



VFW Post 10281 Family News

August 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



VFW Commander's Corner

From VFW Commander Andrell "Jack" Jackson

Comrades, Auxiliary, and Friends,

August 2026



As we look back on July, one thing stands out above everything else—Our volunteers once again made our Post shine. Every successful event reflected the time, energy, and dedication of members, Auxiliary, Cooties, and community supporters who continue to make VFW Post 10281 a welcoming place for Veterans, families, and friends.

Our Fourth of July celebration was a tremendous success as America celebrated its 250th Birthday. The Cootie BBQ brought back the always-popular Cake Walk, and Commander Andrell Jackson and Seam Squirrel Al Hernandez became the crowd favorites after getting "cake-faced." The Pork Spare Rib Cook-Off showcased some outstanding backyard pitmasters, and everyone enjoyed great food, fellowship, and patriotic spirit.

On July 25, our POW/MIA Traveling Flags began flying at VFW Post 10281 and remained proudly on display for one week. Thank you to everyone who helped us honor our Nation's prisoners of war and those still missing in action through this meaningful tradition.

Our delegates also represented VFW Post 10281 at the VFW National Convention in Reno. They attended training and participated in business sessions throughout the convention. During the convention, Commander Andrell Jackson Had the honor of walking across the stage to accept the All-American Post Award on behalf of VFW Post 10281, recognizing the outstanding work of our entire membership during the past year. This achievement reflects the dedication, teamwork, and commitment of every member who volunteered their time and talents to strengthen our Post and serve our fellow Veterans.



VFW Commander's Corner

From VFW Commander Andrell "Jack" Jackson

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August keeps the momentum going with several opportunities to get involved.

On Friday, August 1, join us for our 50 Shades of Pink Party, an evening of fun, fellowship, and entertainment. Best of all, all proceeds from the event go directly to our staff as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

On Monday, August 4, our canteen officially reopens following a completed reconfiguration to comply with updated charitable gaming regulations. We expect to open around 1:00 p.m., and we invite everyone to stop by and enjoy the updated space.

Our monthly Community Breakfast returns on the second Sunday of the month. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great meal while supporting your local VFW.

On Friday, August 15, the Cooties will host their Dinner and Auction, always a fun evening that supports great programs while providing plenty of laughs and fellowship.

On Thursday, August 21, VFW Post 10281 will participate in Fort Knox Retirement Appreciation Day. We will conduct a Buddy Poppy Drive while also sharing information about our Post and recruiting new members. This is an outstanding opportunity to thank retiring Soldiers for their service and introduce them to everything our VFW has to offer.

We close the month on Friday, August 28, with our Customer Appreciation Day. Join us for Music Bingo in the ballroom, great company, and an opportunity to thank everyone who supports our Post throughout the year.

As always, thank you to every volunteer who gives their time to strengthen our Post and serve our community. Together, we continue to honor our Veterans while building an active and welcoming home for those who have served.

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! ☀️

August 2026

What an incredible whirlwind July turned out to be! A huge **thank you** to every member of our team for helping make our time at the **National Convention in Reno** so much fun.

Kentucky and 10281 shined brightly in Reno—sharing ideas, celebrating accomplishments, and showing exactly what dedication, teamwork, and Auxiliary pride look like. The energy was high, the laughs were plentiful, and the commitment to serving veterans and our community was stronger than ever.

As we roll into August, let's keep that momentum going! We're energized, inspired, and ready to make this next season even more meaningful. Thank you for everything you do—your heart and hard work continue to make our 10281 Team extraordinary.

Mark your calendars and don't miss an evening of fellowship and good food at our **Spaghetti Dinner on the 8th of August**.

Onward, upward, and looking forward to all we'll accomplish together!

REMINDER: 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!

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

As always, it is an honor

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!

At the School of Instruction, we were reminded to ensure that Auxiliary members are aware that any discussion of Auxiliary business, particularly of financial information, outside of the meeting is absolutely forbidden. It leads to rumors that can be particularly hurtful and damaging and a rumor will travel the world before the truth can get out of its chair. Please do not engage in such discussion and stop anyone else you hear from doing so as well.

As always, it's an honor to work with you all! Enjoy this last month of summer!



Cootie Bites & Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

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



We want to thank you!

August 2026

What a wonderful way to celebrate our countries 250th Birthday! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our MOC/A Fourth of July Picnic. The day was filled with laughter, fellowship, and smiling faces!

