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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**  
No meeting this month

**VFW Post Officers/House Committee Chair Meeting**

6:00 PM | Monday - July 14

**VFW 7907 Post Meeting**  
7:00 PM | Thursday - July 17

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



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### COMMANDER'S CALL:

Greeting all,

Well the 2024/2025 Year has come to a close and now it's off to the races. Thank you to everyone who made last year such a big success.

I am proud and honored to be your Commander for the 2025/2026 year. Myself and your VFW team will do their very best to make this a great year. The Auxiliary and the Comrades are already planning some great events for the upcoming year, so please check the Post calendar.

I am looking for to seeing all of you at Poway Veteran Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for the ceremony that your VFW has the honor of performing every year. Starts at 11:00AM and then back to the Post where we will have free hotdogs and chips, car show and games for you and the entire community to enjoy. Fun starts at 12:00PM.

I am happy to report myself and the Auxiliary President along with your Post delegates, voted and witnessed the swearing in of the VFW of California State leadership for 2025/2026 into office, which was held in Anaheim, CA the weekend of 21 June 2025. Thank you to all those who made the trip. It was very obvious why we are known as the Mighty District One. We had a huge turnout from all the Post here in the south. BZ to District One Commander Wendy Calderon.

Your canteen and kitchen teams are trying very hard to bring you the best food and service possible, so show you support by showing up and please remember we are all volunteers.

Now the summer is here and temps are going up. Please do not hesitate to contract the Post or Me if you have any problems. We will always have a cool place for you to hang out until the problem is taken care of.

Let's all have a great summer and please be safe. I know a lot of you will be traveling.

If there is anyone out there who knows of a Veteran or their family in need, please contact me, our service officer Ed or Chaps Don.

Cheers,

*Commander Bill Kimble*  
858-722-2207

# 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Daniel Samayoa  
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 – Deborah Sellers



### FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

July is the start of our new fiscal year. Our newly elected officers start their duties, and we hope our 25/26 year is as successful as the last. Again, I want to thank all Auxiliary members who have contributed their time, effort and financial support.

We have a few small changes for this year. First, we will NOT HAVE A MEETING IN JULY. Second, our Auxiliary Friday night dinner menus will be switching. The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday will now be spaghetti, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday will be Fried Chicken dinner. We will not be having dinner on July 4<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

Our Auxiliary also has several Veteran support events coming up. Starting in July, the Auxiliary will be collecting items for the Veterans Village of San Diego. Their Stand-Down is July 18<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 WITH ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED. If you are donating items, you can drop them off at our Post BEFORE July 17<sup>th</sup>. You can also deliver items directly to them as mentioned on page 5. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING FOR THIS AMAZING ORGANIZATION AND EVENT!

In August, we will be kicking off our 4<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising efforts for Shelter to Solider. Shelter to Solider 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 the Auxiliary and Post were able to raise \$7800 in total and this year we are hoping to raise \$10,000. That's about a ¼ of what it costs for 1 dog.

We are hoping to find a few corporate sponsors for our Shelter to Soldier fundraising events so if you or someone you know would be interested in supporting and getting your name in our advertising efforts, email [vfw7907events@gmail.com](mailto:vfw7907events@gmail.com). Our first Shelter to Soldier fundraising event is a Trivia Night on August 15<sup>th</sup> (see page 5 for details) and in September, we'll be having our 3<sup>rd</sup> RIBAPALOOZA!! Tickets for Ribapalooza will be available July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to mark your calendars with these events.

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Car Show & Independence Day celebrations  
August 15<sup>th</sup> – Shelter to Soldier fundraiser – TRIVIA NIGHT  
September 13<sup>th</sup> – RIBAPALOOZA!!

Our next Auxiliary meeting is Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

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

*Dawn Ragnar*



**I WANT YOU FOR THE  
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WORK PARTY**

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

AHOY!

VFW Post 7907 has truly been my second home, and I will miss each and every one of you. It has been an absolute honor to be a part of this incredible post sharing stories, support, and the deep sense of camaraderie that makes this place so special.

As I head to West Virginia, I carry with me the memories and friendships forged here. While I hope to find a similar sense of community in my new home, the truth is, there's no place like VFW 7907.

This isn't goodbye. I'll be back from time to time to visit, especially with my kids. And please know, my door is always open. You're all welcome to visit me in West Virginia anytime.

Until we meet again, thank you for everything.

*Clint Dawson*



CDR Kimble & Clint

**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**

Greetings Comrades and friends,

Casino Night was a big hit once again. Even with all the graduation celebrations around town, attendance was good and all tables were full keeping the dealers busy. Raffle prizes were plentiful and the silent auction was a success.

