VFW Post 8794 TOWN CRIER - Newsletter

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Message from the Commander

Hello Comrades,

July is here and here we go full-fledged into our year. Our Monthly meeting has been changed to the 3rd Thursday of the month in July, **the new date is July 17th**, there was a conflict with another state event on our originally planned date.

I know we have had a lot of great events going on at the Post, so come on in and enjoy some camaraderie. Keep up to date with our VFW 8794 WEBSITE; **VFW8794.org** we are posting a lot of great information there. Also, we are participating once again in the Whitehall July 4th Parade, come out and enjoy the event. Our Fireworks at the Post is on July 3rd so come on out and enjoy.

Do not forget to attend the VFW Post Meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, July 17th; all VFW members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. You will make a difference by being there! God Bless the U.S.A.

Bob Burns
Commander 2024-25

Message from the Auxiliary President

Hello, my fellow brother & sisters,

This month we celebrate our Independence Day. With family and friends. Let's take a moment to remember why we are so proud be Americans. The freedom and liberties we enjoy today came at a price of some many other men and women in the armed forces who choose to pay the alitame sacrifice for this great country. So, this holiday please go tell veteran. Thank you!

Closing, we will be sending out annual Auxiliary due's reminder. Once you receive this reminder, please pay your membership before September and you can win a chance to receive free "lifetime" membership. Keep up the unwavering support for our heroes.

Until we meet again.

God bless America!
Sincerely,
Pat Kelly
Auxiliary President, 2018-25

Message from the Quartermaster

Greetings to all members.

We have had a great year in membership, the Post is over 107% in membership, will make All-State and we made All-American Post for the second time in a row, great work to all! Our Lifetime Program continues and if you would like to join/convert from annual member to become a **VFW Post 8794 LIFETIME MEMBER, WE have an offer you cannot refuse through 2025, we will pay your first $100 of whatever the cost of your Lifetime Membership is.** (See below Chart for your age group)

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP COST

		VFW 8794	YOU PAY
Through Age 30	$425.00 –	$100 =	$325.00
31-40	$410.00 -	$100 =	$310.00
41-50	$375.00 -	$100 =	$275.00
51-60	$335.00 -	$100 =	$235.00
61-70	$290.00 -	$100 =	$190.00
71-80	$225.00 -	$100 =	$125.00
81 and over	$170.00 -	$100 =	$ 70.00

If you are interested in this program and want to Join Lifetime, see me or call me and I will make it happen! This is a great opportunity. - Richard Curry, QM.

We are doing some upgrades to the Monument so it will look great by the time we are done with all the changes.

Message from the Canteen Manager

Hello all,

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS TO OUR FOXHOLE CANTEEN! Our 4th of July celebration will be on July 3rd come out, we will have a DJ, Food Trucks and the best seat in the house for the fireworks. We will plan some great events and enjoy watching some great ball played, college, Reds, Guardians, and softball. Plan for a great relaxing time at the VFW Canteen!!! **Our Queen of Hearts is growing again**, it is now over $6,000! See Calendar for all events. Texas Hold-Em on Tuesdays 6-9pm, Show Me the Money on Wednesdays 6pm, and we have been having entertainment on Saturdays. Come in and sit in on some card games where we play for fun. We have our Pool league on Sundays. Our back patio is looking great, so step out and enjoy our Foxhole "Biergarten".

Canteen Hours: Monday – Thursday 3 to 10pm
Friday - Saturday 1- Close
Sunday 3- 9 pm

R.G. Kouns
Canteen Manager

Fundraising Events

New VFW Ball Caps – See sample in hallway display case, ask your bartender, RG or QM for one only $10 apiece.

Foxhole Canteen Logo Glass with your favorite drink, ask the bartender for one! See samples in hallway display case.

Message from the Bingo Manager

Hi Bingo Family,
I would like to thank my bingo volunteer staff; the Sunday I was out (Actually every Sunday). All of you did a great job!!!
Hog Wild has a jackpot and Horse Jackpot is growing. The Magic Ball is growing again!
Our Monthly Drawing will be July 27th
Thank you to all our bingo players and the volunteers that make our bingo sessions happen.
Sunday doors open at 3pm and bingo starts at 5pm.

