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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 7907



Never Forget

POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

Auxiliary General Meeting
6:00 PM | Tuesday - Jan 14

**VFW Post Officers/House Committee
Chair Meeting**
6:00 PM | Monday - Jan 13

VFW 7907 Post Meeting
7:00 PM | Thursday - Jan 16

Event Planning Meeting
No Meeting This Month

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

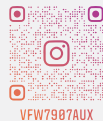
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COMMANDER'S CALL:

I hope everyone had the best holiday season possible.

Thank you to all of our great volunteers who work so hard to make December a special month for all of us.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the many causes we supported during the holidays: Toys for Tots, Active Duty Military Family Christmas Wish List, Breakfast with Santa, and the Poppy Giving Tree to name a few.

If there is anyone who knows of a veteran or a veteran family in need please contact me, Ed, our Service Officer, or Chaplain Don.

Have a safe and happy new year

Commander Bill Kimble



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a great time over the holidays. It's hard to believe we are mid-way through our fiscal year already. The Auxiliary accomplished many things July – December and we are poised to receive the Circle of Excellence award as well as All State award. GREAT work Auxiliary members!

Part of that great work was our Christmas gifts for the active military families. We ended up providing gifts for 21 kids and 10 families. Each kid received most of the items that were on the parents list as well as what the kiddos asked for. The community of Poway also really stepped up this year and made it possible for family to receive \$400 in gift cards and thanks to Commander Kimble, a turkey for each of them to have a nice holiday meal. Please see page 6 for a thank you sent to us from one of the families.

This is just one sample of the work that the Auxiliary does outside of supporting the Post. As you may have read last month (and later in our canteen article), we no longer have burger burns on Fridays. This means the Auxiliary no longer has a steady source of income to support our continued work for hospital, Veterans & family support and the many other programs that we work so hard to contribute to.

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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 Jansen
- Judge Advocate –
- Guard – Daniel Samayoa
- 1st Year Trustee – Mark Burdette
- 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: CONTINUED

Commander Kimble has graciously allowed us to have an occasional “fundraiser” to allow us the opportunity to continue our support. Please keep an eye out for details for different fundraisers that we will be planning.

Again, great job in 2024 Auxiliary members! I hope to see more of you at our next meeting on January 14th.

Thank you,

Dawn Ragnar



Auxiliary pre-meeting fun.

VFW POST 7907

FISH FRY

FUNDRAISER

JANUARY 24, 2025
6PM

\$15 PER PERSON PRE-ORDERED!

All includes 2 pieces of fish, french fries, cole slaw, & tartar sauce

Dine-in or take out

Enjoy Every Crunchy Bite of It

VFW Post 7907 is hosting a Fish Fry event to raise funds to repair our roof

\$15 PRE ORDER TICKETS AVAILABLE JAN. 8 - JAN 21 AT 12342 OLD POMERADO RD, POWAY

DINNERS ARE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY! *\$18 AT THE DOOR*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL

CHILI II COOK-OFF & SUPERBOWL PARTY!

{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!

Feb, 9 2025

\$15 gets you sample bowls of ALL the enteries!
(while supplies last)

Canteen opens at 3pm * chili served at 3:30pm
WINNER ANNOUNCED AT HALFTIME



**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



CDR Kimble, Fred and Monty enjoying a Christmas lunch.

FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER:

Welcome to 2025....

This year has A LOT of changes in store! To start with, we have suspended burger burns indefinitely. To continue to bring in revenue, we are now RENTING THE HALL on Fridays. Please make sure you spread the word! We will be having occasional dinners and different events as well so please do what you can to attend and spread the word about those.

As a matter of fact, on Friday, January 24th, we will be holding a Fish Fry Fundraiser with funds raised going toward the building fund to get some very much needed repairs done to our roof. The public is welcome at this event and we need your help to promote it. Please see page 2 for details.

The next event on our calendar is the much-anticipated Chili Cook Off. This year we have combined it with our Super Bowl Party (Feb 9, 2025). If you want to participate as a chili contestant, you MUST sign up in advance and before February 2nd. The sign-up sheet is at the canteen. If you want to come, taste & judge the chili, please see page 3 with details.

Mark Your Calendar With These Events

Jan 24 – Fish Fry Fundraiser – see page 2 with details

Feb 9 – Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook-off - see page 3 with details

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*



Wednesday Lunch Crew preparing for the last lunch of 2024.

Doing Better in 2025 for God & Country

God was good in 2024 and He will be good in 2025. He alone is worthy of our daily praise and service. Everything we do or think should be for His honor and glory. Through a cooperative services/ministry we reached several hundred veterans, active-duty service members, and military families in 2024. Together we impacted the souls of our fellow human beings, warriors, and families not only during our lifetime but for eternity.

Many came to know God personally in their hearts. Others returned and started worshipping God on regular basis. Broken relationships were mended. Prayers were answered. God healed many from their sickness. A handful few we lost and promoted to heaven and their families were comforted through our 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 in Poway while still serving on active duty since the summer of 2019 as Post Chaplain on board with VFW Post 7907. I am thankful to the VFW 7907 Commanders (Don Stonecipher, Bill Kimble, and John Carson) who entrusted to serve as Chaplain and Bill Morrison (Judge) who recruited me. With God's help serving together with all our officers, members, and volunteers from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, we accomplished commendable deeds, programs, and outreach events that honored and glorified our LORD. Through our ministry 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.

