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## POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

*Please Join Us*

**Auxiliary General Meeting**

6:00 PM | Tuesday - August 13

**VFW Post Officers/House Committee**

**Chair Meeting**

6:00 PM | Monday - August 12

**VFW 7907 Post Meeting**

7:00 PM | Thursday - August 15

**Event Planning Meeting**

6:00 PM | Wednesday - August 28

**House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party**

8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings

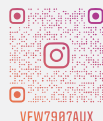
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### COMMANDER'S CALL:

Greetings,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer.

The Post had a very busy July. Our Independence Day ceremony a Poway's Veterans Park had a great turn out. Thank you everyone who made it possible. A special thank you to Mary Beth Doss our 99-year-old World War II Veteran, who blessed us with the singing of our national anthem and Miss Hanna Roby who closed with *God Bless America*. Also, we can't forget to thank Poway's awesome Park Rangers and that great cannon team who are always there to support the VFW Post and the Scripps Ranch HS ROTC for being the color guards.

After the ceremony everyone was invited back to the Post for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Joe Crutcher Car Show. Thank you, Crutcher family, for bringing down Joe's beautiful classic car and your great support. Joe would be so proud of all of you. I think I can say everyone and a good old fashion 4<sup>th</sup> of July super time thanks to the hard work of all the volunteers who planned the event and work it. BZ.

The following Sunday, the Post Auxiliary held their annual Family Freedom Festival. It should come as no surprise Dawn and her team killed it as expected, thank you, BZ.

So much more went on at your Post in July: Friday Night Burgers, Wednesday Lunch, BUNCO and recently added Monday Night Baseball and Cornhole from 5PM to 9PM with all you favorite ballpark foods.

Just a reminder, we are still in need of Post volunteers. If you have some time on your hands to spare, please come on down, we will make sure you won't be bored, there is always a lot to do.

I'm planning for some much needed Post improvements to make it even better for all of us. If possible please donate what you can; it is always put to good use comrades.

Also, I welcome all suggestions and recommendations for how we can make our Post even better. Next month I will have a quick survey in the newsletter looking for exactly that.

We are looking forward to an outstanding August. Be sure check out your Post calendar, come on down, have some fun and make some memories.

If anyone knows of a Veteran or their family in need please contact me, the service officer or the Post.

If you need me for anything, call me at 858.722.2207

*Commander Bill Kimble*

# 2024-2025 Officers



- Post Commander – Bill Kimble
- Sr. Vice Commander – Vern DuMolt
- Jr. Vice Commander – Deanna Smith
- Quartermaster – Clint Dawson
- Chaplain – Don Biadog, Jr.
- Surgeon – Fred DiCarlo
- Service Officer – Ed Ozmun
- Adjutant – Paula Jensen
- Judge Advocate – Bill Morrison
- Guard – Paul Swanson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Mark Burdette
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Oscar Rocha
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Bryan Gust
- House Committee Chairman – Tim Ragnar
- Membership Chair – Jay Santa Maria
- Officer of the Day – Jim Cook
- Maintenance Manager – Jason Widmer
- Canteen Manager – Dawn Ragnar

## Auxiliary Officers



- President – Dawn Ragnar
- Sr. Vice President – Jericho Nevitt
- Jr. Vice President – Christina Swanson
- Secretary – Kacyenne Barber
- Treasurer – Deborah Sellers
- Chaplain – Christy Schiltz
- Conductor – Karen Kimble
- Guard – Rachel Rocha
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Shari Dunbar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Connie Houk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Patty Wolinski



### FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

I want to thank all of the people that made our July 14<sup>th</sup> Family Freedom Festival possible. From the Vietnam Vets & Clampers (and CJ) who spent time in the water dump tank; the Post and Auxiliary members who volunteered cooking, serving, setting up & cleaning up; taking tickets and working all our booths; the Miss Military Star girls for helping where ever they were needed; Madi Menvielle for bartending; the people who donated to the cake walk; the people who donated items to North County Stand Down; the vendors who participated; Bongiorno's Pizza for sponsoring the trivia prizes and of course EVERYONE who attended and invited others to attend – THANK YOU!

Next up for the Auxiliary is our FUNDRAISER for Shelter to Soldier (StS), a Murder Mystery dinner on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The evening is an 80's themed 3 course dinner that you don't want to miss! All proceeds from this event will be donated to StS. This is a ticketed event which means YOU MUST BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE. Tickets are \$35 per person and can only be purchased at the canteen. Of course, 80's attire is encouraged but not required.

