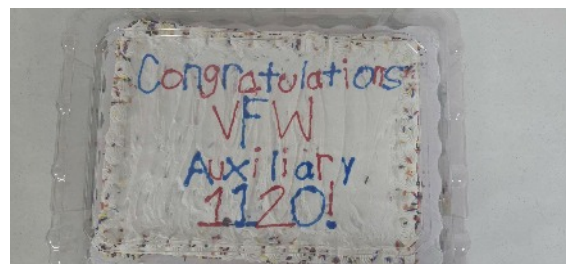
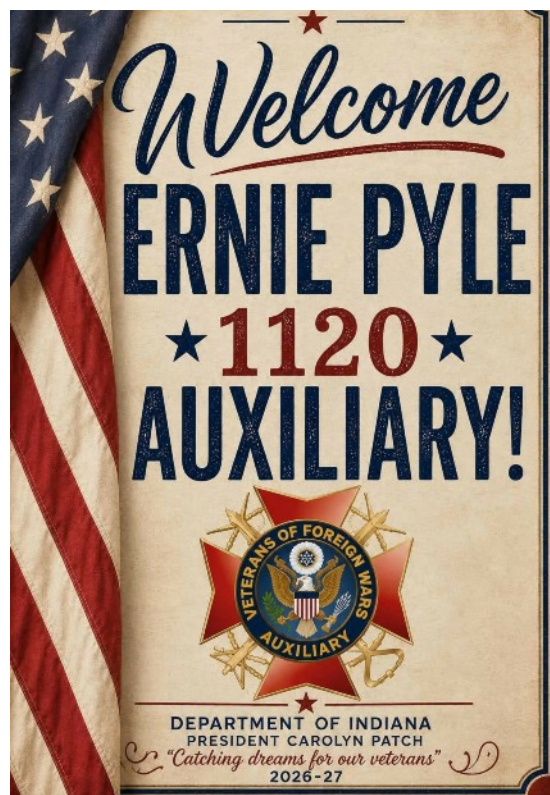


Auxiliary Photo's



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LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

ONE TIME PAYMENT. LIFELONG COMMITMENT.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

A LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS A LASTING WAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND STAY CONNECTED TO OUR MISSION AND VALUES.

WHY GO LIFE?

- ★ ONE-TIME PAYMENT
- ★ NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN
- ★ STRENGTHENS OUR ORGANIZATION
- ★ SUPPORTS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
- ★ LEAVES A LASTING LEGACY

INVEST IN TODAY. IMPACT FOREVER.

THANK YOU
FOR BEING A VITAL PART OF THE
VFW AUXILIARY FAMILY!

ATTAINED AGE AT 12/31 OF YEAR APPLYING FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.	THROUGH 20
THROUGH 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 AND OVER	\$58

STRONGER TOGETHER. ★ SERVING VETERANS. ★ HONORING SACRIFICE.

Message from our Military Order of the Cooties

Hello Cooties & Cuties!

This past month we had The Supreme Scratch, in Reno, NV where a couple of us help represent the infertile hungry grounds of Indiana. While there we had the lousy choice of voting in the Supreme Seam Squirrel Tracy Woodman for the 2026-2027 year. As for myself, I was appointed to the low office of Supreme Jimmy Legs (Guard).

It has started off with a bang this year as we have had District 6 and 7 looking to form Pup Tents within their District. So, if you are wanting to become a LOUSY COOTIE like the rest of us, please reach out and talk with your District Rep or get with Larry Patch or myself Russell “Gabby” Pryor. If you have any questions, please reach out and we will do our best to answer them. I hope everyone out here has a LOUSY and unproductive day.

Till we meet again, safe journeys and fair skies be with you! Remember, “Keepem’ Smilin’ in Beds of White!” God Bless our Veterans.