We would like to give a special thank you to everyone who entered the VFW Rib Cook-Off. The competition was fierce, the ribs were absolutely delicious, and I'm pretty sure nobody left hungry! We appreciate everyone who fired up their smokers and shared their talents with us.

Of course, no picnic would have been complete without a little Cootie Shenanigans! A huge thank you to Commander Jack and Seam Squirrel Al for being such great sports and volunteering for the pie-in-the-face auction. By the end, there was whipped cream everywhere... on their faces, in their ears, and yes, even up their noses! Their willingness to laugh along with all of us helped make the day even more memorable.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, cooked, cleaned, laughed, and helped make the day such a success. The smiles, the fellowship, and the photos tell the story better than words ever could. We can't wait to do it again!

The Auction is Back – By Popular Demand! One Person's Trash... Another Person's Treasure!

If you've been around VFW 10281 for a while, you've probably heard members talk about the legendary auctions of years past. Well... they're back!

Join us on **Saturday, August 15th**, as we bring back one of my favorite traditions, an evening of great food, fellowship, laughter, and, of course, a little friendly bidding competition.

Whether you're looking for something special or just enjoy the excitement of the auction, there will truly be something for everyone. We've already received an incredible variety of donated items, including a kitchen table and chairs, bookshelves, exercise equipment, kitchenware, home décor, collectibles, and far too many treasures to list here. *...continued*



Cootie Bites & Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

*From Military Order of the Cooties Seam Squirrel Al Hernandez &
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Cocktail Hour begins at 4:00 p.m., followed by **Dinner at 5:00 p.m.** featuring delicious **Pulled Pork, Chopped Chicken, coleslaw, sides, and cookies.** Once everyone has had a chance to eat and visit, the bidding begins!

For just a **\$5 bidding paddle donation**, you'll be ready to join the fun, and dinner is only **\$10 per plate.**

Beginning in August, auction items will be on display in the VFW Hall, giving everyone the opportunity to stop by, browse the treasures, and discover that one item you simply can't live without! We'll also be featuring many of the donations on Facebook throughout the month, so be sure to follow our page for sneak peeks and auction previews.

We're **still accepting auction donations!** If you're cleaning out a closet, garage, basement, or spare room and have quality items looking for a new home, we'd love to include them in the auction.

Most importantly, every dollar raised helps us continue our mission of serving Veterans in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, assisted living facilities, and those who are homebound. Your support allows us to continue bringing comfort, companionship, and smiles to those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

So dust off your bidding arm, bring your appetite, invite a friend, and join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and a great cause. We can't wait to see you there!

Bella Notte! – The Cootie Auxiliary also would like to celebrate our VFW Auxiliary members for all the service they do. Please join us September 19, 2026 for an evening of fellowship and fun!

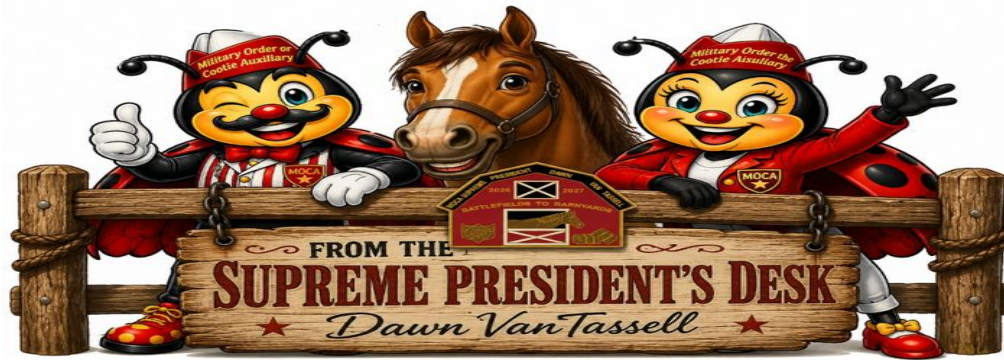
Scratchin' & Itchin'

The next Cootie Scratch will be held **August 9th at 1:30 p.m.**

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!

Keep them smiling

in beds of white!



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

Greetings from Reno, Nevada!