Last but not least, starting MONDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>, the Auxiliary will be having a NEW MEMBER HAPPY HOUR the 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays of the month. Food and drinks will be provided to first time new Auxiliary members. We encourage ALL Auxiliary members to come and hang out. The Post has their "Grand Slam Mondays" so everyone is welcome.

Thank you for all of your support!

*Dawn Ragnar*



## Bring your coins for our District-wide Auxiliary "Coin War"

**August 4 - August 30, 2024**

**BOOZE,  
BEER,  
BAGS &**

*Baseball*

**MONDAY NIGHTS**

**WEEKLY DRINK SPECIALS**

**UP TO 50% OFF**

JOIN US ON MONDAY NIGHTS TO WATCH  
BASEBALL & CHALLENGE SOME FOLKS TO  
CORNHOLE!

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING AT 5:30!  
**GOOD OLE FASHION STADIUM FOOD**  
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**MEMBERS, GUESTS & FRIENDS WELCOME!**

**VFW Post 7907, 12342 Old Pomerado Rd**

**FOOTBALL**

PRESEASON & REGULAR SEASON

**THURSDAYS**

**DRINK SPECIALS**

**FOOD**

CANTEEN OPENS 3PM \* KICK OFF IS 5:15PM

**VFW POST 7907**

FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER:

THE POST NEEDS YOUR HELP!!! Our canteen sales and attendance in 23/24 year was down 4% and the average cost of expenses increased by an average of 10% compared to the 22/23 year. In our continued efforts to turn this trend around, you can expect to see a brief, online survey. Please take a few minutes to complete that when you receive the email.

There have been a few more fun things implemented at the canteen in hopes of getting more people to come, just have fun and regain some of the 14% deficit. If you're not sure what happens on what night, take a look at our calendar on page 11 as well as the list below.

Part of the above-mentioned deficit is our EXTREMELY low attendance on Friday nights. So low in fact, Friday night burger burns are in JEOPARDY! We average 26 burger sales now (down from 48 in 22/23 which was down from 67 in 21/22). 22 meals sales are needed just to break even. It is a lot of prep, work and clean up for the kitchen volunteers. Not to mention the time and effort given by our volunteer entertainers who show up and play to an empty room for FREE.

HOW YOU CAN HELP is simply showing up and INVITE people! Of course you're not being asked to attend everything, every night of the week. We are just asking you to help spread the word and get NEW people to attend so they can experience the camaraderie that is VFW Post 7907. With drink specials and food on Mondays, to BUNCO on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, lunch on Wednesday's, football fun on Thursday and of course, the cheapest full burger dinners on Friday's, there is no shortage of choices to come support!

Again, in addition to weekly things to do at the canteen, we have SPECIAL events every month. As you can see below, FUN is scheduled and you absolutely don't want to miss the events!

*Mark Your Calendar With These Events*

- Aug 1 – Preseason FOOTBALL party – Bears vs. Texans (see this page for details)
- Aug 24 – Murder Mystery Dinner/Fundraiser (see page 5 for details)
- Sept 7 – Comedy Night (see page 6 for details)

*Save These Dates – Details Coming Soon*

- Sept 21 – POW/MIA Day
- Sept 28 – Ribapalooza
- Oct 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day
- Dec 7 – Post/Auxiliary Christmas Party
- Dec 15 – Pancake Breakfast with Santa
- Dec 22 – Jan 4 – Closed For The Holidays
- Feb 1 – District 1 Auxiliary Casino Night (this is NOT happening at our Post, but we would love your support)
- Mar 4 – Fat Tuesday Celebration
- Mar 14 – St. Paddy's Day Bash!
- April 20 – Easter Brunch \*This year we will have an Easter egg hunt as well\*

# Always Ready

Anyone visiting the San Diego Bay or waterways throughout America can see the U.S. Coast Guard cutters and / or aircraft patrolling the area. Each Coastie carries in his and her heart the motto, Semper Paratus which means Always Ready.

All the armed services of the United States have Core Values. Each Coast Guard personnel is taught "Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty," Coast Guard's Core Values. It serves as the basic ethical guidelines for all Active Duty, Reservists, Auxiliaries and Civilians.

