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Post 7907



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POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

Auxiliary General Meeting
6:00 PM | Tuesday - Nov. 12

**VFW Post Officers/House Committee
Chair Meeting**
6:00 PM | Monday - Nov. 18

VFW 7907 Post Meeting
7:00 PM | Thursday - Nov. 21

Event Planning Meeting
6:00 PM | Wednesday - Nov. 27

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

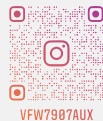
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COMMANDER'S CALL:

Greetings All,

We enjoyed an outstanding October thanks to all of the hard work our volunteers put forth.

Starting with a great Oktoberfest, the brats and sauerkraut were a huge hit and wrapping up with our annual Golf Tournament. Thank you to all those who were sponsors. A big congratulation to team Tony DeGasperis Real Estate for bringing home the first place trophy and without getting into much detail my team finish the south end of a north bound donkey.

I am happy to report that your Post donated \$1000 dollars to the North County Veterans Stand Down, which will go a long way to help Veterans.

Thank you to the Veterans organization of The Glen retirement community, Scripps Ranch for their generous donation to the Post Relief Fund.

Huge thank you to Mike who owns Poway Signs for his continuous support. You are a true friend to our VFW. BZ

Sports Zone Mondays are gaining momentum, the food is outstanding, the cornhole is very competitive and the comradeship is so much fun. Please come and check it out.

The month of November is very busy. Please take a good look at the calendar and make a point to get to some of the outstanding events we have scheduled for y'all.

We are raising the donation for Wednesday lunch to \$12.00 due to the high cost of goods. I promise you won't even notice because of how wonderful Evelyn's meals are.

The holidays are just around the corner. We have a Toys for Tots box in the canteen which is needing filled. Please drop those unwrapped toys in the box when you visit.

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

Lastly, please don't forget to VOTE.

God Bless America and all our service members

In Comradeship,

Commander Bill Kimble

2024-2025 Officers



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Canteen Manager – Dawn Ragnar

Auxiliary Officers



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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:

Compared to the beginning of our term year (July – Sept.), October was relatively slow for the Auxiliary. This is a good thing because not only is November military appreciation month, it is officially the beginning of “the holiday season” which means we will be busy!

In wrapping up October activity, I’d like to give our Auxiliary sister, Angie Kelly, a special THANK YOU for taking the time to craft an AMAZING entry into the District VFW Home donation bank decorating contest. Her hard work can be found on page 8.

Now for November and upcoming activities, per the Auxiliary’s tradition, we will be asking for people to “adopt kids” for our active military families. I started the search for candidates in September and as of today, I’m still waiting to hear back from several families. As soon as I have the kids and their wish lists, I will be sending out an email for adopters.

Of course, I want to make sure all of our Auxiliary members show up for our support of the Post this month. On Saturday the 9th, we will be supporting the Marine Corps birthday and, on the 11th, Veterans Day. Please be sure to reach out to me to find out how you can help.

Thank you to all of our active Auxiliary members! If we haven’t seen you at a meeting in a while, it’s never too late to make an appearance. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at 6PM and we would love to see you!

Dawn Ragnar



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FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER:

Our golf tournament was a fantastic success!! Thank you to all of the players, our volunteers (Jericho Nevitt, Schanna MacDonald, Cheirie Lynch & Joe Lynch) and of course our sponsors for stepping up and making it a great event.

November is a busier month for us. We have the Marine Corps birthday on Saturday the 9th and Veteran's Day on Monday the 11th.

This year for Veterans Day, we will be at Veterans Park for the ceremony that starts at 11AM so we recommend you arrive by at least 10:40 to find parking. Immediately following the ceremony (11:30-11:40) PLEASE join us back at the Post where we will have FREE lunch, a blood mobile for donating blood AND a cornhole tournament. The cost for the tournament is only \$10 per player and the prizes are \$200 for 1st place, \$100 2nd and \$50 for 3rd.

