VFW Post 8794 TOWN CRIER - Newsletter

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Message from the Commander

Hello Comrades,

I look forward to another year as your Commander and working with our new team of officers who were elected and appointed to serve for our VFW Post during 2025-2026. You will find again the published list of elected and appointed officers in this Newsletter, please take some time to congratulate all who will serve and have stepped forward; your service will be valuable to the continued success of this Post.

A special thank you goes out to all who helped to make Memorial Day a successful event again this year, we could not have done it without you. Memorial Day is always the time for Americans to reconnect with their history and core values by honoring those who gave their lives for the ideals we cherish and those who are no longer with us, those of you who attended this year's event certainly understand that commitment.

I am very pleased with the progress our VFW keeps making as a leading Post in not only our District and State, but we also have an opportunity this year to be recognized on the National level as an All-American Post for the 4th time in our history, what a great achievement we can all be proud of. This is along with being an All-State Post for the second year in a row thanks to all your support in making that happen.

Congratulations to our own Christine Curry who has been elected as the VFW District 11 Commander for 2025-26. I look forward to giving her all the support from the Post we can.

Do not forget to attend the VFW Post Meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, June 12th; 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 2024-26

Message from the Auxiliary President

Hello, my fellow Auxiliary members,

We are about to embark on a new year let us always treat one another with respect and kindness. I look forward to working with all you throughout the year, if you need any assistance, please feel to reach me or some of the other officers for guidance. An important note to newly elected officers if you miss three meetings throughout the year for no valid reason. This may result in your removing you from office per Article VIII. Last, month we had many Auxiliary members step up to assist with the Memorial Day ceremonial events. Everyone, you guys always do an amazing job. Thanks again and continue to keep up the good work for our veterans. They depend on us. Next, a friendly reminder next month Auxiliary meeting will hold on June 5th at 7 pm.

There is a listing in this Newsletter of all newly elected & appointed Auxiliary Officer for 2025-26. Congratulations and I look forward to the upcoming year working with all of you.

God Bless America!
Patrick Kelly
Auxiliary President 8794

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 Bowsler
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

Message from the Quartermaster

Greetings to all members.

We are doing well on membership and have reached over 107% at the end of May. Thank you to all who have renewed. Below is a copy of our report from National. We are doing great.

Post Member Report

Click one of the blue highlighted numbers below to generate your report

Post 8794

Post Report Terminology

Memstats Counts (paid for 2025)							
Life	New	Reinstate	Cont.	Total	Prior Year	Percent	
224	7	3	116	350	326	107.36%	
Post Counts (members in good standing)							
Life	New	Reinstate	Cont.	Expiring	Cont. Trans.	Non-Pay Trans.	Installment	Total
225	6	3	109	0	5	1	0	349
Unpaid							
Unpaid 1 Year	Unpaid 2 Years	Total Unpaid	Complete Roster	Deceased			
1	1	2	351	7			

Please keep checking when you are due, and make sure you renew your membership, or even better join as a life member. We are going to continue the Lifetime Program and if you would like to join as a **VFW Post 8794 LIFETIME MEMBER, WE have an offer you cannot refuse through 2025-26, 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, 2018-25

I want everyone to know about our new WEBSITE https://vfw8794.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp you can goggle or search VFW 8794 and bring it up, we are going to start posting the newsletter & events calendar on the sight along with a lot a other great information and helpful links. I urge all members to start using this site. We will at some point go to this as our main communication method because even email is getting bulky. Thank you, try it you might just like it!

Message from the Canteen Manager

Hello all,

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS TO OUR FOXHOLE CANTEEN! We still have it happening, come out for our VFW Post 8794 Bier Garden Party on June 20th, it will be a great time. Thanks for coming in and all your support. We will have continued to plan some great events so take some time to stop by and enjoy some down time with us at the Foxhole Canteen. **Our Queen of Hearts is growing again**, it is now over $60,000, nice! See Calendar for all events. Texas Hold-Em on Tuesdays 6-9pm. Come in and sit in on some card games where we play for fun. We have our Pool league on Sundays.

