VFW Post 10281 Family News

May 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

Benefits Advisor – not assigned

Judge Advocate - Rob Woosley

Surgeon – Daniel Molley

VFW Commander's Corner

***From VFW Commander* Andrell "Jack" Jackson**

Comrades, Auxiliary, and Friends, **May 2026**

April was a strong month for our Post, filled with meaningful events, community engagement, and continued support for our Veterans. I want to thank everyone who stepped up and made these events successful.

We kicked things off with a great Auxiliary Easter Kids Party, bringing families together and putting smiles on the faces of our young community members. Events like this remind us that our Post is not just for Veterans—it's for families and the future as well.

Our POW/MIA Traveling Flags Ceremony and Blessing of the Bikes was a powerful and respectful event. It was an honor to bless the flags that represent so many Veteran organizations, as well as the bikes of our Veteran riders as they begin a new season of travel. These traditions keep our mission, and our fallen and missing brothers and sisters close to our hearts.

We were also proud to host Troop 152 for their campout, strengthening our relationship with the next generation and showing them, firsthand what service and community look like.

Additionally, we completed our General Membership Elections. Thank you to everyone who participated in the process and to those stepping up into leadership roles. Your commitment ensures the continued success of VFW Post 10281.

May brings us opportunities to honor, celebrate, and continue serving our community. Join us for our Mother's Day Community Breakfast, where all mothers will receive a steak for breakfast as our way of saying thank you for everything they do.

On May 13, our newly elected officers will be sworn in as we prepare for the upcoming year—dinner will be served prior to the 7:00 pm meeting, so come early, enjoy a meal, and support your new leadership team.

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VFW Commander's Corner

***From VFW Commander* Andrell "Jack" Jackson**

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As we approach Memorial Day, we will gather for a meaningful day of remembrance with an 11:00 am Flag Ceremony, followed by a 12:00 pm Memorial Day Picnic hosted by our Auxiliary. We will close out the month with Country Night on May 30th at 7 pm, so come out and enjoy a great evening of music, fun, and camaraderie at your Post.

Opportunities to Volunteer – May

- **Cooties at the RVC:** 2 May at 10:00 am (You do not have to be a Cootie to participate)
- **Memorial Day Flag Placement & Retrieval:** 21, 22, & 26 May (Come to Executive Committee Meeting 6 May for details)
- **Day of Service Support:** 23 May (Details will be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting on 6 May)
- **Memorial Day Picnic Support:** (See Cindy, Auxiliary President, to get involved)
- **KDF Volunteer Meeting:** 30 May at 12:00 pm
- **Ballroom Ceiling Project** completion Sunday through Tuesday each week till complete.

As we close out the VFW year, we have achieved 101% membership, meeting the requirement for All-State recognition—a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of this Post.

The Day of Service on May 23 will complete our final requirement, marking the end of a truly successful year. Thank you all for your commitment, your time, and your continued support in making this year one to be proud of.

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

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VFW Motto – No One Does More for Our Veterans! **Post Motto – Serving the Best with Our Best!**

VFW Auxiliary President's Pen

From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West

Greetings Team, **May 2026**

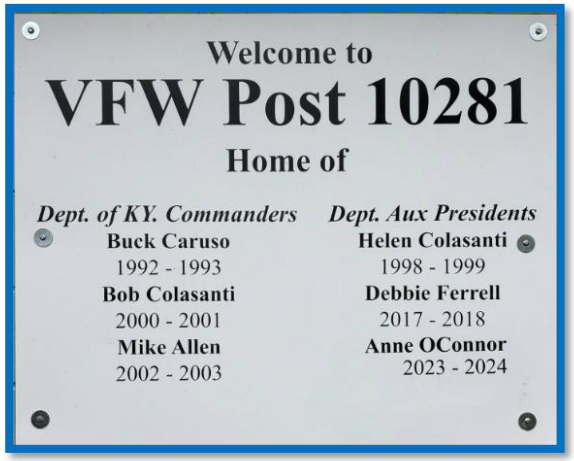
I hope that you are enjoying our beautiful Spring!

I just want to thank everyone for all of your support, and I look forward to embarking on yet another fun filled year in July. I am honored by the trust that has been placed in me.