August 2026

As I write this month's edition, I'm sitting in the beautiful Nugget Hotel and Casino. We arrived in Reno early Saturday morning for the VFW National Convention and the Supreme Convention of the Military Order of the Cootie and Auxiliary. Since arriving, we've been reconnecting with old friends, making new ones, and sharing in the fellowship that makes convention week so special.

This year's convention has already been a memorable one. The Joint Opening Session was delayed nearly two and a half hours after a water line flooded the convention hall. Thankfully, everything was quickly brought under control, and before long we were all gathered together for the opening ceremonies.

One of my favorite moments of conventions comes as the words, "**I... pledge allegiance...**" echo throughout the convention hall. It is humbling to be standing in a room with so many of America's finest as they salute our nation's flag and boldly proclaim their allegiance to the United States of America. It is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those we are privileged to serve, and one of the moments that means the most to me each year.

By the time you read this, our Supreme Convention will be underway. We'll be celebrating another successful year, recognizing outstanding members, and preparing for another year of serving hospitalized Veterans across America.

If you are interested in learning more about your local Cootie Auxiliary, I'd be happy to answer your questions and explain how you, too, can become a part of this incredible organization. Every new member allows us to reach more Veterans and strengthen our mission to...

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in beds of white!

Manager's Mention

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

Hello 10281 Family!

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- Members can start off the month off by joining us at 7:15pm on the 1st and every Saturday for the Queen of Hearts.
- Join us on the 3rd and every Monday at 7pm for our Free Money Monday e-tab tournaments
- Our Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, August 9th** at 11am.
- August's Balloon Party will be held on Friday the 14th starting at 7pm.
- Celebrate August Birthdays on the 17th 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.

Congratulations to some of last months \$\$ Winners !



As always, thank you 9 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

VFW Auxiliary President – Cindy West

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MOC Seam Squirrel – Al Hernandez

MOC Auxiliary President – Ashtin Birkicht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 - 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
2 D4 Mtg @ Post 696 Owensboro 3pm EST ----- POST CLOSED ----- - Supreme Scratch	3 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	4 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	5 - Canteen Free Food 2pm - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm	6 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	7 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	8 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am AUX Spaghetti Dinner 5pm Cocktail Hour 6pm Dinner Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
9 Community Breakfast: 11am MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm	10 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	11 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	12 - General Membership Meeting: 7pm	13 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Warhammer	14 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Balloon Party: 7pm	15 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am Cootie Dinner & Auction 4pm Cocktail Hour 5pm Dinner Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
16 ----- POST CLOSED -----	17  Monthly Birthday Bash and Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	18 - Canteen Free Taco's 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	19 - Canteen Free Food 2pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	20 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	21 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - P/P: 7pm - Close	22 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - P/P: 2pm - TBD Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
23 / 30 ----- POST CLOSED -----	24 / 31 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm	25 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	26 - Canteen Free Food 2pm Cooties RVC 6:30pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	27 - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Magic: The Gathering	28 - Canteen Free Food 5pm Customer Appreciation Day 6pm	29 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - P/P: 6-9pm Queen of Hearts 7:15pm

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

KFD: Kids' Fishing Derby

Current as of:
31-Jul-26



DINNER Auction!

BID!

ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE!

AUGUST 15TH

VFW POST 10281
299 Briggs Lane
Vine Grove, KY

COCKTAIL HOUR
4:00 PM

DINNER
5:00 PM

AUCTION TO FOLLOW

DINNER: Pulled Pork & Chopped Chicken
Coleslaw • Sides • Cookies

TREASURE PREVIEW

Watch Facebook for featured items and auction previews.

New items arriving weekly and available for viewing in the Hall after August 1.

Still cleaning out closets, garages, or spare rooms? We're still accepting auction donations.

TEXT 502-655-1379

PROCEEDS RAISED SUPPORT HOSPITALIZED VETERANS
HOSTED BY THE COOTIE AUXILIARY
SUPPORTED BY THE COOTIES



VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERS OF POST 10281,
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Bella Notte

AN EVENING CELEBRATING OUR VFW AUXILIARY

Join us for fellowship and an Italian dinner featuring lasagna or alfredo, fresh salad, garlic bread, and desserts.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

COCKTAIL HOUR
5:00 P.M.

DINNER
6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 12TH
By text, 502-655-1379, or on Facebook posts.

Feel free to make it a special evening by dressing up, although casual attire is just as welcome.

Together We Can Serve More Veterans!

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