



JANUARY 2024

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Post 7907



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POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

Social Planning Meeting

6:00 PM | Thursday - Jan 4

Auxiliary General Meeting

6:00 PM | Tuesday - Jan 9

VFW Post Officer Meeting

6:00 PM | Monday - Jan 15

House Committee Chair Meeting

6:00 PM | Wednesday - Jan 18

VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | Thursday - Jan 18

House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party

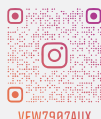
8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings



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**PLEASE NOTE THE CANTEEN WILL BE
OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD**

*Due to a delivery issue for a few maintenance items, we will
NOT be opening on January 2nd as previously anticipated.*

COMMANDER'S CALL:

Comrades, Auxiliary, Friends, and Family,

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful time ringing in the New Year. Thank you for your patience during our shutdown. Tim Ragnar (House Committee Chairman) and many, many volunteers worked a ton of hours over the break to ensure you all come back to a canteen that will knock your socks off. Our flooring contractor did an amazing job and got the project done within our timeline.



With it being a new year, I want to encourage everyone to support the Post as often as you can. Support looks different to all of us. For some, support can mean attending our Friday night dinners, and to others, support is showing up to clean on Saturday mornings. Whatever support looks like to you, come down and be a part of the community we are building. Check out the calendar at the end of this newsletter to see all the events we have coming up.

During the first few months of the new year, we as members need to focus on membership. Membership recruiting for the Post and Auxiliary is important to ensure we remain a viable place for Veterans to come and participate in a community. Every member is a recruiter (a wise Post Commander once told me). If we all do our part, our community will grow and flourish. Not to mention, we can be an All-American Post once again! BZ to everyone who has already recruited a new member.

I would like our Post members to participate in the Member Meeting on Jan 18th. We have had great attendance so far and I would only like to see that grow. Remember, we serve dinner and conduct our house committee meeting at 1800 before we have the Post Meeting at 1900. Come get involved and participate in your Post!

We are building great things in and around Post 7907, thank you for helping our Post continue to great things into the New Year. I personally know that we have great people doing great things for our Veterans at Post 7907. I am here for us and if you personally need anything, please reach out.

Semper Fidelis,

John Carson

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2023-2024 Officers



Post Commander – John Carson
Sr. Vice Commander – Paul Swanson
Jr. Vice Commander – Jason Widmer
Quartermaster – Clint Dawson
Chaplain – Don Biadog, Jr.
Surgeon – Fred DiCarlo
Service Officer – Ed Ozmun
Adjutant – Deanna Smith
Judge Advocate – Bill Morrison
Guard – Adison Fernandez
1st Year Trustee – Vern DuMolt
2nd Year Trustee – Mark Burdette
3rd Year Trustee – Oscar Rocha
Officer of the Day – Pat Anamosa
House Committee Chairman – Tim Ragnar
Canteen Manager – Dawn Ragnar
Maintenance Manager – Jason Widmer
Membership Chair – Aaron Spaulding

Auxiliary Officers



President – Deborah Sellers
Sr. Vice President – Suzanne Kohlbrecher
Jr. Vice President – Evelyn Hummel
Secretary – Christina Swanson
Treasurer – Dawn Ragnar
Chaplain – Christy Schiltz
Conductress – Karen Kimble
Guard – Linda Miller
1st Year Trustee – Patti Caniglia
2nd Year Trustee – Shari Dunbar
3rd Year Trustee – Connie Houk



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year. Welcome to 2024. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday. Thank you again for all your support for our military family Christmas program. I'm sure it made their Christmas brighter.

With the new year here our elections are only a few months away. If you would like to continue holding your position or aspire to a different position please let me know.

I appreciate all of you and your dedication. Your support makes the Auxiliary possible.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in January.

Our next meeting is on Jan 9th, hope to see all of you there.

Deborah Sellers

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Clint Dawson

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payments to the Post.



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Turkey Shoot winners: Pistol - Vern DuMolt and Rifle - Clint Dawson

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

This is the easiest way to renew your membership!

Very Respectfully,

Aaron Spaulding



Please Scan this QR code for
membership renewal.

First, I want to thank everyone who helped tear down the canteen on December 21st. Without all of you, it would have taken forever! Thank you!!