Another word of gratitude for those that attended the blessing of the bikes and the revealing of Past Department President, Annie O'Connor's name on the building. Thank you Commander Jack for ensuring that this oversight was corrected. It's not easy to become Auxiliary President of the state and it's a big deal for 10281 to have any state officer in the chairs, so recognizing the importance was deeply appreciated.

Memorial Day is 25 May. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate, and we can start the season on the hill with our annual cookout. Let's have a great time after we spend the weekend honoring the fallen in a way that only Post 10281 does.

Keep an eye out for other activities that may pop up. As we approach summer, we will fit things in so we can better serve our Veterans!



As always, it is an honor 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, **May 2026**

A huge thank you for coming out to support our mission…You are truly incorrigible and we appreciate it!

Coming up is our monthly visit to the RVC on the 2nd at 10:30am and Scratch is on the 3rd at 1:30pm.

Please be aware that our Dinner and Auction is scheduled for 6 June and we are still accepting donations.

Dinner & Auction June 6th

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

Keep them smiling in beds of white

Kid's Fishing Derby!

June 6th @ Camp Carlson

From Jaime & Tiffany Palomo Co-Chairmen

Hello Everyone! **May 2026**

Thank you all for your continued support of our Post. While this past month has been 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 6th.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. If you're available, we could use assistance in several areas, including guest check-in and registration, kitchen prep and cooking, working the bait and weight station, and serving as safety officers throughout the event. Every role plays an important part in creating a safe, fun, and memorable day for the kids and families who attend.

If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out and let us know how you'd like to help. There will be a signup sheet on the front table of the VFW for all wanting to volunteer.

To ensure everything runs smoothly, we will be holding a volunteer meeting at noon on May 30th to go over event logistics, assignments, and expectations. We strongly encourage all volunteers to attend so everyone feels confident and prepared for the big day.

The official event flyer will be released this upcoming week, so please be on the lookout for it on the Facebook pages for VFW Post 10281 and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The flyer will include important details such as event times, age groups, and registration information.

If you are planning to participate or volunteer, please ensure any required forms or documents are completed, scanned, and sent to our email as soon as possible. This will help us stay organized and make check-in on the day of the event quick and efficient for everyone.

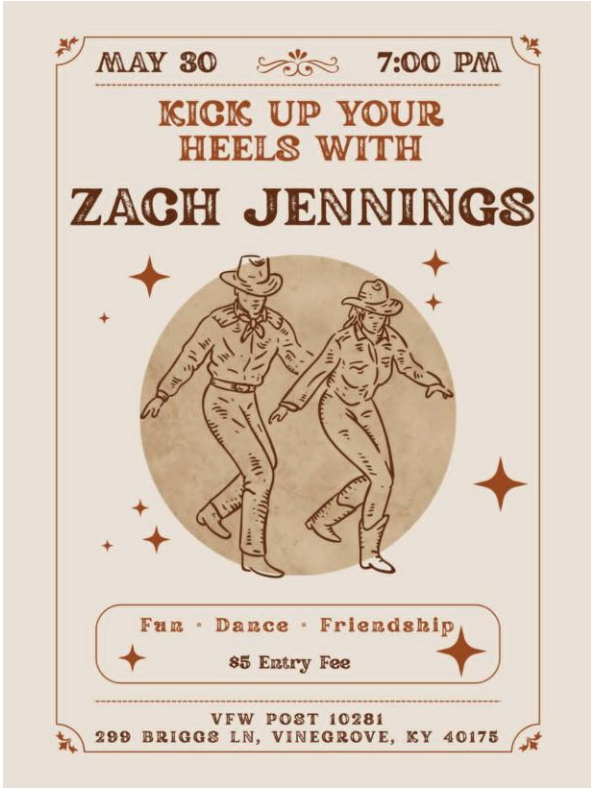
We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you all at the derby!

Manager's Mention

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

Hello 10281 Family! ***May 2026***

- Start the month off by joining us on the 4th and every Monday at 7pm for our Free Money Monday e-tab tournaments
- Community Breakfast will be held on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 10th** at 11am. Every mother will receive a steak.
- May's Balloon Party will be held on Friday the 15th starting at 7pm.
- Join us on the 18th for our monthly Birthday Bash.
- 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.



