



VFW Post 5864 Newsletter

1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood, IN 46143 – Phone 317-888-2488

Greenwood Memorial VFW Post 5864 – November 2023 Newsletter

"It's not the dues you pay to be a member, it's the price you paid to be eligible!"

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2017, 2018 and 2023 VFW First Place Award winner in the District / Post level for "Large Frequency" Publications. 2019, 2021, and 2022 Silver Award winner at the District / Post level

Breakfast is a necessary meal, especially on Saturday

Breakfast at VFW is **free*** Saturday, Nov. 4 and 11

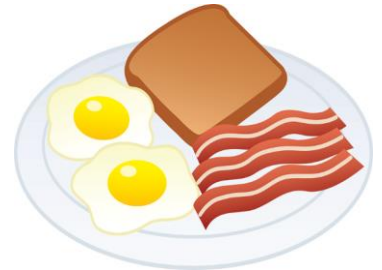
Breakfast at VFW Post 5864 is held every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The VFW has been serving breakfast on Saturdays for over a year.

A **"Big Breakfast"** consisting of two (2) eggs, two (2) slices of bacon, one (1) biscuit and sausage gravy, potatoes, and toast will cost \$9.50.

A **"Regular Breakfast"** consisting of two (2) eggs, two (2) slices of bacon, one (1) biscuit and sausage gravy, and potatoes will cost \$9. In either of the breakfasts above, you have a choice of bacon, ham, or sausage.

Sides, some of which have previously been included in the entire breakfast will cost -- Orange Juice or Milk, \$1.50 each; two (2) small Pancakes, \$3.50; two (2) eggs, \$3.50; two (2) Strips of Bacon, \$3.00; and Sausage Gravy and Biscuit, \$3.00.

"Western Omelets" are available for \$10.00 and includes your choice of white, wheat or rye toast, potatoes, and coffee or soft drink. **"Ham and Cheese Omelets"** are available for \$9.50 and includes your choice of white, wheat or rye toast, potatoes, and coffee or soft drink.



*** Free is the designation for veterans on Saturday, November 4, 2023, and Veteran's Day – Saturday, November 11, 2023, between 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please plan on stopping in on those two days early and please make sure you tip your server well since your meals are free.**

Saturday hours begin earlier

VFW Post 5864 opens at 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Greenwood VFW Post 5864 opens Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. On Saturdays, the building opens from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and then closes until 12 noon and then reopens. The doors are locked until the opening time. Closing time varies based on the amount of people who are in the building purchasing beer, liquor, and wine.

If the phone rings, the bartender for the day may be cleaning bathrooms, mopping, or doing other chores or any officer who may be present outside of the above hours **does not answer the phones.**

The bartenders get in about an hour ahead of opening time so they can stock, clean, make sure they have everything at the bar they will need for their shift.

**Thanksgiving dinner to be held at VFW Post 5864 on
Thursday, November 23 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. – see page 3 for info**

Banquet Rentals



Are you or one of your relatives or friends looking for a place to host a wedding reception, high school class reunion, meeting, birthday party, a Home-Owners Association meeting, training class or any get-together, please stop by and see our Banquet facilities.

OUR AMENTITIES INCLUDE

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| ■ Catering available | ■ 13 – 5 ft. round tables | ■ 174 parking spaces |
| ■ Air conditioned & heated | ■ 41 – 6 ft. long tables | ■ 4 restrooms |
| ■ On-site management | ■ 16 – 8 ft. long tables | ■ Very inexpensive |
| ■ Kitchen not available due to liability | ■ No alcohol allowed to be brought into VFW | ■ Seating for 140 to 280 individuals |

See our Rental Agreement and pricing on our website – greenwoodvfw.com. Be sure to stop by and look at our facility – you will be glad you did. Discounts are provided for veterans, members, and 501-C-3 organizations.

Please call

Cindy Reinert – Banquet Manager at 317-966-9582

or e-mail her at latitudesbelize@icloud.com for an appointment



Greenwood Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5864

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A Message from the Commander . . .

Dear Members, Friends, and Visitors --

It has come time for me to take a very hard look at my role as Commander. When I was first elected to this position, around nine years ago and for several years afterward, my thoughts were always that what I was doing “was for the greater good of the members and the Post.” I was overly excited to become a member of VFW Post 5864.

In fact, when I first became involved in early 2012, I was told by several officers that “this was the year – 2012 that Greenwood VFW Post was more than likely going to have to close their doors.” The Post had a small group of members who were definitely interested in keeping the Post active and alive.

The closing was based on a number of distinct factors, and hearing some of them, I too was in agreement that the Post could very well have closed their doors. Immediately I got busy helping here and there doing a few things at a time to help make our Post a much better organization.

Since that time, I have come to the conclusion that a number of people simply may not care. A prime example is that when I was younger I was always taught to clean-up after myself.

A certain table where people got up and left three plates, three glasses, and a bucket of beer (empty bottles) with numerous napkins both used and unused on a Friday evening. I could have shown you a photo of the mess on the table, but that wouldn't solve the problem.

There were two trash cans within 10 to 15 feet of where the individuals were sitting. The VFW is not a fancy hotel. I was somewhat shocked to see those tables left in that shape.

We do not always have people who will throw your trash away and / or clean up your table.

Most of the cleaning ends up being completed by bartenders and the House Committee members. Occasionally the people who eat and drink at the VFW will also help clear the table where they sit.

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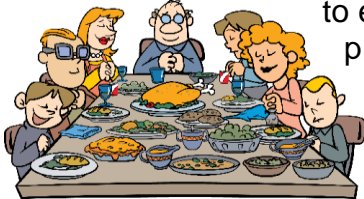
**Steve Milbourn
Commander**

Dinner served to any VFW member in honor of former husband “Doc”

Thanksgiving dinner served from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

VFW Post 5864 Auxiliary member Beth (Martin) Vidales came up with an unusual idea a number of years ago. Since Beth's children live out of the area and her husband died from effects of Agent Orange in 2012, she wanted to do something for those who were without family on Thanksgiving Day.

She proposed to the House Committee that she cook a meal and be open to those who just want to enjoy a good home-cooked meal who may not otherwise get one. Beth previously did this at her own home for several years.



If you are interested, please call her at 317-250-7077, and provide your name, phone number, and how many will be at your party. Then just show up on **Thursday, Nov. 23, between 12 noon and 3 p.m.** and enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal. The meal will consist of turkey, mashed

potatoes, dressing, fried corn, sweet potato casserole, green beans, a salad and pumpkin pie, cherry cheese bars and an apple upside-down pie. Rolls and butter will also be served. Soft drinks and coffee will be available free of charge.

Any alcoholic drink would have to be purchased. You are welcome to donate any amount for your meal to help offset costs incurred by Beth, Joe, and their helpers. **The deadline to call her is Monday, November 20 at 5 p.m.** The meal will be served at VFW Post 5864, 1842 Veterans Way.

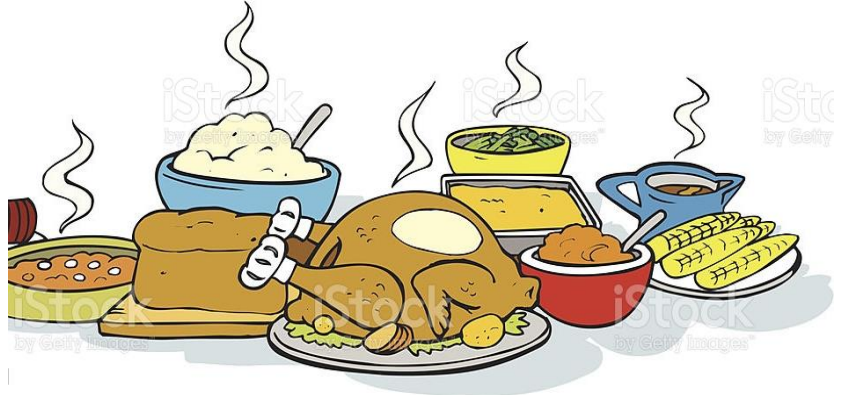
For families at local schools during Thanksgiving

Greenwood Sertoma Club to provide food baskets

The Greenwood Sertoma Club will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets for families at Northeast Elementary, Isom Elementary, Southwest Elementary, Westwood Elementary, Greenwood Middle School, and Greenwood High School.

You can get involved and help them feed a number of needy families. You are welcome to provide any amount of money to go toward a box of food. These are the items that will go into a box:

- 2 boxes of turkey Stove Top stuffing
- 2 jars of turkey gravy
- 5 pounds of potatoes (not instant)
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 16 oz. can of cranberries
- 2 -- 40 oz. cans of sweet potatoes
- 1 bag of marshmallows
- 1 package of egg noodles
- 1 can of chicken broth -- 32 oz. or larger
- 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese



Please do not cook any of the items. The food items will be delivered to the homes so the folks receiving the food can cook it themselves.

The Sertoma Club will purchase -- turkeys, roasting pans, rolls, pumpkin pies, whipped cream, and the delivery boxes.

If you are purchasing an entire box of food, please place all of the above items in the box and bring it to the VFW. We will deliver it to the Greenwood Schools Administration Building at 605 W. Smith Valley Rd. on either Monday, Nov. 13 or Tuesday, Nov. 14 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Please do not close or tape the top of the box, **however, please tape the bottom of the box(es).** The boxes will be delivered to all the schools on Thursday, Nov. 16.

The Greenwood Sertoma Club has been very gracious over the past several years by helping the VFW financially and also obtaining wall panels to reduce sound in the banquet room and bar area.

According to VFW Commander Steve Milbourn, and also a Sertoma Club member, "If you are interested in donating food or money toward the food baskets, see one of the bartenders or an officer. We would like to have all of the organizations in our building to help those families who may be needy during this time of year through the efforts of the Sertoma Club."

The VFW, American Legion, 40 & 8 Voiture (Post) 135, VFW Auxiliary, and the VFW American Legion Auxiliary all help last year providing 15 boxes of food for this effort.

The Greenwood Sertoma Club has been meeting at the VFW since January 2017.

Membership in the VFW is \$35 annually

A DD-214 or proof of service in a designated combat zone or a campaign medal received as a qualifier for eligibility. See VFW Manual of Procedure, Article 1 – Members, Sec. 101 – Eligibility.

Our Post is active in the community, in our District, and in the State, and we do not sit around telling war stories. We actually get things done.

This includes all military-related non-renters, non-profit groups, and individuals

Use of facilities in the VFW must be requested

The use of any room in the VFW must be requested prior to its use. Generally, there is no charge to military-related organizations. There is, however, a charge for those individuals and companies who make a profit from what they are doing. **We do not allow anyone to use our kitchen due to insurance liability.**

Recently we had some folks show up and went into the Day Room to use it as a meeting room. On the surface that is not a problem. However, we keep a book for all groups or individuals who wish to rent or use our facilities so that we can maintain some type of order.

There are times when the Day Room and both Banquet Rooms are booked. If you showed up and did not have a reservation, you might be sitting in the bar room. On a Friday night, it is at times exceedingly difficult to hear anything with karaoke and music in the air.

We have a **Use of Facilities** form, which is required to be completed and the Banquet Manager and / or the Commander will review it to make sure nothing else is already booked for the day you need. After that, the form will be signed and you will be called to let you know everything is fine or you need to provide us with an alternate date for your meeting, etc.

Please do not advertise or promote your event at our location without having this signed document in your hands. The form is at the bar. Ask one of the bartenders and they will make sure you get a copy, and they will also let you know if the date you have selected is available or not.

Service dogs are welcome at the VFW, but leashed

Service dogs and other animals (check with us) are welcome in our establishment however the animal must be leashed at all times. The animal cannot walk or run throughout the VFW without having a leash on the animal and the owner must be with the animal at all times.



If you are working at a business or state/local government facility and it is unclear to you whether someone's dog is a service dog, **you may ask for certain information using two questions.**

You may ask: Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

If you have questions, we are willing to answer them. We are a business and as such we must maintain our ability to make sure animals do not interfere with our food and kitchen areas.

Being a volunteer, -- they all live to serve . . .

The concept of giving one's time and energy to help or walk alongside other volunteers is a special and unique thing for many people. Some don't grasp how meaningful and important it can actually be, not just for those being helped, but also for those who volunteer.

Live to serve individually or as a team of dedicated volunteers. Collectively, as a Post, we can help a veteran, a family, or even members of our community.

If you would like to feel wanted, inspired, and empowered, consider spending some of your time and energy volunteering at your Post. It may be just a few minutes that will change everything for someone or for you as a volunteer.

We promise you an experience filled with fun, encouragement, laughter, camaraderie, and excitement with important and meaningful pride in yourself and your Post.

Consider joining us. Have a belief in something bigger than yourself.

– Anonymous



American Legion Auxiliary seeks more members

Members of the American Legion and / or the Veterans of Foreign Wars –

Thank you so much for all that you do for our Veterans as well as our community. We are reaching out to ask for your help so that we may come along side and do more of the same.

As many of you know, our Auxiliary Unit is still very small. We are hoping to increase our membership numbers this year, but that's where you come in. Would you each consider asking your spouses, daughters, or granddaughters to join our cause?



There's no physical commitment, just a small payment each year which is currently only \$35. Of course, anyone who would like to come join us each month at our meetings is so very welcome to do so, but it is not required.

For those that would like to help support our Unit, please see myself or one of the American Legion officers to receive a membership form and envelope. These can be turned back into whomever you received the form from, or you can mail your form and payment to:

Janet Garrison
7280 Roosees Dr.
Indianapolis IN 46217

Checks should be made payable to: ALA Unit 1919. If you have any questions at all, please call me (Jennifer Albright) (317) 714-8341. Thank you in advance for helping us grow!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Albright
President
Unit 1919

American Legion Auxiliary -- ***(See page 20 for info about purchasing pies from the Auxiliary)***

It is time for your 2023-2024 membership dues.

VFW Post 5864 -- \$35 per year

VFW Post 5864 Auxiliary -- \$20 per year

VFW Post 5864 Riders Group -- \$25 per year

40 & 8 Voiture (Post) Locale 145 -- \$25 per year

American Legion Centennial Post 1919 -- \$45 per year

American Legion Centennial Post 1919 Auxiliary -- \$35 per year

You can mail a check to the Post, or you can stop in the Post and pay by Check, Cash or Credit Card. The bartender will give you a receipt and you will get a card in about two weeks. Anyone who served one day of honorable service may join the American Legion or the 40 & 8.

VFW Post 5864 Auxiliary hosts Bar Bingo throughout the year!

Monday Night Bar



at 6 p.m. – Kitchen is open until 7 p.m.

♦ No Reserved Tables ♦ Limited Seating ♦

Bar Bingo continues to be a success. Those working must be listed with the Indiana Gaming Commission as a registered "Operator" or "Worker." A list of individuals who are eligible to work in Gaming is posted behind the bar in the Canteen area. The Annual Bingo License, Annual Raffle License, and the Annual Charity Game Night License # is 002855. If you need help, please let Sherri Jones, 253-278-1980 or Steve Milbourn, 317-525-7291 know so they can get the information that is needed to place you on VFW Post 5864's gaming license.

■ Public Welcome ■ Please sign the book at the door

■ No outside food or drinks – No exceptions

■ IGC Reference No. is 159060 / ■ License No. 002855

Veteran's Day Poppy Drive on Saturday, Nov. 11

The Veteran's Day Poppy Drive for Greenwood VFW Post 5864 will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11. The Post normally does two Poppy Drive's a year – one on Memorial Day and the other at or near Veteran's Day. Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of Poppies at several locations.

Due to Covid-19 three years ago, the Post was unable to distribute Poppies at our regular locations. We were unable to distribute them for two years due to touching the money and the Poppies and everyone was afraid of getting Covid. Then we ran out of people who were still interested in helping.



We plan to have Poppies at the front entrance to our VFW as you come into the parking lot and also near our bar door in the rear. You will not have to get out of your car.

Poppies will be offered from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. inside the Post and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at both the outside locations. If it rains that day, we will be inside the VFW near the bar door in the rear.

Plan to stop by and make a donation of any amount. We will also give you a miniature flag as well as a Poppy.

All the money collected, 100% goes into the Post's Relief Fund which helps veterans, their families, and homeless veterans; veterans needing gas, groceries, utility bills paid, etc. The requirement to receive aid is that the individual must show a DD-214 or a document showing that they served and were discharged honorably.

The Relief Fund is also to help veterans and/or their families in emergency type situations. A donation of any amount is appreciated.

**988 Veterans
Crisis Hotline --
Veterans now have
the option to
Dial 988
then Press 1**



to connect with caring, qualified responders for 24/7 crisis assistance. "During a crisis, every second counts," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "This new, shorter number makes it easier for veterans and those who care about them to reach lifesaving support without having to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care."

While Dial 988 then Press 1 is a new option for contacting the Veterans Crisis Line, the original number, 1.800.273.8255 and press 1, remains available, and individuals can make contact via chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or by texting 838255.

Tisas 1911 Army 45 .45 ACP Pistol



Tisas Series 1911 pistols come standard with our premium lockable hard case, two magazines, cleaning kit, bushing wrench, trigger lock and instruction manual.

100 Tickets @ \$10 each

Drawing to be held when all tickets are sold

VFW Post 5864 for the benefit of the 40 & 8

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary to VFW Post 5864

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THE AUXILIARY IN PROGRESS

On October 3, the Auxiliary held its monthly meeting. Twelve (12) members were present. Two (2) new member applications were submitted and approved. Welcome Erica Howard and Carol Mize. We also welcome Skyla Russell and Stephanie Keys, who joined in September.

It was announced that our annual Children's Halloween Party will be held on October 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A sign-up sheet has been posted to both bulletin boards for children 12 and under. A free breakfast for veterans was offered to all veterans on Saturday, September 30 representing the Auxiliary's appreciation for Veterans. The Auxiliary has approved another free breakfast for the veterans on November 4.

September 7, the Auxiliary hosted a 9-11 luncheon for city first responders. Approximately 125 came for lunch of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and desserts.

On September 17, the Auxiliary hosted the District 7 Auxiliary Meeting. Approximately 150 Post and Auxiliary Members were present for the event. Food was provided by the Auxiliary and joining Post Members from our Post 5864.

On September 21, a Celebration of Life was held in the banquet rooms in honor of Loretta Shonk. She was a dedicated member of Whiteland VFW Post 6978 Auxiliary and served in state and local official capacities. Her family provided photos and various medals she received throughout her years of serving her community and Veterans statewide. Auxiliary members from Greenwood Post provided food and drinks. Approximately 100 family and Post members attended.

On October 4, 4 members of our Auxiliary helped an Organization, Girls, Inc, with their fundraiser at the Moose Lodge. Approximately 160 people attended Purse Bingo. This represents a Community Outreach Project for our Auxiliary.



It was suggested by Trudy Umphrey, that the Auxiliary again this year provide 30 backpacks for Homeless Veterans. Backpacks will contain warm sweat suits, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and numerous hygiene items.

The Auxiliary will be putting backpacks together in early December and taken to Indianapolis Hoosier Veterans and Families (HVAF).

November 6, 13, 20, and 27 – Bar Bingo, starts 6 p.m.

Nov 7 – Auxiliary Meeting – Social meeting starts at 6 p.m. and the official

meeting starts at 7 p.m. Please plan to attend and become involved. We need your help. Volunteer to be a chairperson of an event or be on a planning event committee. New members come and pick up your membership packet and get acquainted with others.

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The Auxiliary in Progress . . . ■ Continued from page 10

Help support your veterans by wearing a patriotic bracelet. The Auxiliary sells small (women) and large (men and women) bracelets for \$5 each. If you are interested in purchasing one or more, contact Carol Bullock-Puckett, 317-714-7062, or Trudy Umphrey, 317-702-3290. These make nice gifts for friends and family.

If you have not paid your membership dues for calendar year 2023, your membership will not be in good standing after December 31, 2023, thus, causing you to lose a lot of your benefits as a member.

You can still pay your dues \$20 until December 31, 2023. Failure to pay your dues will result in having to rejoin. Thank you for promptly paying your dues.

Effective October 1, 2021, a new rule allows more individuals to qualify for Membership. We are seeking individuals to join our Auxiliary. Contact Trudy Umphrey for more information or to apply: 317-702-3290

Happy Birthday to all members who are celebrating birthdays in November.

For those members who are currently not well, please know you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

The Auxiliary's common purpose is to improve the lives of veterans, service members and their families, and our communities.

Officers of the Auxiliary: Linda Kessinger, President; Trudy Umphrey, Senior Vice-President; Bill Hart, Junior Vice-President; Brenda Lippert, Treasurer; and Carol Bullock-Puckett, Secretary; Brenda Lippert, Treasurer.



For Dept. of Defense or Uniformed Services

New Identification and Privilege cards available

If you are in need of a new updated Department of Defense or Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card, you can go to Camp Atterbury and pick up a new one. You will need two forms of identification, i.e., DD-214, Driver's License, Passport, Current ID Card, Voter's Registration Card, Birth Certificate, or a State ID card with photo.



The Identification and Privilege Cards are only available for military retirees, current members of the military, and those veterans who are 100% Disabled, and their spouses. The ID Card Office (DEERS / RAPIDS) is located in Building 338 off Fairbanks and 5th North St. at Camp Atterbury. Enter the building through the door at the East end. You can reach them by phone at 812-526-1499, Ext. 61278.

For Some Veterans and Dependents

VA Benefit payment methods are changing soon

The vast majority of Veterans and beneficiaries receive VA benefit payments through electronic funds transfer, also known as direct deposit. But if you're still receiving a paper check, changes are coming. Watch and learn how to sign up for EFT payments or how to request a waiver to keep receiving a paper check.

Americanism at its finest! -- Honor Flight

To see Flight 93 and Washington, D.C. Memorials

On September 15-17, 2023, twenty (20) Southeastern Indiana Vietnam veterans and their wives, accompanied by the Mayor of Lawrenceburg, IN and several guests, were treated to a three-day Honor Trip by bus to the Shanksville, PA and Washington D.C. War Memorials. There, they were able to view and remember the wars/campaigns which led up to these memorials being placed.

In Shanksville, PA several veterans had close ties to some of the victims on Flight 93. It was sadness that brought us veterans together at this site. Inside the Museum we were able to see pictures of each passenger and crew member on Flight 93. We were also able to listen to numerous cell phone conversations between the passengers and their loved ones.

Touring the site of the Memorial we saw the actual spot where Flight 93 crashed. A large granite rock marks the site of this tragedy.



In Arlington, VA we visited the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial memorializing the many battles and events which mark the honor of the U.S. Marine Corps. It highlights the raising of the Flag over Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima; however, each and every battle/campaign the Corps fought in since the beginning of the United States is listed on the memorial. This was a special stop for the four Marines among us.

From here we traveled into Washington, DC to visit the various war memorials. Our first stop was the WW-II War Memorial. This memorial is huge and depicts both the land battles in the European - Middle East-Africa Theater as well as the battles/campaigns in the Pacific Theater. This memorial is special to all veterans as this is the war our fathers and grandfathers fought in.

Next we visited the Korean War Memorial. There we could feel the extreme cold and anguish our fighting troops endured. Many of our fathers were engaged in this "Police Action," i.e., War.

From the Korean War Memorial, we walked to The Vietnam War Memorial, known simply as "The Wall." For our fellow Vietnam veterans, this was their place to remember their brothers-in-arms that were lost in Nam. I could observe many of them making an etching of their lost brothers-in-arms and saw the toll it took on them. The Army veterans were extremely pleased to visit the "Three Soldier Statue" located near "The Wall."

Our next stop took us to Arlington National Cemetery, Robert E. Lee's pre-civil war estate.

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Americanism at its finest! -- Honor Flight ■ Continued from page 12

Watching the changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an awe-inspiring event. Paul (P.G.) Gentry had arranged for four members of our group to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They were Tim Halloran, Brandon Lorton, Bill Cherry, and Ron Spurlock. This was the highlight of the trip for these four veterans and for all of us.

Our next stop found us at the U.S. Air Force Memorial; a glittering mass of spirals reaching into the air, like jets streaming above. There were five Air Force veterans, including myself, among the group. We all relished our glory at the sight of the memorial.

As the trip wound-down we made one last stop at the National Air Museum Annex, Dulles Airport, VA. Many aged aircraft were on display including many WW-II German aircraft. What a neat way to end an exciting weekend.

A special Thank You goes out to the City of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Mayor Kelly Mollaun and City Council for sponsoring this Honor Trip.

A great big "Shout Out" to Voyageur Paul "P.G." Gentrup, Voiture Locale 145, Grande du Indiana, Forty and Eight veteran's organization for planning and coordinating all aspects of this trip. As an Air Force retiree and Vietnam Combat veteran, my wife Jan and I were invited to participate in this trip. What an honor!

Let us not forget - An attack on America is an attack on all of us.

Jay A. Collars
Chef de Gare
Voiture Locale 145
Grande du Indiana



Displaying Military Service Symbols

Military service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed in the following order above (left to right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and then Space Force.

POW / MIA Flag -- Official Display Days

Public Law 105-85 (Nov. 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations and U.S. Post Offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2021 (third Saturday in May); Memorial Day, May 31, 2021 (last Monday in May); Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; National POW/MIA Day, Sept. 18, 2020 (third Friday in Sept.); and Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Thanksgiving – the fourth Thursday of November

Abraham Lincoln issued his proclamation to help heal the nation during the Civil War. Sarah Josepha Hale (famous for the nursery rhyme “Mary Had a Little Lamb”) began a rigorous campaign in 1827 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.

Finally, in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, President Lincoln received one of her letters and was inspired. President Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of November, as it has remained ever since.

A promotional poster for a Texas Hold 'Em tournament. The background is a repeating pattern of red and black playing card symbols (hearts, diamonds, clubs, and spades). In the center, a large black circle contains the text "VFW 5864 AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 1919 PRESENT: TEXAS HOLD 'EM EVERY SATURDAY". Below this central circle are three smaller black circles. The left one says "12P REGISTRATION 1P START". The middle one says "\$40 ENTRY". The right one says "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC".

VFW 5864
AND
AMERICAN LEGION POST 1919 PRESENT:

TEXAS HOLD 'EM EVERY SATURDAY

12P
REGISTRATION
1P
START

\$40
ENTRY

OPEN TO
THE
PUBLIC

Doors Open at 12 p.m. ■ Tournament Starts at 1 p.m.

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VFW Post 5864 is **Open on
the following Sundays at Noon
for the Colts 1 p.m. games only**

9-10	Jacksonville Jaguars	Lost 31-21
9-17	@ Houston Texans	Won 31-20
9-24	@ Baltimore Ravens	Won 22-19
10-1	Los Angeles Rams	Lost 29-23
10-8	Tennessee Titans	Won 31-20
10-15	@ Jacksonville Jaguars	Lost 37-20
10-22	Cleveland Browns	Lost 39-38
10-29	New Orleans Saints	Lost 38-27
11-26	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	
12-3	@ Tennessee Titans	
12-10	@ Cincinnati Bengals	
12-24	@ Atlanta Falcons	
12-31	Las Vegas Raiders	

**Pitch-in for game day
food & snacks**



**Volunteer bartenders
will provide liquid
libations & FUN!!!**

More operators and workers needed for gaming

With the advent of more bingo players coming to our Wednesday night game, we are in need of additional help. If you wish to help us with gaming once a month or more often, you will need to be an operator or a worker. Bingo, Bar Bingo, Euchre, selling raffle tickets or any other form of gaming requires those helping have an operator or worker's status. **An operator is an individual who has been a member for a minimum of sixty (60) days or longer** and a worker must be a member for at least thirty (30) days.

Operators can perform any function including paying out large sums of money, selling tickets, tallying, and reconciling all the paperwork we complete after each event. Workers are limited in what they can do. Members who wish to be an Operator must have been a member for at least 60 days.

The Post would need some basic information including your full legal name, home address (no post office boxes), your driver's license number, date of birth, daytime telephone number, and the date you joined the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. It takes about four to six weeks for the Indiana Gaming Commission to approve the applicants. Once you are approved, your name will be placed on a list, and it is posted in the Post. See Sherri Jones or Steve Milbourn to get added to the licenses.



It is important to follow the gaming rules –

Gaming workers cannot buy pull-tabs the same day

According to Kim Barnett -- Director of Operations of the Charity Gaming Division of the Indiana Gaming Commission, if you are working behind the bar and selling pull-tabs, a 50-50, or any other games of chance to customers, you cannot purchase tickets to any of the games the day that you worked. Operators may not receive remuneration (pay) for conducting or assisting in conducting any allowable event/activity. The only exception is the remunerated (paid) bartender(s) on an annual activity license.

An operator may never participate in charity gaming on the same day that they served as an operator. Indiana Code (IC) 4-32.3-5-11 (a) -- Example: Susie called bingo for ABC organization earlier in the day, she cannot go to the bar area and purchase pull tabs later that evening.

An individual may only serve as an operator on no more than three (3) qualified organization's licenses during a calendar month IC 4-32.3-5-10 (b) -- That includes a Bingo worker (volunteer). The VFW can be fined, having the Indiana Gaming Commission shut us down for a specific time, and/or our license can be taken away.

Bartenders and others who are volunteers with gaming of any kind or sort cannot become involved in gaming during the times and days mentioned above.



Credit Cards accepted at VFW

The VFW's bar and kitchen have been accepting credit cards for about four years. Since that time gross and net income have increased tremendously.

Banquet rentals can also be paid by credit card as can VFW Post and Auxiliary membership and membership to American Legion Centennial Post 1919 and its' Auxiliary.

Also, dues can be paid for the 40 & 8 Voiture 145.

The only thing the VFW cannot accept credit cards for is anything to do with gaming. The Indiana Gaming Commission does not allow credit cards to be accepted for this type of purchase.

Greenwood VFW's Honor Guard

Your black military trench coat is needed



The Greenwood VFW Honor Guard team needs your help. The black overcoat the team depends on to keep warm all winter is no longer available for purchase since the military discontinued issuing the coat a few years ago. The team no longer have sizes 46, 48 and 50 to issue.

According to Honor Guard Commander Bob Tuttle, "This has restricted outfitting new members wanting to join the team. If you still have your "military issued" 'black" overcoat (sizes 46,48 or 50) stored somewhere in reusable condition, please consider donating it to this worthy cause". This will help this team to continue providing Military Funeral Honors for our veterans well into the future. If you can help, please call Bob Tuttle at 317-888-5617. Thank you!

News and photo submission policy is announced

Members of the VFW, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the 40 & 8 are encouraged to submit news articles and photos to be published in the Post's monthly newsletter.

All news and photos can be e-mailed to Steve Milbourn. Information can also be dropped off at the VFW and given to the bartender on duty. It is important that you place your name and phone number on the item in case there are any questions. All names must be legible. The article may be edited for clarity.

All photos and / or news articles must have the following information with them -- who, what, when, where, why, and who is in the photo.

Please submit all articles by the date shown below for next month's publication. The Editor is Steve Milbourn, and his phone number is 317-525-7291 or steve.milbourn@aol.com. The deadline for the November newsletter is Thursday, November 16 at 5 p.m.



Access to the pond in the rear of the VFW is illegal

If you are on VFW property without being invited by way of official written and signed authorization from VFW Post 5864, you are trespassing. If you have been invited by a member of one of the groups who have an office in the building, or are meeting at least once a month, you are good. If you have been invited to come to the VFW for a party, a meeting, or for any other by an individual in one of the above groups, we welcome you.

If you wish to come onto our property to fish, we may take a photo of your vehicle and license plate and provide it to the Greenwood Police Dept. You could be arrested and charged with a Class A Misdemeanor or a Class D Felony.

We do not condone anyone fishing. The pond does not belong to the VFW and if you enter from our property, there could be a certain amount of liability.

The VFW Post 5864 House Committee voted to post the above information on our property. Also, parking in the VFW's parking lot is not allowed unless you let us know what is going on.

Free teeth cleaning at Ivy Tech for all Veterans

Please let all members know that they can get their teeth cleaned for free at the Ivy Tech Dental School in Anderson, Indiana.

Included in this service is a free dental exam, oral cancer screening, x-rays, and fluoride treatment. For an appointment call (765) 643-7133 extension 2321.

Make sure that you get your teeth cleaned for absolutely nothing. What a wonderful offer!

Greenwood VFW Post 5864



Bingo Every Wednesday

\$1,000

Cover-All Pot 50 Numbers or Less *

\$500 or more!

Cover-All Guaranteed Pot *

Early birds (Warm-ups) start at 6:30 p.m.

All games end around 10 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME!

Basic Starting Package -- \$17

- ◆ Large New Playing Room
- ◆ Social Distancing Is Practiced
- ◆ 2-3 Players Per 8 Foot Table!



Masks & Hand Sanitizer Available

Food and Beverages Available! -- Join the Fun!!!

Go east on Main St. in Greenwood past Interstate 65. Continue east past Road Ranger Truck Stop approximately 100 yards. Turn right at Commerce Parkway West Drive. If you go to the traffic light (Graham Rd.) you have gone too far. Follow the road to Veterans Way (about 300 yards). Phone 317-888-2488.

*** Above Cover-Alls Paid With 90 Or More Players**

■ **Absolutely no outside food or drinks**

■ IGC Reference No. 159060

■ Bingo License 002855

Signs Treaty of Brest-Litovsk

Russia ends participation in World War I

On March 3, 1918, in the city of Brest-Litovsk, located in modern-day Belarus near the Polish border, Russia signs a treaty with the Central Powers ending its participation in World War I.

Russia's involvement in World War I alongside its allies, France, and Britain, had resulted in a number of heavy losses against Germany, offset only partially by consistent victories against Austria-Hungary. Defeat on the battlefield fed the growing discontent among the bulk of Russia's population, especially the poverty-stricken workers and peasants, and its hostility towards the imperial regime, led by the ineffectual Czar Nicholas II.

This discontent strengthened the cause of the Bolsheviks, a radical socialist group led by Vladimir Lenin that was working to harness opposition to the czar and turn it into a sweeping revolution that would begin in Russia and later, he hoped, spread to the rest of the world.

The February Revolution broke out in early March 1917 (or February, according to the Julian calendar, which the Russians used at the time); Nicholas abdicated later that month. After Lenin's



return from exile (aided by the Germans) in mid-April, he and his fellow Bolsheviks worked quickly to seize power from the provisional government, led by Alexander Kerensky, Russia's minister of war. On Nov. 6, aided by the Russian military, they were successful. One of Lenin's first actions as leader was to stop Russian participation in the war.

An armistice was reached in early December 1917 and a formal cease-fire was declared December 15, but determining the terms of peace between Russia and the Central Powers proved to be far more complicated. Negotiations began at Brest-Litovsk on Dec. 22.

In mid-February, the talks broke down when an angry Trotsky deemed the Central Powers' terms too harsh and their demands for territory unacceptable. Fighting resumed briefly on the Eastern Front, but the German armies advanced quickly, and both Lenin and Trotsky soon realized that Russia, in its weakened state, would be forced to give in to the enemy terms. Negotiations resumed later that month and the final treaty was signed on March 3.

By the terms of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, Russia recognized the independence of Ukraine, Georgia, and Finland; gave up Poland and the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to Germany and Austria-Hungary; and ceded Kars, Ardahan and Batum to Turkey.

The total losses constituted 1 million square miles of Russia's former territory; a third of its population or 55 million people; a majority of its coal, oil, and iron stores; and much of its industry. Lenin, who bitterly called the settlement that abyss of defeat, dismemberment, enslavement, and humiliation, was forced to hope that the spread of world revolution -- his greatest dream -- would eventually right the wrongs done at Brest-Litovsk.

Damaged and retired U.S. Flag disposal ceremony

1. The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
2. It is important that the fire be large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.
3. Place the flag on the fire.
4. The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
5. After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished, and the ashes buried.
6. Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.



Please call VFW Post 5864 at 317-888-2488 if you would like assistance with proper flag disposal.

Washington creates forerunner of Purple Heart

On August 7, 1782, George Washington ordered the creation of the Badge of Military Merit to be awarded for bravery in battle. The predecessor of the Purple Heart, it's one of the oldest military awards worldwide that is open to all who are wounded in battle.

With the Revolutionary War nearly over, Washington wanted some way to repay his troops for their sacrifices. He created the Badge of Military Merit, which was to be awarded to soldiers displaying high merit and serving for over three years.



"Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the purple heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countryman," wrote Washington in 1782, in the order that established the Badge of Military Merit.

Three soldiers are known to have received the award directly from Washington, although there may be more. The names were recorded in the Book of Merit, which has since been lost.

Two Connecticut men, Elijah Churchill, and Daniel Bissell, received the award. Churchill led two raids against forts on Long Island, while Bissell was a spy disguised as a deserter. He operated behind enemy lines and provided Washington with key information. The third was Daniel Brown, who in the final battle at Yorktown led an attack over a thicket of sharpened spikes against a fortified position, capturing the fort in minutes. British General Cornwallis surrendered soon afterwards.

In October 1927, Army Chief of Staff General Charles Pelot Summerall petitioned Congress to have the badge revived, but the bill failed. Four years later, General Douglas MacArthur resumed Summerall's work, overhauling the badge's design and issuing it on the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. The design included an engraved profile of Washington, as well as his coat of arms. From 1932-43, the Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in action.

In 1943, with the establishment of the Legion of Merit – a military decoration awarded for exceptional service and achievement – the requirements for the Purple Heart changed. Since then, a person must be a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and wounded or killed in action by an armed enemy, or enemy of the United States to be awarded the Purple Heart.

This was ruled to include acts of terrorism. To date, almost 2 million Purple Heart medals have been presented and there are three service members who have each received 10 Purple Hearts.

Douglas MacArthur was the first service member to receive the modern-day Purple Heart for his service in the Pacific theater during World War II. John F. Kennedy is the only president to have received a Purple Heart, also for his World War II actions. Other notable Purple Heart recipients honored on U.S. stamps include Ernie Pyle, Audie Murphy, George Patton, Chesty Puller, John Basilone, Doris Miller, Yogi Berra, Bill Mauldin, and the Four Chaplains.

The Purple Heart stamp was first issued in 2003 and was re-printed again each year between 2006 and 2009. In 2011, the stamp was redesigned to include the ribbon at the top. However, the 2015 stamp was the first to include microprinting (USPS appears along the top-left side of the ribbon).

American Legion Auxiliary 1919 selling pies again

American Legion Auxiliary Post 1919 will be selling pies again this year. The pies will be brought to the Post on Wednesday, November 15 and all pies must be picked up that evening.



The Legion Auxiliary will be set up in the Day Room that day for distribution. Past Auxiliary President Janet Garrison is overseeing this event. Her phone number is 317-625-2275.

Also, please read the short news article to members of the American Legion and the VFW concerning helping us grow through new members on **page 6 of this newsletter**.

To deepen and strengthen U.S. – Korea alliance

Indiana Senator Todd C. Young visits South Korea

As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Korea Caucus, U.S. Senator Todd C. Young, R-Indiana recently visited the Republic of Korea (ROK) to deepen and strengthen the U.S.-Korea alliance.

He met with South Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol to discuss U.S.-Korea relations, strategies for countering mutual security and economic threats, and actions the United States and Korea can take with Japan to further the momentum of the Camp David Summit. He also met with Trade Minister Ahn



Duk-geun and other senior Korean government officials to discuss Korean investment in the United States and other shared economic and national security interests.

In addition to these engagements with the ROK government, he received an update from senior leaders of United States Forces Korea, which plays a critical role in deterring aggression from North Korea and supporting security and stability in the Indo-Pacific. He also held economic discussions with Korean business

leaders about jobs and investments in Indiana.

It is critical that the U.S.-Korea alliance is both active and strong, and this productive trip reaffirmed the importance of the partnership between our nations. He stated, “I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress on ways to deepen U.S.-Korea economic and security cooperation to help preserve a stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.”

Guests and members are not allowed to sell items inside the VFW or on our property

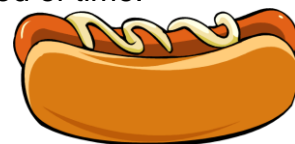
No food or drinks can be brought into the Post

Just a note to remind members and guests that **you are not allowed to bring food or drinks into the Post**. Our business is like many other businesses – we wish to make money by selling food, beer, liquor, and wine so that we can continue in business and help veterans who are down on their luck or who simply need a helping hand for a brief period of time.



If you go to a public restaurant, they will not allow you to bring in your own food and drinks nor will they allow you to walk around and “bug” their customers selling them an item you may have.

Whether you are a member or a guest, you cannot sell any items for another organization or yourself to make money. Depending on the circumstances, we may give you permission in case of health issues or if we are unable to prepare food in the VFW’s kitchen.



Those requests must go through the House Committee.

Link to VA Benefits for Disabled Veterans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWTa2IW9Qc4>

Mortgage Life Insurance

VA reduces insurance premium rates for Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs reduced premiums for most Veterans and Service members insured under the Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance program.

Through the VMLI program, eligible Veterans and Service members with severe disabilities can purchase up to \$200,000 in mortgage life insurance. This coverage means that if a policyholder passes away, the amount of their coverage will be used to pay down their mortgage — helping to ensure that their loved ones won't be responsible for that cost.

Starting Oct. 1, most VMLI policyholders saw a reduction between 6% and 36% of their premiums, depending on their age. VA is using an updated actuarial table and interest rates adopted by the insurance industry to decrease VMLI premium rates. Veterans will see the reduced rates on their next billing cycle, starting in November, as payment of each VMLI premium is for the prior month.

"This coverage will now be more affordable for many of our nation's heroes, making it easier for them to protect their homes — and their loved ones — even if they pass away," said VA Under Secretary for Benefits Joshua Jacobs. "This is a great step forward that will mean peace of mind for many of the Veterans we serve."

While a small group of VMLI policyholders will not see a decrease in premiums under the new actuarial table, VA locked in their current premiums so they will not increase.

More than 2,200 Veterans and Service members are currently insured by VMLI.

Happy Veteran's Day

Saturday, November 11



A sign of times to come

Woodstock -- a success of the hippie culture

Jimi Hendrix ended Woodstock with a two-hour performance that included one of the most iconic moments in music history. During the turbulent 1960s, the hippie culture opposed traditional values and violence. In 1969, four visionaries saw a chance to bring people together and show the world there was another way to live – with freedom and love.

Concert organizers intended to have the show in Woodstock, an upstate New York writers and artists colony that was also Bob Dylan's hometown. But the offer was rejected, and six hundred acres of farmland near Bethel became the concert site.

The Woodstock Music and Art Fair officially opened on August 15, 1969. Promoters hoped to sell 100,000 tickets at \$18 each for the three-day event. But by Sunday, over 400,000 people had arrived. Many had entered without paying admission.



The overwhelming crowd made maintaining proper sanitation, shelter, and food difficult. Even with the problems that arose – like traffic jams, lack of drinking water, and severe thunderstorms – the Woodstock festival was considered a success. The crowd coped with the inadequate conditions and behaved peacefully during the entire concert, even though there were few security members on hand.

Over three days, 31 acts shared their messages of peace. Among them were The Grateful Dead, Janis Joplin, Joan Baez, and Jefferson Airplane. Huddled together in the rain, dancing in the mud, and sharing food and water, the attendees showed that even in harsh conditions, peace could prevail.

Jimi Hendrix was slated to take the stage on Sunday night, August 17. Heavy rains delayed his performance until 8:30 Monday morning, August 18. The crowd of 400,000 had shrunk to about 30,000 by the time Hendrix took the stage. He performed with his band, Gypsy Sun, and Rainbows.

One of the most memorable moments of Hendrix's set, and of the entire festival, was his performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner." It's considered one of the most defining moments of the 1960s.

While the festival was going on, media coverage was largely negative, criticizing the heavy traffic and hippie culture. However, parents of the attendees began calling members of the media to let them know that the event was peaceful and going well, which led several media reports to change their tune.

The 1970 documentary *Woodstock* won an Academy Award, further cementing the festival's place in our culture. The site of the 1969 festival now hosts a museum and was also added to the National Register of Historic Places. Woodstock '69 inspired countless music festivals and anniversary concerts around the world, but none have ever had the cultural impact of the original.

VFW Post 5864 would certainly welcome any donations for the purpose of our Walk-in Cooler, Shelter House, a new floor for the bar room, new tables and chairs, a soft drink machine and other items needed by the Post.

Thank you!



40 & 8 sponsors Youth Sports Program

The 40 & 8 Voiture 145, Johnson / Marion Counties du Indiana, shows its support of the Youth Sports Program by donating \$500. dollars to the Whiteland Raceway. The donation helps sponsor the youth races throughout the racing season. Each year the Raceway offers the use of its Sponsor Suite to V-145. Many of the Voyageurs (members) attend the "40 & 8" race night. In the photo above are from left to right are -- Mike Delaney, G. K. Puckett, Richard Dennis, Patrick Delaney, Dave Hogan, Sr., Bill Hart, Karen Emmett, Scott Emmett, Ron McCoy, Joe Allen, Tonda Logan (Jerry's wife), Dean Logan, and Jerry Logan.

Asking for donations at the VFW is prohibited

Recently a phone call from a gentleman who said he had visited our VFW and was approached by an individual at the Post who may or may not have been a member of our VFW, and he was asked for a donation from his organization.

Individuals who are not members of VFW Post 5864 are visitors. They are welcome to come in, eat, drink, and enjoy themselves, however, ***under no circumstances should a member or non-member ever ask for a donation or loan of money or goods from anyone in our VFW, and especially one of our clients or customers. This is extremely unprofessional and prohibited.***

In addition, whether they are a member, visitor or they are visiting the VFW for an event, they are not allowed to approach or ask anyone for money, favors or materials, etc., without providing the House Committee with all the information concerning what they wish to do 30 days in advance.

The House Committee will discuss the matter and determine what action to take based on the information provided.

The penalty for seeking donations from our customers could get a member or a visiting veteran or other visitor barred for 30 days to life. We simply do not want those members and individuals who come to the VFW to be bothered with being asked for donations for themselves or their particular project.

Doolittle leads daring raid against Japanese

On April 18, 1942, Jimmy Doolittle led a daring raid against the Japanese in retaliation for the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Within weeks of Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt urged U.S. forces to retaliate. Navy Captain Francis Low first suggested that twin-engine Army bombers could be launched from an aircraft carrier.

Famous civilian aviator James "Jimmy" Doolittle, who had also served as an aeronautical engineer



B-25s take off to raid Tokyo April 18, 1942

before the war, took over the planning and subsequently led the attack. Doolittle was a trailblazer and already famous for his daring string of aviation "firsts," including several speed records. This mission would test those skills, as the unproven B-25B Mitchell planes, their ability to launch from the aircraft carrier, and the flight distance were tremendous risk factors.

The crew's fate was also a gamble – the B-25Bs could not land on the carrier, so after dropping their bombs they were to continue on to China. Once there, the men were vulnerable to capture by Japanese patrols. But Doolittle and his men were willing to take the risks and launched their attack, the Doolittle Raid, on April 18, 1942. Early that morning, about 650 nautical miles from Japan, Japanese forces spotted the combined fleet of two carriers, four cruisers, eight destroyers, and two fleet oilers.

Doolittle then made the tough decision to launch the bombers immediately – 10 hours and 170 miles earlier than planned. Despite having never taken off from a carrier before, all 16 B-25B Mitchells successfully launched from the deck of the *USS Hornet*. Within six hours, they arrived over Japan and bombed 16 targets, mostly military installations, in six cities.

Though none of the bombers were shot down during the raid, they were all destroyed because the pilots were unable to reach their refueling station in China. In the end, 67 of the total 80 pilots survived the raid. Eleven crewmen were killed or captured. Three of them were tortured and executed by the Japanese, who also massacred 250,000 Chinese civilians for aiding the U.S. airmen.

Due to the loss of all 16 aircraft and the relatively minor damage to the targets, Doolittle considered the raid a failure and expected to be court-martialed. However, the raid had dramatically boosted American morale and proved that Japan was vulnerable to attack. For his service, Doolittle was awarded the Medal of Honor and promoted two grades to brigadier general.

Additionally, all 80 of Doolittle's Raiders received the Distinguished Flying Cross medal. It was a significant success that lifted American spirits and began to raise doubts in the Japanese leadership.

Visiting any VFW bar or "canteen" is a privilege

Many of the members of our nine (9) military groups, VFW, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, the 40 & 8, VFW Riders, the Fleet Reserve, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Combat Riders, and other guests are more than likely not aware that visiting a VFW bar or "canteen" is a privilege and not a right.



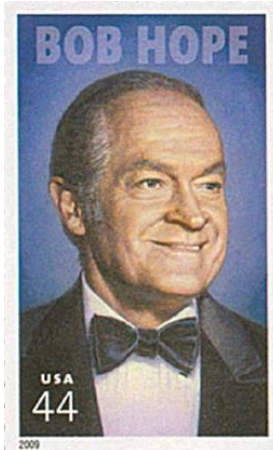
The National VFW does not recognize bars or "canteens." As such, an individual's conduct in a bar or "canteen" is extremely important. Although, we as a VFW always welcome new members and friends visiting with us to look at our facility and have something to eat and drink.

Recently there have been some folks that were overheard making statements concerning things they know absolutely nothing about.

Unless you know the facts, I would be reluctant to say anything. Some of the purported "facts" have been libelous in nature. These types of things can get you barred for two or three weeks or longer. Whether you are a member of our facility or member of another military group please be kind and considerate of everyone you come into contact with at our Post. We genuinely appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you again.

Bob Hope -- the first and only honorary veteran

U.S. # 4406 was issued on Hope's 106th birthday. Leslie Townes "Bob" Hope was born on May 29, 1903, in Eltham, London, England. Hope was the most honored entertainer in history, but his greatest legacy was the gift of laughter he brought to millions of American service men and women stationed far from home.



Hope was born to an English father and a Welsh mother and was the fifth of seven brothers. In 1908, four-year-old Hope and his family immigrated to the United States on the SS *Philadelphia*. Hope's mother had dressed him and his brothers in three layers of clothes so they wouldn't have as much to carry. The family wasn't well-off, so they had to travel across the Atlantic in steerage – the lowest quality accommodations on the ship.

The family arrived in the United States on March 30, 1908, and was processed through Ellis Island. They moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Hope would spend all of his childhood. In 1929, Hope unofficially changed his name from "Leslie" to "Bob" – it's rumored he chose the name because of his interest in race car driver Bob Burman. He started earning money as a street performer at the age of 12. He sang and danced in several talent contests and had a brief boxing career under the name "Packy East." Hope worked a variety of jobs – as a butcher's assistant and lineman, and in clearing trees for a power company.

During that work, he fell, and a tree landed on his face, requiring reconstructive surgery.

Realizing he wanted a career in show business, Hope took dance lessons and soon was part of an act called the "Dancemedians." He then spent five years on the Vaudeville circuit and began appearing on Broadway and in radio and television productions. Hope gained fame with the release of his first feature film, *The Big Broadcast of 1938*. The movie featured his signature song, "Thanks for the Memory," which was a major hit. Hope became one of Paramount Picture's biggest stars, appearing in the popular *Road* movies with Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour, and seen regularly on television.

Bob Hope was the first and only honorary veteran. Hope was aboard the RMS *Queen Mary* when World War II started in September 1939. He performed a special show for his fellow passengers and sang "Thanks for the Memory" with new lyrics. The United Service Organizations (USO) was established on February 4, 1941, to provide morale and recreational services for military service members. Hope participated in his first USO show on May 6, 1941, at California's March Field. He went on to headline about 60 star-studded tours – 199 known shows – entertaining U.S. troops serving overseas during World War II, as well as the Korean, Vietnam, Lebanon, Iran-Iraq, and Persian Gulf Wars. His final USO trip was during Operation Desert Storm. He was 87.

For his work with the USO, Hope was the first entertainer to receive the Sylvanus Thayer Award from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. And in 1997, an Act of Congress named Hope an "Honorary Veteran." In accepting the honor, Hope said, "I've been given many awards in my lifetime, but to be numbered among the men and women I admire most is the greatest honor I have ever received."

Hope was also famous for his frequent hosting of the Academy Awards show (19 times), and his love of golf. He often brought a golf club on stage during performances and hosted the "Bob Hope Classic" charity golf tournament. In 1995, he was a member of a golf foursome that included Presidents Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush, and Bill Clinton.

Over his lifetime, Hope acted in over 70 films, authored 14 books, and received five honorary Academy Awards – his career lasted almost 80 years in all. He holds the Guinness World Record for the most honored entertainer in history, with more than 2,000. He received 54 honorary doctorates, the Congressional Gold Medal, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. There have also been several buildings and facilities named in his honor, as well as ships and aircraft.

Bartenders are allowed to play Bingo or Bar Bingo

IC 4-32.3-5-11 -- Participation of operators and workers **prohibited exceptions**

(a) Except as provided in subsections (c) through (e), an operator or a worker may not directly or indirectly participate, other than in a capacity as an operator or a worker, in an allowable activity that the operator or worker is conducting.

(b) A patron at a casino game night may deal the cards in a card game if:

(1) the card game in which the patron deals the cards is a qualified card game.

(2) the patron deals the cards in the manner required in the ordinary course of the qualified card game; and

(3) the qualified card game is played under the supervision of the qualified organization conducting the casino game night in accordance with section 12 of this chapter (in the case of a game of Texas hold'em poker or Omaha poker) and any rules adopted by the commission.

A patron who deals the cards in a qualified card game conducted under this subsection is not considered a worker or an operator for purposes of this article.

(c) A worker at a festival event may participate as a player in any gaming activity offered at the festival event except as follows:

(1) A worker may not participate in any game during the time in which the worker is conducting or helping to conduct the game.

(2) A worker who conducts or helps to conduct a pull tab, punchboard, or tip board event during a festival event may not participate as a player in a pull tab, punchboard, or tip board event conducted on the same calendar day.

(d) A worker at a bingo event:

(1) whose duties are limited to:

(A) selling bingo supplies.

(B) selling tickets for a raffle conducted at the bingo event; or

(C) the duties described in both clauses (A) and (B).

(2) who has completed all of the worker's duties before the start of the first bingo game of the bingo event; and

(3) who is not engaged as a worker at any other time during the bingo event; may participate as a player in any gaming activity offered at the bingo event following the completion of the worker's duties at the bingo event.

(e) A worker at a raffle conducted by a qualified organization may purchase a raffle ticket for a particular drawing at the raffle, subject to the following restrictions:

(1) The worker may not purchase a raffle ticket from himself or herself.

(2) The worker may not participate in the drawing of a winner.

As added by P.L.58-2019, Sec.4. Amended by P.L.188-2019, Sec.5; P.L.145-2021, Sec.7.

Bob Hope . . . ■ Continued from page 26

In 1995, President Bill Clinton presented him with the National Medal of Arts. In his speech, President Clinton mentioned that Hope had received more than 1,000 awards and citations for both his acting and humanitarian work. For decades, Hope consistently entertained American service men and women overseas. In 1971, he even applied for a visa to Laos to help negotiate the release of American prisoners.

Hope also helped raise more than \$1 billion for hospitals, people with disabilities, and the Boy Scouts, among others. In closing, President Clinton stated that Bob Hope was “perhaps the finest example of a successful American entertainer whose greatest performance is in what he does off stage every day.” Hope died on July 27, 2003, from pneumonia, two months after his 100th birthday.

The Pentagon was completed in January 1943

U.S. # 0117 – War Department Official stamp. On January 15, 1943, construction on the Pentagon, the world's largest office building, was completed.

In May 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt declared a state of national emergency, three weeks after Germany launched a surprise attack on the Soviet Union.

At the time, the U.S. War Department was growing quickly. It included a staff of 24,000 people working in 17 different buildings throughout Washington, DC. And it was expected the number of workers would increase to 30,000 by the following year. A new building for the War Department had just been completed, but it proved too small for the amount of personnel and would later be used by the State Department instead.

To solve the space issue, Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall turned to General Brehon B. Somervell, head of the Army's Construction Division. Somervell developed plans for a building with four million square feet of office space that could hold 40,000 workers. The building wouldn't fit in Washington, DC, so he selected a site across the Potomac River in Virginia, just east of Arlington National Cemetery.



When Somervell's architect began drawing up the design for the building, he had to base its shape on existing roads, which led to an asymmetrical five-sided building. Somervell decided that the building couldn't be more than four stories high because of the wartime need for steel and also to prevent

blocking views of Washington, DC. In the end, the design would be for a three-story building that he said could be completed within a year, and 500,000 square feet of which could be used within six months.

The House of Representatives and Senate passed legislation approving the construction in July and August, however, some began to question the building's size and location, being so close to Arlington National Cemetery. President Roosevelt was moved by the protests and decided that the building would be moved three-quarters of a mile south and its size reduced to no more than 2.25 million square feet.

Construction on the Pentagon began on September 11, 1941. By December, 3,000 personnel could work there, but the construction was behind schedule. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entrance into the war, the rush to complete the building was intensified.

Finally, on January 15, 1943, the Pentagon was completed and dedicated. The size had grown to 6.14 million square feet and the cost had increased from \$35 to \$75 million. After the war ended, many expected the building would be converted into a hospital, school, or headquarters for the Veterans Administration. But the building would remain home to the War Department and its successor, the Department of Defense. The Pentagon has since been added to the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Historic Landmark.

Bipartisan Senators urge freezing Iranian assets

Following the deadly terrorist attacks Hamas conducted against Israel on October 7, Indiana Senator Todd C. Young joined with a bipartisan group of senators to urge Secretary of State Antony Blinken to make it official U.S. policy to freeze \$6 billion in Iranian assets.

In September of this year, the State Department announced its intention to release these assets to Iran. However, given Iran's long-standing material and financial support for Hamas, including the supply of weapons and rockets Hamas then used to attack Israel, the Biden Administration must reverse its decision.

The United States must do everything in its power in the wake of this brutal attack to ensure that Iran is not in a position to continue funding acts of terror across the region and the world.



American Legion Centennial Post 1919

1842 Veterans Way -- Greenwood, IN 46143

Please attend the

Sons of the American Legion Meeting Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 7 p.m.

American Legion Centennial Post 1919 -- will host a meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Post to discuss the possibility of starting a Sons of the American Legion Squadron.

Eligibility Requirements -- All male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

Firecrackers game had a \$500 "Last Sale" ticket

Last sale ticket not turned in – VFW cannot pay

Many of the games in the ticket machine on the south wall of the VFW bar room have various payouts as a "Last Sale" depending on the cost of the ticket. Recently one of the "wall games" had a "Last Sale" ticket apparently paying out \$500. One of our patrons claims he purchased all of the tickets, but he did not have the "Last Sale" ticket for the \$500.



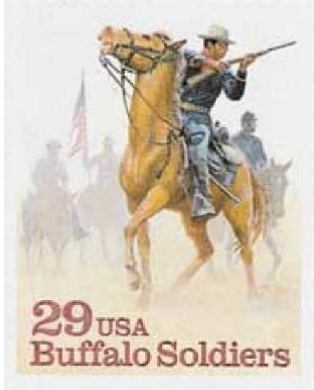
When the row gets to a point that we put in the balance of the tickets in that game (same serial number) and then we put a "Last Sale" ticket in that particular row on top as the "Last Sale" ticket.

After e-mailing the Indiana Gaming Commission about this incident, they stated, "After reading through the attachment, the organization (VFW) will need to follow their house rules. Paying a ticket that was not provided by the patron would cause the accounting of that particular pull tab game to be out of balance should the actual winning ticket be produced."

The House Committee perceived that information to state that our numbers would or could be wrong for the various reports we keep and file with IGC in this case, or any situation like this if we pay out the money and then someone came by later and did have the ticket, we may be liable to pay that ticket. The "Last Sale" ticket had not been cashed as of the writing of this news story.

U. S. Buffalo Soldiers – began 157 years ago

U.S. #2818 was issued in conjunction with the *Seventh National Convention of the Afro-American Postal Leaders United for Success*. On September 21, 1866, the 9th and 10th Cavalry units and the 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st Infantry units (later consolidated as the 24th and 25th Infantry) were formed. The units were comprised entirely of Black soldiers – the first to serve in a peacetime army. They would come to be known as Buffalo Soldiers.



These two cavalry regiments and four infantry regiments were created by President Andrew Johnson and Congress after freed Black slaves had proven their bravery during the Civil War.

For more than 20 years, these courageous men were a valuable part of developing the Great Plains and Southern Plains of the West. Overcoming numerous obstacles, including extreme discrimination and inferior uniforms, military equipment, and horses, these troops developed into remarkable fighting units.

The Buffalo Soldiers patrolled over 7.5-million square acres of land ranging from outposts in Texas to the Dakota territories. They figured prominently in the Indian Wars and strove to make life secure on the strife-ridden frontier of the American West. They fought not only Native Americans, but cattle thieves, bootleggers, and Mexican revolutionaries. Buffalo Soldiers are recognized for playing a key role in “winning” the West.

Paving the way for settlers heading west, these troops surveyed the land, built railroads, forts, towns, and roads, and escorted stagecoaches, the mail, and wagon trains. Often as difficult to bring down in a fight as the hard-charging buffalo, their Native American opponents dubbed the men “Buffalo Soldiers” – a title they wore with pride.

The regiments were among the most decorated in U.S. military history. Eighteen Black soldiers received the Medal of Honor. These units also had the lowest desertion rate in the Army from 1867 to 1898.

After the Indian Wars ended, the Buffalo Soldiers continued to serve their country. They participated in the Spanish-American War, fighting in the Battle of San Juan Hill. Buffalo Soldiers were also some of the nation’s first park rangers.

In all, about 500 Buffalo Soldiers worked in Yosemite and nearby Sequoia National Park around the turn of the century. Their duties included removing poachers and timber thieves, stopping illegal grazing, putting out forest fires, constructing roads, trails, and some buildings. They built the first usable road into Giant Forest.

Buffalo Soldiers continued to serve their country and saw combat in both World Wars and the Korean War. The last units were disbanded in 1951 when the military stopped segregating troops.

Congress establishes Continental Army in 1775

On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army, the precursor of the United States Army.

Prior to the American Revolutionary War, the colonies had their own militias composed of citizen-soldiers. During larger threats, such as the French and Indian War (1754-63), they created temporary provincial regiments.

By the 1770s, relations with Britain began to deteriorate, and the colonists started to form militias for a possible war. After Britain passed the Intolerable Acts in 1774 to punish Massachusetts for the Boston Tea Party, many of the militias stepped up their training. In the fall of 1774, Richard Henry Lee was among several colonists to call for the creation of a national militia, but the First Continental Congress rejected the idea.

The Continental Congress unanimously elected George Washington commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

40 et 8 Voiture Locale 145 Chef de Gare's Corner . . .

Remember -- Our Promenades (monthly meetings) will be held on the last Tuesday of each month. The next Promenade is Tuesday, October 31 at 7 p.m. and then the November Promenade will be held on November 28 at 7 p.m.

Congratulations: to our latest Life Members John Campbell and Patrick K. Delaney.

Grande Chef de Gare John VanNatta noted at the Fall Cheminot in Shelbyville that our Voiture was the most active Voiture in the Grande.

Americanism: Recently, one of our Voyageurs P.G. Gentrup organized and coordinated an all-expenses paid Honor Trip to Flight 93 Memorial Site, Pennsylvania, and the various war memorials in D.C. There were 21 S.E. Indiana veterans and their wives on the tour. Voyageur Gentrup worked with the Town of Lawrenceburg to financially sponsor the trip. It was an honor by itself for my wife Jan and I to be part of that Honor Trip.

December Promenade: Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 19 (Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.) This promenade is our annual Christmas get-together to mingle in a casual atmosphere. We will also recognize any student nurses attending who are benefiting from our endowments. There will be dinner and drinks available. Voyageur Mike Delaney has volunteered to put the dinner together.

Voiture Membership: Our membership now stands at 54%. We still need 46 members to renew their membership. Please plan to pay your 2024 membership dues of only \$25.00 at this month's Promenade or mail your check to: **Voiture Locale 145, Attn: Membership, 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood, IN 46143.**

Life Membership: Join our other Life Members by signing up today! A special deal! Have you thought about purchasing a Life Membership in the 40 et 8? V-145 would like to work with you in obtaining that Life Membership. If you desire to become a Life Member contact any officer of V-145. We will base your Life Membership on your age at the \$18.50 per capita tax level. This reduces the total cost for a Life Membership considerably.

Jay Collars
Chef de Gare



2023-2024 District 7 meetings are scheduled

There are four (4) District 7 meetings left for the 2023-2024 year.

The Sunday, November 19, 2023, meeting will be held at Martinsville VFW Post 1257; the Sunday, January 28, 2024, meeting will be held at Linton VFW Post 7118; the Sunday, March 17, 2024, meeting will be held at Vincennes VFW Post 1157; and the Sunday, May 19, 2024, meeting will be held at Clay City VFW Post 6606.

Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. on the day listed above. District 7 has 18 Posts. They are included alphabetically by first name: Bloomington VFW Post 604, Brazil VFW Post 1127, Clay City VFW Post 6606, Crane VFW Post 9297, Gosport VFW Post 7850, Greenwood VFW Post 5864, Linton VFW Post 7118, Loogootee VFW Post 9395, Martinsville VFW Post 1257, Mooresville VFW Post 1111, New Whiteland VFW Post 6978, Odon VFW Post 9627, Shoals VFW Post 8589, Spencer VFW Post 1405, Sullivan VFW Post 2459, Vincennes VFW Post 1157, Washington VFW Post 3321; and Worthington VFW Post 7117.

Proof of service to establish eligibility rests entirely with the applicant. That proof could be a DD-214 or similar document. Proof can also be Military Orders showing service in a foreign area.

Vietnam Veteran Thomas E. Hoffman, Jr. passed

Thomas E. Hoffman, Jr., 82 of Greenwood, IN, passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2023, in Greenwood, IN. Thomas was born October 9, 1940, in Henderson, KY, to the late Thomas and Evelene Hoffman, Sr.

Thomas Jr. was a 1958 graduate of Center Grove High School. He was retired from the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War. Thomas Jr. was a Lifetime member of American Legion Post 252 and Greenwood Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5864.



In addition to his parents, Thomas Jr. was preceded in death by a brother William, and a sister Nancy. He is survived by two brothers Robert Hoffman of Franklin, Indiana and Donald Hoffman and his wife Janet of Spencer, Indiana; sister Phyllis Turner of Indianapolis, Indiana; two nephews Robert Robertson and Clifford Robertson of Indianapolis, Indiana; two nieces Carla Robertson and Crystal Roach of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Relatives and friends attended a Life Celebration on September 29, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service was held the same day at the funeral home. Burial followed at St. Louis Cemetery in Henderson. Military honors were rendered by the Worsham American Legion Post # 40.

January 17, 1972

President Nixon threatened President Thieu

President Richard Nixon warns South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu in a private letter that his refusal to sign any negotiated peace agreement would render it impossible for the United States to continue assistance to South Vietnam.

Nixon's National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger had been working behind the scenes in secret negotiations with North Vietnamese representatives in Paris to reach a settlement to end the war. However, Thieu stubbornly refused to even discuss any peace proposal that recognized the Viet Cong as a viable participant in the post-war political solution in South Vietnam.

Among Thieu's demands was the request that all North Vietnamese troops had to be withdrawn from South Vietnam before he would agree to any peace settlement. The North Vietnamese walked out of the negotiations in protest. In response, President Nixon initiated Operation Linebacker II, a massive bombing campaign against Hanoi, to force the North Vietnamese to the negotiating table.

After 11 days of intense bombing, Hanoi agreed to return to the talks in Paris. When Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, the main North Vietnamese negotiator, met again in early January, and worked out a settlement. The Paris Peace Accords were signed on January 23 and a cease-fire went into effect.

Again, President Thieu refused to sign the Accords, but Nixon promised to come to the aid of South Vietnam if the communists violated the terms of the peace treaty, and Thieu agreed to sign. Unfortunately for Thieu and the South Vietnamese, Nixon was forced from office by the Watergate scandal in August 1974, and no U.S. aid came when the North Vietnamese launched a general offensive in March 1975. South Vietnam succumbed in 55 days.

Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2024

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 71 million Americans will increase 3.2 percent in 2024.

The 3.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 66 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2024. Increased payments to approximately 7.5 million SSI recipients will begin on December 29, 2023. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits).

Veterans who receive compensation will also be increased by 3.2 percent as of January 2024.

Also served in Bosnia

Sgt. Marcy Renken served in Iraq War in 2003

Marcia K. Renken, (Marcy) a wife, and a mother served in Bosnia in 1999-2000 and in Iraq in 2003. She served in the U.S. Army as a Sgt.

She is married to former U.S. Army Sgt. Thomas R. Renken who also served in Bosnia in 1999.

While in Iraq she began writing a book of her experiences during the War. She just finished the Book – “Just a Bugler.”

Marcy and her husband both earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal which qualified both for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). She and her family live in Greenwood.

Marcy also recently started a “Toastmaster’s” class at the VFW which meets on Thursday’s each week. She currently has around 10 to 12 people attend the class each week.

It is a course that lasts about six weeks. Both veterans are members of Greenwood VFW 5864



Above on the right, Marcy presents a copy of her new book to Commander Steve Milbourn. The book has not yet been released. She is still putting some final additions to it.

Indoor Silent Auction at the VFW

If you have something you would like to donate,

Please bring it to the VFW on

Thursday, Nov. 30, or Friday, Dec. 1 after 8 a.m.

SALE is Saturday, Dec. 2 ■ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Clothing – Purses – Puzzles – Tools – Gloves – Household Items
- Jewelry – Guns – Watches – Knives – Coins – Stamps – 2 Lamps
- Pictures – Shoes – Knick Knacks – End Tables – Caps – Coats
- Popcorn Machine – Wheelchairs – and Much, Much, More!

One VIP Foursome @ Valle Vista (Green Fees w / Cart) – Expires 06-30-2024

A Message from the Commander . . .

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We will always need people to volunteer to help clean, help set up tables and chairs for banquets, and so on and so forth. At every Post meeting, we have had for several years, I always ask – “Is anyone interested in working at Bingo?” Seldom do we ever get many volunteers.

Yes. We have a “very large” building and maybe some people think the VFW is rich with a lot of money. That is an incorrect assumption. Our mortgage payment and utilities (electric, gas, and two – yes, two water bills (one is specific to the local fire department) and then our monthly insurance and cable bills come to around \$10,000 monthly.

Thirty-eight years ago, I was elected as Commander of a VFW in the Columbus, Ohio area. In those days it was much simpler. I owned three weekly newspapers and worked every day and stopped in at the VFW as I was needed and helped out as I could. There was no pressure.

However, in this day and age the Commander and Quartermaster almost need to stop by on a daily basis to track what is going on and to help coordinate events and to iron out any other issues.

You might think by reading this that I am upset. I always try to withhold my personal feelings as much as possible when I am conducting VFW business. I take my position seriously, and I have always wanted to do what I can for the Post membership.



Steve Milbourn, Commander

Medal of Honor Day created on July 12, 1862

U.S. Stamp # 2045 pictures the Army, Air Force, and Navy/Coast Guard/Marines Medals of Honor. Medal of Honor Day has been celebrated on this day since 1991 to commemorate the awarding of the first six Medals of Honor for the Great Locomotive Chase.

Although awards had been given for military service since 1782, the first steps in creating the Medal of Honor as we know it were taken in 1861. It was at that time that Edward D. Townsend suggested to Commanding General of the U.S. Army, Winfield Scott, to introduce a medal for individual valor.



Although Scott refused the proposal, Iowa Senator James W. Grimes took the idea to the Senate to “promote the efficiency of the Navy” after the general retired. The bill passed successfully, and President Abraham Lincoln signed it on December 21, 1861. The bill allowed for the creation of 200 Medals of Valor “which shall be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen and marines as shall distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities during the present war (Civil War).”

Two months later, Massachusetts Senator Henry Wilson created a similar bill, giving the president the authority to “distribute medals to privates in the Army of the United States who shall distinguish themselves in battle.” Though the wording changed, President Lincoln signed the bill into law on July 12, 1862. Though Lincoln had initially approved the Medal of Honor as an award for Civil War service, in 1863 it was made a permanent military honor.

Since its creation, more than 3,500 medals have been awarded, with a little less than half of them going to Civil War soldiers. In 1990, President George W. Bush signed legislation establishing March 25 as Medal of Honor Day to commemorate this event and to honor “the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor Recipients for the United States.”



at VFW Post 5864
Saturday, December 9, 2023
from 4 p.m. until finished (about 3 hours)



Spend a late afternoon at the VFW in Greenwood learning how to paint a picture.

For \$40 you can become a Rembrandt, or a Picasso or maybe you will just remain who you are. It is a relaxing hobby for you to start. You will enjoy painting, and you will meet new friends and you are welcome to have a drink or two. We also have soft drinks and some non-alcoholic beer available.

Plan to join with others as they embark on something new to do and you may like it.

Our VFW building is just over three years old and is air-conditioned, heated, non-smoking and has two men's bathrooms and two women's bathrooms.

Your cost is only \$40 and that includes the painting supplies and canvas.
The painter (instructor) will only paint one picture. It is the one above.

**All tickets for this event are pre-sale and must be purchased
on or before Wednesday, December 6, 2023, by 9 p.m.**

*You cannot sign up on the day of the event to paint.
There is only enough room for 55 painters*

Get your ticket(s) at the bar. This event is sponsored by the VFW

Red Ball Express convoy system opened in 1944

On August 25, 1944, the Red Ball Express truck convoy system opened to help rush supplies to soldiers at the front. The term “Red Ball” referred to express cargo service and was put into use around 1892 by the Santa Fe railroad. They used the phrase in reference to express shipping of priority items and perishable goods. Red circles identified the trains and tracks, and the term grew to be used extensively by the 1920s.



By August 1944, it was clear the Normandy invasion had been a huge success. Pursuing quickly retreating Germans, the Allied troops had come within 100 miles of Paris. However, the armies faced one basic problem – they had outrun the supply lines linking them to the Normandy beaches.

Once the Allies broke out from Normandy and raced to the Seine River, there were 28 divisions in France that constantly needed supplies. On average, each division used about 750 tons of supplies per day, or 21,000 tons in all. The Allies needed to bridge the gap separating the supplies in Normandy and the troops.

This long-haul supply system operated over a one-way set of roads to deliver bulk supplies each day to Patton's and Hodges' armies. When the express began on August 25, it provided 75 tons of supplies per day. As the pursuit continued, the effort was expanded to include 5,958 trucks carrying about 12,500 tons each day over round-trip routes of up to 686 miles.

Each truck had two drivers, who were taken from various units that could spare them. The majority of the drivers, about 75%, were African Americans. Convoys usually consisted of at least five trucks with jeeps accompanying them in the front and back.

By mid-November, the critical need for emergency long-haul operations across northern France was over, and the service was disbanded on November 16, 1944. During its 81 days of service, the Red Ball Express had provided the 1st and 3rd Armies with 3.5 tons of supplies a minute.

The American Bar Association founded in 1878

U.S. Stamp # 1022 was issued for the American Bar Association's (ABA's) 75th anniversary. It pictures a section of the frieze from the walls of the U.S. Supreme Court Room. On August 21, 1878, the ABA was formed in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Lawyers played a vital role in forming the United States. Many delegates to the Constitutional Convention were attorneys, and quite a few of our early presidents practiced law. Until the late 1800s, a person who had been an apprentice to a lawyer could train to become one himself.



In Indiana, the constitution stated any citizen and voter of good character could begin a law practice. After the Civil War, industry was expanding in the North and the demand for lawyers to represent corporations also increased.

In 1870, a bar association was established in New York City to serve corporate attorneys. Many state associations were soon formed, as well.

On August 21, 1878, Connecticut lawyer Simeon Baldwin invited 75 men from his profession to meet in Saratoga Springs, New York, to organize a national group. The ABA was formed. Its constitution stated five goals, “to advance jurisprudence (the science of law), to encourage uniform state laws, to strengthen the administration of justice, to uphold the legal profession's honor, and to encourage friendly interaction among bar members.”

The ABA has proposed state and federal laws since its founding and pushed for a separate federal court to oversee appeal cases. It also helps ensure that all people have access to legal services and encourages improvements in the legal profession as well as in the administration of justice. The American Bar Association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

Also put in permanent trash can at Horseshoe Pits and inside fan

Dave Hogan, Sr., and Jr. install two benches

Dave Hogan, Jr. is an electrician by trade, however he and his dad, Dave Hogan, Sr. also do plumbing, heating, some construction work, and a number of other things through each week. They have been working in Noblesville, Westfield, and a number of other areas north of Indianapolis.

Every time they get a chance to stop in the VFW, they show us pictures they have taken of many diverse types of construction they have completed. Recently they completed a garage for a boat – yes a boat. The garage was 36 ft. in length and around 15 ft. tall.

But whatever you're thinking, forget it. They are unbelievably busy. They do some work for the VFW when they can slip in a few hours or so. Most recently they put a return air fan in the "mop room." We keep the Post's cleaning chemicals in there with toilet paper, paper towels, Windex, etc. When the employees went in the "mop room" the smell was ridiculously terrible.

After that they installed two benches and a trash can which were donated by a home-owners association. The two benches were placed near the flagpole area and the trash can was installed near the Horseshoe Pits. One of their next projects will be to install a sound system in the banquet rooms that will be where our renters can't touch them.

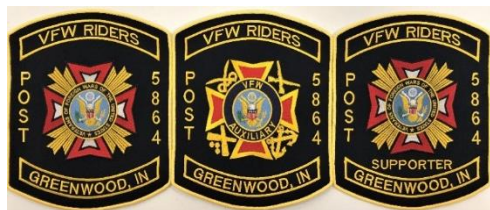
Then when the walk-in cooler arrives, they will be an integral part in hooking up the electricity. Over the last couple of years, the "Hogan Boys" as I call them have done a lot of work. They also put up a new door with three hinges on the trash dumpster area and built a new step to get into the smoking shed. Dave Hogan, Sr. is sitting on the bench relaxing.

By the way, Dave Hogan, Sr. is a Vietnam veterans and a member of our Post.



Join the VFW Riders

If you are interested in joining, contact Ken Seal at 860-460-2902 or e-mail him at kenneth.seal@comcast.net or stop by the VFW. Any individual desiring to join this group will need to pay their annual dues of \$25 or the first payment of their Life Member dues which is also \$25.



All members of the VFW Rider's Group are entitled to attend all meetings held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

We have VFW, Auxiliary, and Supporters as members. You are not required to have been in the military to be a Supporter.

In The U.S. Army

Davis becomes first African American General

On October 25, 1940, Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. was appointed the first African American general in U.S. Army. He was a driving force behind the desegregation of the Army, which was finally achieved just days after his retirement.



Davis was reportedly born on July 1, 1877, in Washington, DC. That's the date of birth he provided the Army when he enlisted, and it appears on his gravestone.

However, biographer Marvin Fletcher cites a June 1880 census that he believes shows Davis was born on May 28, 1880. Fletcher has suggested that Davis lied about his birthdate so he could enlist in the Army without getting his parents' permission.

While in high school, Davis participated in a cadet program that included military drills and ceremonies, ultimately reaching the rank of captain. When he was a senior in high school, Davis took courses at Howard University. His parents wanted him to go to college, but Davis wanted to join the military.

Davis served in one of the first Buffalo Soldier regiments. After the Spanish-American War broke out, Davis joined the Army on July 13, 1898. He was made a temporary first lieutenant with the 8th Volunteer Infantry. During the war he also served with the 1st Separate Battalion of the Washington, DC, National Guard. Davis enlisted as a private with the 9th Cavalry Regiment, one of the first Buffalo Soldier regiments.

In 1900, he served under Lieutenant Charles Young, the only African American officer in the military at the time. Young encouraged Davis to become an officer and tutored him on all the information that was on the officer candidate test. Davis passed and was commissioned a second lieutenant on February 2, 1901.

Davis served as a professor of Military Science and Tactics at Wilberforce College for four years. In 1909, he was sent to Liberia to work as a military attaché reporting on their military forces. In 1913, he served with the 9th Cavalry patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border. Davis returned to teaching at Wilberforce in 1915 and then reported to the Philippines where he was a supply officer and commander. Davis spent much of the 1920s and 30s teaching at the Tuskegee Institute and Wilberforce and instructing the Ohio National Guard. He spent summers between 1930 and 1933 assisting Gold Star mothers and widows on visits to the graves of their fallen loved ones in Europe.

Davis made history on October 25, 1940, when he was promoted to brigadier general – making him the first African American general in the U.S. Army. The following January, he was made commanding general of the 4th Cavalry Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division. Later that year, he was made an assistant in the Office of the Inspector General. Throughout the war, Davis traveled to Europe to inspect African American units.

As an adviser on race relations, he championed the idea of an all-inclusive armed service. On July 26, 1948, six days after Davis retired, President Truman issued the order ending racial discrimination in the military. Davis's awards during his 50-year military career include the Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Medal, French Croix de Guerre, and the Liberian Star of Africa.

Truman's Executive Order 9981 called for the end of discrimination and segregation in the U.S. armed forces.

In retirement, Davis worked with the American Battle Monuments Commission before his death on November 26, 1970.

**This time of year, the dues for all of the organizations in our building come due.
Please see your individual group membership chairman to pay your dues.**

Sherri Jones elected to VFW's House Committee

Sherri Jones, a Life Member of VFW Post 5864 was elected as a member of the House Committee at the Tuesday, October 3 meeting. Sherri served in the U.S. Army and became eligible for membership in the VFW with her service in Haiti in "Operation Uphold Democracy." She earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal between 1994 and 1995.



Sherri Jones
VFW Chief of Staff

Sherri has been very active in the Post since her arrival around 10 years ago. She has served as a Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, and currently serves as the Post's Bingo Chairman. She is also the Captain of the Greenwood-New Whiteland Honor and Color Guard. In addition to these obligations, she is the wife of David Jones, who also served in the U.S. Army and is a member of Greenwood VFW.

Sherri and her husband have three children (young adults) Cheyanne, Samantha, and Nathan. All three of the children graduated from high school and the two girls are in college. Nathan is in the U.S. Army National Guard and works in the construction business.

In addition, she works full time at Walmart. According to Commander Steve Milbourn, "Sherri is one of the individuals you want to know. She is always ready to jump in and help out as she can."

She has also subbed as a cook at the VFW, and she works every Saturday for breakfast.

Sherri also serves as the Commander's Chief of Staff and helps out as needed with various tasks. Milbourn continued, "We had asked Sherri to become part of the House Committee numerous times, however we knew that her schedule was tied up. We appreciate her efforts in all of her endeavors."

The House Committee is comprised of the Commander, Quartermaster because of their positions, and three other elected members for three-year terms. The other two members include Mike Delaney, with one-year left on his term; and Bill Clark, with two-years left on his term.

Forbes second annual survey

VA ranked as one of the best employers in 17 states

A couple of years back Forbes named the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) one of America's best employers in 17 states in an annual survey of America's best employers by state.

According to the survey, VA was a top-ranked employer in 17 states: Arizona, Illinois, **Indiana**, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia.

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VA was ranked as a top 10 employer in five of those states: Iowa, Kentucky, Montana, Rhode Island, and South Dakota.

"These survey results are the latest proof that we are turning this department around," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Listening to our employees helps us deliver better customer service to Veterans, but it also makes for happier, more motivated staff members."

Forbes' findings underscore similar ones over the last two years from the Partnership for Public Service that show VA has boosted its rating from 17th to 6th among large federal agencies in its annual "best places to work" survey of federal employees.