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Post 7907



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POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

Auxiliary General Meeting
6:00 PM | Tuesday - Dec 10

VFW Post Officers/House Committee Chair Meeting
6:00 PM | Monday - Dec 17

VFW 7907 Post Meeting
7:00 PM | Thursday - Dec 19

Event Planning Meeting
No Meeting This Month

House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party
8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings

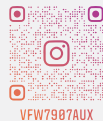
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COMMANDER'S CALL:

Season Greetings,

First, please join me in congratulating Paula Jansen, Department Junior Vice Commander and our adjutant for being named 2024 San Diego Veteran of the Year! BZ, Paula.

I am happy to report November was very busy and productive month. We started with the annual Mt. Carmel Veterans Day flag raising at the school. Thank you to those comrades who assisted me; Ed, Pat and Fred. Then the Post celebrated the Marine Corps 249th Birthday, great turn out. Thank you, Bob Parks for being the MC and to the kitchen crew- the SOS was outstanding. Veterans Day was huge success. We had the largest turn out at Veterans Park that I have seen in many years. A big thanks to the Park Rangers for the set up, and the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for passing out the programs and flags. As always, AFJORTC from Scripps Ranch High performed the color guard perfect. Again, thank you to all who help at the Park.

Our annual Veterans Day celebration after the park ceremony went off without a hitch. The Auxiliary gave out 145 hot dogs, chips and drinks. The blood drive was outstanding; we plan on holding another in the new year. We finished the month with VVA Thanksgiving Saturday lunch... the lunch crew did not disappoint.

I am sorry to report that we have put the Friday burgers on hold until further notice, due to lack of sales. What that means is starting in January on Friday nights we will still be open regular hours and you are welcome to order dinner from your favorite restaurant or bring in your meals. The good news is we are planning a Friday Night fish fry at least twice a month in the coming new year. Also we are bringing back Sunday breakfast once a month. Please check your email and the Post Calendar for dates and details.

The Auxiliary President and I are looking for members to sponsor active duty service member family's for the annual "make the children's wishes come true" for Christmas, for all of you who have help in the passed and seen the joy on those kids faces ... priceless. Please contact Dawn ASAP if you wish to help.

The Toys for Tots Drive at the Post is in full swing, the Marines have already received two full boxes. Let's keep it going. Drive ends December 12th.

And lastly there is a Poppy Giving Tree in the Post this year. Just make a donation and fill out a Poppy card then place it on the tree. All money goes to the Post relief fund to help Veterans in need.

If there is anyone who knows of a veteran or their family in need, please contact me, Ed the service officer or Chaplain Don.

I wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season.

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.
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- Adjutant – Paula Jansen
- Judge Advocate –
- Guard – Daniel Samayoa
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- 2nd Year Trustee – Oscar Rocha
- 3rd 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
- 1st Year Trustee – Shari Dunbar
- 2nd Year Trustee – Connie Houk
- 3rd Year Trustee – Patty Wolinski



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

This article, like our activity at the Post this month, will be short & sweet! The Auxiliary is once again looking for people to sponsor active-duty military families that could use a little help during the holiday season.

We have a total of 30 kids with 14 families and it is my hope that we are able to raise enough money to not only get everything the kids need and want but to have a little extra left to give to the parents.

This year, 9 of the 14 families have parents that are deployed so the spouses are pulling a single parent Christmas. If you're interested in donating, the deadline is December 12th. Please email me at vfw7907auxiliary@gmail.com

Also, we are hosting a District Auxiliary event on December 15th – Pancakes with Santa! Please see page 3 for details.

Thank you all for everything and I hope you have a blessed holiday season!

Dawn Ragnar



POST & AUXILIARY MEMBERS ONLY

Eat, Drink & BE UGLY

Sweater Potluck

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
FOOD SERVED AT 6PM

Everyone will vote on who's sporting the **UGLIEST** sweater AND we'll have a fun & **QUICK** white elephant gift "game". Gift game is optional so if you want to play, bring a wrapped gift.

PLEASE REGISTER WITH BARTENDER SO WE KNOW WHAT FOOD YOU'RE BRINGING

PANCAKES
With Santa

Auxiliary District Fundraiser
Kids get a FREE photo with Santa!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 2024 | AT 9 AM

\$8 - Adults (2 pancakes, juice, & choice of bacon or sausage)
\$6 - Kids (1 pancake, juice & choice of bacon or sausage or eggs)

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VFW Post 7907, 12342 Old Pomerado Rd., Poway

FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER:

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD – WE ARE REVAMPING OUR FRIDAY NIGHTS!!!