Yours in LOTCS,

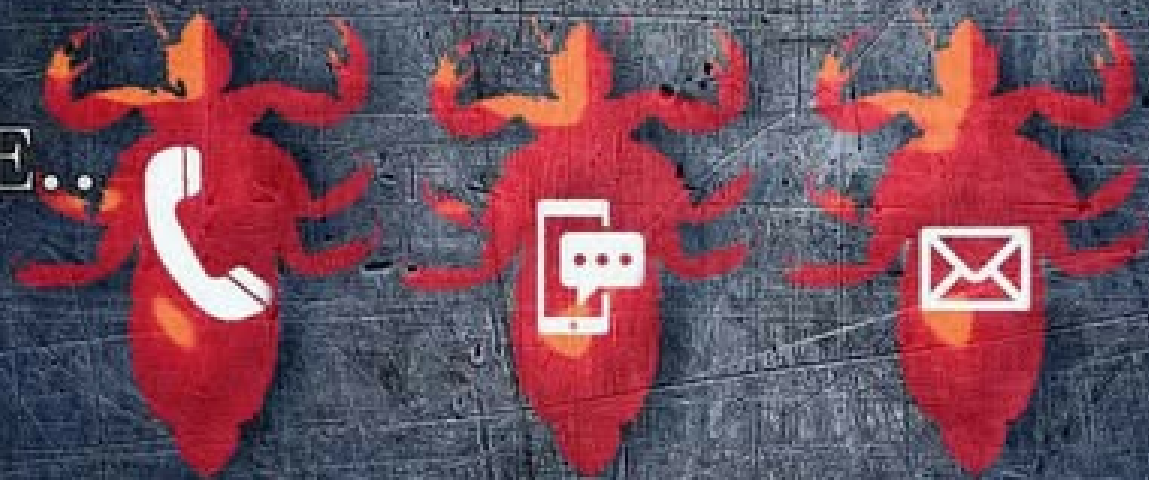
Russell “Gabby” Pryor
Pup Tent 11 Seam Squirrel



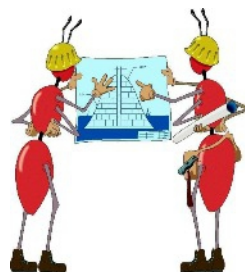
Message from our Military Order of the Cooties

COOTIE CHECK

ONE...



CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
TO A COOTIE IN NEED.



Message from our Military Order of the Gooties



VFW Riders Group

VFW Riders Group: What an awesome opportunity we had to make a giant step forward this past July at the National Convention. We had our FIRST C of A and voted in the new National Officers. We also voted in our new By-Laws which are in the process of going through the National VFW to make sure things are in proper working order. So at this time PLEASE bear with us as we at National get things in order. One thing I would love to see is if I could have a chaplain from each riders group reach out to me so we can chat. My email at this point is RLPryor613@gmail.com Please reach out or at least a representative from the group. I appreciate all that you have endured over the past few years and I look forward to a great end and a new ride season. I do appreciate you all and look forward to talking with you. As always if there is anything I can do to help you, please reach out. I appreciate your time and efforts. Your new National Officers for the VFWRG are:

President: Kevin Conklin

Vice President: Tommy "Bear" Anderson

Sec: Chris Stergos

Tres: Russell Jobe

Sgt at Arms: Tom Williamson

Chaplain: Russell "Gabby" Pryor



VFW Riders Group Photo's



July 24, 2026



July 24, 2026



July 24, 2026



District 3



Representative Victoria Spartz & State Surgeon Danny Gann

District 5



District 6



VFW Day of Service

District 6



District



Odon VFW #9627 & Auxiliary Cancer Ride

1/2 HOG RAFFLE!

**WIN HALF A
PROCESSED HOG!**



**TICKETS:
\$5 EACH**

drawing to be held
9/19/2026 after
the Cancer Ride

Do Not Need to Be Present to Win!

Tickets are available for purchase at the canteen.

Donated by Jim & Keith Bechtel

License #002893

District



80TH ANNIVERSARY

District 10



District

V.F.W. POST # 1587
ANNUAL PICNIC,
LUAU, AND
SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
26
2026

PICNIC BEGINS
AT 4 PM
THE SMILEYS
START AT 5 PM!

THE SMILEYS
Unique hits for the cool kids...

- HOG ROAST!**
- LIVE MUSIC BINGO WITH THE BAND!**
- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**
- IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT WILL BE MOVED INSIDE.**

GOOD FOOD!
GREAT MUSIC!
GOOD VIBES!

5139 WEST 10TH STREET
SPEEDWAY, INDIANA

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEMILEYS

District



Had the honor and privilege to present the Civil Air Patrol cadets with their awards for excellence from the VFW.





TAPS



District 7 Roger M Curl | Post 1405 | 6/20/2026

District 10 Marvin L Gahimer | Post 2695 | 4/25/2026

District 10 Tom E Harritt | Post 2695 | 6/6/2026

District 11 Don Martin | Post 1587 | 8/25/2026

William D Palmer Jr | Post 15015 | 6/5/2026



VFW NATIONAL HOME

Candidate for VFW National Home Trustee District 8

Diane Pettit



I have the same passion for the National Home as my husband had and it would be an honor and privilege to be considered a candidate for District 8 Trustee.

My late husband Alvis "Skip" and I enjoyed traveling up every chance we could. He wanted to retire up there and be house parents, unfortunately he did not get to retire before passing in 2015.

Besides being a VFW Legacy Life member, a Life member of the National Home and Life Member of the MOC, I am also a member of the VFW Auxiliary, VFW Riders, AMVETS and American Legion.

