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Post 7907



Never Forget

POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

Auxiliary General Meeting

6:00 PM | Tuesday - Mar 12

VFW Post Officer Meeting

6:00 PM | Monday - Mar 18

House Committee Chair Meeting

6:00 PM | Thursday - Mar 21

VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | Thursday - Mar 21

Event Planning Meeting

6:00 PM | Wednesday - Mar 27

House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party

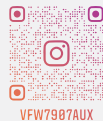
8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings



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Have an article for The Patriot? Please submit your articles no later than the 21st of each month. Send your submission to VFW7907@gmail.com with *Newsletter Submission* in the subject line.

COMMANDER'S CALL:

Comrades, Auxiliary, Friends, and Family,

What a quick month! Thank you to everyone who participated in our events in February. The Superbowl was another amazing hit! Bravo Zulu to Dawn! We also had our annual First Responders dinner. This tradition is a great event every year! Check out some of the photos below from the event.

Friday nights are heating up as we head into Spring/Summer! Come out on Fridays and enjoy some of our upcoming entertainment. March 8th, we welcome back the Michael Pinning Band which is always a great night of dancing and singing along! March 15th is our St. Patrick's Day Celebration! And, as always come out and support our Jr. Vice Commander Jason and his band the County Crossovers!

March is shaping up to be a very big month for recruiting and membership. The VFW is promoting Membership March Madness. During the month of March, if you renew your annual membership, you will get the second year of membership for free. All of this is in addition to any new member who has an Iraq/Afghanistan campaign medal or Purple Heart... your first year of membership is free. So, if you know anyone who might be interested in joining the VFW, March is definitely the month to introduce them!

This month in history: On March 23, 1775 - Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with a speech before the Virginia convention in Richmond, stating, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

Finally, March is when we have our first round of nominations for officer positions for the upcoming year. March's monthly meeting will be held at 7PM on the 21st. Comrades, this could be your chance to serve our Post. The second and final round of nominations and the election will be held in April.

As always, I am here for us and if you need anything, please don't hesitate to 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
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Surgeon – Fred DiCarlo
Service Officer – Ed Ozmun
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Guard – Adison Fernandez
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3rd Year Trustee – Oscar Rocha
Officer of the Day – Pat Anamosa
House Committee Chairman – Tim Ragnar
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Maintenance Manager – Jason Widmer
Membership Chair – Aaron Spaulding

Auxiliary Officers



President – Deborah Sellers
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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:

We are excited to share with you the latest edition of our monthly newsletter. We have highlighted the upcoming events and ways to get involved.

We are thankful for all of your continued efforts and dedication towards making a positive difference in the lives of others. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our next Auxiliary meeting on March 12th.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sellers

VFW DISTRICT 1

MEMBERSHIP

MARCH MADNESS

11 AM
16 MAR

PHONE-A-THON

VFW POST 1924 - FALLBROOK

Let's reach our membership goals together! Bring your phone, membership lists, and a positive attitude and see how many renewals we can get sharing the opportunity of BOGO renewals - buy one year get the next year free!

★ WHO WILL RENEW THE MOST MEMBERS?

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



Did you know?

March 13 is National K9 Veterans Day. The U.S. Army's K-9 Corps began training dogs on this day in 1942 for use in the military and it is a now day set aside to honor the service and sacrifices of working dogs throughout history.



Staff Sgt. Radames Leon and Pako are a 96th Security Forces Squadron military working dog team at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. (U.S. Air Force photo)



FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER:

We've got our own version of March Madness happening this month and it's all about EVENTS! We're kicking the month off with the 3rd Annual Craft & Vendor Fair on March 3rd (the 24th if it rains). Then on the 15th we're having a St. Patrick's Day bash. We have bunco on March 19th and then finishing off the month with an Easter Brunch on March 31st where we'll have bottomless Mimosa's and Kimble's homemade biscuits & gravy!

All of this fun is just getting us warmed up for April when on the 13th we are having our 1st ever Cornhole Tournament. This event is to build Buddy Poppy awareness and all of the proceeds will be going to the Post and Auxiliary relief funds. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen and of course we're hoping to get a TON of players! If you'd like to participate in ANY capacity, please email, vfw7907events@gmail.com.

Saving the 'best' for last, on April 27th, our biggest Post fundraiser of the year, our Casino Night! In order to make this event as successful as years past, we are in need of the following NOW:

- Silent Auction items (or fully ready baskets)
- Raffle items
- Sponsors (Thank you to KIC Restoration for already stepping up to be a table sponsor)
- Cooks for the hors d'oeuvres
- Of course, attendees!

If you are interested in contributing in ANY of the above items, PLEASE email, vfw7907events@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar With These Events

March 3 – Auxiliary Craft & Vendor fair (see page 5 with details)

March 15 – St. Paddy's Day bash (see page 5 with details)

March 19 – Bunco (see page 5 with details)

March 31 – Easter Brunch & Bubbly (see page 5 with details)

April 13 – Cornhole Tournament (see page 6 with details)

April 27 – Casino night (see page 6 with details)

Let's Not Forget The Drink Specials This Month!!

