



VFW Post 10281 Family News

February 2026



Post Operating Hours:

10:00am - 11:00pm (Monday – Thursday)

10:00am - 1:00am (Friday)

8:00am - 1:00am (Saturday*)

(*8-11am Open to public for breakfast)

Sunday Closed (except for Special Events)

Post Contact Information:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vfwpost10281>



Post Officers

Commander - Andrell “Jack” Jackson

Senior Vice – Joe Parker

Junior Vice – David Thomas

Quartermaster – Belinda Gaither-Schmitt

Chaplain – Ushelor Lowery

1 yr. Trustee – Tommie Eiland

2 yr. Trustee – Jimmy Silva

3 yr. Trustee – Kenneth Meyer

Adjutant - Eddie Knowles

Veterans Service Officer – not assigned

Judge Advocate - Rob Woosley

Surgeon – Daniel Molley



VFW Commander's Corner

From VFW Commander Andrell "Jack" Jackson

Dear VFW Family!

February 2026

As we move into February, I want to take a moment to thank our Post Officers and all committee members for the outstanding work they continue to do on behalf of VFW Post ten-two-eight-one. Your dedication to fundraising events and your active participation in the School of Instruction (SOI) reflect your commitment to strengthening our Post and better serving our membership, and community.

January was a productive month, filled with planning, preparation, and teamwork. Because of your efforts, we are positioned for another strong and successful month and year ahead. Remember, these events do not happen on their own—it takes volunteers, willing to step up and get involved. Congratulations again to our Post Officers and committee members for a job well done.

As we continue through the cold winter months, I want to encourage every member to take time to check on our shut-in members, those who are sick, and those who may be in need. A simple phone call, visit, or offer of assistance can make a tremendous difference.

Our strength as a Post is not only measured by our events and meetings, but by how we care for one another—especially when times are difficult. Let us continue to look out for our fellow Veterans, Auxiliary members, and families, ensuring that no one feels forgotten or alone during this season.

Through the ongoing reverification of membership and door key checks, we have captured a large amount of important information that helps us better serve you. These efforts have resulted in gaining both annual and life members, updating our email and text notification lists, and ensuring that your membership privileges are accurately applied and reaching you as intended.

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We still have a number of non-operational door keys that need to be turned in. If you currently have a door key that is no longer working, please return it to the Post so it can be placed back into circulation for another member. Thank you all for your cooperation, patience, and continued support as we work to keep our records accurate and our Post running smoothly.

February 2026 Meetings & Events

- February 4 – Executive Committee Meeting, followed by the House Committee Meeting, and then the Queen of Hearts Committee Meeting
- February 8 – KFD Sponsor Super Bowl Sunday
- February 11 – Membership Meeting
- February 13 – Balloon Night
- February 14 – Blood Drive (Sign-up online)
- February 20–22 – Cootie Grand
- February 28 – Country Night (\$5 at the door)

Get Involved

Your participation is what makes our Post thrive. Whether it's attending meetings, volunteering at events, or simply showing support, every effort matters. We encourage all members to bring a fellow Veteran or guest and continue helping us grow.

Thank you for your continued service, dedication, and commitment to VFW Post ten-two-eight-one.

A digital copy of this Newsletter and our Calendar can be found at this link: [News - VFW 10281](#)

Call "Ten Two," Response "Eight One"

VFW Motto – No One Does More for Our Veterans!

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Post Motto – Serving the Best with Our Best!

VFW Auxiliary President's Pen

From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West

Greetings Team,

My heart is full of love for our team!

We apologize that Old Man Winter didn't let us have our annual NFC/AFC Championship Party. It's a bummer but safety of our members is absolutely paramount and we deeply appreciate Commander Jack's leadership on this.

We're still working on dues. Because we have been allowed to actually collect dues this year, we are well ahead of last year but we're still not at 100%. We are the largest Auxiliary in the state and we need to stay that way. If you haven't paid yet, please do so. If you are Veteran and have a grandparent, parent, sibling, child or grandchild over the age of 16, we'd love to have them join our 10281 Family! Just ask us how!

Please keep your eyes open for events that may pop up. We are always looking for ways to support our Veterans and their families!

I'm including the instructions on how to pay in MALTA here:

<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/Account/NewLogin>.

Happy Valentines!

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HOW TO PAY YOUR DUES IN

MALTA

- ACCESS MALTA: GO TO THE VFW AUXILIARY WEBSITE AND FIND THE MALTA LOGIN PAGE.
- LOGIN OR CREATE ACCOUNT: IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT, LOG IN WITH YOUR CREDENTIALS. IF NOT, CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.
- NAVIGATE TO PROFILE: ONCE LOGGED IN, LOCATE YOUR PROFILE OR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION.
- FIND THE "PAY DUES" OPTION: LOOK FOR A BUTTON OR LINK LABELED "PAY DUES", WHICH WILL INITIATE THE PAYMENT PROCESS.
- COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION: FOLLOW THE ON-SCREEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ENTER YOUR PAYMENT INFORMATION (CREDIT/DEBIT CARD) AND FINALIZE THE PAYMENT.
- RECEIPT AND MEMBERSHIP CARD: AFTER THE PAYMENT IS PROCESSED, YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A RECEIPT VIA EMAIL AND BE ABLE TO PRINT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD DIRECTLY FROM YOUR MALTA PROFILE. A CARD WILL ALSO BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON FILE.

VFW AUXILIARY

I look forward to seeing you around the post



Cootie Bites & Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

From Military Order of the Cooties Seam Squirrel Chris Squires & MOCA #7 President Ashtin Birkicht





Dear Comrades & Cooties,

February 2026

Don't forget the cooties visit the RVC on the 7th at 10am. You don't have to be a Cootie to join us visiting our Veterans. On the 8th at 1:30pm is our scratch followed by Pie Nite. On the 14th is the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Post. Later this month the 20th to the 22nd is the Cootie Grand.






