VFW Post 8794 TOWN CRIER - Newsletter

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Message from the Commander

Greetings to all Members,

April brings our 2nd nominations for VFW Post Officers for 2026-27 with the Term beginning on 1 July 2026. We will also conduct our election of new Officers at April's Regular meeting. I encourage anyone interested to make sure your name is submitted for the position you would like to be nominated for. This is your opportunity to serve the Post.

The following positions are open for nominations for those interested in holding a leadership role in our VFW; Commander, Sr Vice, Jr. Vice, Quartermaster, Chaplain, and 3 Year Trustee.

We will also have several appointed positions to fill once the new Commander is elected such as: Chaplain, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Guard, Service Officer, and Legislative Chairman.

WE NEED VFW MEMBERS TO BEGIN TO STEP UP AND ATTEND MEETINGS. It is critical that we get more members to assist in holding positions and taking an interest, if the **VFW Post is unable to fill all its required officer positions then we are in jeopardy of losing our Charter, which would mean that VFW Post 8794 no longer exists, which means the Auxiliary would no longer exist and the Canteen would close, no matter how well it is doing.** So, I am asking if you are a VFW Regular Member come to the meetings (especially in April) and become part of your VFW Post leadership team. Committing to one Thursday a month and helping with some of our ceremonies as an officer is not hard, you may even find out you enjoy serving the Post, Veterans, Families and our Community. It really is what the VFW & Auxiliary is all about.

Of note historically for April:

Remembrance and history of The End of the War in Vietnam, April 30, 1975. I want to take this time to thank all our Vietnam Veterans who did their duty for our country and remember our fallen comrades during this war. For their efforts in the war we salute them on doing what was asked, their dedication to duty and for their efforts in protecting this great nation. We value and honor your service to our country and today applaud your successes in Vietnam, for we may not have won on the political front; however, the U.S. Military in Vietnam never lost a major military engagement during this war. May God bless each and every one of you, and may he continue to bless our nation, the United States of America.

Remembrance and history of America's Entry into World War I. I want to take this time to remember those brave men and women who served during the "Great War" as WWI has been called in the history books and although there are no Veterans who fought in the war still alive, I believe it is still appropriate to thank and remember them for all that was accomplished during this war. We salute them on a job well done and again history has demonstrated that Americans will stand up for what is right and help to deliver freedom throughout the world and make this great country safe. May God bless each and every one of them, and may he continue to bless our nation, the United States of America.

Thank you again for your support. Remember the Post Meeting for this month will be on 9 April 2026 at 6:30pm; we need our VFW members to attend and participate so we can keep you informed and vote on Post Issues.

God Bless the U.S.A.

Bob Burns
Commander
2025-26

Message from the Auxiliary President

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

It is that time of year again for the elections of auxiliary officers. There have been some changes this year as to how we will report our new auxiliary officers in 2026-2027. This year the secretary needs to input the installation report into Malta and/or send it back to Department office BEFORE JUNE 30, 2064. **"Important Note "**,

Also, we will have to elect delegates for this year's Department convention at Kalahari at our next meeting.

One, last thing we will need volunteers in the coming months to help with some important projects going on around the Post. Please attend an activity meeting for more details or see me.

On a side note, we as members of Whitehall VFW Post now is time to check your membership card to make sure dues have not expired. The date can be found on our card in the lower right corner. If your cards as expired there are a few ways you can renew.

1. Visit the Post and give your payment to the bartender or treasurer.
2. Go to www.malta.vfwauxiliary.org

Continue to keep up the unwavering support for our heroes.

God bless America!
Sincerely,
Pat Kelly
Auxiliary President, 2018-26

Message from the Auxiliary Secretary

Hello to all my sisters and brothers in the Auxiliary,

Just a quick reminder to Lifetime Auxiliary members, notices have been mailed for the $4.00 cancer insurance grants for the coming year. Please either mail or come in and make your payment to the **VFW Post 8794 Auxiliary**, 4100 E Main Street, Whitehall, Ohio 43213, **Attention Auxiliary Treasurer**. Members that pay annually have the cost already included in your dues so there is no other action needed. Let us know if you have any other questions.

In April we will have our annual nominations and election of officers. Most of the officer positions are open for nomination and elections. Secretary is appointed by the President once elected for the year. If you are interested in an Auxiliary officer position and cannot attend the April 2nd Meeting, please have your request to be nominated for the position you would like and an alternate officer position you would consider submitted in writing for the meeting to one of the current Officers to submit. It is also ok if you want to submit a letter that states you would like to be considered for any open position available if you do not have a particular position in mind but would like to serve. A written letter (email is acceptable if it is signed with your name) is required in accordance with the Auxiliary By-Laws, rules and regulations.

At Mid-Winter conference, we found there are new membership applications, and all new applicants must complete the new application. Headquarters will not accept the old ones. New applications are at the entrance to the Canteen. Also, we remind all members that you need to ensure we have your correct address, if you moved recently, please give us your new address ASAP. If you know of a member who has passed away, please let us know. We are being charged a small per capita tax on all members.