As for the canteen, we need 1 – 2 more people that are able to work starting at 2:30PM during the week. If you're interested in volunteering, please email 7907barmgr@gmail.com.

We do have a few new beers we're trying out this month and both are on special in November. We have Pabst Blue Ribbon on special for \$3 and Pacifico on special for \$4.

Mark Your Calendar With These Events

Nov. 9 – Marine Corps Birthday (See page 2 for details)

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day (See page 6 for details)

Nov. 28 – 30 **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving weekend

Save These Dates – Details Coming Soon

Dec. 14 – Post/Auxiliary Christmas Party (See page 7 for details)

Dec. 15 – Pancake Breakfast with Santa *District Auxiliary Event & Public Welcome* (See page 7 for details)

Dec. 22 – Jan 4 – **CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

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*



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

Thank & Help A Veteran Today!

When you see a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

After an Eternal Honor service held on board Miramar National Cemetery that I led for an American hero, a young man who attended the service came to me and said, "Can I shake your hand Sir? I want to Thank You for your service!" I responded, "Oh, Yes! Thank you so much!" His parents taught him very well about our veterans.

Two Acts of Love you and I can do for our veterans:

First, when you see a veteran, Thank That Veteran! Second, offer a helping hand to the struggling veterans. We must never forget to help and thank all our veterans today and every day!

A "Military veteran refers to a person who has served or is serving in the armed forces." The VA estimates that there are 5.9 million American veterans who served during the Vietnam era and 7.8 million who served in the Gulf War era, which spans from August 1990 through the present. There are also around 240,000 World War II veterans and about 933,000 who served during the Korean conflict, the VA estimates."

Recent statistics projected the number of U.S. veterans in 2024 is "17.5 million, which is a decrease from 21.6 million in 2014. The population will have a slightly higher proportion of older veterans. Additionally, there are an estimated 5.44 million living American veterans of the Vietnam War."

When you have an opportunity to see a veteran, please greet and thank that veteran today.

The Apostle Paul said, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV). "Everything" means all.

When you see a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

According to the San Diego Chamber of Commerce "Military Employment in San Diego" Report: More than 240,500 veterans reside in San Diego and another 370,000 live in Los Angeles County. Military veterans make up more than 13% of the population of San Diego County.

When you see a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

San Diego County has the largest concentration of military personnel within California. There are approximately 110,700 Active-Duty personnel and 118,300 family members, which represents 7.6 percent of San Diego County's total population. An estimated 60.7 percent (71,759) of military families in San Diego County is children.

WWII Veterans

May 8, 2020, marks the 75th anniversary of V-E Day, when World War II came to an end in Europe. In the United States, V-E Day commemorations honor the 16 million Americans who served during the war. About 300,000 American WWII veterans were still alive during the 75th anniversary of V-E Day. 245 WWII veterans are expected to be lost each day. These projections were calculated before the COVID-19 pandemic and do not take any deaths related to that disease into account. The last living American veteran from WWII is projected to die in 2044. I have had so many opportunities to say Thank you for the sacrificial service of WWII Veterans.

For instance, I volunteered four times during the Honor Flight San Diego since May 2019 to September 2024. I thanked about 360 WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veterans and their family members and volunteers who visited the war memorials and other sights in the Nation's capital.

During the flight back to San Diego, I met and spoke for about an hour with Frank Manchel, a 95-year-old WWII soldier. About 30 minutes later following our conversation and about an hour to our destination, Frank collapsed on the passageway. Our medical team members helped him. Sadly, Comrade Frank never regained consciousness. He died aboard about an hour before the chartered American Airlines jet was due to land Sunday 5 May 2019 in San Diego.

When you see a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

Secondly, twelve years ago, I met SEN Claiborne Pell and his wife Naula in 2008 in Newport, RI. I thanked the Senator for his public service, military service in the USCG, and for the Pell Grant. He died not long after I met him on Jan 2, 2009.

