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Post 7907



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## POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

*Please Join Us*

**Event Planning Meeting**  
No meeting this month

**Auxiliary General Meeting**  
6:30 PM | Tuesday - April 14

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

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

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

 **Veterans Crisis Line**  
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1



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**Have an article for *The Patriot*?** Please submit your articles no later than the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. Send your submission to [VFW7907@gmail.com](mailto:VFW7907@gmail.com) with *Newsletter Submission* in the subject line.

### COMMANDER'S CALL:

Happy Spring All,

What a winter, Past Commander Paul Swanson almost had to put on long pants, which I am sure he doesn't own. How lucky are we to enjoy such a great climate?

We had a very busy month; our volunteers were hard at work making sure all events and entertainment were covered for all of us. As always, thank you so much for the sacrifices you all make daily. Big shout out to Jason and the Country Crossovers Band for their Friday night dinner performance. The Auxiliary team served 70 meals, BZ Y'all. I would like to give a special thank you to the Lynch family for their outstanding support last weekend. Their family came from far and wide to honor Joe Senior, who passed away. Joe was a decorated Korean War Marine, and the love for this husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and brother was just amazing to witness. Semper Fidelis, Lynch family.

Easter is next Sunday, and the brunch will be outstanding, so make plans to come to the Post after church. Please take a look at the flyer Dawn has been advertising for the last month; it details the cost and menu. Make sure you check out all the new flyers for all upcoming events this April. Such as the BBQ ribs and chicken dinner on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>, which comes with Bill's baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and my grandma's peach cobbler. I will also have Bill's Beans for sale to go. And the cherry on top, Country Crossovers Band will be performing that night. Be sure to get your tickets early from the canteen.

We held the first round of officer nominations at our monthly general meeting. If there is a comrade who is interested in any of the positions, our second round will be held at the April general meeting along with the 2026/2027 officer elections. The new commander and officers will need everyone's support.

**Now Hear This, Comrades**—we are all membership ambassadors, so I am asking everyone to keep working the program to let veterans and their families know they have a home here at VFW Post 7907 and that no one does more for veterans than the VFW. So if there is a veteran or a veteran's family in need, please contact me, the benefits officer Ed Ozmun, or Chaps Don.

It is with a heavy heart I report that we lost another World War II Veteran, HMC Mary E. Doss, who was a life member at the Post and would have been 101 this April. She brought joy and happiness to all of us who knew her; she loved to sing, dance, drink her beer, and tell sea stories. A true patriot and one who will be missed dearly.

**Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate.**

If you need me, call me—858-722-2207.

Yours in Comradeship,

*Commander Bill Kimble*

# 2025-2026 Officers



Post Commander – Bill Kimble  
Sr. Vice Commander – Butch Beltrain  
Jr. Vice Commander – Deanna Kimble  
Quartermaster – Tim Ragnar  
Chaplain – Don Biadog, Jr.  
Surgeon – Chuck Grady  
Service Officer – Ed Ozmun  
Adjutant – Paula Jansen  
Judge Advocate – Paula Jansen  
Guard – Henry Flores  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – John Schiltz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Bryan Gust  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Paul Swanson  
House Committee Chairman – Jason Widmer  
Membership Chairman – Bill Kimble  
Officer of the Day – Jim Cook  
Canteen Manager – Vern DuMolt

## Auxiliary Officers

President – Dawn Ragnar  
Sr. Vice President – Leanna Brown  
Jr. Vice President – Noel Gilchrist  
Secretary – Kacyenne Barber  
Treasurer – Kacyenne Barber  
Chaplain – Christy Schiltz  
Guard – Rachel Rocha  
Conductor – Karen Kimble  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Connie Houk  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Patty Wolinski  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Erin Gilchrist



### FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

I would like to start by offering our condolences to our Auxiliary brother and sister, "Uncle Joe" and Schanna, who lost their father, Korean War Veteran Joe Lynch. I would also like to thank the entire family for their amazing support of our Post. Not only did they hold the celebration of life at the Post on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> but they all returned on Sunday for breakfast. Our Post has not had that much activity in quite some time. While we are so deeply sorry for the cause of the gatherings, we are extremely grateful for the support.

I would encourage all reading this to consider doing similar types of support. You could start by having your family join you at the Post for Easter brunch (see page 3). Small occasional gatherings of family and friends at the Post would make an enormous difference. *PLEASE* check our calendar on the website (not just the one in the newsletter) and consider spending some of your social time with us.

