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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 7907



POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

Event Planning Meeting
No meeting this month

Auxiliary General Meeting
6:30 PM | Tuesday - Aug. 12

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

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

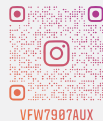
House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party
8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings



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COMMANDER'S CALL:

Greetings all,

It was a busy July, but it was very successful. I hope your summer is going great; there is still some time before the kids go back to school, so make the best of it. For the football fans, the upcoming season is just right around the corner, and we have a lot planned at the Post. And if you are not a fan, just come down, hang out, have some fun, and enjoy delicious food.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make our 4th of July ceremony go off without a hitch. There was a large turnout at the Poway Veterans Park; the AFJROTC honor guard from Scripps Ranch High was outstanding, and our Senior Vice Commander Butch Beltrain gave a wonderful speech. I invited the Poway community to the Post for our annual Joe Crutcher Car Show; the Auxiliary gave away over 150 dogs and chips. Thank you, Crutcher family, for bringing Joe's car down; it always brings back such great memories of your dad.

Our Friday night dinners could use an infusion; we have had a very low turnout. I am hoping August picks up after everyone is back from vacation. However, Wednesday lunch is very busy, and we had a big crowd for Sunday breakfast. Big thank you to our kitchen and bar staff for all their hard work and the many hours donated each month. And it goes without saying that the Saturday cleaning crew is doing an outstanding job keeping our beloved Post in shipshape condition. BZ gang.



Another fabulous Wednesday lunch - steak & shrimp served July 30, 2025.

I am happy to report we helped two Veterans and made a donation to the Miramar Cemetery's circle of flags maintenance program. We also welcomed four new members to The Post.

Please make sure you check the calendar and our Facebook page for all the upcoming events; Dawn and Sara work hard to make sure we all stay updated. Also, I will send out an email, a homing pigeon, or a flare if there are any changes.

If there is anyone out there that knows of a Veteran or Veteran's family in need, please contact me, Ed Ozmun the service officer, Chaps Don or call the Post.

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Cheers,

Commander Bill Kimble
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Post Commander – Bill Kimble
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2nd Year Trustee – Patty Wolinski
3rd Year Trustee – Deborah Sellers



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

With no meeting in July, the newsletter is the best way for us to remind our members of upcoming events and plans. During August, we will be collecting school supplies for classrooms and teachers that need a little extra helping hand (see page 4), and of course, we will be kicking off our 4th annual fundraising efforts for Shelter to Soldier, which will carry over into September and October.

Shelter to Soldier adopts dogs from kill shelters and trains them to be service dogs. They pair them with veterans and give training to both the dog and vet. They also pay for continued health care for the dog and aid with food costs.

Last year we were able to raise \$7800 in total, and this year we are hoping to raise \$10,000. That is about a ¼ of what it costs for 1 dog.

This month (August) we are still looking for sponsors for our Shelter to Soldier event on August 15th. We need to raise \$300 to cover the cost of the trivia prizes. This will allow us to donate 100% of the funds paid to play to the charity.

And if you have not gotten your tickets for Ribapalooza yet, you can purchase them from a bartender in the canteen.

Mark your calendar with these events:

August 15th – Shelter to Soldier fundraiser – TRIVIA NIGHT

September 13th – RIBAPALOOZA!!

September 20th – POW / MIA Remembrance Day

Our next Auxiliary meeting is Tuesday, August 12th at 6PM.

Thank you all again, and I hope to see you all soon!

Dawn Ragnar



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TWO AT A TIME**



**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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER & TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

TO SUPPORT SHELTER TO SOLDIER



A service dog is trained for as long as two years at an expense that can reach as high as \$40,000.00. There is no single type of service dog for all medical issues. There are dogs trained to help the visually impaired, those with PTSD, to help people with epilepsy, and much more.

**Fried chicken, mashed potatoes,
green beans & dessert**

Dinner Cost
\$12 Adults/\$8 Kids Under 10

TRIVIA COST
\$8 PER PERSON

Dinner served 6PM Trivia starts 7PM



FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER

Recently, I was asked, "If the bartender who serves me goes off duty before I close out my tab, will they receive the tip I leave for them?"

The answer is YES. If you pay in cash or leave a cash tip, you can request the bartender on duty give the tip to the person who served you. He or she will ensure it goes to the right person. However, if the tip is included in a credit card payment, it will be delayed because daily receipts are reconciled once a week and won't be discovered until the money is found as a surplus (for that date).

In some bars and restaurants, the server may ask to close your check in order to receive their tips, but it can be awkward for both parties, and in some instances the customer may cut their visit short. You can choose to close your tab to ensure your server is acknowledged right away, but we hope you'll stay longer and continue to enjoy your time with us.

Also, we are now selling tickets for the September 13th Ribapalooza. Tickets are \$40/dinner for two, or \$20/single dinner. See the flyers for more detail.