**CVMA®1-2
&
VFW 10281
present**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

February 14, 2026
9am – 2pm

VFW 10281
299 Briggs Lane
Vine Grove




Donate blood - Save a life

Supporting Critical Blood Needs
This blood drive event addresses urgent community blood shortages, encouraging donations to help save lives in local hospitals.

Promoting Veteran Camaraderie
The event fosters community spirit and camaraderie among veterans, bringing people together for a common cause.

Special Thanks To:
CVMA #1-2 Auxiliary and VFW 10281 Auxiliary

Sign up at the VFW, Click QR Code
or go to: www.redcrossblood.org



Yours in L.O.T.C.S.

IT'S BACK!
DINNER & AUCTION
FROM THE PAST... RESURRECTED!
DONATIONS NEEDED!
*One Man's Trash is
Another Man's Treasure!*

SATURDAY • APRIL 11, 2026
COOTIE SPONSORED FUNDRAISER

4:00 PM COCKTAIL HOUR
5:00 PM DINNER
AUCTION TO FOLLOW

CONTACT ASHTIN BIRKICHT 502-604-1730 OR
DAWN VANTASSELL 502-655-1379 (PREFERABLY BY TEXT)

Keep them smiling ⁵ in beds of white



Kid's Fishing Derby!

June 6th @ Camp Carlson
From Jaime & Tiffany Palomo Co-Chairmen



Hello Everyone!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued support you've shown our Post over the past month. January's Divisional Football Sunday was a great time, and we truly appreciate everyone who came out to support the event. While the turnout was smaller than in previous months, those who attended and brought a dish made it a wonderful afternoon. Events like these are a great reminder of the strong sense of camaraderie and fellowship within our Post.

We hope everyone had a great month and stayed safe and warm during the snowy weather. Although we serve as the Kids Fishing Derby Chairmen, please know that if you ever need anything, don't hesitate to reach out—this includes rides to our monthly events. We are always happy to help.

Looking ahead, we will be hosting the Super Bowl watch party on February 8th at the V. We hope you can join us for great food, friendly banter, and good football as we cheer on the Patriots or the Seahawks. Please bring a dish to share with everyone!

Your enthusiasm, generosity, and commitment are what truly make VFW Post 10281 feel like family. Thank you again for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Super Bowl for another enjoyable day of food, fun, and community.

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Turkey Talk!
Randy Morris Turkey Shoot Chairman



Turkey Shoot Season Oct 4th – Mar 28th

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Join us for the 2025-2026 Turkey Shoot Season. Practice opens at 11am and ends at 12:30pm. Lunch is provided. Initial buy-in is 10 rounds at \$25, jackpot entry is \$5, side bet is \$12 and the monthly leaderboard is \$3 for an "all-in" total of \$45. Shoot begins at 1pm. Prizes are awarded for each round and lunch is provided.

Spread the word and we hope to see you there!

Manager's Mention

From Manager Kim Flynn & Assistant Managers– Malcolm & Misty

Hello 10281 Family!

Don't miss
Zach Jennings
on the 28th
\$5 cover
charge

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- Free Money Madness E-tab tournaments begin on the 2nd and continue every Monday at 7pm.
- We will hold Corn Hole every Tuesday at 7pm starting on the 3rd.
- Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, February 8th** at 11am.
- February's Balloon Party will be on Friday the 13th, starting at 7pm.
- Country Night on the 28th with Zach Jennings, \$5 band cover charge.
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday evening at 5pm we will offer free food.
- 🌮 The Third Tuesday of the month is Taco Tuesday 🌮
- Every Thursday we will offer Schnitzel meals for Lunch and Dinner at a special price.



As always, thank you all for your continued support!



Views from the V



Please go to our website Gallery to see more Views from the V at: <https://vfw10281.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=18387&subID=5128&x=x#gallery>



VFW Commander – Andrell "Jack" Jackson

February

MOC Seam Squirrel – Chris Squires

VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

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MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 POST CLOSED	2 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	3 Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	4 Canteen Free Food 5pm - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	5 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	6 Canteen Free Food 5pm	7 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am - Turkey Shoot: 11am - P/P: 8-11pm
8 Community Breakfast: 11am - MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows) - KFD: Super Bowl LX Open @ 5:30pm	9 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	10 Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	11 - General Membership Meeting: 7pm	12 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Warhammer	13 Canteen Free Food 5pm - P/P: 5-9pm - Balloon Party: 7pm	14 Valentine's Day - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am Blood Drive: 9am-2pm - CVMA Mtg: 10am - Turkey Shoot: 11am
15 POST CLOSED	16 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	17 - Canteen Free Taco's 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	18 Canteen Free Food 5pm	19 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	20: Cootie Grand Canteen Free Food 5pm	21: Cootie Grand - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Scratch @ 10am - Turkey Shoot: 11am
22: Cootie Grand POST CLOSED	23 - E-tab Tourney: 7pm	24 Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	25 Canteen Free Food 5pm	26 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Magic: The Gathering	27 Canteen Free Food 5pm	28 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Turkey Shoot: 11am Country Music Nite 7-11pm / \$5 Cover
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Legend: Aux: VFW Auxiliary

RVC: Radcliff Veterans Center

D4: VFW District 4

MOC/MOCA: Military Order of Cooties / Military Order of Cooties Auxiliary

CVMA: Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

P/P: Private Party in Ballroom

TS: Turkey Shoot

HCPMA: Hardcore Patriots Motorcycle Association

KFD: Kids' Fishing Derby

Current as of:
29-Jan-26