While we will not have the canteen completely finished when we open JANUARY 3RD, it should be about 65% there. The floor looks amazing and the company that did the work, Diaz Floor Covering Specialist, did several upgrades for us for FREE! They are a family-owned business and feel very strongly about supporting Veterans. They finished early and also came back to do some finishing touch ups to make sure we could get back open as soon as possible. PLEASE consider using them if you ever need epoxy work.

We are still waiting on the delivery of many finishing items and as soon as they come in, I will be texting folks for help again.

Happy New Year and thank you for your patience as we continue to update and improve our beloved Post!

Thank you,

Tim Ragnar



Happy New Year!

I want to thank everyone again for a fantastic 2023 and I hope we can grow our canteen business in 2024!

Please make sure you come in to check out our new canteen floor, walls & décor!

We are in need of a bartender that can work on Friday's. The shifts are 3PM – 6PM & 6PM – 10PM. Even if it's just 1 day a month, it would be helpful.

We have a few events planned for 2024 so be sure to mark your calendars NOW!

PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT BUNCO HAS MOVED TO THE 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

January Special Events – Taking Place **at the Post**

January 16 – BUNCO – *no more dinner* – just Bunco at 6:30PM

January 21 – 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off. Canteen opens at 10AM & chili cook off starts at 11AM

February 11 – Super Bowl Party!!! See page 3 with details

March 15 – St. Paddy's day bash details coming soon



Doing More for God & Country by Improving Our Relationships: A 2024 New Year's Message for Families, Veterans, & Friends

Overall, God was indeed good to all of us in 2023; He will be good again in 2024. He alone is worthy of our daily praise and service. Everything we do or think should be for His honor and glory.

Through cooperative service we reached several hundreds of veterans, service members and military families in 2023. Together, we impacted the lives and souls of our fellow human beings, warriors, and families not only during our lifetime but for eternity. Many came to know God better in their hearts. Others returned and started worshipping God on regular basis. Broken relationships were mended. Prayers were answered and God healed many from their sickness.

Sadly, a handful few comrades and family members we lost and promoted to heaven and their families were comforted through our Chaplain Grief Ministry. The legacy of faithful service to God they left behind will remain in our hearts forever.

I am truly grateful to each one of you serving our God and Country wherever God has placed you in our world. As for me, God has placed me here since 2019 serving as Post Chaplain, VFW Post 7907, Poway, CA, and District 1 Chaplain.

With God's help, serving together with all our officers, members, and Auxiliary team, we accomplished commendable deeds that honored and glorified our LORD in 2024. Through our community service and the good works done by our dedicated and godly people we infused living hope to those who were about to give up and losing hope. We are forever thankful to God for using us in our generation helping our veterans and active-duty warriors, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and impacting the lost and dying world.

The year 2024 is all about relationships (Vertical and Horizontal)! I believe in 2024 we can do more for God and Country. We can improve our Vertical Relationship (VR) with God through praise & worship, Bible reading, and prayer. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20 NKJV.

Furthermore, the Bible says, **"Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near"** Hebrews 10:25 TLB.

Moreover, Paul said, **"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."** God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

The psalmist said, **"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! 11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."** Psalm 119:9-11 ESV.

Jesus talks about the important of prayer. He set an example for all the believers of the necessity of prayer. Jesus said, **"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you"** John 15:7 KJV.

By God's help, we can also do better enhancing our **Horizontal Relationship (HR)** with our fellowmen, sharing His Love (Agape), serving, or helping other in need & habitually fellowshiping with brothers and

sisters in Christ. As believers of Jesus Christ, live with passion & serve God with compassion!

Jesus said, ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25: 34-40 ESV).

A great example of goodwill is our joint benevolent giving to the National Home, local well-deserving NGOs, local first responders, schools, under privileged veterans and families, natural disasters victims, and active duty servicemembers. We also share about 300-400 pounds of bread and pastries to the poor and hungry people as well as the 24-hour fire department duty staff and PMO on a weekly basis.