For Auxiliary business, April 14<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting, and we will be holding elections that night so please come to cast your vote for incoming leadership as well as a new Veteran support opportunity. Auxiliary activity in April also has another Craft & Sip night on April 30<sup>th</sup> (see page 5). Craft & Sip is a ticketed event because supplies must be pre-ordered so please email [vfw7907events@gmail.com](mailto:vfw7907events@gmail.com) if you would like to reserve your spot.

Looking ahead to May, on May 1<sup>st</sup> there is an Honor Flight arrival at the San Diego airport and we are hoping to have several Auxiliary members in attendance. Also, we had previously voted to move our May meeting up 1 week to May 5<sup>th</sup> and since Cinco de Mayo is pretty much a "party holiday", I will be having a Nacho Average Fiesta party. Food will be available at 5PM for Auxiliary members and their significant others. Our meeting will have opportunity drawings and other fun sprinkled in. This will also be my last full meeting as President, so I am hoping to see as many Auxiliary members there as possible.

Be sure to **SAVE THESE DATES** on your calendar with these events:

- April 5 – Easter Brunch
- April 25 – Commander's Cup
- April 30 – Craft & Sip
- May 5 – Nacho Average Fiesta! Auxiliary Meeting
- May 16 – Auxiliary District 1 President's Homecoming at our Post
- May 25 – Memorial Day
- May 30 – Volunteer Appreciation Day

I hope to see all our Auxiliary members at our next meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Dawn Ragnar*



### I WANT YOU FOR THE SATURDAY MORNING WORK PARTY

Each Saturday at 8:00AM at the Post  
For more info contact Tim Ragnar  
[timragnar@gmail.com](mailto:timragnar@gmail.com)

# EASTER

APRIL 5, 2026

## BRUNCH BUFFET MENU (SERVED 10AM - 1PM)

Baked ham

Barbecue turkey

Barbecue tri-tip

Pulled pork

Bacon

Sausage

Mini quiche

Three different salads

Scrambled eggs

Eggs to order

Breakfast burritos

Biscuits, gravy, pancakes

French toast, sticks for the kids

All types of pastries and bread

(menu subject to change)

### PRICES

All you can eat

\$30 Adult / \$10 Kids

VFW POST 7907, 12342 OLD-POMERADO RD

FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER

### **Bartenders needed**

If you ever thought about how much fun it would be to work behind the bar in the Canteen, now is the time to act. We are in need of members, both Auxiliary and VFW, to help fill shifts. With summer around the corner, some of our volunteers will be traveling or spending time with their families. To join our team, you must be a member in good standing, be an active member at the Post, and pass an on-line certification with the ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control). Don't worry if you have no experience, we'll show you how it's done. Please talk to me if you're interested.

We have a couple of items in the Lost & Found: A light grey fleece jacket, a gold bracelet, and a gold earring. If you think one of these is yours, please inquire with the bartender on duty.

Thank you everyone, who came in this month to support the Post.

*Vern DuMolt*



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# Jesus Suffered, Died, & Conquered the Grave

*Easter Message by Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr. – April 5, 2026*

This Easter message proclaims the central truth of the Christian faith: Jesus Christ suffered, died, and rose again—conquering the grave and offering eternal hope to all who believe. The resurrection of Jesus is presented as the foundation of Christian faith; without it, faith is empty and humanity is without hope.

The message first reflects on Jesus’ suffering, emphasizing that although He was sinless, He willingly endured unimaginable pain for the sake of humanity. Drawing from Scripture, history, and personal reflection, the message connects Christ’s suffering to the universal human experience of pain, loss, and death—especially meaningful for those who grieve. Jesus’ journey along the Via Dolorosa and His seven last words from the cross reveal both His humanity and His divine mission to bring forgiveness and redemption.

The message then affirms that Jesus truly died, laying down His life willingly as the Good Shepherd for His people. Scripture confirms that His death fulfilled God’s plan of salvation, demonstrating the greatest expression of love—giving one’s life for others.

Finally, the message celebrates the triumphant truth that Jesus rose from the grave on the third day. His resurrection confirms His identity

as Lord, guarantees the future resurrection of believers, and makes new spiritual life possible through faith in Him. Because Jesus lives, believers can face death with confidence, knowing it is not the end.