Thank you and see you at the meeting,

Nancy L. Johnson
Auxiliary Secretary 2025-26

Message from the Quartermaster

I want to thank everyone who has renewed their membership and ask that everyone who want to remain a member to consider getting those dues as soon as possible during March. Also, the Post needs your support, let us get out and recruit new members at every opportunity, we have done a good job so far with getting new members in the last few months, let's keep driving on with our recruiting, retention and recovery of members!

YES, we are going to keep our Lifetime program offer going for 2026!

If you are an **ANNUAL MEMBER** and would like to join as a **VFW Post 8794 LIFETIME MEMBER, WE ARE EXTENDING OUR SPECIAL OFFER through 2026, 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, 2025-26

Message from the Canteen Manager

Hello all,

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS TO OUR FOXHOLE CANTEEN! Come on in and enjoy some fun! Our Queen of Hearts is Growing towards $30,000, nice! Show Me the Money continues to be growing, come in and play, it's fun. March Madness is upon us so come on in and watch the games.

We will do our best to keep things interesting in the canteen during the next few months, looking at some entertainment on Saturdays, so please join us.

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

R.G. Kouns
Canteen Manager

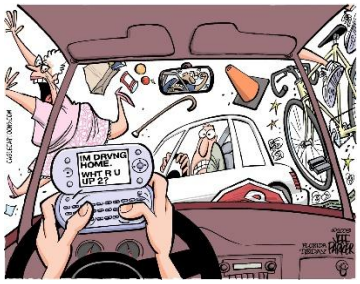
Message from the Bingo Manager

Hello Everyone,

It's April already, April showers bring us May flowers, haha. Thank you to all of our bingo players and the volunteers that make our bingo sessions happen. Sunday, doors open at 3pm, bingo starts at 5pm, We will have the monthly drawing on Sunday April 26th. Also don't forget there is no Bingo on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

The Guru Says – "It's 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 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.

VFW Memorial Post 8794
Elected and Appointed Officials 2025-2026

COMMANDER:	Bob Burns
SR. VICE CMDR:	Christine Curry
JR. VICE CMDR:	Shannon Devera
QUARTERMASTER:	Richard Curry
ADJUTANT:	Christine Curry
CHAPLAIN:	RG Kouns
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Bobby Oliver
SURGEON:	George Laury
OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Frank Clements
GUARD:	Ron Pannell
3 YR. TRUSTEE:	Robert Oliver
2 YR. TRUSTEE:	Ellen Brandes-Mattingly
1 YR. TRUSTEE:	Sherry Kemp-Woodyard
3YR. HOUSE:	Christine Curry
2 YR. HOUSE	Frank Clements
1 YR. HOUSE:	Ron Pannell
SERVICE OFFICER:	Richard Curry
LEGISLATIVE CHAIR:	Shannon Devera

VFW Memorial Post 8794
Elected and Appointed Auxiliary Officials
2025-2026

President – Pat Kelly
Sr Vice – Shane Gibson
1st Vice – Dave Hutchison
Treasurer – Tamara Bowsher
Secretary – Nancy Johnson
Chaplain – Carmen Johnson
Conductor – Michelle Roberts
Guard – Sandra Hill
3-YR Trustee – Beth McKee
2-YR Trustee – Mary Britton
1-YR Trustee – Roberta Thacker

Welcome New Members

(VFW Members)

Stiltner, Neva
Mims, Kevin
Smith, Ruth
Doane, Dean
Hallam, Kraig
Hartsock, Christopher
Howard, Seth
Johnson, Larry
Saxbee, Charles
Woods, Dashawn
Horrocks, John
Blann, Kyle

(Auxiliary Members)

(Associate Members)

SICK CALL

TAPS 2025-26

Ochsendorf, Bobby - Auxiliary

Cyrus, Ernest - VFW

Brunney, Hugh – VFW

Brown, Shawn - Auxiliary

Dreisbach Jr., George

Watson, Gerald E

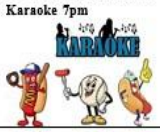
April Humor

HOW THE EASTER BUNNY GETS HIS EGGS PAINTED

APRIL VFW POST 8794 EVENTS 2026

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 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	2 **Auxiliary Meeting 7pm**	3 **Fish & Chips** **Good Friday**	4 **Canteen Cravings Always Available**
5 NO Bingo! **Canteen Closed**	6 **QUEEN OF HEARTS**	7 **Starts @ 6pm Lg Draft Beer $2**	8 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	9 **House Committee VFW Post Meeting 6:30 pm**	10 **Potato Bar**	11 **Ballpark Dog Nite & Karaoke 7pm** 
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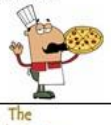
19 BINGO NITE! 5 PM	20 **QUEEN OF HEARTS**	21 **Starts @ 6pm Lg Draft Beer $2**	22 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	23 **Ladies Nite 50 cents off alcoholic drinks**	24 **Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes**	25 **$6 PIZZA** 
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Daily Drawing – Monday through Saturday 7 pm
Tuesday Drawing – 8pm
Friday Drawing – 8pm