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October 2025

Next Meeting – October 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

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Commander's Comments

Comrades,

The turnout for our annual Patriots breakfast was fantastic, we served our local first responders to a free hot meal to start their day, and I appreciate all the volunteers that made it a success! Our POW/MIA remembrance dinner was a somber yet enlightening event to remember, "you are not forgotten". We have a busy October planned! October 4th will be another District meeting, this time at the VFW Post in Anson, there will be a food truck with BBQ pulled pork plates at \$15 for lunch. Come out October 7th at 7 PM for the Red Star Foundation with guest speaker Gene Overstreet sponsored by the Marine Corps League, Major John Keith Wells Detachment. Auxiliary member Sharon Penn will be taking donations for Cancer research on October the 18th at 7 PM. Our RV Park manager is having a "Meet & Greet" at the pavilion for all RV tenets October 25th at 1 PM.

The canteen staff and hours are being restructured to better serve the Post needs. The kitchen menu is being revamped as well. The Post doors will still be open at 11 AM for our members to use the facility. We are going to keep trying new things for the betterment of the Post. Some things will work; some things may not. Please be patient and keep giving us your ideas; we will always maintain our dedication to moving the Post forward in the best ways possible. Come out and enjoy your Post!

"Change is inevitable, growth is optional."

Gary Blake

Senior Vice-Commander

Recruiting is forever a key consideration for any Post, and, of course, for the VFW as an organization. People see how we interact with each other, how we interact with them. What attracts people is wanting to be a part of something that can benefit them and in turn, something they can believe in, feel they are a part of, and then want to share with others. Remember, every member is not only a recruiter but also an ambassador of our Post.

Make sure to always represent the Post in the best light possible. We must continue to build a strong membership base to ensure our voices are heard and our programs remain effective and viable.

When we come together as a whole, the entire membership, we can accomplish great things: **Locally**, for our membership and our community, **Statewide**, we continue to fight claim sharks and unfair charitable gaming laws and **Nationally**, we advocate for veterans' rights and benefits.

"We Are Better Together".

David Sabo





We have 40 full hook-up RV sites (water, electricity, and sewer) and 5 temporary spots for rent (no sewer). Laundry Center, Showers and Restroom. *NO RESERVATIONS*

Post Opens at 11 AM

Everyday

Kitchen Hours

Monday-Friday 10:00 AM -2:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bar Hours

Monday - Friday
3:00 PM — Close
Saturday & Sunday
11:00 AM — Close
Kitchen Open Friday Nights
at 7:00 PM — Closing.

Canteen Manager Linda Westerman

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gary Blake
Senior Vice	David Sabo
Junior Vice	Josh Baker
Quartermaster	. Richard Marshall
Judge Advocate	Julio Martinez
Surgeon	Keith Quinn
Chaplain	Charlie Bowen
3 Year Trustee	. Richard Nunley
2 Year Trustee	Aivars Jurkis
1 Year Trustee	Mike Reilly
Adjutant	Richard Marshall
Service Officer	Charlie Bowen
House Chairman	.Rich Champagne
Bingo Chairman	David Sabo
Past Commander	.Rodell Whitmore

Junior Vice Commander

We have 3 programs this month: Operation Enduring Freedom the 5th at 2:00 PM Women in the Military the 12th at 2:00 PM Beirut Bombing the 26th at 2:00 PM.

Come out Monday nights for football at 6 PM and bring a dish for potluck! We will have an adult Halloween costume party on the 31st in the Canteen at 7:00 PM and a Truck or Treat for the kids in the parking lot/pavilion area at 6:00 PM, any donation of candy and volunteers to help pass out candy would be helpful.

"Be the change you want to see."

Josh Baker

Auxiliary

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for your contributions to the auxiliary. Our meeting is scheduled for October 14th. The main course will be Beef Stroganoff; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The District 8 meeting will take place on October 4th in Anson, registration starts from 7:30am to 9:45am followed by a joint meeting at 10:00. On October 12th, our auxiliary will be conducting a shed or outdoor storage cleanup, and your assistance would be greatly appreciated; please arrive at 8:00 am if available. Our auxiliary will be participating in the Post's Trunk or Treat event on October 31st at the VFW parking lot from 6 pm to 8 pm. You are encouraged to bring your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren. Once again, thank you, and I wish you a blessed month of October.

Anna Martinez

Service Officer/Chaplain

Flu shot season is here, the VA is currently giving both flu and covid shots. The VA earned top scores in latest CMS hospital ratings report.

Remember places that have military discounts, if you order through their app, most will not give the discount.

Please let us know about members in the hospital or who have passed on.

Leave a lot of happy tracks as you go down life's road.

Charlie Bowen

KITCHEN HOURS

Snack Bar inside Bingo
Monday – Friday 10:00 AM -2:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday Night 7:00 PM till Closing



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Monday – Friday 10:00 AM 3:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM Friday & Saturday 8:00 PM – 11:30 PM

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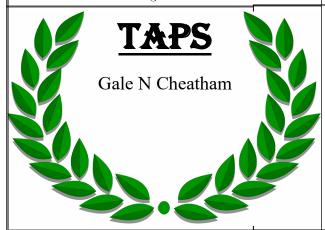
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Important Events

District 8 Meets the 4th at VFW Post Anson
Operation Enduring Freedom 5th at 2 PM
Red Star Foundation the 7th at 7 PM
Auxiliary shed clean out 12th at 8 AM
Recognition of Women in the military 12th at 2 PM
Cancer Fundraiser the 18th at 8 PM
Beirut Bombing 26th at 2 PM
Trunk or Treat 31st 6-8 PM
Halloween Costume Party 31st at 7 PM



The VFW Post 6873 Bingo is on Facebook. Please "Like" our page to find out Specials and Door Prize announcements.

MONTH OF OCTOBER ALL SESSIONS 66 CARD MACHINES \$10 – PER SESSION Bingo Schedule:

Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Friday & Saturday Nite Time Bingo Doors open at 8:00 PM, the first game starts at 10 PM. \$10 66 card machines.
- Paper packs are \$4.00, Specials are \$2.00, and Double Actions are \$1.00.

Reminder:

Kitchen will be open on Friday Nights (No outside food or drinks on Friday Nights Sessions). Please, bring your own food and drink on Saturday nights.

No children *under 10 years old* allowed in the bingo hall. Children 10 thru 18 must be with their parents or guardians and must be playing bingo. Parents will be responsible for their children's behavior. No unattended children allowed in the parking lot and/or sitting in cars.

Specials:

OCTOBER 1st - 31th \$10 - 66 CARD MACHINES PER SESSION.

FREE BIRTHDAY DAUBER & PAY A DOLLAR FOR A 66 CARD MACHINE PER SESSION (PHOTO ID WITH BIRTHDATE REQUIRED)

OCTOBER 31st FREE HALLOWEEN DAUBER S WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Monday – Friday
Saturday & Sunday

OPEN 10:00 AM 1st Session 11:30 AM 2nd Session 1:00 PM
OPEN 12:00 PM 1st Session 2:00 PM 2nd Session 3:30 PM

Friday & Saturday Nights OPEN 8:30 PM Session starts 10:00 PM