With God's grace, our united effort in implementing our various programs such as honoring and remembering our veterans impacted the young and young at hearts in our community and beyond. Thank you so much to all who assisted in our VFW sponsored local community events such as Memorial Day service, the July 4th Event & the Annual Joe Crutcher Car Show, Veterans' Day Commemoration, Vietnam Veterans event, Operation Help for the Holiday, service components' birthday celebrations, and many, many more events and activities. I commend all who helped our homeless and underprivileged veterans. Moreover, I am forever grateful to you all for your prayers and support of the 80th Anniversary Commemoration on October 20, 2024 of the Leyte Landings in Palo, Leyte, Philippines. You blessed fifteen WW-II veterans and their primary next of kins. Through your Post Chaplain-led Eternal Honor ministry, we comforted and blessed several dozen grieving families who lost loved ones in 2024 in San Diego, CA, Caledonia/Columbus, MS, and Bacolod City, Philippines. Operation Help One Another, a Post chaplain-led humanitarian ministry assisted the underprivileged in San Diego County and the Ukrainian refugees, and fed more than 5,000 children and impacted several thousand families in the U.S. and the Philippines. With God's help, we helped and/or participated during the Honor Flight San Diego, Wreath Across America, Miramar Air Show, the largest Filipino-American Friendship Day, The Maui Disaster rescue and recovery operation, Manila American Cemetery Memorial Service, three graduation and one recognition ceremonies, and prayed during the retirement ceremonies of active-duty Sailor and Marines and their families.

We are forever thankful to God for using us in our generation helping others in need, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and impacting the lost and dying world. I believe in 2025 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. "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. Additionally, 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.

With 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.

Lastly, 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, family, friends, servants of God and leaders, God knows who you are and what you've done in 2024. 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!" The year-end fireworks in Sea World San Diego symbolizes the end of year 2024 and the beginning of year 2025.



The motto of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is *"No one does more for Veterans."* This motto highlights the importance of supporting and caring for veterans, regardless of their race, religion, background or circumstances. Let's Do More for God and Country in 2025! Have a Happy New Year and full of God's Blessings in 2025!

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.

Holiday Honor to Heroes

Wreaths Across America - Miramar National Cemetery - Dec 14, 2024

Several hundred families, military, veterans, families, and guests honored the heroes buried at the hallowed grounds of Miramar National Cemetery. On a beautiful, cool morning, more than 400 volunteers participated during the annual Wreath Across America event today, Saturday December 14, 2024, Miramar National Cemetery, San Diego, CA.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a nonprofit organization that honors veterans and authorized primary next of kins by placing wreaths on their graves. The WAA 2024 theme is "Live With Purpose." Karen Worcester, Executive Director, said, "Over the course of the last year, and then especially on the escort to Arlington last December, I listened to people who had gone through great adversity, and they'd taken that adversity and turned it around as a call to action to spend the rest of their lives making sure that every day was meaningful and that they lived with purpose."

Fermin Ancho, Master Chief (RPCM) retired and Pastor of Southwest Baptist Church (SBC), and I (Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr, VFW Post 7907 Chaplain), and led a dozen willing volunteers from VFW Posts churches, and Operation Help One Another members/volunteers.

At 0600, our team of volunteers served breakfast and bottled water for hydration. Active-duty Marines and Sailors, veterans, Boys Scout of America, Girls Scout of America, and all volunteers appreciated the croissants, bagels with cream cheese, pastries and bread.

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.



Department Jr Vice Commander, Paula Jensen, and Post Adjutant laying wreaths at Miramar Cemetery.



Around the Post

Providing Christmas Wishes - Dec 14, 2024



The Auxiliary delivered gifts to 10 active duty families with 30 kids. Each family received over \$400 in gift cards as well!

THANK YOU!!

To all who contributed in making the Holidays a little brighter for my first baby boy, I'm thankful more than you will ever know. This year my first child was born, Emmet. He is 10 months now and celebrating his first Christmas!

Although I'm extremely excited to make the holidays special it's been rough with my husband deployed at sea and we unfortunately have no close family. Emmett does not have any grandparents on either side and I was feeling a bit down thinking he might not have as many gifts as other children with grandparents to spoil them. But I was very wrong and that's due to the generosity and thoughtfulness of you all! The added gifts cards were a wonderful surprise as money has been tight lately with a new baby. I'm very grateful and appreciate all you do for our military community. Thank you so much!

Pearl, Bryan, and Emmett R.

Breakfast with Santa - Dec 15, 2024



Santa arrived in style and ready to bring some Christmas cheer.



Santa spent the morning taking gift requests at our District Auxiliary fundraiser on 12/15.



Around the Post

Post Christmas Party - Dec 14, 2024



Tim Ragnar & CDR Kimble



We had a good turn out for the Christmas party. Thank you to everyone who has made the Post as success.



We had a nice spread. Thanks to all who brought a dish.



The white elephant gift exchange.



Vietnam Veterans Association Party - Dec 21, 2024



Thank you to all our Vietnam Veterans. It was a pleasure to host a Christmas party for you.

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JANUARY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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> 			1 Canteen Closed	2 Canteen Closed	3 Canteen Closed	4 Canteen Closed
5 Canteen Closed	6 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM	7 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	8 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Goulash, vegetables & salad Donation: 12.00	9 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	10 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	11 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party
12 Canteen Closed	13 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM 6:00 PM VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting	14 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:00 PM Auxiliary General Meeting	15 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Beef stroganoff Donation: 12.00	16 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 6:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting Happy Hour 7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting	17 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	18 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Vietnam Veterans Association Meeting
19 Canteen Closed	20 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM	21 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	22 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Teriyaki chicken, broccoli & rice Donation: 12.00	23 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	24 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Fish Fry Fundraiser Donation: \$15 prepay \$18 at door	25 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party
26 Canteen Closed	27 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM	28 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	29 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & veggies Donation: 12.00	30 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	31 3:00 PM - 9:00 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.