ALL MONTH, DIRTY BASTARD SCOTCH ALE IS ONLY \$2 PER BOTTLE!

St. Patrick's Day Drink Specials – Drunk Leprechaun \$5,
Guinness \$4 & Jameson \$4

Easter Sunday – All You Can Drink Mimosa's & Brunch
\$20 per person

Footprints in the Sand and Snow



(Top two photos) Footprints in the sand taken on 14 May 2020 on board Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, CA. It's the location where "Top Gun: Maverick" was filmed.



A close-up of a foot print I walked on sandy area under the Nimitz Bridge, Liberty Station, on February 28, 2024, during low tide.

Following our Sunday Service on February 11, 2024, I saw something very nice and rare view. It was a picture-perfect of sand and shore of San Diego / Point Loma area and the snowcapped mountain of San Geronio, nearly 100 miles away.

Footprints in the Sand

I walked on sandy area under the Nimitz Bridge, Liberty Station, on February 28, 2024, during low tide. In the next few hours, high tide would have erased my footprints.

Likewise, in our daily walk, we leave behind some positive "footprints" impacting people we love or people we touched in our journey. Someday, our footprints on earth will be gone when our LORD calls us home.

I challenge you today:

- (1) Don't waste your life!
- (2) Make a difference to someone today!
- (3) Always Have an attitude of gratitude!
- (4) Offer help to someone today!
- (5) Share the Love of God!

Footprints in the Snow

By the time of writing (February 29, 2024), northern California is expecting up to ten feet of snow during the snowstorms. Other places in the northwest are expecting blizzard conditions too.

Here are some lessons I learned about my personal experience during the winter snow season while serving our God and Country in my duty stations in 2007-2010 in Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, and Naval Base Kitsap, in 2010-2013 in Silverdale, WA.

First, capturing the brightness of the falling snow and snow on the ground is one of my favorite strategies in photography. There were times that the snow could be very bright, so I needed to wear sunglasses. The lightness of the snow was pure white and blinding. It reminds me of the Hebrew Scripture saying, "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18 NKJV

Only God can perform a miracle of forgiveness if we answer His invitation and come to Him with a contrite heart asking Him for forgiveness. Only God can turn the darkest stain in our lives to the whitest living like the refreshing snowfall. Only God can turn our dirtiest

deeds to cleanest conscience like turning the red stained wool to brightest white color.

Second, the powerful images of the snowflakes on the ground, the footprints, and the sun shining on them communicate a very important message for you and me: The beautiful snow is here today, but someday it will be gone. It will ultimately melt away, evaporate, or slip through the ground. You may be enjoying life now (or suffering), nevertheless,

we will all die sooner or later and disappear forever. Someone said that we can not avoid death and taxes. Well, sometimes taxpayers will find a way to avoid taxes, however, we will never avoid the end of life's journey on earth.

Third, Ask yourself, "What should I do while I am here on earth?"

- (1) Start each day right by asking God for help or forgiveness of your sins.
- (2) Believe in God (Jesus) in your heart.
- (3) Extend a helping hand to others in need.
- (4) Read your Bible and Pray every day.
- (5) Always Remember...God is GOOD ALL THE TIME.

Don Biadog, Jr.

Addendum:

Easter is "early" this year, Sunday 31 March 2024.

FREE EVENT – "God Loves You Frontera Tour," Saturday 1700

9 March 2024 at North Island Credit Union Amphitheater –

Address: 2050 Entertainment Cir, Chula Vista, CA 91911. For more information, you may contact Chaplain Don Biadog at chapbiadog@yahoo.com or Cell - 858-444-7125



A snow covered walkway leading to a lake. Footprints in the snow captured on 11 May 2022, Lake Tahoe, CA.



Sun shining through the snow through the snow. 1 Jan 2021, Laguna Mountain, CA.



A snowy mountain with trees and a house. Late snowfall 12 May 2022 at the historic Squaw Valley, west of Lake Tahoe, CA.



February 11, 2024 a picture-perfect of sand and shore of San Diego / Point Loma area and the snowcapped mountain of San Geronio, nearly 100 miles away.



February 11, 2024, from the shore of San Diego / Point Loma area – A snowcapped peak, one of mountains east of San Diego, CA.



craft & vendor market

March 3, 2024

if it is raining on 3/3,
we will reschedule for 3/24

from 11am to 2pm

at the VFW Post 7907

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3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

BUNCO NIGHT

EVERY MONTH
3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MARCH 19TH

GAME (\$5) STARTS 6:30PM SHARP!

BRING A FRIEND (OR 3)
AND JOIN US ON
MARCH 19TH!



