



VFW Post 10281 Family News

July 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 – Travell Brown

Chaplain – Ushelor Lowery

1 yr. Trustee – Jimmy Silva

2 yr. Trustee – Kenneth Meyer

3 yr. Trustee – Belinda Gaither-Schmitt

Adjutant – Jeffrey Armstrong

Benefits Advisor – not assigned

Judge Advocate - Rob Woosley

Surgeon – Anthony Mitchell



Comrades, Auxiliary, and Friends,

July 2026

As we move into July, I want to start by recognizing the incredible volunteers who stepped up throughout the month of June. We had people cooking, decorating, setting up, cleaning up, helping with events, and doing whatever needed to be done to keep things moving. If Post 10281 gave out an award for kicking butt, our volunteers would have won it hands down.

We kicked off the month by supporting the Kids Fishing Derby, one of our favorite community events. It was a great day for the kids and families who came out, and we appreciate everyone who volunteered their time to help make it a success.

June also gave us the opportunity to celebrate the Army's Birthday and honor the proud legacy of the United States Army and the Soldiers who have served our nation. We are proud of our connection to the Fort Knox community and always welcome the chance to recognize our military family.

Our Juneteenth Luncheon was another highlight of the month and a great success for Post 10281. We were honored by the strong turnout from Veterans, Auxiliary, and the community, and we appreciate everyone who helped make the event special.

We also celebrated Father's Day with our Community Breakfast, which gave us another chance to bring members, families, and friends together at the Post. These events continue to remind us how important fellowship and community are to everything we do.

We will close out June by attending the VFW Department of Kentucky Convention, where Post 10281 will be represented at the state level.

We will kick off July with **our July 4th Ceremony at 11:00am** before the noon Cootie Picnic. This year's picnic will also feature a BBQ Cook-Off, and we hope to see everyone come out for a great day of fellowship and fun. We have some great 4th of July themed T-shirts for sale at the Post, and we would love to see everyone wearing them at the July 4th barbecue.

Later in July, our delegates will represent Post 10281 at the VFW National Convention and Supreme Scratch. Please be sure to check the calendar for all meetings, events, and activities throughout July.

Thank you for your continued support of VFW Post 10281 and for all you do to keep our Post active in the community. Serving our best with our best!

Call "Ten Two," Response "Eight One"



VFW Auxiliary President's Pen

From VFW Auxiliary President Cindy West



Greetings 10281 Family!

July 2026

What an incredible start to our summer! We are absolutely bursting with pride and gratitude, and we have so many fantastic updates to share with you all.

First and foremost, a massive THANK YOU to everyone who came out, supported, and pitched in for our Memorial Day Cookout! Whether you helped set up, flipped burgers (thanks again Jay and Belinda), donated delicious sides, or simply joined us to honor our fallen heroes, you made the day truly special. Our community spirit was on full display, and we couldn't have done it without your helping hands and warm smiles. 🍔

Double the Celebration! 🏆

We also want to extend our loudest CONGRATULATIONS to the entire VFW Post 10281 for their phenomenal success at the Department Convention! Your hard work, dedication, and service to our veterans have truly shone through. We are honored to stand alongside such an outstanding Post. Keep up the amazing work! Well done, Commander Jack, Belinda and the whole team!

New Membership Year & Early Bird Savings! 🐦

The new membership year officially starts right now, and there is no better time to renew your commitment to our veterans and families.

We are thrilled to offer our Early Bird dues of just \$25 from now until October 1st! Let's get 100% renewed early and show the Department what Auxiliary 10281 is made of!

Thank you all for your continued dedication to our veterans, our youth, and our community. Let's make this membership year our best one yet!

How are you planning to support the Auxiliary this year? Attend our meeting or reach out—we'd love to chat about exciting new ideas for the upcoming months!

As always, it is an honor

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to work with you all!

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We've made renewing easier than ever. Check out the convenient payment options below:

Payment Method	How to Pay	Special Instructions
In Person	Drop by the Post and pay directly	Cash or check accepted
Online Portal	Visit vfwauxiliary.org	Log in to your member portal
PayPal	Send to AlohaDevil96@yahoo.com	Please include your full name in the notes
CashApp	Send to \$AlohaDevil	Please include your full name in the notes
Venmo	Send to @AlohaDevil96	Please include your full name in the notes

⚠ Note for App Payments: *If you are renewing via PayPal, CashApp, or Venmo, please make sure to include your full name in the payment note/memo field so we can credit your account correctly!*

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Cootie Bites & Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

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



The Cooties Are Coming! The Cooties Are Coming!

July 2026

...and we hope you will be coming too!



Our annual Independence Day Celebration will be held July 4th in the Hall, and this year we're adding a little extra flavor with our very first **Rib Cook-Off!** It's bound to be finger-lickin' good! Think you've got the best ribs around? Bring at least **two slabs of ribs by 11:30 a.m.** for judging and let the battle begin! In addition to the competition, the Cooties will be serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, sausage, pulled pork.