Additionally, another raffle has begun for a Springfield, model 1911 .45-caliber pistol. The winner will be drawn on Veterans Day, November 11. Tickets are \$10 each, cash only please.

Vern DuMolt

Sept. 13th 100% of proceeds go to **SHELTER TO SOLDIER**

'RIBAPALOOZA'
TAKE HOME DINNER

DINNER FOR 2
Full rack of bbq ribs
Bill's Baked Beans & slaw
Rolls & butter
Ole Fashion Peach Cobbler
\$40
[dinner for 1 is 1/2 rack for \$20]

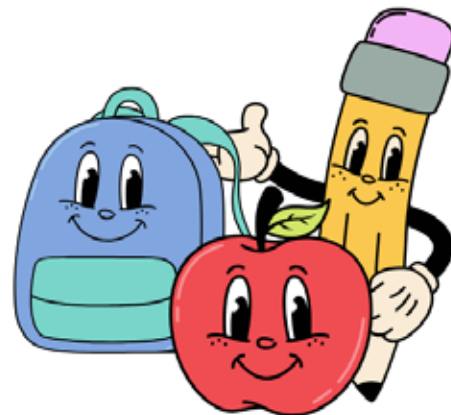
Saturday, 9/13
pick up 12pm -3pm

TICKETS GO ON SALE
JULY 18TH

A close-up photograph of a black plate filled with BBQ ribs, garnished with fresh herbs. A small white bowl of red BBQ sauce is in the foreground.

Auxiliary 7907

Supports our Schools



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Auxiliary 7907 is collecting items to support our local teachers stock their classrooms. Most teachers have to pay out of pocket to have many supplies on hand due to families not being able to afford the necessary supplies their children need.

Supplies needed

- Elmer's glue sticks
- small Kleenex packets
- Crayola crayons (24 count)
- Crayola washable markers (10 count)
- Triangular crayons
- THIN YELLOW highlighters
- THIN Crayola markers (10 count)
- Crayola watercolors
- WHITE construction paper 9x12
- any SINGLE color construction paper HEAVYWEIGHT 9x12
- QUART size ZIPPER Ziploc baggies
- Disinfecting/Anti-bacterial wipes (scent, dye and bleach FREE)
- Band-aids
- Play-doh

Supplies needed

- #2 pencils
- Pink Pearl erasers (no pencil toppers)
- Black Sharpie markers
- Crayola colored pencils
- boxes of Kleenex
- blunt tipped scissors
- hand sanitizer
- cardstock paper (white)
- enclosed pencil sharpeners
- copy paper
- spiral notebooks (college ruled)



DROP OFF INFORMATION

**MARK YOUR ITEMS ATTENTION: DAWN & BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE POST
NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15TH.**

Eternal Honor: Remembering the Fallen at Manila American Cemetery

On July 9, 2025, the quiet hills of the Manila American Cemetery in Taguig, Metro Manila, transformed into hallowed ground not just of memory, but of enduring honor. Beneath the tropical sky and amid the carefully tended crosses and stars, an Eternal Honor Service commemorated the 56,000 World War II veterans buried and memorialized at this sacred site. It was a moment of deep reverence, unity, and personal testimony.

Family and Legacy Among the attendees were three sisters—Rosita Whitt, Edma Mills, and Kathy Howell—and granddaughter Kim Howell, who gathered to honor PFC Avelino Saquing, a soldier whose courage shaped the course of liberty. They were joined by Feri Aquino, daughter of 1st Lt. Pedro Aquino, another brave veteran who stood tall in defense of freedom. These women did not simply attend—they bore witness. Their presence bridged generations, embodying the living legacy of sacrifice.

Tribute and Ceremony Thanks to the generosity of VFW 7907 of Poway, San Diego County, CA, flowers adorned the grounds—a living tribute from one veteran community to another. Four U.S. flags were raised, symbolically honoring PFC Saquing and Lt. Aquino. The anthems of the Philippines and the United States rang out in solemn harmony, followed by the haunting echo of Taps, a call that reached not only the ears but the hearts of all present.

Faith and Honor Prayers were rendered, lifting up the memory of the fallen and the healing of the living. The ceremony was not simply an act of commemoration—it was a declaration: that courage is never forgotten, that freedom is always cherished, and that families bear the torch of remembrance across generations.

In summary, every “Eternal Honor” service, I lead I pray and hope that it gives a voice to gratitude and legacy. Eternal honor is not just about looking back—it’s about carrying forward. I hope that each solemn service ensures that these heroes’ stories echo not just on marble or in archives, but in the hearts of those who continue to live in the freedom they secured.

In the sacred stillness of the Manila American Cemetery, history stood tall. And through our united effort of service, honor became eternal.

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.



Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr. honors the WW-II veterans during the Eternal Honor service on July 9, 2025, Manila American Cemetery, Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines. The bouquets of flowers were donated by the VFW Post 7907 & the Saquing Sisters.