Congratulations to our April $ Winners !

As always, thank you for your continued support!

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Flag Placement

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To Honor all the Veterans in preparation for Memorial Day At the local cemeteries please join us in placing flags at the following locations, days, and times.

May 21st Thursday – 4pm

North Hardin Memorial Gardens
(next to North Hardin High School)
100 Logsdon Parkway, Radcliff

May 24th Friday – 4pm

First:
Vine Grove Cemetery
(across from Cash Savers)
North Mill Street, Vine Grove

Second:
St. Brigit Cemetery
(near James T. Alton)
901 Crume Road, Vine Grove

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10281

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MOC Seam Squirrel – Chris Squires
MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 ---------- **POST CLOSED** ----------	27 **Free Money Monday** E-tab Tourney 7pm	28 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm - **Boy Scouts** 6pm - **Corn Hole** 7pm	29 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm	30 - **Board Game Nite** 6-9pm **Anything**	1 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm **P/P:** 5pm - TBD	2 - **Breakfast to Order** Open to Public 8-11am **Cooties** RVC 10:30am
3 ---------- **POST CLOSED** ---------- **MOC/MOCA:** Scratch @ 1:30pm (Pie Nite Follows)	4 **Free Money Monday** E-tab Tourney 7pm	5 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm - **Boy Scouts** 6pm - **Corn Hole** 7pm	6 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm - **Executive Mtg:** 6pm - **House Comm Mtg:** 6:30pm	7 - **Board Game Nite** 6-9pm **Dungeons & Dragons**	8 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm	9 - **Breakfast to Order** Open to Public 8-11am - **CVMA Mtg:** 10am - **P/P:** TBD
10 **Mothers Day** **Community Breakfast:** 11am 	11 **Free Money Monday** E-tab Tourney 7pm	12 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm - **Boy Scouts** 6pm - **Corn Hole** 7pm	13 - **General Membership Meeting:** 7pm	14 - **Board Game Nite** 6-9pm **Warhammer**	15: **Cootie Grand** 15-16th @ Franklin, KY **Canteen Free Food** 5pm - **P/P:** 3-8pm - **Balloon Party:** 7pm	16: **Cootie Grand** - **Breakfast to Order** Open to Public 8-11am - **HCPMA Mtg:** 9am - **P/P**: 7pm - Close
17 **D4 Mtg @ Post 10281** 3pm (EST) ---------- **POST CLOSED** ----------	18 **Monthly Birthday Bash** and **Free Money Monday** E-tab Tourney 7pm	19 **Canteen Free Taco's** 5pm - **Boy Scouts** 6pm - **Corn Hole** 7pm	20 - **P/P:** 2 - 6pm **Canteen Free Food** 5pm	21 - **Flag Placement** Radcliff @ 4pm - **Board Game Nite** 6-9pm **Dungeons & Dragons**	22 - **Flag Placement** Vine Grove @ 4pm **Canteen Free Food** 5pm	23 - **Breakfast to Order** Open to Public 8-11am - **First Responder** Loyalty Dinner @ 4pm
24 / 31 ---------- **POST CLOSED** ----------	25 **Memorial Day** **Flag Ceremony** 11am **Aux Picnic** @ 12pm **Free Money Monday** E-tab Tourney 7pm	26 - **Flag Retrieval** 4pm **Canteen Free Food** 5pm - **Boy Scouts** 6pm - **Corn Hole** 7pm	27 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm	28 - **Board Game Nite** 6-9pm **Magic: The Gathering**	29 **Canteen Free Food** 5pm - **P/P:** 7pm - Close	30 - **Breakfast to Order** Open to Public 8-11am - **KFD Volunteer Mtg.** @ Noon **Country Music Nite** 7-11pm / $5 Cover

Legend:
Aux: VFW Auxiliary
MOC/MOCA: Military Order of Cooties / Military Order of Cooties Auxiliary
RVC: Radcliff Veterans Center
D4: VFW District 4
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: 30-Apr-26