This article concludes with an invitation to place faith in the risen Christ and experience forgiveness, new life, and the promise of eternal life—declaring with joy: “He is risen! He is risen indeed!”

If you want to experience the real meaning of following the resurrected Christ and experiencing a Christian life, I encourage you to believe in the resurrected Christ and say the following prayer:

“Dear God, I know that I’m a sinner. I am sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me of all my sins. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior and LORD. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him from the dead to life. Jesus, I now place my trust in You and I surrender my life to You. Please come into my life right now and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. The Bible promises that when I die, I will be with You forever and ever. I pray this in the Holy name of Jesus. Amen.”

*Don Biadog, Jr.*



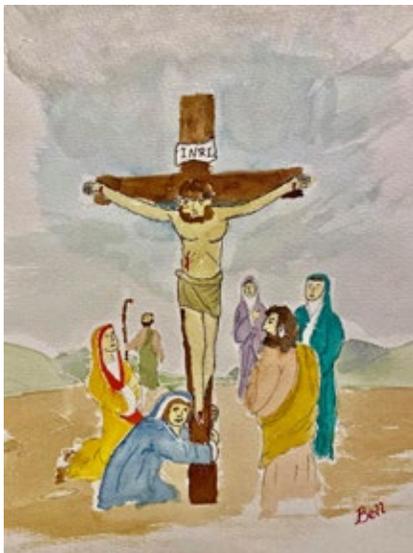
The street in Old City of Jerusalem, Israel, named Via Dolorosa (meaning the “Way of Suffering”) was taken on 28 May 2011, Jerusalem, Israel.  
Photo by Don Biadog



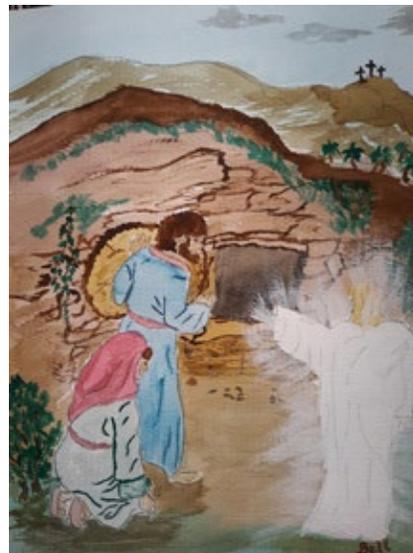
The white sculptured of the risen Christ Jesus by Frank Antone Martin, a sculptor-poet from Inglewood, CA, was photographed on 13 March 2021 at Desert Christ Park, Yucca Valley, CA. Photo by Don Biadog



HAPPY EASTER.  
Photo by Don Biadog



The Crucifixion of Christ photo was painted on 10 April 2020 by James (Jim) W. Bell, Chief Master Sergeant, USAF Retired.



The resurrection image was painted and completed on 2 April 2021 by James (Jim) W. Bell, Chief Master Sergeant, USAF Retired.

# April 30th Craft & Sip!

Join in the fun as we paint a little & drink more!  
This isn't your average "paint & sip" night. It's much less stressful!  
The evenings crafts will be pre-cut and you can paint as much  
or as little as you'd like.

Just choose 1 of the 6 designs listed and be ready for some fun!



**When:** April 30 @ 6pm

**What:** Craft & paint the design of your choice. Each person gets 1 FREE drink included

**Cost:** \$45 per person

**HOW TO REGISTER & PAY** - email [vfw7907events@gmail.com](mailto:vfw7907events@gmail.com)

**Where:** VFW Post 7907, 12342 Old Pomerado Rd, Poway

*April 24*

**'PALOOZA  
PRACTICE'**

**BBQ RIBS & CHICKEN**

**Bill's Baked Beans & slaw  
and peach cobbler \$20**

**You can also get a pint of  
Bill's beans for just \$8!**

**Friday, April 24**

**Dinner served 6pm**

**Country Crossovers**

**playing 7:30 - 9**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**

**Eat at the Post  
or order to take out!**



★ 1st Annual ★  
★ VFWCA DISTRICT 1 ★  
**COMMANDER'S  
CUP**

**April 25, 2026 • 11:00 AM**

★ **VFW Post 7907** ★  
**Tournaments Start at 12 PM**

- **Cornhole Tournament • Horseshoe Tournament**
  - **Pool Tournament** ★
  - **Best Team Spirit!** ★
- ★ **Food • \$10 Burger • Hot Dog • Potato Salad & Chips**



**WINNERS TAKE THE TROPHY  
★ TO THEIR POST! ★**

# Around the Post

## Easter Egg Hunt Preparations - March 27, 2026



A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped stuff Easter eggs for our egg hunt.