St. Patrick's Day
Celebration

Friday, March 15, 2024 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day
a wee bit early with a delicious meal
and live music from Windjammers

Corned Beef Dinner or Veggie Dinner for Lent

\$10.00



VFW Post 7907 invites you to

EASTER BRUNCH & BUBBLY

March 31, 2024
10 am - 2 pm
12342 Old Pomerado Rd., Poway
we appreciate RSVP's but we do
welcome walk-ins
email vfw7907events@gmail.com

SEE YOU THERE!

MICHAEL PINNING BAND



LIVE AT THE POWAY VFW

MARCH 8TH, 2024
 DINNER 6PM \$10.00
 MUSIC STARTS AT 7



COUNTRY CROSSOVERS BAND

Performing March 22nd & 29th from 6-9PM at the Post



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 13TH

1 PM @ VFW POST 7907
 12342 OLD POMERADO RD, POWAY

Canteen opens 11:30 | Lunch for purchase 12pm - 3pm

2 PERSON TEAMS **SCAN TO REGISTER**

REGISTRATION FEE:
 \$20 PER PERSON

ENTRY DEADLINE:
 12PM APRIL 13TH

CASH PRIZES!

1ST PLACE \$300
2ND PLACE \$200
3RD PLACE \$100

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All proceeds go to support Post & Auxiliary relief funds




VFW POST 7907

CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH
6PM COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES
7PM TABLES OPEN

CRAPS - BLACKJACK - ROULETTE

\$40 PER PERSON
 MORE INFO: VFW7907EVENTS@GMAIL.COM

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TABLE SPONSOR

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Around the Post

Super Bowl Potluck - February 11, 2024



There was no shortage of amazing food!



Attendees concentrating on their commercial bingo cards! All proceeds from the games went to the families of the fallen Marines that perished on Feb 6th.

Post Members At Large



February 15 - Chaps assisted flood victims in the National City & Skyline communities in San Diego.

First Responders Dinner - February 17, 2024



Thank you to Post & Auxiliary members for volunteering in the kitchen!



Lt. Lanning, Capt. Nancy Blanco with Officer Tony Bernal and family.



February 15 - Mike Sipe off loading boxes of Bibles.



Congratulations to all the award recipients.



Thanks to the ROTC from Scripps Ranch High School



There was a good turnout as we honored our First Responders.



CDR John Carson visiting the National Headquarters of the American Legion in Indianapolis.

***We have a good time at the Post.
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MARCH 2024



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Drink Specials* *All Month: Dirty Bastard Scotch Ale Is Only \$2 Per Bottle!*

St. Patrick's Day Drink Specials – Drunk Leprechaun \$5, Guinness \$4 & Jameson \$4

Easter Sunday – All You Can Drink Mimosa's

** Available when the Post is open*

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.

Get Your Birthday Drink!

Are you a Post or Auxiliary Life Member and is your birthday this month, then have a drink on us!



<div><h1>Get Your Birthday Drink!</h1><p>Are you a Post or Auxiliary Life Member and is your birthday this month, then have a drink on us!</p></div> <div></div>							<div><div>1</div><div>3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</div><div>6:00PM-8:00PM</div><div>Goulash (zucchini option) & salad</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>6:00PM-9:00AM</div><div>Open Mic Karaoke</div></div>	<div><div>2</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>8:00AM</div><div>Saturday Work Party</div></div>
<div><div>3</div><div>11:30 AM - 2:30 PM</div><div>11:30-2:30PM</div><div>Craft & Vendor Market</div></div>	<div><div>4</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div></div>	<div><div>5</div><div>3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div>11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</div><div>11:30AM</div><div>Beef Stroganoff, noodles & veggies</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>6:00PM</div><div>Bicycle Club Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>7</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div></div>	<div><div>8</div><div>3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</div><div>6:00PM</div><div>Chicken noodle soup, salad & bread</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>6:00PM-9:00AM</div><div>Live Music with Michael Pinning Band</div></div>	<div><div>9</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>8:00AM</div><div>Saturday Work Party</div></div>		
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<div><div>17</div><div>Canteen Closed</div><div>Happy St. Patrick's Day</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>18</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>6:00PM</div><div>VFW Post Officers Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>19</div><div>3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div><div>6:30PM</div><div>BUNCO!</div></div>	<div><div>20</div><div>11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</div><div>11:30AM</div><div>Chicken Marsala, fettuccine & veggies</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>6:00PM</div><div>Bicycle Club Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>21</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>6:00PM</div><div>House Committee Chair Meeting</div><div>7:00PM</div><div>VFW 7907 Post Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>22</div><div>3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</div><div>6:00 PM</div><div>Burger, beans & salad</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>7:00PM-9:00PM</div><div>Live Music with Country Crossovers</div></div>	<div><div>23</div><div>5:00 PM - 9:00 PM</div><div>8:00AM</div><div>Saturday Work Party</div></div>		
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<div><div>31</div><div>10:00 AM - 2:00 PM</div><div>10:00AM - 2:00PM</div><div>Easter Champagne Brunch</div><div>Donation: 20.00 per person</div></div>								

★ All Gave Some. Some Gave All. ★