



VFW Post 10281 Family News

October 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,

October 2026

September stayed hot, and so did our post. And once the 10281 Train got rolling, there was no cooling it down.

We started the month on September 3rd with a recruiting and Buddy Poppy drive at the Resilient Warrior Community Day on Fort Knox. Our members represented Post 10281, distributed Buddy Poppies, shared info about the VFW, and talked with Veterans about membership and resources.

The Cooties followed that up with another great Labor Day cookout. It was an afternoon of family fun, good food, and fellowship.

Then the 10281 Train kicked into high gear. Our POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony honored our Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action. At VFW Post 10281, we keep our promise to never forget our Prisoners of War or those still Missing in Action. Those in attendance were blessed to witness the North Hardin Honor Guard perform the Missing Man Ceremony. It is always a powerful sight.

We kept rolling at Rineyville Days, with our Auxiliary leading the way. We rolled the VFW van down the street, handed out snacks to the kids, and let our community know that VFW Post 10281 is active and proud to be part of the community. After the parade, our volunteers went right back to work at our Buddy Poppy and recruiting booth, even in 95-degree heat. Even with the heat bearing down, the 10281 Train wasn't about to stop. The very next day, KFD opened the post, and we enjoyed another NFL Football Sunday together.

We closed out September with the Cootie Grand in Franklin, Kentucky. Through all of that, our volunteers continued to answer the call. Maybe you put together picnic tables, carried wood, worked a booth, handed out Buddy Poppies, or just sat out there with us in the hot Kentucky sun.

I see you, I appreciate you, and I thank you!

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Call "Ten Two," Response "Eight One"

VFW Commander's Corner

From VFW Commander Andrell "Jack" Jackson

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October at Post 10281:

October may be cooling down, but the 10281 Train certainly isn't. We're pulling into October with a full schedule, and we're starting with a bang; and when I say bang, I mean Turkey Shoot season is back. Every Saturday through the end of March. open at 11 AM. The basic buy-in is \$25 dollars, and the all-in buy-in is \$45.

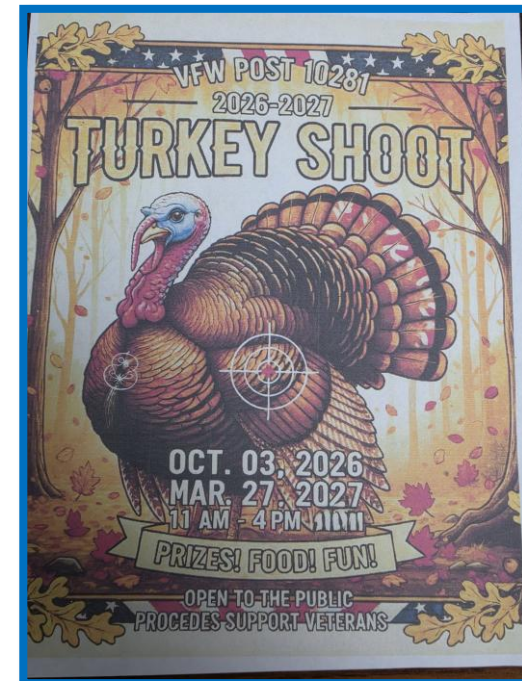
On October 10th and 11th, come show your support at the Night of the Macabre play. Just two days only, don't miss it.

October 16th through the 18th, the VFW Fall Conference will be held in Lexington at the Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike. Stop in the 4th District room and show your support.

Halloween is right around the corner. We'll be giving out candy at RVC for the kids, and once the little ones have had their fun, we'll host our Adult Halloween Party — often Imitated, never duplicated.

The summer heat may finally be giving us a break, but there's no slowing down the 10281 Train. We're rolling through October and heading straight into the holiday season. So, grab a seat, lend a hand, and enjoy the ride. The 10281 Train keeps rolling into the holiday season. All aboard.

Serving our best with our best!



Call "Ten Two," Response "Eight One"

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 10281 Family! ☀️

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I'd like to thank everyone who has made a true commitment to our Veterans and our organization. I am so grateful for everyone who really threw in to help with Rineyville Days! I cannot appreciate enough people who just get to work and attack every task without any hesitation. We are here for our Veterans but fundraising is part of how we are able to help both at the local and the National levels.

Fall Conference is in Lexington October 16-18. We really hope you come and see how much fun we have across the state. I promise you, you'll make all kinds of new friends!

Don't forget our weekly Queen of Hearts drawing on Saturday between 7 and 7:30PM. It's still rocking and such a great time to reacquaint yourself with the post. Once again, remember, when you're supporting one part of the organization, you are supporting us all!

We are at the end of Our \$25 Early Bird Season for monthly dues, So please let's get those submitted!

Dues go up to \$30 shortly.

Of course, we always recommend going life so you don't have to worry about it ever again!

🚩 *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!*

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

As always, it is an honor 4

to work with you all!



Cootie Bites & Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

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



The Cootie Auxiliary & Cooties want to thank you!

October 2026

Brats on the grill, schnitzel on the plate & Oktoberfest fun all day!

October 3, 2026 - 1:00(ish) through 7:30

Our annual Oktoberfest has been rebranded as Brat Fest, same great food with an out of doors Oktoberfest feel!

Dessert & Booze Walk, Anyone? Help us fill the prize table!

Bring a dessert, a bottle of your favorite adult beverage—or both! With enough donated goodies, we'll keep the Oktoberfest fun going with our

Dessert & Booze Walk! Take a walk, try your luck, and you never know what you might be taking home!