When you see a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

Korean Veteran

Thirdly, CAPT Thomas Hudner, MOH, Korean Veteran... When I was stationed on board Naval Station Newport, I had opportunities to thank him for his service during the Korean and Vietnam War. USS Thomas Hudner DDG-116 is named in his honor. CAPT Hudner was able to witness the Christening of a US ship named after him honoring his sacrificial services. He died on 13 Nov 2017 in MA. Thirteen months later the destroyer was commissioned on 4 Dec 2018 in Boston, MA.

When you see a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

Vietnam Veteran

"A SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS" – The Theme of the annual largest military AIR SHOW" HELD ON 22-24 SEP 2017 ON BOARD MCAS MIRAMAR.

We had ample opportunities to say "Thank you so much" to about 600 Vietnam Veterans (VV) and their families. We held two "Thank You" services each day for three days. We were honored to have so many guests including American heroes, Clebe and Deanna McClary were our special guest speakers.

I was blessed to serve as Chaplain and Guardian during the Honor Flight San Diego (HFSD) on September 27-29, 2024, from San Diego to Washington, DC. HFSD and the volunteer guardians were able to say "Thank you for your service" to 90 WW-II-, Korean and Vietnam Veterans for their sacrificial and faithful service.

After a Celebration of the Life of Summer (niece of Pearl Harbor survivor Ray Chavez), I had a privilege of Honoring four Vietnam Veterans for their service to our Country. In less than a year, one of the four VV died. Before it's too late, When you see a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

During a very meaningful seven-state-journey with Missionaries Doyle and Linda Moore on October 19-26, 2021, I had a chance of

thanking Brother Doyle for his military service in the U.S. Army. He and his wife Linda were so happy that they were able to stay two nights / three days inside the Naval Air Base for the first time.

When you see or take a trip with a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

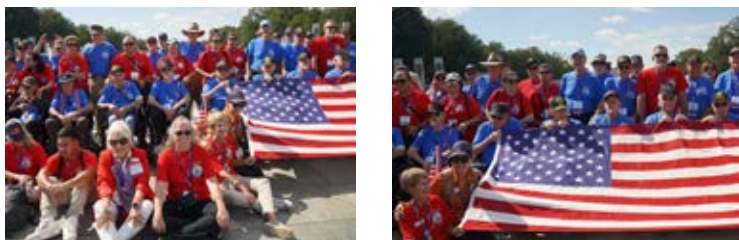
A Vietnam Veteran named Mike Michael Sipe accompanied me during the 75th Anniversary of Leyte Landing led GEN Douglas MacArthur, US Army, on 20 October 2019. We led the OHOA (Operation Help One Another) and joined with the Medical Mission Team led by the Godly nun, Sister (Dr) Eva Maamo. We provided medical, monetary, and food to many WWII veterans and other era-veterans. We were able to say "Thank you for your sacrificial service" to the Filipino, Australian, New Zealand, and American WWII veterans. When you see a veteran who needed assistance, help and "Thank that Veteran Today!"

At the time of writing, four Gulf War/Iraqi War veterans and a spouse of veteran & registered nurse are scheduled to say "Thank you so much for your service" to more than a dozen living WW-II veterans and their families during the 80th Anniversary of the Leyte Landings on October 20, 2024, Palo, Leyte, Philippines. We are expecting several thousand participating the multiple events on October 18-20, 2024, in Tolosa, Dulag, Tacloban, and Palo, Leyte, Philippines.

Four years ago, on November 10, 2020, our VFW Post 7907 hosted honoring and thanking the veterans in attendance and celebrating the U.S. Marine Corps 245th Birthday. Joe Crutcher, U.S. Navy veteran, was one of more than a hundred in attendance. We thanked him for his service. In less than a year, Joe was promoted to heaven on 7 Nov 2021.

When you see a veteran, "Thank that Veteran Today!"

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.



Twelve of our VFW Post 7907 veterans participated during the Honor Flight San Diego on September 27-29, 2024. It was an opportunity to say honor and thank the 90 WW-II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans for their sacrificial service.



