



SUMMER 2026

From the Commander

I am honored to have been elected Commander of VFW Post 5331 for a third year.

Our post stands for unity among our veterans and their families, fostering camaraderie and fellowship under one roof. Our commitment is to serve those who have served our country. We recognize that every veteran and family member is unique, and we strive to meet their needs with empathy, respect, and support.

We have many exciting events planned in the coming months, and we are always in need of volunteers. Your involvement helps keep our post active, strong, and thriving.

We are also committed to working with our community to help foster growth, prosperity, and support for all. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of veterans, their families, and our neighbors. Above all, we seek to honor every person who walks through our doors.

Thank you for your continued support of VFW Post 5331. I look forward to serving alongside all of you in the year ahead.

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Commander
VFW Post 5331

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From the Quartermaster

Hello to all of our members!

My name is Sava-Marie Shelton, and I am proud and honored to have been elected as your new Quartermaster.

We have a very full calendar of events planned for the upcoming year, and I encourage everyone to take a look and find something that interests you. We are always looking for volunteers to help make our events successful. Too often, we rely on the same dedicated individuals, and we would love to see some new faces get involved.

I would also like to invite everyone to attend our monthly meetings, held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Attending meetings gives you an opportunity to have your voice heard, participate in decisions that affect our post, and help shape the programs and activities we undertake in support of our veterans.

If you have questions, would like more information, or are interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact me at 314-401-1631.

We work hard, but we have a lot of fun doing it!

Most importantly, I would like to sincerely thank each and every person who volunteers their time and talents to support our post. Your dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated and make all the difference.

Thank you,
Sava-Marie Shelto
Quartermaster

Coffee Talk:

Every Tuesday, 9am, Coffee, Doughnuts, sometimes a little useful information, but always talk. It is a great opportunity to get together with other veterans and talk about "whatever". We have been doing this since October, and we average about 25 to 35 Veterans per week. It is a welcoming environment, we encourage all Veterans to come, VFW, DAV, American Legion, Am-Vets any Veterans, Welcome.

Coffee Talk entered a float in the Flag Day Parade, very cool, and they won 1st Place.

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