Cootie Auxiliary members:

We need you to show up with any sides you would like to donate and/or desserts for a Dessert/Booze walk.

Brat Fest With a Purpose!

Proceeds benefit our local hospitalized Veterans as we continue our mission to "Keep 'Em Smilin' in Beds of White."

Cootie Mission: Keep 'Em Smilin'

There's more to the Cooties than having fun!

We're Veterans and Auxiliary members dedicated to serving hospitalized, nursing home and homebound Veterans in our community. **If you are Interested in becoming a Cootie or Cootie Auxiliary member? Ask us about membership — and help us Keep 'Em Smilin'!**

You don't have to be a Cootie or Auxiliary member to come along! Meet us in the RVC parking lot and help us make someone's Saturday a little brighter.

Give a little of your time—you may be surprised by just how much you get back.

Scratchin' & Itchin'

The next Cootie Scratch will be held **October 11th at 1:30 p.m.**

We 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!



Kid's Fishing Derby!

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



Hello members and friends of VFW Post 10281,

October 2026

A big thank you to everyone who came out to September's KFD Football Sunday Watch Party! We hope you enjoyed the complimentary potato bar, wrapped pig skins, and all the other food that was provided. Special thanks to those who brought a dish to share and to the volunteers who helped set up, cook, serve, and clean up. It's the little things that make our community special, and we truly appreciate you showing up to support the Kids Fishing Derby and giving local kids a day on the water they won't soon forget.

Unfortunately, we will not be hosting a KFD Football Sunday in October. As many are aware, my wife and I are both in education. We love to stay busy not only giving back to our VFW but to our schools and volunteering at our kid's school. We have an extremely busy October with our schools, and our attention is needed there and to support our daughter with North Hardin Band . In the meantime, please come out and support the Auxiliary, who will be hosting an event in October. They do so much for this Post and our community and deserve a great turnout, so keep an eye out for more details from them soon.

We'll be back on **November 8th** for our annual Chili Cook-Off! Bring a pot of your best chili to share for a chance to win a special prize or just come hungry and help us judge. Please feel free to bring along a veteran friend who isn't a member yet. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you for a wonderful day of food, fellowship, and friendly banter!



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

Manager's Mention

From Manager Kim Flynn

Hello 10281 Family!

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- Members can start off the month off by joining us at 7:15pm on the 3rd and every Saturday for the Queen of Hearts.
- Join us on the 5th and every Monday at 7pm for our Free Money Monday e-tab tournaments
- Our Community Breakfast will be held on, **Sunday, October 11th** at 11am.
- Celebrate members with October Birthdays on the 19th at our monthly Birthday Bash.
- October's Balloon Party will be held on Friday the 23rd at 7pm.
- Sunday the 25th come out at Noon to enjoy Football with the Auxiliary Food, Fun, & Fellowship.
- 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
- On Saturday the 31st join us for D.J. Brahm starting at 7pm.

Don't Forget we are open
to the public every
Saturday for Breakfast
8am-11am



Every Thursday we
offer Schnitzel meals
at Lunch and Dinner
for \$10.



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
27 ----- POST CLOSED -----	28 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm	29 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	30 - Canteen Free Food 2pm Cooties RVC 6:30pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	1 - Canteen Schnitzel Lunch: 11:30am - 1pm Dinner: 5 - 7pm - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	2 - Canteen Free Food 5pm	3 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Cooties RVC 10am - Turkey Shoot: 11am - Oktober Fest: 5pm Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
4 ----- POST CLOSED -----	5 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	6 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	7 - Canteen Free Food 2pm - Executive Mtg: 6pm - House Comm Mtg: 6:30pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	8 - Canteen Schnitzel Lunch: 11:30am - 1pm Dinner: 5 - 7pm - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Warhammer	9 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Rehearsal: 7-9pm	10 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - CVMA Mtg: 10am - Turkey Shoot: 11am - REM: 5-10pm Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
11 Community Breakfast: 11am MOC/MOCA: Scratch @ 1:30pm - REM: 5-10pm	12 Columbus Day  Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm	13 Navy 251st Birthday - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	14 - General Membership Meeting: 7pm	15 - Canteen Schnitzel Lunch: 11:30am - 1pm Dinner: 5 - 7pm - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Dungeons & Dragons	16 Fall Conference Lexington, KY 16-18 October - Canteen Free Food 5pm - P/P: 5pm - TBD	17 Fall Conference - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Turkey Shoot: 11am Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
18 Fall Conference ----- POST CLOSED -----	 Monthly Birthday Bash and Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm	20 - Canteen Free Taco's 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	21 - Canteen Free Food 2pm	22 - Canteen Schnitzel Lunch: 11:30am - 1pm Dinner: 5 - 7pm - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Magic: The Gathering	23 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Balloon Party: 7pm - P/P: TBD	24 - Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Turkey Shoot: 11am - P/P: 7pm - Close Queen of Hearts 7:15pm
25 - Auxiliary Football Doors Open @ Noon for Auxiliary Food, Fun and Fellowship	26 Free Money Monday E-tab Tourney 7pm	27 - Canteen Free Food 5pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Corn Hole 7pm	28 - Canteen Free Food 2pm - Cooties RVC 6:30pm	29 - Canteen Schnitzel Lunch: 11:30am - 1pm Dinner: 5 - 7pm - Board Game Nite 6-9pm Anything	30 - Canteen Free Food 5pm	31 Breakfast to Order Open to Public 8-11am - Turkey Shoot: 11am - D.J. Brahm 7-11pm Adult Halloween Party Trunk or Treat @ RVC Queen of Hearts 7:15pm

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:
30-Sep-26**