VFW Post 8794 TOWN CRIER - Newsletter

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Message from the Commander

Hello Comrades,

April is here and we had our first round of nominations for Post Officers, there is still time to come to the meeting this month and vote and let us know if you would like to contribute. Our Monthly meeting has been changed to the 3rd Thursday of the month in April, **the new date is April 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. Try our new VFW 8794 WEBSITE; **VFW8794.org** we are posting a lot of great information there. Also, we are hosting a Support the Troops Bag Stuffing Event on April 12th from 4-6pm we will put needed items in bags to send overseas for our deployed military soldiers, come on out and support the troops.

Do not forget to attend the VFW Post Meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, April 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,
Spring is finally here that being said we are about to start a new year with nomination and election of Auxiliary officers for the upcoming year 2025. Once the election is completed, new officers will take their newly appointed position after June Convention at Kalahari. Please see me if you have any additional questions. We have a few important things happening at the Post this month:
4/4/25- Club Sandwich Dinner 5:30-7:00
4/11/25- Meatloaf Dinner@5:30-7:00
4/12/25- Whitehall Community Easter Breakfast for kids 10am
4/12/25- Stuff Goodies Bags for troops 4pm
4/18/25- Fish & Chips
4/20/25-NO BINGO
4/25/25- Burrito Bowls

If you happen to have any extra time to spare time. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the many events around the Post. Please see me or Becky. I would like too personally wish everyone Happy Easter . 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 has a real shot at once again being an All-American Post, 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.

Message from the Canteen Manager

Hello all,

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS TO OUR FOXHOLE CANTEEN! **IT'S BASEBALL SEASON!** 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 $48,000, nice! 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.

New Foxhole Canteen Shirts – 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.

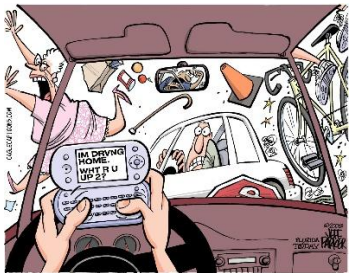
Rat-Bastard Shirts to cure Cancer - $10.00 each.

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!
NO BINGO ON EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20TH
Our Monthly Drawing will be April 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



April 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 2024-25

COMMANDER: Bob Burns

SR. VICE CMDR: Christine Curry

JR. VICE CMDR: Dan Miller

QUARTERMASTER: Richard Curry

ADJUTANT: Christine Curry

CHAPLAIN: R G Kouns

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Bobby Oliver

SURGEON: Shannon Devera

OFFICER OF THE DAY: Frank Clements

GUARD: Don Dionne

SERVICE OFFICER: Rick Curry

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR: Shannon Devera

3-YR. TRUSTEE: Ellen Brandes-Mattingly

2-YR. TRUSTEE: Sherry Kemp-Woodyard

1-YR. TRUSTEE: Gary Pfaff

House Committee Members

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

Auxiliary Officers 2024-25

PRESIDENT Pat Kelly

SENIOR VICE Janice Ritchey

1ST VICE David Hutchison

TREASURER Dan Neidert

SECRETARY Nancy Johnson

CHAPLAIN Carmen Johnson

GUARD Saundra Hill

CONDUCTOR Shane Gibson

3-YR. TRUSTEE Mary Britton

2-YR. TRUSTEE Roberta Thacker

1-YR. TRUSTEE Linda Clements

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

(Auxiliary Members)

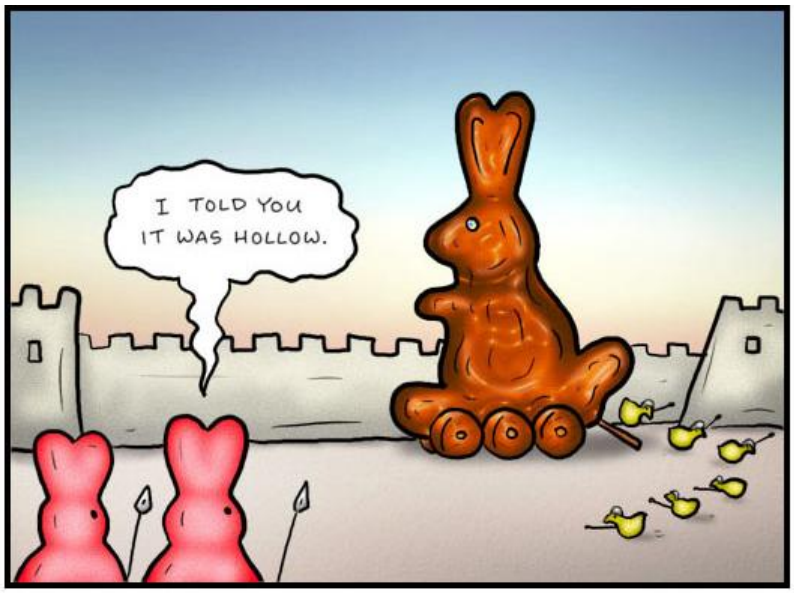
(Associate Members)

SICK CALL

TAPS 2024-25

Robert Burns Sr.
Rudy Notturniano

April Humor



The Trojan Easter Bunny

APRIL 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 (1-9pm)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Foxhole Canteen		1 Starts @ 6pm	2 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	3 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	4 Clubbed Sandwich	5
6 BINGO NITE! 5 PM VFW FOOD SPECIALS NIGHT 5-8PM	7 QUEEN OF HEARTS Tony's Food Specials	8 Starts @ 6pm	9 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	10 $6 PIZZA	11 Meatloaf Ok the Dinner not Singer	12 10am Easter Breakfast for Kids Troop Bag Stuffing 4-6pm 7pm
13 BINGO NITE! 5 PM	14 QUEEN OF HEARTS Tony's Food Specials	15 Starts @ 6pm	16 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	17 House Committee 6pm VFW Post Meeting 7 pm	18 Fish & Chips Good Friday	19 Band - Marquis 7pm
20 NO Bingo!	21 QUEEN OF HEARTS Tony's Food Specials	22 Starts @ 6pm	23 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	24 Canteen Cravings Always Available	25 Burrito Bowls	26 Band – Flite 7pm
27 BINGO NITE! 5pm	28 Events Committee QUEEN OF HEARTS Tony's Food Specials	29 Starts @ 6pm	30 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM			The Foxhole Canteen

Daily Drawing – Monday through Saturday 7 pm
Tuesday Drawing – 8pm
Friday Drawing – 8pm