



# VFW Post 10281 Family News

## June 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



Comrades, Auxiliary, and Friends,

**June 2026**

As we begin June, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for helping make this VFW year a success. Through your dedication, volunteer hours, event support, and commitment to our mission, we have officially achieved **101% membership** and completed the requirements necessary to remain **All State**. This accomplishment belongs to every member who recruited, renewed, volunteered, and showed up when our Post needed support.

May closed with meaningful service opportunities, Memorial Day preparation, and continued support to our Veterans and community. Thank you to everyone who supported our Day of Service efforts, community activities, and continued outreach. Because of your efforts, we are closing this VFW year strongly and setting conditions for continued success.

As we move into June, let us continue that momentum and remember that our mission does not end with the close of the VFW year. Summer brings opportunities to reconnect with our community, celebrate our Nation's history, and continue serving our Veterans.

### **June gives us several opportunities to celebrate and serve:**

#### Kids Fishing Derby – Saturday, 6 June

Join us in supporting another great day for our youth and community at Camp Carlson from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Admission is free, and the event is open to youth ages 17 and under. This is a great opportunity for families to enjoy time outdoors, build lasting memories, and introduce the next generation to fishing and community involvement.

Pre-registration ends 3 June, so do not wait to reserve your spot. Please see the QR code on our Facebook page for registration information and additional event details.

Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters who continue making this event possible.

June 14<sup>th</sup> not only honors the Stars and Stripes, but it also marks the official birthday of the United States Army. As we celebrate the Army's service to our Nation since 1775 (251 YEARS), we honor the Soldiers—past and present—who have defended our freedom under that flag. Let us reflect on the Army's continued mission and sacrifices and take pride in both the flag and the Soldiers who serve under it.

**Call "Ten Two," Response "Eight One"**

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Juneteenth marks an important moment in our Nation's history and serves as a reminder of continued progress toward liberty and opportunity for all Americans. We encourage members to take time to reflect on the meaning of service, unity, and freedom. Come on out at noon on this day we are hosting a BBQ!

Join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> as we combine our Community Breakfast with Father's Day. Bring your family and celebrate the fathers, grandfathers, mentors, and Veterans who continue to make a difference in our lives and community.

The month closes with one of the most important weekends of our VFW calendar. Department of Kentucky State Convention – Lexington – Weekend of 26 June. The State Convention gives us the opportunity to celebrate accomplishments across the Department, conduct business for the coming year, strengthen relationships with fellow Posts, and continue learning how we can better serve Veterans and their families. We wish safe travels to everyone attending and appreciate those representing VFW Post 10281.

As summer activities begin, continue watching for volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, and ways to stay involved around the Post. Every hour volunteered and every event supported helps strengthen our organization and our ability to serve. Thank you again for making this VFW year one to remember. We have achieved 101% membership and completed the requirements necessary to become All State. This accomplishment reflects the commitment and teamwork of our entire Post family.

As we enter a new VFW year, let us continue building on that success, welcoming new members, supporting all our organizations, serving our community, and never forgetting those who earned the title of Veteran.

Thank you all for a successful year.

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

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# VFW Auxiliary President's Pen

From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West

Greetings 10281 Family!

**June 2026**

Welcome to June! As we officially kick off the summer season, it is the perfect time to look back with immense gratitude and look forward to all the wonderful things we have planned for the sunny months ahead.

First and foremost, a massive THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to make our Memorial Day events so deeply meaningful and successful. It truly takes a village, and our Auxiliary family showed up in a big way!

We want to send a special shout-out to some incredible souls who went above and beyond:

Nancy: Thank you for capturing the day so beautifully. Your photographs help us share the fun that comes with working our important mission.

Travell & Jeff: The smiles behind the magic! Thank you both for your hard work with the heavy lifting during setup and teardown.

Jay & Belinda: The cookout crew extraordinaires! Thank you for pouring so much love into cooking up a delicious spread for everyone.



**As always, it is an honor**

**to work with you all!**

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From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West

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Dawn: Thank you for your fantastic work assisting with our fundraising efforts—your dedication keeps our mission moving forward. We stand by to do everything we can to support you on your Supreme Journey!

And as **always**, our deepest appreciation to Kim and her team for assisting us throughout the day. It takes a village to hold an event and we are blessed with a fantastic one!

As we move into the busy summer months, let's carry the spirit of Memorial Day with us. It's always good to remind ourselves why we do what we do...we are here because we have a heart for Veterans and our community. That is what our programs are all about! From Americanism to Youth Activities, it's the Auxiliary from A to Z (well, "Y" anyhow!) Every single one of our programs is rooted in service to others. Together, we pledge to put our Veterans, Service Members, and their Families above all else. Thank you for your continued dedication, your passion, and your beautiful hearts.

Let's make this June a spectacular month of service, fellowship, and fun!



# *Cootie Bites & Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary*



*From Military Order of the Cooties Seam Squirrel Al Hernandez &  
MOCA #7 President Ashtin Birkicht*

Dear Comrades & Cooties,

**June 2026**

Coming up is our monthly visit to the RVC on the 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and Scratch is on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

Don't forget Fourth of July will be right around the corner. Pencil in a fun-filled day to celebrate our great nation's birthday with us at the V.



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

**Keep them smiling**

**in beds of white**



# Kid's Fishing Derby!

June 6<sup>th</sup> @ Camp Carlson  
From Jaime & Tiffany Palomo Co-Chairmen



Dear Members and friends of VFW Post 10281,

Registration is underway and we currently have about 130 kiddos registered. Please be sure to pass any information to family and friends that would be interested in this event. Please remember there will be no on-site registration. You must pre register by June 3<sup>rd</sup> to participate in this event. You can scan the QR code on the flyer and it will take you to the MWR page where you will find the 2 documents you need to fill out to register. If you have any questions or concerns, please send emails to:

[kidsfishingderby10281@gmail.com](mailto:kidsfishingderby10281@gmail.com).

We currently have about 15 volunteers for this event! THANK YOU ALL!  
If you would like to help out, please reach out to me Jaime, at 252-259-0243 with your name and shirt size.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1800 (6pm) we will meet at the V and pass out volunteer shirts if you need one.

Thank you once again for your support!  
Thank you all for what you do to support our youth.

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**FORT KNOX ANNUAL**  
**KIDS FISHING DERBY**

Hosted by  
**VFW POST 10281**  
**VFW**  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

**JUNE 6, 2026**  
**CAMP CARLSON**  
**AGES 17 & UNDER**  
**FREE - 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

Pre-registration is required by June 3.  
No day of registration.  
Registration and waiver must be completed.  
Please email completed waivers to [kidsfishingderby10281@gmail.com](mailto:kidsfishingderby10281@gmail.com).

**Event Details**

- Lunch is provided
- Prizes at the End of Event Ceremony
- Limited to the first 350 children
- Mandatory Safety Briefing at 0945
- Fishing begins at 1000

U.S. ARMY MWR

Scan QR Code for Registration and Waiver

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!

June 2026

- Start the month off by joining us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and every Monday at 7pm for our Free Money Monday e-tab tournaments
- Members can enjoy Queen of Hearts every Saturday at 7:15pm.
- June's Balloon Party will be held on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm.
- Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** at 11am so we can celebrate all the fathers on this day.
- Join us on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- Country Music Nite will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> There is a \$5 cover charge.

## Congratulations to our May \$\$ Winners !





# Views from the V



## Many hands make light work



If you would like to lend a hand, please contact the V!



# Views from the V




VFW Commander – Andrell "Jack" Jackson

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MOC Seam Squirrel – Al Hernandez

MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31  ----- <b>POST CLOSED</b> -----	1  <b>Free Money Monday</b> E-tab Tourney 7pm	2  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 5pm - <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	3  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 2pm - <b>Executive Mtg:</b> 6pm - <b>House Comm Mtg:</b> 6:30pm	4  - <b>Board Game Nite</b> 6-9pm <b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> <b>Group B</b>	5  - <b>P/P:</b> 1-3pm - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 5pm <b>Kids Fishing Derby</b> <b>Load Out @ 5pm</b>	6  - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am <b>KFD 8:30m @ Carlson</b> <b>Cooties RVC 10:30am</b>  <b>Queen of Hearts 7:15pm</b>
7  ----- <b>POST CLOSED</b> -----	8  <b>Free Money Monday</b> E-tab Tourney 7pm	9  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 5pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	10  - <b>General Membership Meeting:</b> 7pm	11  - <b>Board Game Nite</b> 6-9pm <b>Warhammer</b> <b>Group A</b>	12  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 5pm - <b>P/P:</b> 6 - 8 pm - <b>Balloon Party:</b> 7pm	13  - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am - <b>CVMA Mtg:</b> 10am - <b>P/P:</b> Noon - 2pm <b>Queen of Hearts 7:15pm</b> - <b>P/P:</b> 7pm - Close
14 <b>ARMY 251st Birthday</b>  ----- <b>POST CLOSED</b> ----- <b>MOC/MOCA:</b> Scratch @ 1:30pm	15  <b>Free Money Monday</b> E-tab Tourney 7pm	16  - <b>Canteen Free Taco's</b> 5pm - <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	17  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 2pm	18  - <b>Board Game Nite</b> 6-9pm <b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> <b>Group B</b>	19  <b>Juneteenth Celebration @ Noon</b>	20  - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am  - <b>P/P:</b> 4pm - Close <b>Queen of Hearts 7:15pm</b>
21  <b>Father's Day</b>  <b>Community Breakfast:</b> 11am	22  <b>Monthly Birthday Bash</b> and <b>Free Money Monday</b> E-tab Tourney 7pm	23  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 5pm - <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	24  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 2pm <b>Cooties RVC 6:30pm</b>	25: <b>State Convention</b> Lexington, KY 25th - 28th  - <b>Board Game Nite</b> 6-9pm <b>Magic: The Gathering</b>	26: <b>State Convention</b> 10am VFW Business Meeting  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 5pm	27: <b>State Convention</b> - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am  <b>Queen of Hearts 7:15pm</b>
28: <b>State Convention</b>  ----- <b>POST CLOSED</b> -----	29  <b>Free Money Monday</b> E-tab Tourney 7pm	30  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 5pm - <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6pm - <b>Corn Hole</b> 7pm	1  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 2pm - <b>Executive Mtg:</b> 6pm - <b>House Comm Mtg:</b> 6:30pm	2  - <b>Board Game Nite</b> 6-9pm <b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> <b>Group A</b>	3  - <b>Canteen Free Food</b> 5pm	4 <b>Independence Day</b> - <b>Breakfast to Order</b> Open to Public 8-11am <b>Flag Ceremony 11am</b> - <b>Cootie: Picnic</b> 12pm <b>Post Rib Cook-off</b> <b>Queen of Hearts 7:15pm</b>

**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

**KFD:** Kids' Fishing Derby

**Current as of:**  
**3-Jun-26**