Jun 13<sup>th</sup>, we joined the Doss family in celebrating Marybeth Doss' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. For much of the evening all areas of the Post including the patio, were packed with family, friends and many of our members from both sides (VFW & Auxiliary). Country Crossovers provided the entertainment that allowed Mary to dance and sing, and everyone had a great time. Special thanks to the bartenders, Tracy, Monty and Dawn, (yes there were three) for keeping the drinks flowing and the line moving with little wait time.

At the time of this writing, the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is three nights away. As the Canteen Manager following Dawn Ragnar, I will say this job would be a lot harder if not for the team of volunteers she assembled over the years. Speaking as Senior Vice Commander, I can attest to the importance of the work from our volunteers and the appreciation our Post has for them. Our Post is seen by others as the best Post in District One due to appearance, friendliness, and the work we do for veterans. This comes from everyone who volunteers, and those who support them. I thank you all!

Please continue to come in to spend time with friends, and enjoy the camaraderie of our Post as next month we begin a new fiscal year which promises to be fun-filled and eventful.

*Vern DuMolt*

**Mary's Birthday - June 13, 2025**



CDR Kimble & the birthday girl, Marybeth Doss

## Brigade of Seabees Believe

We thanked the LORD for the Engineering students who trusted Jesus Christ as Savior & LORD!

The 2025 OHOA (Operation Help One Another) Mission Team members (Jojo Cenabre, Fernando Parcon, Eileen Grace & Lyle Gavilan, Emyrose Ancho, and Beth Mather, impacted more than 50 students, the Commander Officer, and staff on Friday 27 Jun 2025 on board Naval Engineering Brigade Training Center, Naval Station Jose Francisco, Taguig, Philippines.

All in attendance were truly blessed by a Christian message rendered in worshipful music by Eileen Grace Gavilan, singer from Talisay, Negros Occidental, Philippines, and Emyrose Ancho, medical student from San Diego, CA.

Beth A. Mather, originally from Talisay, Negros Occidental, and Bridges for Peace representative in New Zealand, shared her dynamic testimony and up-to-date news and prayer requests for the Nation of Israel.

Jojo Cenabre, BGen Philippine Marine Ret, shared an enthusiastic testimony and message from the word of God. I shared the "Story of Faithful" based on Mark 2:1-12, highlighting the importance of courage, commitment, cooperation, and compassion in serving the hurting community.

Cenabre and I shared stories and used illustrations that could relate to the current context and training of the engineers / sailors.

We thanked the LORD for all the students in attendance who prayed the sinner's prayer and received Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD! Each one who attended the SFLT (Spiritual Fitness Leadership Training) was truly blessed.

After the training, we were able to minister to Commodore Jeff Rene Sarol Nadugo, the Commanding Officer of NEBTC, and his staff. We were invited and welcome to return for more Spiritual Values Formation training in the near future.

Commodore Nadugo appreciated our presence and presentation to his students. He promised that we can use a bigger and newly renovated venue when we return in a foreseeable future. We expressed our deep appreciation for his hospitality and brief conversation.

Students and staff enjoyed the Jollibee, a popular hamburger company originated from the Philippines, cold water, and coffee.

Objectives of the Military Mission, the first of the 25 intended goals of 2025 Mission, was accomplished.

Truly grateful to God for His HELP & PRAYERS of FAITHFUL FRIENDS around the world! TO HIM BE THE GLORY!

Peace,

*Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.*



Chaps with the Navy Engineer Combat Brigade, Naval Station Jose Francisco, Taguig, Philippines.



Chaps speaks to BGen Jojo Cenabre, Commodore Jeff Rene Sarol Nadugo & others at the meeting.

VFW POST 7907



# 4TH OF JULY

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW & CELEBRATION**

FREE HOT DOGS & CHIPS  
11:30AM - 2PM  
12342 OLD POMERADO RD  
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**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CEREMONY AT**

**VETERANS PARK**  
14134 MIDLAND RD  
(ACROSS FROM HAMBURGER FACTORY)



**37th**  
**STAND DOWN**

**2025**  
**ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE**  
**JULY 18, 2024**  
**6:00am to 3:00pm**

**DROP OFF LOCATION**  
Veterans Village of San Diego  
4141 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92110

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

- New Men's and Women's Underwear and Plain white Tshirts
- New or Gently Used Dress Shoes and Boots
- New or Gently Used Sneakers
- New Men's and Women's Socks
- Sweatshirts / Hoodies/ Jackets
- Men's and Women's Jeans
- Backpacks
- Towels
- Rolling Totes Bags

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025**

## FRIED CHICKEN DINNER & TRIVIA FUNDRAISER



**SAVING LIVES,  
TWO AT A TIME**

### 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. 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 IS \$12 adults / kids under 10 \$8**

**TRIVIA COST IS \$8 PER PERSON**

**Dinner served 6pm \* Trivia starts 7pm**



# Around the Post

## General Meeting - June 19, 2025



A huge "Thank You!" to the '24-'25 Post officers.

## State Convention - June 2025



QM Tim Ragnar in deep thought or asleep - it's hard to tell.



