't want you to lose your benefits!

Save the date: the Fall Conference in Pikeville is October 23–25, with most events taking place on October 24. We hope you can join us for fellowship, learning, and important Auxiliary business.



HOW TO PAY YOUR DUES IN

MALTA

- ACCESS MALTA: GO TO THE VFW AUXILIARY WEBSITE AND FIND THE MALTA LOGIN PAGE.
- LOGIN OR CREATE ACCOUNT: IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT, LOG IN WITH YOUR CREDENTIALS. IF NOT, CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.
- NAVIGATE TO PROFILE: ONCE LOGGED IN, LOCATE YOUR PROFILE OR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION.
- FIND THE "PAY DUES" OPTION: LOOK FOR A BUTTON OR LINK LABELED "PAY DUES", WHICH WILL INITIATE THE PAYMENT PROCESS.
- COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION: FOLLOW THE ON-SCREEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ENTER YOUR PAYMENT INFORMATION (CREDIT/DEBIT CARD) AND FINALIZE THE PAYMENT.
- RECEIPT AND MEMBERSHIP CARD: AFTER THE PAYMENT IS PROCESSED, YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A RECEIPT VIA EMAIL AND BE ABLE TO PRINT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD DIRECTLY FROM YOUR MALTA PROFILE. A CARD WILL ALSO BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON FILE.

VFW AUXILIARY



We are all an important piece of our Volunteer puzzle!

As always, it is an honor to work with you all!



Cootie Bites

From Military Order of the Cooties Seam Squirrel Chris Squires



Dear Comrades & Cooties,

October 2025

I hope you had a crummy and lousy September. Thank you all for the support of our Wet & Wild Labor Day!

We have had a great start to our organizational year so far! We are already estimated to be at 100% for hospital hours for the 2025-2026 year. And we are still going strong. Please come join us for next Camaraderie Event at the RVC on October 4th at 10 AM. We will be playing cards & board games and watching college football pre-game shows with the resident veterans.



**Yours in L.O.T.C.S.
Keep them smiling in beds of white**



Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

From MOCA #7 President Ashtin Birkicht



Happy spooky times Post 10281!,

October 2025

With Labor Day finished, I'd like to give a thanks to everyone who came out and supported us. It was a treat to see our Commander and our Seam Squirrel both get dunked, and to spend a great day with you all. To all of our wonderful volunteers, thank you.

Oktoberfest is this month on the 11th, and we're switching things up a bit. Instead of doing a dinner, we're opting to have schnitzel sandwiches and sausages to sell outside the VFW on October 11th. We'll start the grilling at 5:00 PM, and hope to see you all there. Sausages will be \$5.00, and the Schnitzel sandwiches will be \$6.00. We'll also have German music in the ballroom, and plenty of pulltabs! Come out and celebrate Oktoberfest with a relaxing good time, with great food.

Tomb Trek is at the end of this month, and I'm looking forward to going to lay wreaths at Arlington. It's a very touching experience, and I am honored to represent my auxiliary.



Happy Halloween
Keep them smiling 6 in beds of white

Manager's Mention

From Manager Kim Flynn & Assistant Manager– Malcolm Gass

Hello 10281 Family!

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- October 3rd the KFD will host Steak Night. Cocktails start at 5pm & Dinner is at 6pm.
- On the 4th, Randy Morris kicks off the Turkey Shoot season.
- Free Money Madness E-tab tournaments begin on the 6th and continue every Monday at 7pm.
- We will hold Corn Hole every Tuesday at 7pm starting on the 7th.
- October's Balloon Party will be on Friday the 10th, starting at 7pm.
- Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, October 12th** at 11am.
- On the 18th we will celebrate all October birthdays with a pot-luck.



As always, thank you all for your continued support!



Views from the V





VFW Commander – Andrell "Jack" Jackson

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
28 <div>-----</div> POST CLOSED <div>-----</div>	29 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	30 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	1 - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	2 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	3 - KFD Steakout Cocktails 5pm Dinner 6pm	4 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am - Turkey Shoot: 1pm - P/P: 1-3pm - Band Nite: 7pm Two of a Kind
5 D4 Mtg @ Post 11404 Brandenburg 3pm (EST) <div>-----</div> POST CLOSED <div>-----</div>	6 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	7 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	8 - General Membership Meeting: 7pm	9 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Warhammer	10 - Balloon Party: 7pm	11 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - CVMA Mtg: 10am - Turkey Shoot: 1pm - Oktober Fest: 5pm
12 Community Breakfast: 11am MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows)	13 Columbus Day  Navy 250th Birthday - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	14 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	15 	16 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	17 	18 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - HCPMA Mtg: 9am - Turkey Shoot: 1pm Aux Birthday Bash 5pm College Football 7pm - P/P: TBD
19 - KFD Football Doors Open @ Noon Game Time @ 1pm	20 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	21 Great American Treasure Hunter 9am-6pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	22 Great American Treasure Hunter 9am-6pm	23 Fall Conference Great American Treasure Hunter 9am-6pm - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Magic: The Gathering	24 Fall Conference Pikeville, KY 23-26 October - P/P: 7pm-Close	25 Fall Conference - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Turkey Shoot: 1pm - P/P: 7pm-Close
26 Fall Conference <div>-----</div> POST CLOSED <div>-----</div>	27 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	28 - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	29 	30 - Trunk or Treat 5-7pm - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Anything	31 90th TOMB TREK Halloween  - P/P: 7-11:30pm - Adult Party 9pm	1 90th TOMB TREK - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am - Turkey Shoot: 1pm P/P: 7pm - Close

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:
27-Sep-25