



VFW Post 10281 Family News

April 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)

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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!

April 2026

As we reflect on the month of March, I want to thank each and every one of you for continuing to make VFW Post ten-two-eight-one the great Post that it is. Your dedication, participation, and commitment to our mission truly make a difference.

Our participation at the Spring Conference was outstanding. Even with the time change and having to "spring forward," our members showed up strong and represented our Post with pride. That level of commitment does not go unnoticed.

It was also an honor to be part of the celebration recognizing our Vietnam Veterans. Butch Hartzel was honored with a beautifully hand-stitched American flag—a well deserved recognition for his service and sacrifice. We wish a very Happy 87th Birthday to Ms. Helen Martinson who made this flag for Butch.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the incredible success of this year's Turkey Shoot season. It was a tremendous effort from start to finish. A special congratulations goes out to Comrade Morris, Randy, and their crew for their hard work and dedication in supporting the Post throughout the season. Your efforts continue to strengthen everything we do here. Additionally, please join me in congratulating Comrade Al Hernandez on being selected as the new Cooties Seam Squirrel last month. We wish him great success in the coming year—he will do great.

We also have a great opportunity this month to spend time with our Veterans from the RVC on the 14th and the 24th. I'm calling it "RVC and the V." Our comrades will be here around lunchtime on those dates. If you are available, come out and show them a great time and enjoy the camaraderie.

We have built a great rhythm at the Post, and it shows. Thank you all for staying engaged and in step with everything that is happening. That unity and consistency are what keep us moving forward.

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As we enter April, I want to remind everyone that we are currently short on staff. Please take a moment to thank our staff members when you see them. They work hard behind the scenes to keep operations running smoothly, and we simply cannot do this without them.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter—may it be a time of renewal, reflection, and time well spent with family and friends.

April Highlights & Events

- 3 April – Fish Fry Dinner in the Canteen
- 10 April – Canteen TV Raffle
(All proceeds go toward the employees' Christmas party.)
- 12 April – Community Breakfast
- 18 April – Traveling Flags & Blessing of the Bikes Ceremony – 11am
- 19 April – Spring Clean-Up
- 20 April – Monthly Birthday Bash
- 23 April – NFL Draft Night – 6pm
- 25 April – Country Night
- 26 April – Make-Up Spring Cleaning



Thank you again for everything you do to support VFW Post ten-two-eight-one. Together, we continue serving our best with our best!

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,

April 2026

Wow! It's election time again! As I've been in this position for 6 years, I wanted to take a moment to detail some of the responsibilities so that people interested in running for President, Secretary and Treasurer have a clear picture of what the position entails, so as they assume the mantle, they are not taken by surprise. We are the largest Auxiliary in the state. It is a big commitment with more to it than meets the eye and can be overwhelming.

Auxiliary Level Presidents are expected to:

- Attend one of the two planned Schools of Instruction to go over the programs for the year and get guidance from incoming Department (State) President Ron Kohrs. The schools will most likely occur in early August with one in Western KY and one up in Northern KY at John R. Little Post 3186 in Southgate

- Attend the Fall and Spring Conferences (October and March) and the Convention held in June.

- Ensure that program reports are submitted to the Department Chairman.

- Are required to preside over at least 10 of the Auxiliary meetings per year in accordance with the bylaws.

- Understand that compensation for expenditures are dependent upon the bylaws, standing rules, and vote of the Auxiliary membership.

Auxiliary Level Secretaries and Treasurers are also expected to attend one of the Schools of Instruction, conferences and Convention, and attend and participate in the quarterly audits.

All three positions are expected to communicate with the Departments President, Secretary and Treasurer as needed via phone and email and understand that compensation for expenditures are dependent upon the bylaws, standing rules and vote of the Auxiliary membership.

All of that aside, you will make amazing friends across the Commonwealth and learn so much about this incredible organization and everything we do to make lives better for Veterans, Service Members and Families. You will never feel so rewarded and that is the best kind of compensation there is!

As always, it is an honor

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to work with you all!



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,

April 2026

A huge thank you for coming out to support our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and antics.

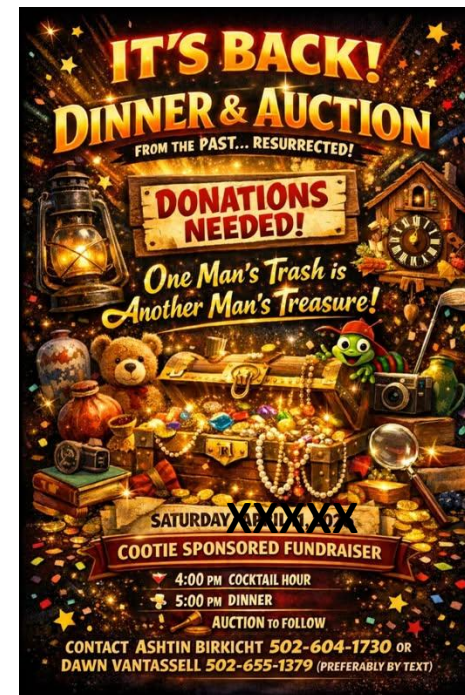
You were truly incorrigible and we appreciate it!

Coming up is our monthly visit to the RVC on the 4th at 10am and our April 12th Scratch at 1:30pm.