The Guru Says – "It is all fun and games…. until someone yells Bingo!!"
Thanks, Becky Kelly, The Bingo Guru, O-74……. Good Number!

Safety Message

July Safety Tips

Events Committee

We will still need your support! We will still need you to volunteer. Come on its fun, help out where you can? If you have a great idea you would like to present bring it to the Events Committee Meeting now meets on the **4th Monday of the month at 6:00pm**. Get involved, it doesn't hurt…..much! All Members are welcome at the meeting.

SEE CALENDAR FOR EVENTS.

Post Officers 2025-26

COMMANDER: Bob Burns

SR. VICE CMDR: Christine Curry

JR. VICE CMDR: Shannon Devera

QUARTERMASTER: Richard Curry

ADJUTANT: Richard Curry

CHAPLAIN: R G Kouns

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Bobby Oliver

SURGEON: George Laury

OFFICER OF THE DAY: Frank Clements

GUARD: Phillip Krouse

SERVICE OFFICER: Rick Curry

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR: Shannon Devera

3-YR. TRUSTEE: Robert Oliver

2-YR. TRUSTEE: Ellen Brandes-Mattingly

1-YR. TRUSTEE: Sherry Kemp-Woodyard

House Committee Members

Ron Pannell, 1-Yr. Frank Clements, 2-Yr. Rob McKee 3-Yr

Auxiliary Officers 2025-26

PRESIDENT Pat Kelly

SENIOR VICE Shane Gibson

1ST VICE David Hutchison

TREASURER Tamara Bowsler

SECRETARY Nancy Johnson

CHAPLAIN Carmen Johnson

GUARD Saundra Hill

CONDUCTOR Michelle Roberts

3-YR. TRUSTEE Beth McKee

2-YR. TRUSTEE Mary Britton

1-YR. TRUSTEE Roberta Thacker

Welcome New Members

(VFW Members)

Beverly, Jonathan
Epling, Joseph
Fritz, Andrew
Gleaves, Trevor
Mohler, Devin
Robinson, Ina
Watkins, John
Adams, David L
Bateson, Janey L
Murff, Warren S
Sager, Ward K
Bidlack, Joshua M
Cousins, William R
McMarrow, Jason R
Thatcher, James R
White, William C
Horrocks, John C
Watkins, John

(Auxiliary Members)

(Associate Members)

SICK CALL

TAPS 2024-25

Robert Burns Sr.
Rudy Notturniano
Crabtree, Danny R
Fiedler, Larry I
Haskins, Gary K
Jarvis, James E
Wells, Joseph C

July Humor

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JULY VFW POST 8794 EVENTS 2025

BINGO EVERY SUNDAY 5 PM (Doors Open at 3 pm)

CANTEEN OPEN: MONDAY-THURSDAY (3 -9pm) /FRIDAY- SATURDAY (1-10pm) / SUNDAY (3-9pm)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Foxhole Canteen		1 Starts @ 6pm	2 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	3 **VFW 8794 4TH PARTY FIREWORKS, FOOD TRUCKS, DJ**	4 Whitehall Parade 10am VFW Luncheon 1pm	5 **$6 PIZZA**
6 BINGO NITE! Starts at 5 **PM**	7 **QUEEN OF HEARTS** 8pm Drawing	8 Starts @ 6pm	9 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	10 **Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm** 6pm Slot Tournament	11 Sub & Chips	12 6pm
13 **BINGO Starts at 5 PM**	14 **QUEEN OF HEARTS** 8pm Drawing	15 Starts @ 6pm	16 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	17 **House Committee 6pm VFW Post Meeting 7 pm**	18 Pork Chop Dinner	19 **Euchre 1:00pm**
20 BINGO NITE! Starts at 5 **PM**	21 **QUEEN OF HEARTS** 8pm Drawing	22 Starts @ 6pm	23 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	24 **$6 PIZZA**	25 Baked Potato Bar	26 Canteen Cravings Always Available
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Daily Drawing – Monday through Saturday 7 pm
Tuesday Drawing – 8pm
Friday Drawing – 8pm