VFW Post 8794 TOWN CRIER - Newsletter

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Message from the Commander

Greetings to all Members,

Showing respect is a form of saying thanks for all that you do, your input, participation or getting involved. Recognition also is a form of appreciation, it is an award, done in public or before their peers, either in verbal or material form, for the accomplishments in this organization or outside in the local community. Programs, goals, volunteering, organizing events, membership recruiting and retention are the heart and soul of this organization. I do not take the involvement of our members lightly; I want to personally say a well-deserved **"Thank you all"**. Supporting, volunteering, and getting involved makes the difference between success or failure in a Post. Our Regular VFW members, the Auxiliary and Associate members are certainly the nucleus of our elite group that makes our Post one of the most successful in Ohio, and even the USA.

We have had a good year so far, including welcoming new VFW members to our ranks and we stand at over 95% membership for the year end goal to achieve 101% for 2026. We are 100% reported on all our reports and have conducted all of our required community and ceremonial event requirements so far, and I am confident we will complete all by the end of the VFW year to be GREEN on our requirements. The Post events are doing well, I enjoy seeing more and more people at our Canteen functions and ceremonial functions. So, as I was saying, I have great respect for all our members here at VFW Post 8794 and appreciate the accomplishments we have achieved through your energy and hard work, let's keep it going and finish the year the way we began it.

A reminder that in March at our Regular Post meeting we will begin the Nomination Process for next year Post Officers with the election to follow in April of this year. Terms begin in July – June of each year. I encourage all interested in helping guide this Post for the future to consider running for an Officer Position. See Myself or Rick Curry QM if you are interested for more information.

Thank you again for your support. Remember the Post Meeting for this month will be on 12 February 2026 at 6:30pm; we need our VFW members to attend and participate so we can keep you informed and vote on Post Issues.
Remembrance: We will also observe the anniversary of the sinking of the **USS Maine** in Havana Harbor, February 15, 1898 which will honor those Comrades who served in our Nation's cause in the Spanish-American War who formed the Veterans of Foreign Wars 128 years ago.

Remembrance and history of the Liberation of Kuwait, Operation Desert Shield/Storm 1990-1991

God Bless the U.S.A.

Bob Burns
Commander
2025-26

Message from the Auxiliary President

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone is sticking to those News Year resolution. We would like to remind our Auxiliary members, we will be having election of officers for the upcoming 2026-2027 year. If, you would like to become an officer please submit a letter in writing or have someone nominate you for a position.

On a side note. Any member who is not in good standing will have their door FOB turn off and will have to pay membership before the FOB is reactivated. Along, with that you will no longer be allowed to sign up for any drawings or raffles at the post. Please keep sending your me community service hours so I can report them each month.

The Auxiliary is officially at 100% reported in membership for this year! We still have a few members that need to renew their membership, so if you have not yet done so, please do it very soon, we would not want to lose you by having your membership expire. Do not lose out on all the fun we have here at the Post.

Continue to keep up the unwavering support for our heroes.

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

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 in as soon as possible during February. 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! February means Superbowl Party for tailgating so let's get ready for that, come on in and enjoy some fun! Our Queen of Hearts is over $21,000 and growing, still pretty good!