Moreover, let us heed to what the Apostle Paul said to Titus, **"It is a faithful saying: and these things I will have thee affirm constantly: that they, who believe in God, may be careful to excel in good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."** Titus 3:8 (DRV)

Fellow veterans, families, friends, servants of God and leaders, God knows who you are and what you've done in 2023. I appreciate each one of you for your faithfulness to and love of God. I challenge you, **"In Christ, Live with Passion & Serve God with Compassion!"**

Last of all, I encourage you also to **"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem"** (Psalm 122:3). The tragic terrorists' attacks on October 7, 2023, are still fresh in the minds of the people in Israel and the world. Let's pray for peace not only in the Middle East, but for the current challenges and troubles in our families, our community, and countries around the world.

Let's Do More for God and Country in 2024! Have a Happy New Year and full of God's Blessings in 2024! **End**

Don Biadog, Jr.



Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem poster created by Chaplain Don Biadog. Chaplain Biadog and 24 Christian leaders were special guests by CUFI (Christians United For Israel) during the historic visit in February 2023 in Israel. The group visited many Biblical sites including a kibbutz near Gaza strip that were attacked on Saturday October 7, 2023.



Chaplain Don Biadog preparing to say a Benediction during the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) awarding ceremony on Monday December 18, 2023, House of the Philippines, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award given to the U.S. citizens. "In accordance with Public Law 114-265, the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015 awards a Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) collectively to the Filipino Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their outstanding wartime achievements and honorable service to the United States during World War II."



John Carson, Commander of VFW 7907, led the Veterans' Day annual ceremony on 1100 November 11, 2023, Poway Veterans Park, Poway, CA. The Poway Veterans' Park Committee voted to put up five banners honoring our Veterans on November 11, 2023.



Everyone in attendance, including a WW-II veteran stood for the National Anthem during the Veterans' Day annual ceremony on 1100 November 11, 2023, Poway Veterans Park, Poway, CA.



Chaplain Don Biadog renders a salute honoring a Vietnam Veteran, Chief Teofilo "Bill" Obille on December 18, 2023, during the week of Wreaths Across America event, Miramar National Cemetery, San Diego, CA. He also visited Maximo Rondael, Ed & Anita Casiple, Mel Marshall, Glen Dunham, Stanford and Verna Linzey, and Nathan John Peirsels resting places.



Don Stonecipher (Left), former five-time Commander of VFW 7907, six-time Chairman participated during the Veterans' Day annual ceremony on 1100 November 11, 2023, Poway Veterans Park, Poway, CA. He introduced and honored his friend Bob Broussard, a U.S. Korean War veteran. Bob Holland (Right) is also a Korean War veteran.



Firing the replica of Civil War canon is a bi-annual tradition during the Veterans' Day and July 4th ceremonies. The photo was the second firing of the day of the canon on 1100 November 11, 2023, Poway Veterans Park, Poway, CA.



Honoring and thanking the Gold Star Families on December 18, 2023, during the week of Wreaths Across America event, Miramar National Cemetery, San Diego, CA. Chaplain Don Biadog said prayers on September 11, 2023, during the groundbreaking ceremony and the Dedication Ceremony of the Gold Star Families Monument on November 11, 2023, Miramar National Cemetery.



Tony Blain, VFW 7907 Lifetime member, participated during the annual ceremony on 1100 November 11, 2023, Poway Veterans Park, Poway, CA. He recommended honor for LCPL Jason D. Hill. Hill was born on September 18, 1990, was raised in Poway, California, and attended Abraxas High School. He was based at Camp Pendleton, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force. LCPL Hill was KIA on June 11, 2011, by small-arms fire in the Narh-e Saraj district of southern Helmand Province, near the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.



Chaplain Don Biadog always supports and prays for active duty and veterans in San Diego County such as during the promotion to LTCOL ceremony of Christopher Reardon (middle) on May 5, 2023, Naval Base San Diego, CA.

⚡ PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL ⚡

CHILI COOK-OFF

{BRING A FRIEND OR TWO! }

Our contestants will be competing to see
who has the best chili in town & we need
you to be the judge!



Jan. 21,
2024

\$15 for 10 sample bowls

11AM - supplies last

WINNER

ANNOUNCED AT

2PM

Around the Post

Wednesday Lunch - Dec 20, 2023



Thank you to the Cook and Crew for yet another fabulous feast!