Please be aware that our April 11th Dinner and Auction has been postponed. We are still accepting donations for the event.



**Dinner & Auction
Postponed to
June 6th**



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

Keep them smiling 5 in beds of white



Kid's Fishing Derby!

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



Hello Everyone!

April 2026

Thank you all for your continued support of VFW Post 10281. While this past month was a bit quieter in terms of events, there has been a great deal happening behind the scenes as we prepare for one of our favorite community traditions—the upcoming Kids Fishing Derby on June 6.

We've been working closely with the team at MWR on Fort Knox to build on last year's success and make this year's derby even better for our families and young anglers. Our goal is to create a fun, memorable experience for the kids while continuing to strengthen our connection with the community and highlight the mission of the VFW.

In the coming weeks, we will be releasing the official event flyer with full details. We will also be reaching out for volunteers to help make the day a success. Whether it's assisting with setup, helping the kids, or simply being there to support the event, any time you can give is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference.

Events like the fishing derby are only possible because of the dedication and generosity of our members and supporters. Your willingness to step up, lend a hand, and give back is what keeps our Post strong and thriving.

As always, your enthusiasm, generosity, and commitment are what truly make VFW Post 10281 feel like family. Thank you for your continued support of our veterans, our mission, and of one another. We look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events and especially at the derby in June.



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A big thank you for all your support during the 2025-2026 Oct 4th – Mar 28th Turkey shoot season.

We look forward to seeing you in the fall for our 2026-2027 season!



Manager's Mention

From Manager Kim Flynn & Assistant Manager— Misty Corbett-Knowles

Hello 10281 Family!

April 2026

- Start off the month by joining us on the 4th for our Good Friday Fish Fry Dinner.
- On the 6th and every Monday at 7pm we hold Free Money Monday e-tab tournaments
- April's Balloon Party will be held on Friday the 10th starting at 7pm.
- Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, April 12th** at 11am.
- Join us on the 20th for our monthly Birthday Bash.
- Country Night on the 25th with Zach Jennings, \$5 band cover charge.
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday evening at 5pm we offer free food.
- 🌮 The Third Tuesday of the month is Free Taco Tuesday 🌮
- Every Thursday we offer Schnitzel meals for Lunch and Dinner at a special price.



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Good Friday
FISH FRY DINNER
VFW POST 10281

DATE: **APRIL 3, 2026**
TIME: **4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**
WHERE: **VFW POST 10281**
299 BRIGGS LANE, VINE GROVE, KY 40175

VFW
DINE-IN ONLY (\$10 PER PLATE)
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! ALL ARE WELCOME!
PROCEEDS BENEFIT YOUR VFW POST.

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Congratulations to our Queen of Hearts Winners !



As always, thank you 7 for your continued support!



ZACH JENNINGS
COUNTRY NIGHT

25 APRIL - 8PM UNTIL 12AM
VFW POST 10281
299 BRIGGS LANE, VINEGROVE, KY 40175

\$5 FREE ENTRY

LIVE MUSIC
FUN, DANCE AND
EXCITEMENT



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>







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MOC Seam Squirrel – Chris Squires

VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>29</p> <p>Auxilliary</p>  | <p>30</p> <p>Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm</p> | <p>1</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm</p> | <p>2</p> <p>- P/P: 1pm-TBD</p> <p>- Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm</p> <p>P/P: 6 - Close</p> | <p>4</p> <p>- Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am - Aux: Kids Easter Party: 2-4pm (TS) - P/P: 6 - Close</p> |
| <p>5 Happy Easter</p>  <p>POST CLOSED</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm</p> | <p>8</p> <p>- General Membership Meeting: 7pm **** Elections****</p> | <p>9</p> <p>- Board Game Nite 6-9pm Warhammer</p> | <p>10</p> <p>- P/P: 4pm-TBD Canteen Free Food 5pm</p> <p>- Balloon Party: 7pm</p> | <p>11</p> <p>- Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - CVMA Mtg: 10am - Turkey Shoot: 11am</p> |
| <p>12</p> <p>Community Breakfast: 11am</p> <p>MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows)</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm</p> | <p>14</p> <p>***RVC at the V*** Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm</p> | <p>16</p> <p>- Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm</p> | <p>18 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - HCPMA Mtg: 9am - POW/MIA Bike / Flag Blessing 11am</p> <p>- P/P: 4-7pm</p> |
| <p>19</p> <p>Spring Clean-Up 9am</p> <p>POST CLOSED</p> | <p>20</p>  <p>Monthly Birthday Bash and Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm</p> | <p>21</p> <p>- Canteen Free Taco's 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm</p> | <p>23</p>  <p>- Board Game Nite 6-9pm Magic: The Gathering</p> | <p>24</p> <p>- P/P: 9am - Noon</p> <p>***RVC at the V*** Canteen Free Food 5pm</p> <p>- Boy Scouts (TS)</p> | <p>25 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Boy Scouts (TS)</p> <p>Country Music Nite 8-12pm / \$5 Cover</p> |
| <p>26</p> <p>Spring Clean-Up (Make-up Day) 9am</p> <p>POST CLOSED</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm</p> | <p>30</p> <p>- Board Game Nite 6-9pm Anything</p> | <p>1</p> <p>Canteen Free Food 5pm</p> | <p>2</p> <p>- Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am</p> |

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-Mar-26