The Saquing Sisters (Kathy Howell, Edna Mills & Rosita Whitt) & Chaplain Biadog pose for a photo following the presentation of the flag honoring PVT Avelino Saquing, U.S. Army WW-II Veteran at the WW-II museum, MAC.



Prior to departing from the cemetery, Chaplain Biadog had an honor of visiting the former resting place of Major James O'Donovan. He was disinterred in November 2019 and later positively identified. O'Donovan is now reburied at Miramar National Cemetery, San Diego, CA. Vicente Lim IV, MAC Staff, accompanied Chaplain Biadog to the exact site of the grave site. The gravestone inscription says, "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY A COMRADE IN ARMS KNOWN BUT TO GOD."

Around the Post

4th of July Celebration & Joe Crutcher's Classic Car Show - July 4, 2025



Jr Vice Deanna & Aux Jr Vice Noel spreading the word about Buddy Poppies at the Poway Veterans Park.



Special thanks to Auxiliary members Patti, Christina & Karen for cooking and serving.



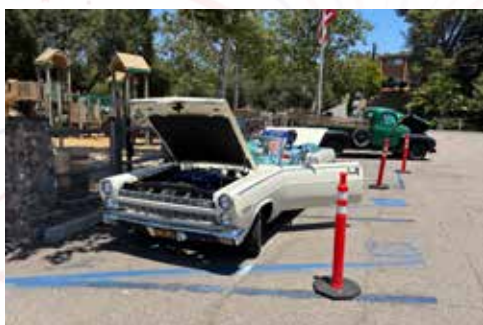
A huge thank you to our bartenders for 4th Vern, Noel & Dawn.



We had a great time celebrating our nation's independence.



Aux Pres. Dawn Ragnar & QM Tim Ragnar pose with Uncle Sam on the Fourth of July.



The car that started it all - Joe Crutcher's classic car.



Thank you, Joe Crutcher's family for always showing up on the Fourth of July with Joe's car.



Several of the cars at this years car show.



Car show winners.



Farewell to our friend and Quartermaster, Clint Dawson. Thank you for everything!

Around the Post

Post General Meeting - July 17, 2025



Henry enjoying a pre-meeting nap before performing his guard duties.



CDR Kimble & QM Tim Ragnar



CDR Kimble swearing in our newest members.



Welcoming our new comrades.



Fred making a point during the meeting.

Sunday Breakfast - July 20, 2025



Our Sunday breakfast crew, Senior Vice Butch, Paul, Christina & of course, Henry, our master egg cracker.



Order up!

VVA Meeting - July 19, 2025



President of the Vietnam Veterans Association presenting a life member VVA associates card to CDR Bill.



CDR Kimble's VVA kitchen team, Fred, Karen & Patti.

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday, Lavon Parish - 84 years young!

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AUGUST 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Get Your Birthday Drink! <i>Are you a Post or Auxiliary Life Member and is your birthday this month, then have a drink on us!</i></p> 					<p>1 11:30 PM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>5:30 PM Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & dessert Donation: 12.00</p>	<p>2 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Hall Rented</p>
3 Canteen Closed	4 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	5 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	6 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	7 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	8 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	9 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
			<p>11:30 AM Lasagna, salad & garlic bread Donation: 12.00</p>		<p>5:30 PM CDR Bill's smoked pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw & dessert Donation: 12.00</p>	<p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Bartender Meeting</p>
10 Canteen Closed	11 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	12 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	13 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	14 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	15 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	16 10:30 PM - 6:00 PM
		<p>6:00 PM Auxiliary General Meeting</p>	<p>11:30 AM Mississippi pot roast, mashed potatoes, gravy & veggies Donation: 12.00</p>		<p>5:30 PM Fried chicken (1 breast OR 1 thigh & leg), coleslaw, mashed potatoes & gravy & dessert Donation: 12.00 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM TRIVIA! Shelter to Soldier Fundraiser</p>	<p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Vietnam Veterans Meeting</p>
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	<p>6:00 PM VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting</p>		<p>11:30 AM Smothered chicken, potatoes & veggies Donation: 12.00</p>	<p>6:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Members Only Happy Hour 7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting</p>	<p>5:30 PM Deep fried cod, fries, coleslaw & dessert Donation: 12.00</p>	<p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM District School of Instruction 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Hall Rented</p>
24 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	25 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	26 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	27 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	28 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	29 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	30 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
<p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 2 eggs (made to order), hash browns, French toast sticks, bacon or sausage Donation: Adult meal - 12.00; Kids meal - 8.00</p>			<p>11:30 AM Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes & veggies Donation: 12.00</p>		<p>5:30 PM CDR Bill's famous goulash, salad, bread & dessert Donation: 12.00</p>	<p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party</p>
30 Canteen Closed	<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.</p>					