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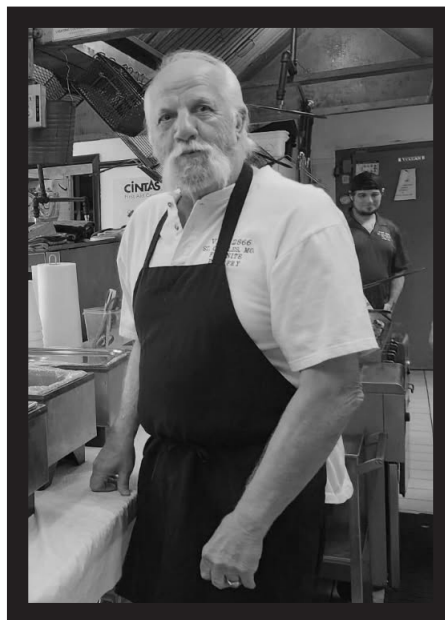
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 2866

May-June 2026

Robert Miller ***Outgoing Commander*** ***2025-2026***



As my term as Commander comes to an end, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank each one of you for the support, dedication, and hard work you have shown throughout this past year.

Serving as your Commander has been one of the greatest honors of my life. This year has taught me a great deal, and it has given me an even deeper appreciation for what makes this Post special—the people. The volunteers who give their time, the members who step up when help is needed, and the shared commitment we all have to our veterans and our community are what keep this Post strong.

I know there is still work ahead. We continue to need help with Bingo, Queen of Hearts, and with Meat Shoot coming this fall. These events are important to our Post, and they only succeed because of the generosity of members willing to lend a hand. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone who has helped me during this past year. Your kindness, encouragement, and willingness to work together has meant more to me than words can fully express.

It has truly been my privilege to serve as your Commander. I am grateful for the trust you placed in me, proud of what we have accomplished together, and thankful to stand beside such a dedicated group of men and women.

May God bless each of you, our veterans, and this great Post. Thank you all.

Robert Miller



Earliest Memory of Decoration Day/Armistice Day/Memorial Day: My mom holding me in her arms and pointing to the cemetery where the gun shots were coming from next to our farm in the country of Winfield, MO on Memorial Day. I could see the men who were giving the gun salute with no one else in the cemetery, but they were giving Honor to those who had given their lives for their country. Then her explanation of what Memorial Day/Armistice Day stood for as my dad's favorite cousin was in the Death March of Bataan and died a Prisoner of War. Both her brother and my dad WWII Veterans. Going to cemeteries from Winfield to St. Louis decorating graves with my mom and grandmother. All of those memories were the beginning of my knowledge of Patriotism, Respect and Honor for those who had served and those who had given the ultimate sacrifice for this country as well as the sacrifice of their families. Sometimes I wonder as time goes by how many people are teaching their children the meaning of Memorial Day and still have that strong conviction of Gratitude, Patriotism, Respect and Honor.

Please join us for our Memorial Day Service:

Donuts and Coffee in the Sun Room 0900am-0950am.

Memorial Day Service VFW Post 2866, POW-MIA Memorial / Brick Pavers

Saturday, May 23 rd , 1000 am

Post and Auxiliary Members who have passed in last year will be recognized

We thank all Veterans, Active Duty and families for your service and support to each other and this Nation.

Jan Radcliff
Post Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 23 rd : 0900-0950am Donuts and Coffee Sun Rm Post 2866

1000am Memorial Day Service VFW 2866 Post by Kohl-Jeck

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All members and Public Invited

All Month: Tues Queen of Hearts, Thurs Bingo

Semper Fi Comrades”

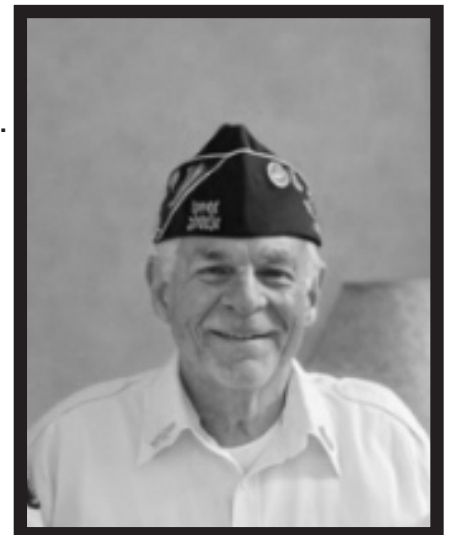
I hope everyone is doing well! The election cycle of the Post has been completed. Congratulations to the new team of officers that are about to take the helm. I hope we can all pitch in and give them the support and participation they will need to keep the Post headed in the right direction. Bids for repair of the parking lot are still in progress. Hope to have repair plans in place soon. The backstop for the meat shoot area has been dismantled, and repair and replacement of structure is underway.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO, feel free to contact Bingo Chairman Randy. We can always use good help. Hope to see a good turnout at our Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday, May 23rd 1000am. Let's remember all our fallen Brothers and Sisters this Memorial Day!

Here's to those who Went.
Here's to those who are there Still.
Here's to those who have yet to Return.
And here's to those who Never Will.

Signing off for now!

Senior Vice Commander
Vito Trifiletti
2025-2026





AUXILLIARY PAGES

Auxiliary President Jan Buehrle

Glad that spring has finally arrived!! The Auxiliary has already been busy with catering events in May. It started on May 1st which was a May Day Celebration for the 279th Engineering Detachment Unit, a crowd of about 150 people. The next event was on Saturday May 2nd for the Blue Star Moms Quarter Bingo. We wish success for both groups. Elections are done, installation is in May and I wish all the incoming officers a good year.

Auxiliary Chaplain Earline Baker

So glad that so far this spring everyone is staying well. If you know of anyone who needs a card or call, please let me know at: 636-697-8157.

Auxiliary Quilters, Earline Baker

If anyone would like to quilt or learn how to quilt, please come to the Post on Monday and/or Thursday where we quilt from 830am-1100am. You can also call me so we know to expect you and can direct you to the room we are in. Earline Baker phone: 636-697-8157



***DON FRETZ
BUY - A - BRICK***

Want to honor your Veteran this Memorial Day and every day after that? Reach out to Post member Don Fretz to discuss buying a brick at the cost of \$100.



Thank you Volunteers!!!!



This stained glass chapel is located at the Missouri Veterans Home. Chaplain Jan Radcliff captured this shot during one of her visits. Our Post has donated a significant amount to this chapel so the sound system could be upgraded.

Many thanks to the hard working volunteers that dedicate many hours of their time and sacrifice time away from their families for all of our events.

Incoming Commander Randy Wansing hopes that this is a year that we are back out in the community, that our members become more active and the Post Mission be upheld.

“Veterans helping Veterans!!!”