That's right, change is coming and hopefully it will be for the better! If you've been to the Post on a Friday the past 4 months, we are sure you've noticed, it's pretty empty. Like they say "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result" so we are changing the way we do things on Fridays! There are several possibilities and as of the time of this article, we do not quite have the exact plan in place BUT we do know – **NO BURGERS ON FRIDAYS IN DECEMBER**. I've been working hard to make sure we have some type of revenue coming in, so we DO have the HALL RENTED on Friday, December 13th. The bar will be open EVERY Friday and you are 100% welcome to bring in your own food. Stay tuned for the January newsletter and other emails with the details of what Friday's will be like in 2025.

DURING DECEMBER, we have several "giving" opportunities. The Toys for Tots boxes, adopt a family thru the Auxiliary AND we've added Poppy Ornaments! The poppy ornaments are available at the canteen and all funds donated go to the Post relief fund.

Last but not least – MEMBERS OF THE POST & AUXILIARY – please join us for our Christmas potluck on December 14th. Sign up for food is with the bartenders in the canteen.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Mark Your Calendar With These Events

Dec 13 – HALL IS RENTED

Dec 14 – Post/Auxiliary Christmas party (See ad on this page for details)

Dec 15 – Pancake breakfast with Santa *District Auxiliary event & public welcome* (See ad on this page for details)

Dec 22 – Jan 4 – CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Save These Dates – Details Coming Soon

Mar 4 – Fat Tuesday Celebration

Mar 14 – St. Paddy's Day Bash!

Apr 20 – Easter Brunch *This year we will have an Easter egg hunt as well*

I WANT YOU FOR THE SATURDAY MORNING WORK PARTY

Each Saturday at 8:00 AM at the Post
For more info, contact
Tim Ragnar at timragnar@gmail.com

Celebrating the True Meaning of Christmas

The Real Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is all about Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to humankind. Christmas celebration comes every year. The followers of Jesus observe the true meaning of Christmas because this blessed holiday offers a wonderful message. The Bible records the Good News of the birth of the Savior. The word "Immanuel" in Hebrew means, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23 NLT). He, who resided in Heaven, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, willingly descended into our world. He did not come to frighten us, but to show us the way to warmth and safety. He breathed our air, felt our pain, knew our sorrows, and died for our sins. He came seeking the lost, the lonely, and the spiritually dead humankind. He came 2,000 years ago to offer hope to the hopeless world.

So, Christmas is about God sending his Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and save the lost world.

Challenging faces of Christmas

Christmas is the loneliest or most depressing time of the year for many community members. Just think of the following groups of people: the lonely veterans who face daily challenges; the deployed men and women in the military who are in harm's way; families who lost loved ones this year; the hospitalized; the aged; the dying and those caring for them; the students; adults still haunted by frightening memories of their childhood; the refugees, innocent victims of the current wars in the Middle East and Eastern Europe; the victims of the typhoons, hurricanes, earthquakes, landslides, floods, and other natural disasters; the evacuees who cannot come home for Christmas and so forth. They indeed need our prayerful support.

Encouraging Message of Christmas

On a positive note, celebrating the right Spirit of Christmas will help those who are in pain and suffering. Christmas brightens the dark spirit of the lonely souls.

Christmas can become little more than a selfish, greedy, unsatisfying experience for some people. When buying gifts gets out of control, the season turns into a financial, frustrating frenzy. I encourage you celebrated by Christmas by using prudent management of time and sharing of your treasures and resources to the least fortunate.

This Christmas, let us forget about trying to impress others with what we buy and spend more time imparting what we already possess. Share invaluable gifts with others that money cannot buy. Again, just think for a moment! How much money could be saved by thousands of our families every year if the true meaning of Christmas is observed?

Observe Christmas by thinking on the right perspective on gift-giving and focusing on the ultimate gift of God to humankind – Jesus Christ.

Christmas is the season of the year where some think and hear seriously about their relationship to God. The carols such as the ones we sing at the churches and chapels or hear in the malls, indoor and outdoor theaters or in Sea World San Diego Special Holiday programs or in the neighborhood carolers or listen over the car radio or seen via television satellites include some of the finest biblical messages for right living.

The message of Christmas portrays in various programs such as the "Handel's Messiah Concert" and "Special Christmas" and special worship services such as "Lessons and Carols," Children's Christmas Program, Candlelight Service, Evening and Midnight services presented in around our local churches, chapels, and worship places.

