



DECEMBER 2025

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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 - Dec. 9

**VFW Post Officers/House Committee
Chair Meeting**
6:00 PM | Monday - Dec. 15

VFW 7907 Post Meeting
7:00 PM | Thursday - Dec. 18

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



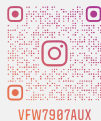
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Have an article for The Patriot? Please submit your articles no later than the 21st of each month. Send your submission to VFW7907@gmail.com with *Newsletter Submission* in the subject line.

COMMANDER'S CALL:

Happy Holidays,

I hope y'all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. The Kimble Clan sure did.

This will be the last newsletter before the New Year, and I am happy to report our November did not disappoint. Your awesome 7907 volunteers were super busy all month long. From the Shelter To Soldier presentation, Marine Corps Birthday celebration, and Veterans Day ceremony and celebration back at the Post, to all the breakfasts, lunches, dinners, Monday Night Football, hall rentals, and sadly, celebrations of life of our dearly departed comrades. Ok, you get the picture; to say it was busy was an understatement.

December will be as busy and shorter because of our stand-down; we will be closed December 24th thru January 4th, reopening on January 5th. Please check the calendar closely for all the December events. I forgot to mention we completed all the required business and programs, which were due by 2026.

I think we can all appreciate how the Post is decorated beautifully for the Christmas season. Thanks to the best Post Auxiliary in District One.

Please take notice: the Poppy Christmas tree is in the corner and is waiting for your generous donations, which start at \$10.00. All proceeds go to help make active duty families' Christmas wishes come true. Also the Toys for Tots boxes are out again; only new unwrapped toys, please. Let's show some love.

I want to thank some key members and their teams for their support. Tim Ragnar, the Quartermaster, without whom our lights and everything else would be out, he signs the checks and holds the keys to your Post literally. Your Bar Manager, Vern and his Superhero Bartenders—please show them how much you appreciated them this last year. Evelyn and her hard-working Wednesday lunch crew, who serve up awesome lunches each week. House Committee Chairman Jason and his Saturday Team,

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TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS

For more information go to marinesforkids.org
www.facebook.com/marinesforkids www.twitter.com/Toy4Tots

**Drop off
new unwrapped toys
at the Post
by December 12**

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 – Fred DiCarlo
Service Officer – Ed Ozmun
Adjutant – Paula Jansen
Judge Advocate – Paula Jansen
Guard – Henry Flores
1st Year Trustee – John Schiltz
2nd Year Trustee – Bryan Gust
3rd 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
1st Year Trustee – Connie Houk
2nd Year Trustee – Patty Wolinski
3rd Year Trustee – Deborah Sellers



COMMANDER'S CALL: *CONTINUED*

who keep your Post shipshape year-round. Paul and Christina, who for very little money, make sure during the week your Post is clean as a whistle. Thank you to Karen, Patti and Fred for their support feeding our Vietnam Veteran Association every month. Department Senior Vice Commander and Our Post Adjutant Paula, who keeps me in line at all times and makes sure the Post is tracking in the right direction all year. My team of Officers: Butch, Deanna, and the gang. Last but not most certainly not least, your Auxiliary President, Dawn Ragnar, who does more for our Post before most of us have had our coffee in the morning; she is truly a blessing and gift to all of us here at 7907. Sorry for not listing everyone who helped this year, but from the bottom of my heart, thank you all for volunteering your precious time and energy.

If there is anyone who knows of a veteran or their family in need, please contact me, Ed Ozmun, Chaps Don, or call the Post.

I cannot close without a GIANT Thank You and Bravo Zulu to Miss Sara Salazar, who puts this newsletter together and gets it out to us all the way from Texas every month.

Merry Christmas, see you next year,

Commander Bill Kimble

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

As always, our Auxiliary did an excellent job in supporting our Post and programs in November. Shout out to our Jr. Vice, Noel Gilchrist, for manning the poppy table on Veteran's day. Great job! Speaking of poppy's, if you have not gotten a poppy ornament for our poppy tree yet, please do so before our holiday shutdown.

December is going to be short but FUN! We are excited to be hosting our National Auxiliary President, Lois Callahan, on Tuesday, December 2nd. We will be having lasagna and trivia (please see flyer on page 6).