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; All of you do a great job!!!
Hog Wild has a jackpot and Horse Jackpot is growing. The Magic Ball still has 2 jackpots!
Our Monthly Drawing will be June 29th.
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

June 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.

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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

CONDUCTOR Shane Gibson

GUARD Saundra Hill

3-YR. TRUSTEE Mary Britton

2-YR. TRUSTEE Roberta Thacker

1-YR. TRUSTEE Linda Clements

Welcome New Members

(VFW Members)
Beverly, Jonathan
Epling, Joseph
Gleaves, Trevor
Robinson, Ina
Watkins, John
Adams, David
Leggett, Royden
Sager, Ward K
Fritz, Andrew
Mohler, Devin
Costa, Walter

(Auxiliary Members)

(Associate Members)

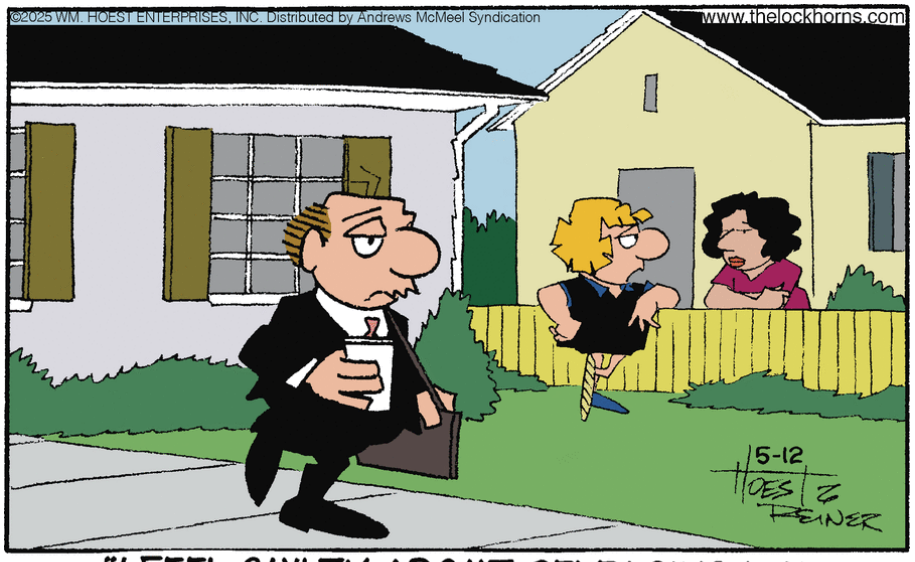
SICK CALL

Bob Kapp

TAPS 2024-25

Crabtree, Danny R
Fiedler, Larry
Haskins, Gary
Jarvis, James
Notturniano, Rudy
Wells, Joseph
Burns, Robert S

June Humor



"I FEEL GUILTY ABOUT RELEASING HIM BACK INTO THE WILD."

JUNE 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
1 BINGO NITE! 5 PM	2 QUEEN OF HEARTS	3 Starts @ 6pm	4 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	5 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	6 Pizza Nite VFW DEPT CONVENTION – SANDUSKY, OH	7 Fund Raiser Dinner for Trojack Cancer
8 BINGO NITE! 5 PM	9 QUEEN OF HEARTS	10 Starts @ 6pm	11 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	12 Mtg. 6:00pm House Committee & VFW Post Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Marzetti Dinner	14 Canteen Cravings Always Available
15 BINGO NITE! 5 PM	16 QUEEN OF HEARTS	17 Starts @ 6pm	18 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	19 $6 PIZZA	20 VFW Bier Garden Party	21 Euchre 1pm Band – Flite 7pm
22 BINGO NITE! 5 PM	23 QUEEN OF HEARTS Events Committee Mtg. 6:00pm	24 Starts @ 6pm	25 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6-7PM	26 Canteen Cravings Always Available	27 Shepards Pie Dinner	28 7pm KARAOKE Food Avaliable
29 BINGO NITE! 5 PM	30 QUEEN OF HEARTS					

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