On August 4, 2024, the U.S. Coast Guard celebrates 234<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Retirees and Active-duty Coast Guard personnel commemorate the military organization for its valor and discipline. Since 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard has kept the nation's waterways safe, playing a critical role in national security.

According to the U.S Department of Homeland Security site, "The U.S. Coast Guard patrols our coasts for drug smugglers, human trafficking and both domestic and international terrorism. As the bad guys (and girls) have gotten more savvy with technology, the Coast Guard has developed sophisticated, effective technology to combat crimes on the water and at our ports. It's a 24/7 job. Today, let's give the U.S. Coast Guard the love it deserves."

The U.S. Coast Guard celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday when I joined the U.S. Navy in 1990. Ten years later, I had a profound honor of serving among the servants of the seas in November 2000 thru May 2003 on board U.S. Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN), Petaluma, CA.

It was an honor to serving with Vincent W. Patton III, eighth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from May 1998 to October 2002. As a retiree, it is my privileged to serving with Chuck Cross, U.S. Coast Guard veteran, as a member of the Poway Veterans Park Committee.

The U.S. Coast Guard does not have chaplain. They employ U.S. Navy Chaplains to serve as military staff chaplains. I was serving as Command Chaplain of the TRACEN Petaluma during the 911 terrorist attacks. I was one of the thirty-two U.S. Navy chaplains that served in the New York in the aftermath of 911.

I learned many valuable lessons while serving in the smallest U.S. armed service. The Coast Guard motto, "Always Ready" reminds me to be ALWAYS READY! The Hebrew Scripture says, "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble" Ps 46:1 NLT.

Always Ready...

1. When the Storm Comes
2. When the Devil Attacks
3. When Jesus Christ Comes

As we continue to face life's struggles today and, in the future, remember that God is ALWAYS READY TO HELP. May God Bless all our Coast Guard personnel and May God Bless the United States of America!

*Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.* (Mark 10:45)



The USCGC Willow (WLB-202), a USCG seagoing buoy tender, performing her duty on November 19, 2008, around Narragansett Bay, Newport, RI.



USCGC Tahoma (WMEC-908) visits on January 15, 2009, Narragansett Bay, Naval Station Newport, RI.



USCG Cutter Petrel (WPB 87350) patrols the San Diego Bay on January 24, 2021, San Diego, CA



The U.S. Coast Guard Station Golden Gate is one of the busiest Coast Guard stations in the United States. I took the photo of the Station Golden Gate (right of the photo) on December 28, 2021, from the south side of the Golden Gate Bridge.



I visited the Lighthouse Chapel, USCG Training Center Petaluma, on December 29, 2021, my mother Emiliana's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday. I served on board TRACEN from November 2000 – May 2003. It was one of my best tours of duty.



One of the most beautiful U.S. Coast Guard Lighthouses is located on board Cabrillo National Monument (CNM), Point Loma, CA. I took the photograph on April 28, 2024, CNM.



VFW AUXILIARY 7907 INVITES YOU TO



# I LOVE THE 80'S TO DEATH MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

5 PM

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AUG. 24, 2024

It's the 80's again, and all of the big names are here for a big concert. Tensions run rampant as backstage secrets spill out into the spotlight with like, totally tragic results! This isn't an episode of Miami Vice! This is like...murder. Peg your jeans, slouch your socks, flash some neon, put on way too much eyeliner and get that hair up! You are going to solve this crime in style. You are a Smooth Operator, and you know to listen to those Careless Whispers.

It's time to put on your Sunglasses at Night and Relax.  
Time after time...You will solve the case.



**TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT**  
**VFW POST 7907**  
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**VFW7907EVENTS@GMAIL.COM**

**DRESS CODE**  
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**ATTIRE**  
**OR NEON COLORS**

**ALL PROCEEDS**  
**FROM EVENT**  
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**SHELTER TO SOLDIER**



**3 COURSE DINNER INCLUDED**  
**TIME: 5PM - 8PM**  
**COST: \$35 PER PERSON**

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STAND UP  
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show

Saturday

Sept.

7

with

Jessica Alaniz

Rafael Molina

Brian Kiley



Comedy Machine

Texas to California

Conan & Letterman

at VFW Post 7907, 12342 Old Pomerado Rd, Poway  
Dinner starts 5:30pm \* Show starts at: 6:45pm

**Ticket: \$30 per person** Spaghetti dinner includes salad, bread & dessert

THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT - PLEASE EMAIL  
VFW7907EVENTS@GMAIL.COM TO PURCHASE TICKETS

# Around the Post

## Independence Day Celebration - Poway Veterans Park - July 4, 2024



Always a crowd pleaser, the firing of the cannon.