Cootie Auxiliary members: Please bring a favorite side dish to share.

Cake Walk, Anyone?

We're bringing back an old-fashioned cake walk! If you'd like to donate a cake, pie, cookies, brownies, or other desserts, we'd sure appreciate it. And if enough folks donate a bottle of their favorite adult beverage, we may even have ourselves a Boozy Cake Walk! Now that's a prize worth scratchin' for!



Beat the Heat!

With temperatures expected to be hotter than a July firecracker, we'll be gathering inside the hall. But don't worry, we haven't forgotten the fun!

We'll have water balloons and water bombs ready for a good ole water fight. Bring the kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or borrow somebody else's (with permission, of course)!

The VFW Auxiliary and Cootie Auxiliary have teamed up to provide patriotic gift bags for all youngsters age 12 and under. Come for the food, stay for the fellowship, and help us celebrate America's 250th birthday Cootie-style!

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Keep them smiling

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in beds of white!



Cootie Bites & Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary



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Mission: Keep 'Em Smilin'

One of the things Cooties do best is spread smiles, and we'd love for you to join us. While we normally visit the Radcliff Veterans Center on the first Saturday of each month, this month's visit will take place on **July 11th at 10am**. **You don't have to be a Cootie to participate**, everyone is welcome! Spending time with our Veterans is not only good for them, it's good for your soul.



This month we'll be playing games, sharing patriotic treats, and enjoying fellowship with the residents.

Feel free to bring snacks, patriotic goodies, cards, or small tokens of appreciation to help brighten a Veteran's day. Sometimes the smallest gestures leave the biggest smiles. Come help us fulfill our mission **of Keeping 'Em Smilin' in Beds of White!**

Looking Ahead The Auction Returns! Mark Your Calendar for August 15th!

Dust off those bidding paddles and get ready, we're bringing back the auction so many of us remember and love! We're looking forward to making new memories while supporting a great cause. We've got some fantastic items lined up, including furniture, exercise equipment, and other treasures looking for new homes. Over the coming weeks, we'll be highlighting auction items on Facebook, so be sure to follow along and keep an eye out for something you just can't live without!

More details will be released as July unfolds, but for now, mark your calendars and start making plans to join us for an evening of food, fellowship, laughter, and friendly competition. Be sure to get your:

- Bidding Number – \$5 donation
- Dinner Ticket – \$10 donation
- Your sense of humor and competitive spirit!

Do you have gently used items you'd like to donate? Now is the perfect time! Furniture, household items, décor, tools, collectibles, exercise equipment, and other quality items are welcome. To arrange a donation pickup, please contact Dawn at 502-655-1379. So, start saving your pennies, warm up those bidding arms, and get ready for a bid-raisin' good time!

Scratchin' & Itchin' The next Cootie Scratch will be held **July 12th at 1:30pm**.

We've missed seeing your smiling faces and hope you'll come join us for fellowship, fun, and a little scratchin' and itchin' among friends. Remember: the best way to keep the Cootie spirit alive is to show up, get involved, and help us continue serving Veterans and their families. We'll save you a seat!

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*From Supreme (National level) President, Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary Dawn VanTassell:
CootieCutieDawnVT@gmail.com 502-655-1379*

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The Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary exists for one specific purpose:
to **Keep 'Em Smilin' in Beds of White.**

Our mission focuses on serving hospitalized Veterans, Veterans in assisted living facilities, hospice patients, and those who are homebound. While the VFW Auxiliary serves Veterans through many incredible programs, the MOCA focuses on one mission:
bringing comfort, companionship, laughter, and support directly to the Veterans who need it most.

The Cootie Auxiliary is not separate from the VFW Auxiliary family; we grow from it. Many of our members also serve as VFW Auxiliary leaders and chairman. Our pride in our VFW Auxiliary strengthens our pride in the MOCA and our pride in our MOCA strengthens our pride in our VFW Auxiliary!
Together, we can serve more Veterans!

If you have ever wondered, "What is a Cootie?" or would like to learn more about the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary, I would love to hear from you.

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Kid's Fishing Derby!

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



Dear Members and friends of VFW Post 10281,

July 2026

Kids Fishing Derby 2026 was another huge success!

We were honored to impact more than 300 kids and their families this year. We are truly blessed to play a small part in an event that brings together our military and civilian communities.

This year's Kids Fishing Derby would not have been possible without the incredible support of Fort Knox Family and MWR, VFW Post 10281 of Vine Grove, Valley High School NJROTC cadets, Fort Knox Fish and Wildlife, Bluegrass Challenge Academy, the paramedics team, and so many others who contributed their time and effort. If we missed anyone, please know that your help was greatly appreciated!

