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NEXT Regular & Auxiliary meeting is Monday September 13, 2021 at 6:30PM

Hello Everyone,

Looks like fall is here and Trevor is moving forward with many weekend events for all of us to enjoy so, please stay in touch with the social media pages so you can keep up to date on happenings every weekend .

Also remember, we are having Treasure Hunt every Thursday night and it is a great time to come win some money and support our post to ensure we stay in the position to help vets and families in need.

Cigar and bourbon night is every other Wednesday and the visual support is definitely encouraging.

I feel the need to stress the importance of reminding everyone to conduct themselves in a manner that is expected of them when enjoying the canteen . Enough said on that !!!

We are getting very close to the deadline for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen programs. So, as members of the post I encourage everyone to reach out and try to help Phil and Jen make this program a huge success.

We also have the need for a Teacher of the Year candidate, so with that said, all hands on deck to help support Phil and his lovely wife to get this done by October end deadline .

A huge shout out to the breakfast volunteer group that is knocking it out of the park! It is very encouraging to see so many people step up to this challenge, which in the past, was a daunting task. So, thank you and keep up the good work !!!

Remember, the post is better with you there !!!

Joel Watson
Commander
317/690-7132

For more information visit the Post website,
www.vfw10003.org

The Post is better with you there!

Sr Vice Commander - Ken Lange

Thank you to our strong team of volunteers who regularly attend and help at Post events. We can't get it done without you!

Congratulations to all the Regular and Auxiliary members who received Recognition Award certificates from the Commander for volunteering during the State Golf Tournament!

Here are the upcoming monthly Post events to plan for:

- Treasure Hunt drawing will be held each Thursday evening,
- Cigar and Bourbon nights will be on Wednesdays Oct 13th and 27th. This event has become extremely successful with members and guests coming in from all over.
- The upcoming Saturday breakfasts will be on Oct 9th and 23rd .
- The VFW State Fall Conference will be on Fri/Sat Oct 8th and 9th at the Marriot East Hotel in Indy. Get with myself or the Quartermaster if you plan on attending. You only need to attend Sat the 9th and all fees are covered by the Post.
- The Jr. Vice is seeking out locations to hold our Buddy Poppy drive so stay tuned for that event.
- ***Our next Post meeting will be on Monday October 11th.***

Semper Fi
Ken Lange

Quartermaster - Tim McNally

- The children's home will receive a donation of \$10,003 from post number 10003 which, was funded by donations and the golf tournament.
- Cigar and bourbon night (every other Wednesday) just completed a successful evening honoring our 1st responders.
- Treasure hunt is now at \$2,300 and growing rapidly. Drawings will start again on September 2nd and changes every Thursday night.

Players must be 21 years old.

On Thursday night the Post is Open to the Public! The public can play Treasure Hunt, Wall Machines, and Pull Tabs.. But, not Daily, Weekly and Monthly draws.

Post Breakfast

Standard Breakfast Menu
Omelets made to Order
Bloody Mary's and Mimosas

October 9, 25
Hours: 8 - 11 AM

Band Specials

Burgers
Hot Dogs
Drink specials

Tommy Baldwin

October 16, 30
Hours: 12 - 3 PM

Side note: The purchase of new dishwasher has been approved and ordered.

TOM BLANDFORD POST SERVICE OFFICER September 2021

Veteran Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, press 1

Emergency financial situations for Veterans. The IDVA (Indiana Dept. of Veteran Affairs) has money available for emergencies. Contact IDVA at 317-232-3910.

Veteran Service Officer for Hamilton County:
Lisa Charles 317-776-9610 Lisa.charles@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
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Service Officer	Tom Blandford		

From the Adjutant, VFW Post 10003

- State Convention is October 8-10. General meeting is Saturday morning at 9am.
- We will have a new grille donated from Noblesville and propane tanks donated from Carmel.
- Next post meeting is October 11th at 1830 hrs.
- Remember that a link to the General Meeting Minutes are posted on Facebook and sent out via Constant Contacts.
- On September 18th, Richard Leirer and I attended the Indiana State MIA/POW Recognition Day ceremony. Some photos are on the next page of this newsletter.