The evening photos of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, WW-II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, were taken on August 22, 2024, during my weekend chaplain coverage of a retirement ceremony.



The daytime photos were captured on Saturday September 28, 2024, in Washington, DC. The evening banquet photos were taken on Saturday September 28, 2024, BWI Hilton Hotel. Phil Downer (USMC uniform), Vietnam Veteran, was the guest speaker who motivated all hands of his dynamic message.

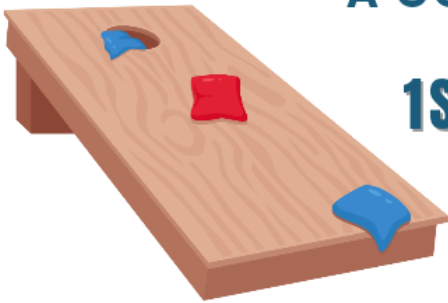


NOVEMBER 11



VETERANS DAY

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Hosting District & Dept Officers- Oct. 25, 2024



We had the privilege of hosting the Dept. Auxiliary President, Sharonda Lewis, and her line officers along with guests, Dept. Commander, Deb Johnson, District Sr Vice, Chris Ingram

Vietnam Veterans Association Mtg - Oct. 19, 2024



Carl Strieker is a happy VVA lunch member.

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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.

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Auxiliary District Fundraiser

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\$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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Around the Post

Flag Retirement - Oct. 17, 2024



(L to R) Past Post CDR John Carson, Past Post CDR Vernon DuMolt & Pat Anamosa preparing Old Glory for retirement



Flag retirement team members placing the flags in the flames.



We retire the flags with all the honor they are due.

4th Annual Golf Tournament - Oct. 21, 2024



Jericho Nevitt, Schanna MacDonald, Cherie Lynch, Joe Lynch & Dawn Ragnar.



Everyone geared up and ready to go for our 4th Annual Golf Tournament.



Our 1st Place Team - Tony DeGasperi's Real Estate.

A big thank you to the volunteers who spent the day making the tournament a success!

Wednesday Lunches - Oct. 2024



Mary Elledge enjoying her lasagna lunch on Wednesday, October 23, 2024!



Fred Whiteman spicing up the Stroganoff on Wednesday, October 9, 2024!

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Thank you to Angie Kelly for crafting the Auxiliary's VFW National Home bank.

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NOVEMBER 2024



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Get Your Birthday Drink!

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Pulled pork sandwich with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00	2 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party
3 Canteen Closed	4 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Sports Zone Mondays Buccaneers v Chiefs 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Auxiliary New Member Meet & Greet	5 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	6 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Turkey dinner with all the fixin's Donation: 12.00	7 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:15 PM Thursday Football Bengals v Ravens	8 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Burger with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00 7:00 - 9:00 PM Live Music with Windjammers	9 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 11:00 PM Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony & SOS Brunch
10 Canteen Closed	11 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Cornhole Tournament 5:30 PM Monday Night Football Dolphins v Rams	12 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:00 PM Auxiliary General Meeting	13 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Mississippi pot roast, mashed potatoes & green beans Donation: 12.00	14 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:15 PM Thursday Football Commanders v Eagles	15 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Burger with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00	16 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Vietnam Veterans Association Meeting 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hall Rented
17 Canteen Closed 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Hall Rented	18 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Sports Zone Mondays Texans v Cowboys 6:00 PM VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting	19 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Hall Rented	20 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Pork roast, mashed potatoes & broccoli Donation: 12.00	21 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:15 PM Thursday Football Steelers v Browns 6:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting Happy Hour 7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting	22 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Burger with choice of 2 sides Donation: 10.00 7:00 - 9:00 PM Live Music with Country Crossovers	23 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party
24 Canteen Closed	25 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Sports Zone Mondays Ravens v Chargers	26 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	27 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Spaghetti & meatballs, salad Donation: 12.00 6:00 PM Event Planning Meeting	28 Canteen Closed 	29 Canteen Closed	30 Canteen Closed

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.