Then December 6th, our Post/Auxiliary members only Christmas potluck. PLEASE be sure to sign up in the canteen to let everyone know what you're bringing. Then on December 14th, we've got Santa back for Pancakes with Santa! This will be the monthly breakfast for the Post so everyone is invited. Visiting Santa is optional - hahaha.

I hope to see all you Auxiliary members at our December 9th meeting. I will have food, games and gifts so be sure to bring some cash to buy "game tickets". All funds collected for the game will go to VFW National Home.

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

December 2 – Meet our National Auxiliary President for some trivia!

December 6 – Post Christmas Party

December 14 – Pancakes with Santa

February 8 – Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook Off

March 14 – Auxiliary Department President Homecoming at San Diego Air & Space Museum

Cheers to 2025 and let's all pray for a better 2026!

Dawn Ragnar



FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER

The holiday season is here, and many of us will celebrate a little extra with family and friends. Because of this, I feel it's important to remind everyone that as bartenders, we have the responsibility to ensure we do not over-serve you, our customers.

We know everyone likes to have a good time by staying a little longer and buying a round for the house or for their friends, but if we feel a customer is exhibiting signs of over-intoxication, we will suggest they take a break.

We hope no offense is taken, as we prefer not to "cut off" anyone, but instead we'll offer a non-alcoholic beverage and some snacks before it's too late. Also, if we feel you shouldn't drive, we will arrange a ride home at no cost to you. We care about you and want you to get home safely.

Let's all be safe as we enjoy the holidays in advance of the new year.

Also Saturday, December 13th, the Army v. Navy Football game will be played, and it's a great time for inter-service rivalry. Please come in wearing your team colors or logos, and let's have some fun.

Vern DuMolt



Celebrating the True Meaning of Christmas

The Real Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is all about Jesus Christ—God's greatest gift to humankind. Each year, followers of Jesus pause to remember that this blessed holiday carries a message of hope and salvation.

The Bible records the Good News of the Savior's birth. The name Immanuel means "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23, NLT). He who dwelled in Heaven—co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit—willingly descended into our world. He did not come to frighten us, but to guide us into warmth, safety, and eternal life.

Jesus breathed our air, felt our pain, knew our sorrows, and died for our sins. He came seeking the lost, the lonely, and the spiritually dead. Two thousand years ago, He entered a hopeless world to bring hope.

Christmas, then, is the story of God sending His Son to seek and save the lost.

The Challenges of Christmas

For many, Christmas is not a season of joy but of loneliness and grief. Consider:

- Veterans facing daily struggles.
- Deployed service members far from home.
- Families mourning loved ones.
- The hospitalized, the aged, and the dying.
- Refugees displaced by war in the Middle East and Eastern Europe.
- Victims of natural disasters—typhoons, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and landslides.
- Evacuees unable to return home.

These groups remind us that Christmas is also a time to extend prayerful support and compassion.

The Encouraging Message of Christmas

On the brighter side, the true Spirit of Christmas brings light to those in darkness. It lifts lonely souls and renews weary hearts.

Yet, Christmas can easily be reduced to consumerism and frenzy. When gift-buying spirals out of control, the season becomes financially draining and spiritually empty. Instead, let us:

- Manage our time wisely.
- Share our treasures with the least fortunate.
- Focus less on impressing others and more on imparting what we already possess.

The most valuable gifts are those money cannot buy—love, kindness, forgiveness, and faith. Imagine how much families could save, and how much joy could be restored, if we embraced the true meaning of Christmas.

Worship and Witness

Christmas is also a season when many reflect seriously on their relationship with God. Carols sung in churches, chapels, malls, theaters, or even by neighborhood carolers carry some of the finest biblical messages for right living.

The message of Christmas resounds through:

- Handel's Messiah Concerts
- Lessons and Carols services
- Children's Christmas Programs
- Candlelight and Midnight worship gatherings

Even Christmas cards deliver hope to those who might otherwise ignore the biblical story. Christmastime is a remarkable opportunity to restore relationships—with God, with family, and with neighbors.

A Closing Blessing

Christmas is the best time to share the love of God with those still searching for the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

This season, whether in San Diego County or wherever you celebrate, may the Spirit of Christmas spread over you as never before. As you exchange gifts, remember: they symbolize the unspeakable gift of love—Jesus Christ Himself.

I invite you to receive the Christmas Gift you cannot afford to buy and cannot afford to miss.