To make the event even more special, we welcomed approximately 30 new volunteers this year. A very special THANK YOU goes out to our VFW Post volunteers. You have welcomed and supported us in countless ways—from fundraising efforts to helping make the Kids Fishing Derby a reality year after year. We appreciate each and every one of you more than words can express.

We are already looking forward to doing it all again next year!

We are also excited to share that, thanks to our partnership with Maria Bell, founder of Be The Change Inc., we were able to distribute the leftover food from the event to many local families in need. Giving back and helping others is at the heart of what we do, and we are grateful for the opportunity to make a difference beyond the derby itself.

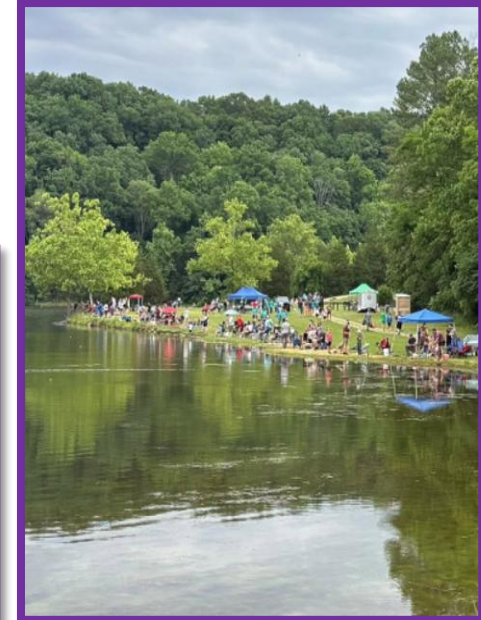
Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, participated, and supported this event. Your generosity and dedication continue to make a lasting impact on our community.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you all at the 2027 derby!



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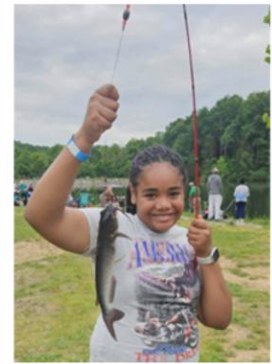
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Manager's Mention

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

Hello 10281 Family!

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- Members can Start the month off by joining us at 7:15pm on the 4th and every Saturday for the Queen of Hearts
- Join us on the 6th and every Monday at 7pm for our Free Money Monday e-tab tournaments
- July's Balloon Party will be held on Friday the 10th starting at 7pm.
- Our Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, July 12th** at 11am.
- Join us on the 20th for our monthly Birthday Bash.
- Every Tuesday & Friday at 5pm; also, Wednesday at 2pm we offer free food in the Canteen.
- 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 25th There is a \$5 cover charge.



Congratulations to our July \$\$ Winners !



As always, thank you for your continued support!



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

VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	 Saturday 
28 POST CLOSED	29 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm	30 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	1 - Canteen Free Food 2pm - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	2 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons Group A & Dragons	3 - Canteen Free Food 5pm	4 Independence Day - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am Flag Ceremony 11am - Cootie: Picnic 12pm Post Rib Cook-off Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
5 POST CLOSED	6 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm	7 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	8 - General Membership Meeting: 7pm	9 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Warhammer Group B	10 - P/P: 1-3pm - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Balloon Party: 7pm	11 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - CVMA Mtg: 10am Cooties RVC 10:30am Queen of Hearts 7:15pm - P/P: 3pm - Close
12 Community Breakfast: 11am MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm	13 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm	14 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	15 - Canteen Free Food 2pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	16 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons Group A & Dragons	17 - P/P: 10am - 2pm - Canteen Free Food 5pm	18 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - State SOI: All Day - P/P: TS TBD Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
19 POST CLOSED	20  Monthly Birthday Bash and Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	21 - Canteen Free Taco's 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	22 - Canteen Free Food 2pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	23 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Magic: The Gathering	24 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - P/P: 4pm - Close - National Convention Reno, Nevada	25 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am Queen of Hearts 7:15pm Country Music Nite 7-11pm / \$5 Cover - National Convention
26 POST CLOSED - National Convention	27 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm - National Convention	28 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm - National Convention	29 - Canteen Free Food 2pm Cooties RVC 6:30pm - National Convention - Supreme Scratch	30 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Anything One Shot - Supreme Scratch	31 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - P/P: 6 - 10pm - Supreme Scratch	1 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - CVMA Mtg: 10am Cooties RVC 10:30am 50 Shades of Pink Queen of Hearts 7:15pm - Supreme Scratch

Legend: Aux: VFW Auxiliary

RVC: Radcliff Veterans Center

P/P: Private Party in Ballroom

KFD: Kids' Fishing Derby

D4: VFW District 4

TS: Turkey Shoot

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

CVMA: Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

Current as of:
29-Jun-26