Military service –

US Army Dec. 18, 1986- Honorably discharged June 17, 1995
Served Sept. 1991- July 1992 in Saudi and Kuwait, First Gulf War
Various times in South Korea with some time also in Germany

VFW Offices

VFW Post 5626 Quartermaster 1992-current / VFW 11th District Chairs- District Commander 1996-97-98

District offices and Chairmanships:

District Quartermaster 2005-current. All State a few times
District Surgeon- Jr. Vice – Sr. Vice
Past District Commanders Club – Treasurer
(J)ROTC Chairman – Lots of years, Lost track.
District National Home Chairman
Lead the District bus trip up every year for the last 30-ish
District Ways and Means Chairmen

State Chairmanships:

State National Home Chairmen – Several different years, including now.
National Aide De Camp Several times

Military Order of the Cooties:

Trustee at the start, Now CCDB for the last 4 years All elections are held via

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I have the same passion for the National Home as my husband had and it would be an honor and privilege to be considered a candidate for District 8 Trustee. Thank you all for your consideration.

Electronic ballots will be sent either by text or email to each registered National Home Life Member within District 8.

Life members can call the National Home at 1-866-483-9642 or go to the website <https://vfwnationalhome.org/contact/> and use the dropdown menu to send in their correct/updated information. If the National Home does not have a phone number that can accept text messages or a valid email address, you will not receive a ballot for voting.



Jerry O. Blake
Command Sergeant Major Retired

CANIDATE FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL 2027-2031

Retired in 1974 after 10 years of active military service in the United States Navy Special Operations with **two tours in Viet Nam**. He returned to Evansville Indiana and after 3 years, joined the Army Reserves, where he spent the next 30 years serving his country in the United States Army Reserves, **serving in Deseret Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-1991**. during this time, he worked full time, served as a citizen soldier and graduated from Oakland City University. His civilian career included 30 years as a Human Resources Manager at Indiana Tube Corporation and Flair Molded Plastics. In this role, he was able to help many Reserve and National Guard soldiers through their deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and adjustments back to their civilian careers.

Jerry has been recognized with the following awards for his service to his country and to veterans

- 1 **Veteran of the year Award** in 2008 for his work with area veterans
- 2 **All American Post Commander** in 2010, 2012, 2023, 2026
- 3 **VFW Dwight D. Eisenhower Award 2012**
- 4 **State Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars** 2016-2017
- 5 **Chairman for the VFW Big 10 Conference** in 2017-2018
- 6 **Inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame** November 3, 2017
- 7 **Governor Holcomb's SAGAMORES of the WABASH** award January 17, 2018
- 8 **President Board of Trustee's VFW National Home** 2025

VOTE for Sheila Corcoran in 2027



**VFW NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION**

for the Department of Indiana

**Deadline for submission of articles, fliers and photo's
for the January 2027 Combat Veteran is
December 21st, 2026!!**

Let's share our special events to everyone! I will need all articles, pictures and special event fliers to me by **December 21, 2026** for our January 2027 Combat Veteran newsletter! As far as format goes, articles can be in Microsoft word, Email text or Adobe PDF file. Pictures should be in JPEG but I have a pretty large selection of photography programs so I should be able to accommodate most formats. Fliers can be in Word, PDF or any Photo format. Please submit the items for the Newsletter to me at: (**ljpatch@mail.com**) or send to me at 9034 Eiderdown Way, Indianapolis, IN 46234. If you have any questions please Email me or call me (317)450-9408.

Yours in LOTCS,

Larry J Patch

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The DIFFERENCE Between VFW POST AND CANTEEN



★ VFW POST: ★

The business, administrative, and community-focused side. Posts are mandated to **support veterans** through **advocacy and fundraising**.

CANTEEN



★ VFW CANTEEN: ★

The “clubroom” or “bar” side. It is an activity of the Post. It often functions as a **social venue** for drinks, food, and activities like pool or karaoke.



★ PURPOSE: ★

The Post aims to **serve veterans**; the Canteen aims to **provide a welcoming atmosphere** and **raise funds** to support the Post's mission.

VETERANS ★ **COMMUNITY** ★ **BROTHERHOOD**

DID YOU EARN ONE OF THESE?



JOIN A LOCAL VFW POST NEAR YOU.

★ NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS. ★

MILITARY HUMOR



YOU FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY. NOW JOIN US IN THE FIGHT FOR VETERANS.

We understand the unique bond you share with other veterans of overseas conflicts because we, too, have been there. No matter which conflict called you to service, we invite you to join us as we continue to fight for all that's good FOR VETERANS.



vfw.org/join

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