May His richest blessings be yours at Christmastime and throughout the year. May the Heavenly Light that guided the worshippers to Bethlehem keep your hope alive and lead you to the joy, peace, and genuine love of Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.



The Giving Tree seeks donation on board VFW 7907, November 20, 2025, Poway, CA.



Lemy Ancho, wife of VFW Life member, Fermin Ancho, and Operation Christmas Child volunteer poses for a photo on November 23, 2025, Imperial Beach, CA.



Chaplain Don Biadog, OIF-2 Veteran, presents Christmas gifts in December 2004 to French Iraqi children during Help for the Holidays, French Village, Baghdad International Airport, Iraq.



The manger is the central display on Dec 3, 2019, at Chatlos Chapel, Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove, Asheville, NC.



DONATE A

Christmas DINNER

We are hoping to give 33 active duty Military families a full dinner in additon to the gift cards for their kids.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING
PLEASE EMAIL vfw7907events@gmail.com and
a list of needed items will be sent to you.

ALL ITEMS WOULD NEED TO BE TURNED IN
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9TH

WE HAVE 33 FAMILIES WE
WOULD LIKE TO FEED



Around the Post

Vietnam Veterans Association Meeting - Nov 15, 2025



Thank you to all
Vietnam War Veterans
& their families!



Around the Post

Veterans Day - Poway Veterans Park - Nov 11, 2025



Butch & CDR Kimble at the podium before the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Poway Veterans Park.



Oscar, Angie, Noel & Paula at the Buddy Poppy table.



WW II Veteran, Bob Newhouse with the Miss Poway Princesses.



Flags at the Veterans Park in Poway.



AFJROTC Scripps Ranch colorguard presenting the colors at the ceremony.

Veterans Day - VFW Post 7907 - Nov 11, 2025



Tim, Butch, Paula, CDR Kimble, Aux Pres. Dawn & Poway City Councilman, Jim Cunningham



Jim Cunningham & Vern DuMolt



We had a good turn out at the Post.



Thank you to Stater Bros. for the wonderful cake.

Around the Post

250th Marine Corps Birthday - Nov 10, 2025



Chad Foley was our MC.



No birthday celebration is complete without cake.



Thanks for your service Marines.



Shelter To Soldier



Shelters the Soldier \$10,000 donation presentation on Nov.4th.

Happy Birthday, Evelyn!



Happy Birthday to our favorite Marine, Evelyn.

Uncle Joe's Meatball Dinner



Uncle Joe preparing the meatballs for his famous meatball & spaghetti dinner on Nov. 21st.

Sweet Treats



Auxiliary President, Dawn Ragnar, treated our Poway Firefighters to root beer floats Nov. 3rd.

We have a good time at the Post.

Join us in supporting veterans and their families.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Monday Night Football Giants @ Patriots 10.00	2 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Lasagna Dinner & Trivia Night with National Auxiliary President 10.00	3 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Enchilada casserole, rice & beans 12.00	4 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday Night Football Cowboys @ Lions BYOF	5 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Chili, cornbread & salad Adult meal - 10.00; Kid meal - 8.00	6 Canteen Closed CANTEEN CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Post Christmas Potluck
7 Canteen Closed	8 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Monday Night Football Eagles @ Chargers 10.00	9 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 6:00 PM Auxiliary General Meeting	10 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Noodles with ground beef & gravy 12.00	11 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday Night Football Falcons @ Buccaneers BYOF	12 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Grilled chicken thighs, mashed potatoes & green beans Adult meal - 12.00; Kid meal - 8.00	13 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party
14 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Pancakes With Santa!	15 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Monday Night Football Dolphins @ Steelers 10.00 6:00 PM VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting	16 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	17 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:30 AM Lasagna, bread & salad 12.00	18 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 6:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Members Only Happy Hour 7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday Night Football Rams @ Seahawks BYOF	19 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM 6:00 PM Cheesesteaks, coleslaw & tater tots Adult meal - 12.00; Kid meal - 8.00	20 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Saturday Work Party 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Vietnam Veterans Meeting 2:30 PM - 8:30 PM Hall Rented
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28 Canteen Closed	29 Canteen Closed	30 Canteen Closed	31 Canteen Closed	JAN 1 Canteen Closed	JAN 2 Canteen Closed	JAN 3 Canteen Closed
<i>Have a wonderful</i>						
<i>Christmas and a safe New Year's!</i>						

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.

★ All Gave Some. Some Gave All. ★