## Post General Meeting - March 19, 2026



CDR Kimble & District 1 Sr. Vice CDR, Paula Jansen presenting Joe Denhalter with the Post's Firefighter of the Year Award.



Officers & comrades saluting the flag to open the meeting.

CDR Kimble initiating new members.



District 1 Sr. Vice CDR/Post Judge Advocate, Paula Jansen continues the initiation of the new members.

New members being welcomed.

Post Service Officer, Ed Ozmun addresses the comrades.

# APRIL 2026



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> 			<p>1 11:00AM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>11:30AM</b> Ham, scalloped potatoes &amp; veggies 12.00</p>	<p>2 3:00PM-6:00PM</p>	<p>3 3:00PM-9:00PM</p> <p><b>6:00PM</b> BBQ Pork sandwich, potato salad &amp; coleslaw 12.00</p>	<p>4 3:00PM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>8:00AM</b> <b>Saturday Work Party</b> <b>11:00AM-4:00PM</b> <b>Hall Rented</b></p>
<p>5 10:00AM-1:00PM</p> <p><b>10:00AM – 1:00PM</b> <b>Easter Brunch</b> 30.00 Adult/10.00 Kid</p> 	<p>6 3:00PM-6:00PM</p>	<p>7 3:00PM-6:00PM</p>	<p>8 11:00AM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>11:30AM</b> Meat lovers pasta, salad &amp; rolls 12.00</p>	<p>9 3:00PM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>4:00PM-9:00PM</b> <b>Clampers Event</b></p>	<p>10 3:00PM-9:00PM</p> <p><b>6:00PM - 7:00PM</b> Burgers, fries &amp; slaw 12.00</p>	<p>11 3:00PM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>8:00AM</b> <b>Saturday Work Party</b> <b>10:00AM – 1:00PM</b> <b>Auxiliary District Meeting</b></p>
<p>12 Canteen Closed</p>	<p>13 3:00PM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>6:00PM</b> <b>VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting</b></p>	<p>14 3:00PM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>6:00PM</b> <b>Auxiliary General Meeting</b></p>	<p>15 11:00AM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>11:30AM</b> Teriyaki chicken, rice &amp; broccoli 12.00</p>	<p>16 3:00PM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> <b>VFW 7907 Post Members Only Happy Hour</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>VFW 7907 Post Meeting</b></p>	<p>17 3:00PM-9:00PM</p> <p><b>6:00PM</b> Pancit, Asian salad &amp; spring rolls 12.00</p>	<p>18 3:00PM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>8:00AM</b> <b>Saturday Work Party</b> <b>10:00AM-1:00PM</b> <b>Vietnam Veterans Meeting</b></p>
<p>19 Canteen Closed</p>	<p>20 3:00PM-6:00PM</p>	<p>21 3:00PM-6:00PM</p>	<p>22 11:00AM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>11:30AM</b> Pork tenderloin, potatoes &amp; veggies 12.00</p>	<p>23 3:00PM-6:00PM</p>	<p>24 3:00PM-9:00PM</p> <p><b>11:00AM-4:00PM</b> <b>Hall Rented</b> <b>6:00PM-7:30PM</b> <b>Special Rib &amp; Chicken Dinner</b> 20.00 <b>7:30PM-9:00PM</b> <b>Country Crossovers Band - Live Music</b></p>	<p>25 10:00AM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>8:00AM</b> <b>Saturday Work Party</b> <b>10:00AM-4:00PM</b> <b>Commander's Cup! District Event</b></p>
<p>26 Canteen Closed</p>	<p>27 3:00PM-6:00PM</p>	<p>28 3:00PM-6:00PM</p>	<p>29 11:00AM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>11:30AM</b> Mississippi pot roast, mashed potatoes &amp; veggies 12.00</p>	<p>30 3:00PM-6:00PM</p> <p><b>6:00PM-9:00PM</b> <b>Craft &amp; Sip</b> - Limited seats available 45.00</p>		

**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.