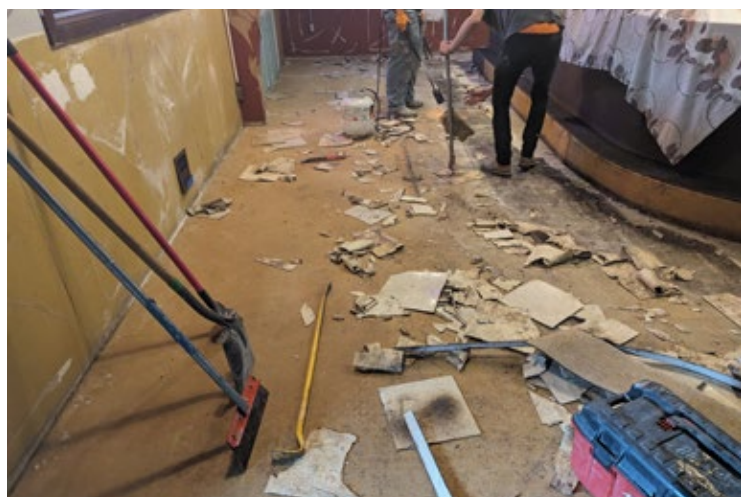
Demo In the Canteen - Dec 2023



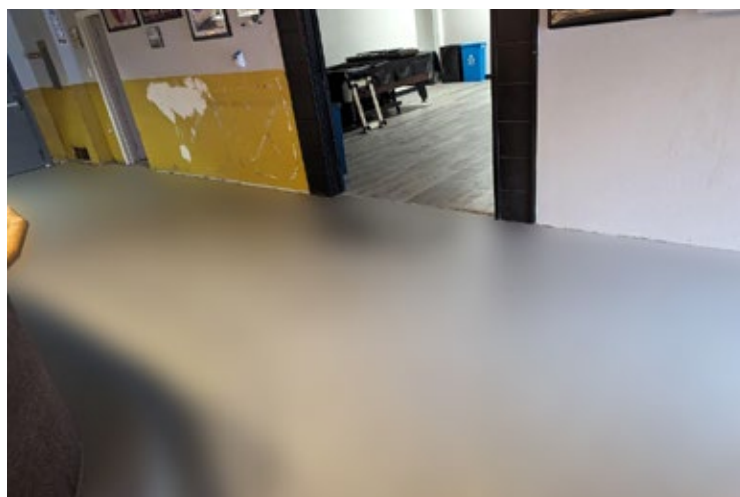
House Committee Chair Tim Ragnar & Bill Hazeltime keep working while the rest of the volunteers stop for a quick photo.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped move everything from the canteen into the hall so the transformation of the canteen could begin.



The canteen floor demoed.



The new floors look fabulous! Come in to see what they look like on January 3rd.

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JANUARY 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed


Thu

Fri

Sat



Please Note: We make an effort to list the meals accurately. However, menu items may change. Please check the Post menu board or call the Post to verify.

	1 Canteen Closed	2 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	3 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Lasagna, garlic bread & salad Donation: 10.00	4 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 6:00 PM Social Planning Meeting	5 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Burgers Donation: 10.00 6:00 PM - 9:00 AM Open Mic Karaoke	6 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party
7 Canteen Closed	8 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	9 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:00 PM Auxiliary General Meeting	10 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Pork Roast, mashed potatoes & corn Donation: 10.00	11 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	12 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Chili mac & cornbread Donation: 10.00 7:30 - 9:00 PM Live Music with Windjammers	13 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party
14 Canteen Closed	15 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 6:00 PM VFW Post Officers Meeting	16 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:30 PM BUNCO!	17 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Smothered chicken, potatoes & veggies Donation: 10.00	18 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 6:00 PM House Committee Chair Meeting 7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting	19 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Pulled pork sandwiches Donation: 10.00 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Live Music with Country Crossovers	20 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Vietnam Veterans Association Meeting
21 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM 11:00 AM 3 rd Annual Chili Cook-off Donation: 15.00 for 10 sample bowls	22 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	23 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	24 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Mississippi pot roast, potatoes & green beans Donation: 10.00	25 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	26 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Lasagna, garlic bread & salad Donation: 10.00 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Live Music with the M. Pinning Band	27 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Hall Rented
28 Canteen Closed	29 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	30 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	31 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Enchilada casserole, rice & beans Donation: 10.00	<p>Get Your Birthday Drink! Are you a Post or Auxiliary Life Member and is your birthday this month, then have a drink on us!</p> 		

★ All Gave Some. Some Gave All. ★