Scripps Ranch HS ROTC presented the colors during the ceremony.



Mary Beth Doss, our 99-year-old World War II Veteran, the singing of our national anthem to open the event.



Miss Hanna Roby closed the festivities with *God Bless America*.



Post Buddy Poppy booth at the Poway Veterans Park.



Aux member Evelyn Hummel, friend & Post member Mary Beth Doss.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration & 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Joe Crutcher Classic Car Show - July 4, 2024



The kiddos really enjoyed the classic car show.



Joe Crutcher's family enjoying the festivities.



La Betty '29 Ford Coupester



There were a lot of "sweet rides" at this years car show.



Aux President, Dawn Ragnar presented two time winner of the car show, Frank Turlo, with his prize.



The hall was full of happy children and adults alike.

# Around the Post

## Family Freedom Festival - July 14, 2024



We had a very successful event this year.



A visitor purchases tickets for the event.



Our local pageant princesses helped out with a smile.



CDR Kimble with two of the Volunteer Sheriffs.



Post & Auxiliary members staff the VFW booth encouraging people visiting to support the Post.



Adults & kids had a blast doing the cake walk!



Paul Swanson taking his position of guard to the next level for Tim Ragnar.



Post Adjutant & Department of California Jr. Vice., Paula Jansen all dry in the dump tank.



A few seconds later, water is dumped on Paula by CDR Kimble's "successful" hit of the target.



Aux 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee Patty Wolinski attempts to dump the water Post member Sal Pellerito.



## Post Officers Installation and Luncheon - July 2024



'24-'25 Post officers being sworn in.



Past Post CDR Bob Parks swearing in CDR Bill Kimble.



Guard Paul Swanson handing CDR Kimble the gavel.



Paul Swanson, CDR Kimble & Bob Parks.



Post & Auxiliary officers and members ready for a successful '24-'25 year.



Following the swearing in CDR Kimble hosted a luncheon for all at the Post.



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# AUGUST 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Get Your Birthday Drink!</b> Are you a Post or Auxiliary Life Member and is your birthday this month, then have a drink on us!</p> 				1 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>5:15 PM</b> Thursday Football Bears v Texans	2 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b> Burger with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00	3 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM <b>8:00 AM</b> Saturday Work Party
4 Canteen Closed	5 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM <b>5:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> Baseball, Beverages & Bags! <b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Auxiliary New Member Meet & Greet	6 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	7 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM <b>11:30 AM</b> Chicken fajitas, beans & rice Donation: 10.00 <b>6:00 PM</b> Bicycle Club Meeting	8 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	9 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b> Burger with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00 <b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Live Music with Windjammers	10 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM <b>8:00 AM</b> Saturday Work Party
11 Canteen Closed	12 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM <b>5:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> Baseball, Beverages & Bags! <b>6:00 PM</b> VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting	13 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b> Auxiliary General Meeting	14 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM <b>11:30 AM</b> Spaghetti & meatballs, salad & bread Donation: 10.00 <b>6:00 PM</b> Bicycle Club Meeting	15 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b> VFW 7907 Post Meeting Happy Hour <b>7:00 PM</b> VFW 7907 Post Meeting	16 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b> Burger with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00	17 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM <b>8:00 AM</b> Saturday Work Party <b>10:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> Vietnam Veterans Association Meeting <b>5:00 - 10:00 PM</b> Hall Rented
18 Canteen Closed	19 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM <b>5:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> Baseball, Beverages & Bags!	20 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>6:30 PM</b> BUNCO!	21 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM <b>11:30 AM</b> Pork roast, potatoes & veggies Donation: 12.00 <b>6:00 PM</b> Bicycle Club Meeting	22 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	23 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b> Burger with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00 <b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Live Music with Country Crossovers	24 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM <b>8:00 AM</b> Saturday Work Party <b>5:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Murder Mystery Dinner
25 Canteen Closed	26 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM <b>5:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> Baseball, Beverages & Bags!	27 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	28 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM <b>11:30 AM</b> Lasagna, salad & garlic bread Donation: 10.00 <b>6:00 PM</b> Bicycle Club Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Event Planning Meeting	29 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	30 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b> Burger with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00	31 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**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.