State Commander Deb Johnson presented CDR Kimble with his All State hat at the convention in Anaheim, CA.



Paula Jansen addresses the crowd.

## Two Thumbs Up!! - June 27, 2025



CDR Kimble approves of the placement of the replica of the USS Mitscher DL-2/DDG-35 in the canteen.

# Around the Post

Casino Night - June 7, 2025



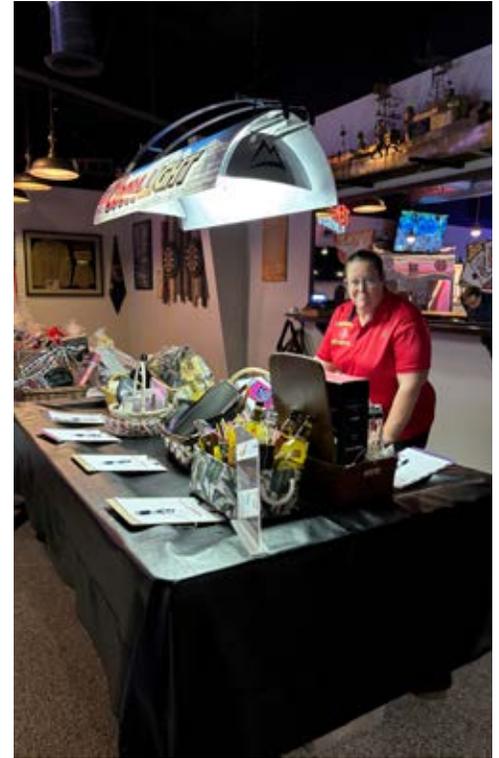
The fun got started in the late afternoon and continued into the night.



The roulette table.



Post members dreaming of what they will purchase with their winnings.



Paula Jansen checks out the Silent Auction baskets.

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

*Join us for camaraderie, good eats and in supporting veterans and their families.*

## Friday Night Dinners - June 2025



Thank you to our Auxiliary crew for a great spaghetti dinner.



Friday Night Fish Fry Crew. It is wonderful to have Chad & Anna back after four years.

# Thank You to Our Sponsors and Volunteers

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# JULY 2025



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> 	1 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	2 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	3 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	4 11:30 PM - 4:00 PM	5 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	
		<p><b>11:30AM</b> Philly cheesesteak casserole, veggies &amp; roll Donation: 12.00</p>		<p><b>12:00PM-2:00PM</b> <b>Car Show &amp; Independence Day Celebration</b></p> 	<p><b>8:00AM</b> <b>Saturday Work Party</b></p>	
6 Canteen Closed	7 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	8 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	9 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	10 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	11 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	12 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
		<p><b>No Auxiliary Meeting this month</b></p>	<p><b>11:30AM</b> Enchilada casserole, rice &amp; beans Donation: 12.00</p>		<p><b>5:30PM</b> Burger, fries, coleslaw &amp; dessert Donation: 12.00</p>	<p><b>8:00AM</b> <b>Saturday Work Party</b></p>
13 Canteen Closed	14 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	15 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	16 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	17 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	18 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	19 10:30 PM - 6:00 PM
	<p><b>6:00PM</b> <b>VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting</b></p>		<p><b>11:30AM</b> Meatloaf, mashed potatoes &amp; veggies Donation: 12.00</p>	<p><b>6:00 PM</b> <b>VFW 7907 Post Meeting Happy Hour</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> <b>VFW 7907 Post Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>5:30PM</b> Fried chicken (1 breast OR 1 thigh &amp; leg), coleslaw, mashed potatoes &amp; gravy &amp; dessert Donation: 12.00</p> <p><b>Buy your RIBAPALOOZA!! tickets today</b></p>	<p><b>8:00AM</b> <b>Saturday Work Party</b></p> <p><b>1:00AM-1:00PM</b> <b>Vietnam Veterans Meeting</b></p>
20 8:30AM - 12:00PM	21 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	22 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	23 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	24 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	25 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	26 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
<p><b>9:00AM - 11:00AM</b> 2 eggs (made to order), hash browns, French toast sticks, bacon or sausage Donation: Adult meal - 12.00; Kids meal - 8.00</p>			<p><b>11:30AM</b> Baked chicken, mashed potatoes &amp; veggies Donation: 12.00</p>	<p><b>4:30PM - 5:30PM</b> <b>Hall Rented</b></p>	<p><b>5:30PM</b> Deep fried cod, fries, coleslaw &amp; dessert Donation: 12.00</p>	<p><b>8:00AM</b> <b>Saturday Work Party</b></p>
27 Canteen Closed	28 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	29 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	30 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	31 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<p><b>Please Note:</b> 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>	
			<p><b>11:30AM</b> Commanders Steak &amp; Shrimp, corn on the cob &amp; fries Donation: 18.00</p>			

★ All Gave Some. Some Gave All. ★