Christmas cards we receive or send deliver a message of hope to those who would never otherwise show interest in the biblical story. Christmas time encourages people to ponder upon restoring right relationships with their Creator, families, and fellowman.

Lastly, Christmas season is the best time of the year and remarkable opportunity to tell others about the love of God to those who are still searching for the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

So, this Christmas period in San Diego County or wherever you spend your holiday, I pray to God that the Spirit of Christmas will spread itself over you as never before. As you exchange gifts, remember that they are symbolic of the unspeakable gift of love.

Inviting you receive the Christmas Gift you cannot afford to buy or miss.

If you are interested about becoming a Christian or following Jesus Christ, please talk to your chaplain or pastor or minister or Christian parents / friends today. If you want to experience the best Christmas ever in your life, just repent of your sins and believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. As a believer, observe the true meaning of Christmas with your family and friends.

May His richest blessing be yours at Christmas time and throughout the year! And may the Heavenly Light that guided the worshippers to Bethlehem keep your **Hope** alive, lead you to the **Joy, Peace,** and genuine **Love** of Christmas!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.



Let us remember to say prayers for our families and friends during this Christmas Holiday season. For some it is going to be a great reunion and festivities, nevertheless, for many it is going to be lonely time again during this time of the year. Photo of Pollyanna (9), my favorite granddaughter following the Christmas Eve service on Sunday December 24, 2023, in Port Orchard, WA.

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VFW POST 7907 SPORTS ZONE MONDAYS

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OR FOOTBALL OR
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**BAR OPENS 3PM
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Around the Post

Veterans Day- Nov 11, 2024



Bill Pat Fred And Ed raising the flag for the Mount Carmel high school Veterans Day celebration.

CDR Kimble addresses the students



Congratulations to the winners of the Veterans Day Cornhole tournament

Farewell & Good Luck , Bob Parks - Nov 19, 2024



The whole Friday night gang wishing Bobby Parks a fun farewell as he moves to Texas. He will be missed.

Around the Post

249th Marine Corps Birthday - Nov 10, 2024



Thanks for your service Marines.



Past CDR Bob Parks cutting the birthday cake.



Past CDR Bob Parks presented the cake to oldest Marine, Jim Standard, and youngest Marine, Jennifer Guerrero in attendance.



Thanks to the Kitchen Crew for Marine birthday.



No celebration would be complete without the Marine Corps mascot.



249th Marine Corps Birthday coin.

General Meeting- Nov 21, 2024



QM Clint Dawson receiving his all state hat from CDR Kimble.



Past Post CDR John Carson and QM Clint Dawson hanging the 2023-2024 All American streamer.

Sports Zone Monday



Sports Zone Monday happy customer, Bill Bauerle.

Congrats, Paula!



Senator Brian Jones presenting Paula Jansen with the Veteran of the Year 2024 award.

We have a good time at the Post.
Join us in supporting veterans and their families.

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DECEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Canteen Closed	2 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Sports Zone Mondays Browns v Broncos	3 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	4 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Enchilada casserole, rice & beans Donation: 12.00	5 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:15 PM Thursday Football Packers v Lions	6 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	7 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party
8 Canteen Closed 4:30 PM - 10:00 PM Hall Rented	9 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Sports Zone Mondays Bengals v Cowboys	10 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:00 PM Auxiliary General Meeting	11 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Chicken marsala, noodles & green beans Donation: 12.00	12 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:15 PM Thursday Football Rams v 49ers	13 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hall Rented	14 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Post Christmas Potluck
15 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 9:00 AM Pancakes With Santa!	16 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM 5:30 PM Monday Night Football Bears v Vikings Falcons v Raiders	17 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:00 PM VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting	18 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Lasagna & salad Donation: 12.00	19 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:15 PM Thursday Football Browns v Bengals 6:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting Happy Hour 7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting	20 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	21 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Vietnam Veterans Association Meeting
22 Canteen Closed	23 Canteen Closed	24 Canteen Closed	25 Canteen Closed	26 Canteen Closed	27 Canteen Closed	28 Canteen Closed
<i>Have a wonderful Christmas and</i>						
29 Canteen Closed	30 Canteen Closed	31 Canteen Closed	JAN 1 Canteen Closed	JAN 2 Canteen Closed	JAN 3 Canteen Closed	JAN 4 Canteen Closed
<i>a safe New Year's!</i>						

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.