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

R.G. Kouns
Canteen Manager

Message from the Bingo Manager

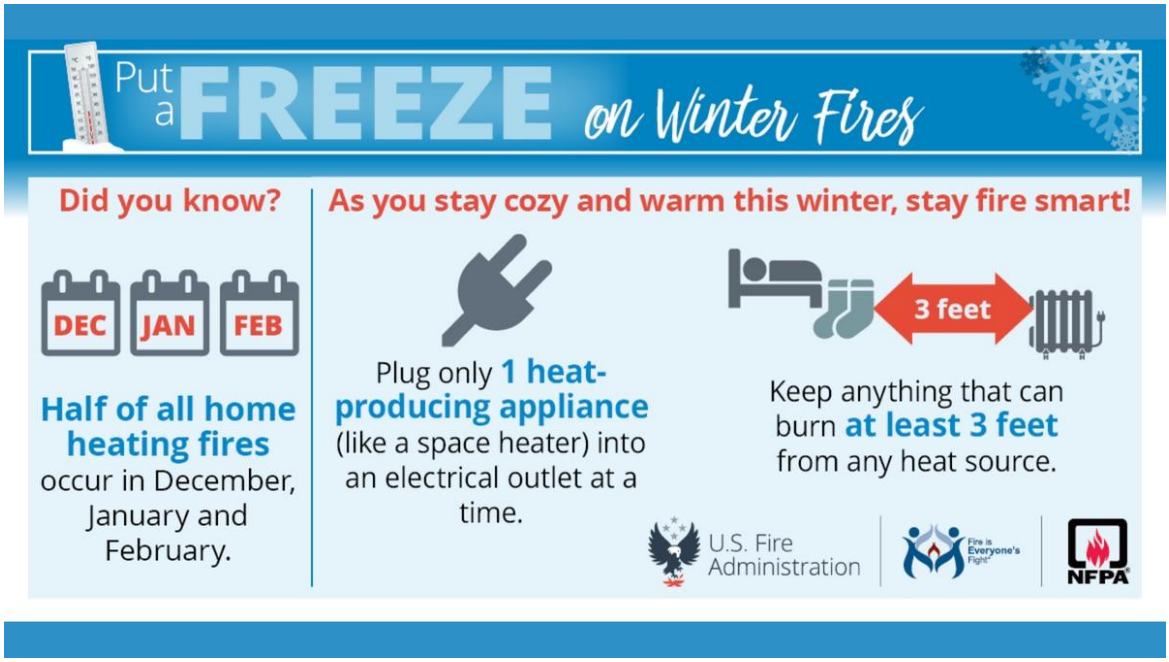
Hello Everyone,

Wow it's February already, time flies when you're having fun. Thank you to all of our bingo players and the volunteers that make our bingo sessions happen. Sunday, doors open at 3pm, bingo starts 5pm, We will have the monthly drawing on Sunday February 22nd. **Please Note: Sunday February 8th doors will open at 1pm and Bingo will start at 3pm for the Superbowl.**

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

February 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.

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:	Richard 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

(Auxiliary Members)

(Associate Members)

SICK CALL

TAPS 2025-26

Ochsendorf, Bobby - Auxiliary

Cyrus, Ernest - VFW

Brunney, Hugh - VFW

February Humor

FEBRUARY VFW POST 8794 EVENTS 2026

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

CANTEEN OPEN: MONDAY-THURSDAY (3 -9pm) /FRIDAY- SATURDAY (1-11pm) / SUNDAY (1-9pm)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BINGO NITE! 5 PM VFW FOOD SPECIALS NIGHT 5-8PM	2 QUEEN OF HEARTS	3 Starts @ 6pm Lg Draft Beer $2	4 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	5 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Ladies Nite 50 cents off alcoholic drinks	6 Marzetti/Salad & Desert	7 Canteen Cravings Always Available
8 BINGO 3 PM SUPERBOWL PARTY 4PM	9 QUEEN OF HEARTS	10 Starts @ 6pm Lg Draft Beer $2	11 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	12 Mtg. 6:30pm House Committee & VFW Post Meeting Ladies Nite 50 cents off alcoholic drinks	13 Lil Sandwiches & Chicken Noodle Soup	14 DJ Music Steak Dinner BAKED POTATO
15 BINGO NITE! 5 PM VFW FOOD SPECIALS NIGHT 5-8PM	16 QUEEN OF HEARTS	17 Starts @ 6pm Lg Draft Beer $2	18 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	19 Ladies Nite 50 cents off alcoholic drinks	20 Fish & Chips	21 6:30pm KARAOKE
22 BINGO NITE! 5 PM VFW FOOD SPECIALS NIGHT 5-8PM	23QUEEN OF HEARTS Events Committee Mtg. 6:00pm	24 Starts @ 6pm Lg Draft Beer $2	25 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	26 Ladies Nite 50 cents off alcoholic drinks	27 SOS & (S)Mashed Potato Dinner	28 Canteen Cravings Always Available
		Daily Drawing – Monday through Saturday 7 pm *Tuesday Drawing – 8pm* *Friday Drawing – 8pm*				The Foxhole Canteen