Steve M. Wyatt
Adjutant

From the Chapter Surgeon

The COVID vaccine is available for all, depending on supply. Contact your primary doctor at www.myhealvetvet.gov for more info. More details on the last page of this newsletter.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT, The Broad Ripple Garden Club has requested a donation for the Gold Star Memorial to be dedicated in Carmel They suggested \$200 to \$500 and will show Carmel VFW as sponsor.

Obituaries

We can count our blessings, there are no obituaries to report this month.

From the VA

Give Blood, Get a Free T-Shirt from the Red Cross

The [American Red Cross](#) ([Schedule Your Blood Donation With The Red Cross \(redcrossblood.org\)](#)) has a critical need for blood donors, especially those with O & B blood types, & platelet donors.

Black blood donors are also needed to help patients with sickle cell disease. Donors who come to give with the Red Cross by Sept. 30 will receive a limited-edition football-themed T-shirt, while supplies last.

VA is here for you

[1-800-MyVA411](#) ([800-698-2411](#)) is always the right number

[Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255](#) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255

[Vet Centers: 1-877-927-8387](#)

[Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838](#) or [Chat](#)

[White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311](#)



Auxiliary President - Chuck Krise

Hello my fellow Auxiliary members,

Well, what can be said!! It's been another "whirlwind" of a month. Breakfasts every other Saturday have been a huge success, the VFW State Golf Outing was really successful at making the goals that Rock Effron had set for himself and our post. and I need to give the Volunteers a big shout out as well and all those, both members and public that made their own contributions in one capacity or another. And on that note, if you are volunteering, please make sure you write your name in the green binder and list what it is you are volunteering for.

It's always a credit to our post and our members. If you know of anyone who is waiting for a membership, please ask them to be patient. Their membership cards will be arriving sometime in the near future. Otherwise, that's all I really have to say other than; keep up the good work doing, all that you do, to make our post one of the best!

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From the **Publisher**

If you wish to have the monthly newsletter mailed to you directly, the please return to me your Email address with your name and Phone number. My email is danclaxton@Prodigy.net or you can text the information to my phone 317/250-8080

From the VA

A Walk-in Flu Clinic is available for veterans enrolled in VA health care from 7:30 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. ET each day. No appointment is necessary. The VA Medical Center is located at 1481 W. 10th St., Indianapolis.

This year, your Indianapolis VAMC is administering the FLUAD vaccine for patients 65 and older, and the AFLURIA for all others. The “high dose” formulation of the FLUAD vaccine causes the immune system to have a higher response to the vaccine.

In addition to the Walk-in Flu Clinic, veterans have the option to get vaccinated during their regularly scheduled VA appointments at the VAMC and at [VA clinic locations](#) in Indiana. Veterans enrolled in VA health care who received their flu shot elsewhere (such as community doctors and pharmacies) are asked to contact their VA primary care clinic and provide that information for their health record.

Veterans may schedule for COVID-19 vaccines by asking their primary care provider or by calling 317-988-4899. COVID doses 1 & 2 can be given in the Flu Clinic at the medical center. Please check it at the counter of the former credit union at the West 10th Street entrance.

Veteran Health Indiana (VHI) is preparing to administer the third dose of the COVID vaccine (often referred to as a “booster”) when it becomes available to VA. VHI only administers the Moderna and the Janssen vaccines, not the Pfizer vaccine .

Veteran patients can also get their flu vaccine from one of our community partners at the following locations:

- CVS Pharmacy
- Kroger Pharmacy
- Safeway Pharmacy
- Costco Pharmacy
- Wegmans Pharmacy
- Walmart Pharmacy

These pharmacies will provide no-cost, no copayment flu vaccinations to enrolled Veterans, no appointment or referral is required. Veteran patients should tell the medical staff they are an eligible veteran and show a government-issued ID (e.g., Veterans Health Identification Card or drivers license). More information is available by contacting the Office of Community Care National Contact Center at 877-881-7618. Please remember to enter your community-administered flu vaccine information in your MyHealthVet or pass along to your primary care staff during a VA medical appointment.

The best way to protect against flu and its potentially serious complications is with a flu vaccine. Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

For more information on flu vaccinations and prevention, go to <https://www.prevention.va.gov/flu/> or <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/actions-prevent-flu.htm>

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO YOUR FELLOW VETERANS AND VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS.