

VFW



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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website: <http://www.vfw1461.com>

Commander – Bernadette Bland - Auxiliary President – William Zangs
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Post 1461 Sept/Oct 2026 Newsletter

Post and Auxiliary Meetings

Sept 14th & Oct 12th 7pm
if you are a post or auxiliary
member, attendance is encouraged

Labor Day Mon Sept 7th
Lounge Hours 10am-5pm
Pot luck @ Noon

Scholarship Meat Raffle, Money Raffle & Meals

Friday Sept 11th & 25th

Friday Oct 9th & Oct 23rd

Meat tickets 20 for \$10 over 70 items
Money tickets 1 or \$10 - \$5 paid back out,
\$2 toward a drink, \$3 to the scholarship
See calendar for meal details

Wednesday's
Grillin' in the Pavilion
Burgers, Hot dogs, and Brats
served from 5-7pm

Oct 14th Last regular night
Oct 21st ALL BRATS night Oktoberfest
Come join us for various types of brats also it's
the last night of the season
Add a side and chips and make it dinner.
see calendar for details

VFW Blood Drive



Shufflers

in the lounge 4:30-
7:30pm
Friday Sept. 18th
\$8 Italian Beef
served
4:30-7:30pm

Monday Lunch

\$8 lunch served 11am -2pm
see calendar for details

Thursday Light Dinner \$8

served 5-7 pm 1st, 3rd & 5th
Thursday
see calendar for details
Extra dinner Mon Oct 26th

Board Painting

Wednesday September 23rd
6:30pm Main Hall
Sign up in the lounge
Sign up closes Wed Sept 16th

Junk in the Trunk

Saturday Sept 19th 11am-3pm
\$10 per spot, \$5 for table
sign up required, spaces limited



Trick or Treat on State

Wed Oct 28th

We will be handing out candy during trick or treat on state. This has become an annual thing for us and we have so much fun seeing all the different costumes. We will be taking donations of candy to pass out. If you would like to help out by donating candy please drop candy off at the club by Sun Oct 26th.

Attention Members

If you know of a Comrade in distress please contact
Marcos Reyes - Post Chaplin 815-494-3549

Veteran Peer to Peer

Open to all Veterans
Informal group to share, learn and help your fellow Veterans
7-8pm 1st, 3rd, & 5th (if there is one)
Thursday

Campfire night

Saturday Oct 3rd 5pm
Hot Dogs and s'mores over the fire,
music and fun.
Svengoolie inside at 7pm

Shrimp Boil Saturday September 19th

Starting @ 4pm \$20 1/2 lb. \$30 full lb.

Sign up with the bartender

Reservations required

Payment required at time of reservations



Patriot's Pen

GRADES 6-8

WRITTEN ESSAY CONTEST



Voice of Democracy

GRADES 9-12

AUDIO ESSAY COMPETITION

Middle School and High School Students

Patriot Pen & Voice of Democracy
essays due Oct 31st

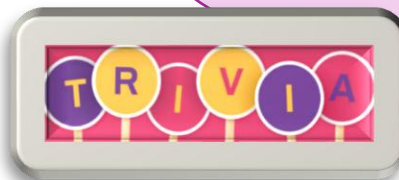
see our website page for instructions

<https://vfw1461.com/voice-of-democracy-patriots-pen/>

**Theme for 2026-2027 Voice of Democracy
& Patriot Pen Essay**

**"What a Veteran Taught
Me About America."**

Do you know the answers?
Trivia Wednesdays
Sept 17th & Oct 21st 6:30pm



Nov/Dec Up Coming Events

Vendor Event - Veterans Day

Blood Drive - Shufflers

Kids Christmas Party -Holiday Tea

Holiday Potluck - Cookie Orders

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday Bingo \$3.50 big beers & Seltzer Sundays	Every Monday Lunch served 11- 2pm	Every Tuesday \$2 domestic beers	Grillin in the Pavilion- Hot Dogs, Brats, and Burgers 5-7pm	Every Thursday \$2 domestic beers		
		1	2	3 Peer-to-Peer 7-8pm Light dinner italian beef	4	5 Svengoolie 7pm
6	NO Lunch Club closing at 5pm	8	9	10	11 Meat Raffle	12 Svengoolie 7pm
13	14 Meetings 7pm Italian Beef	16	17 TRIVIA	17 VFW Blood Drive Noon-6pm Peer-to-Peer 7-8pm Light dinner Burgers	18 Shufflers in the lounge 4-7pm Italian Beef served during Shufflers	19 Junk in the trunk Shrimp Boil SVENGPOOLIE 7pm
20	21 SOS	22	23 Paint Board night at 6:30pm sign up in the bar	24 Meat Raffle	24 Chicken Skewers w/wild rice	26 Svengoolie 7pm
27 All you can eat Breakfast	28 Open Faced Turkey w/mashed potatoes	29	30			

October 2026

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4	5 Italian Beef	6	7	8	9 Meat Raffle	10 Svengoolie 7pm
11	12 Meetings 7PM Chicken wrap or salad	13	14	15 Peer-to-Peer 7- 8pm Light dinner Brats	16 Shufflers in the lounge Tacos served during Shufflers	17 Svengoolie 7pm
18	19 Sloppy Joe	20	21 TRIVIA Last night of grillin in the pavilion- BRATS ONLY	22	23 Meat Raffle	24 Svengoolie 7pm
25 All you can eat breakfast	26 Pulled Pork served from 11am -2pm & 5-7pm	27	28 Trick or Treat on State	29 Peer-to-Peer 7- 8pm	30	31 Svengoolie 7pm Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Essays Due

WORLD SERIES NIGHT in October at the Club. Watch the website or
stop into the club for more details