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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 7907



POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

Auxiliary General Meeting

6:00 PM | Tuesday - May 14

VFW Post Officer Meeting

6:00 PM | Monday - May 13

House Committee Chair Meeting

6:00 PM | Thursday - May 16

VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | Thursday - May 16

Event Planning Meeting

No Meeting This Month

House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party

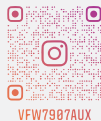
8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings



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VFW7907AUX

COMMANDER'S CALL:

Comrades, Auxiliary, Friends, and Family,

What an incredible Casino Night! It's one of my favorite annual events. A huge shout-out to Dawn for organizing such an awesome night for the post. I also want to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed: those who helped in the kitchen, assisted with setup and decorations, made donations, and participated in the festivities. And a special thank you to KIC Restoration for sponsoring the event!

As of today, I have 60 days remaining as Commander. Our post has one final goal to achieve: membership! We're aiming for 102% membership this year, which is quite challenging. I urge you all to help. If you know a Veteran who might be eligible, bring them to the post and introduce them to our community. I'm always available to show prospective members around and discuss the VFW's local impact.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting fundraiser planned for May and Memorial Day. We'll be flagging yards with up to 30 flags, ensuring that Old Glory looks spectacular countywide.

Lastly, as I continue my service for the VFW, consider where you can contribute at our post and within our community over the next year. Even if you think your contribution is small, remember that you're making a difference. Our dedicated volunteers inspire me every day. Thank you all for what you give to our community and for supporting Veterans and their families.

Thank you for being part of this community, and as always, feel free to reach out if you need anything.

Semper Fidelis,

John Carson

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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.

2023-2024 Officers



Post Commander – John Carson
Sr. Vice Commander – Paul Swanson
Jr. Vice Commander – Jason Widmer
Quartermaster – Clint Dawson
Chaplain – Don Biadog, Jr.
Surgeon – Fred DiCarlo
Service Officer – Ed Ozmun
Adjutant – Deanna Smith
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2nd Year Trustee – Mark Burdette
3rd Year Trustee – Oscar Rocha
Officer of the Day – Pat Anamosa
House Committee Chairman – Tim Ragnar
Canteen Manager – Dawn Ragnar
Maintenance Manager – Jason Widmer
Membership Chair – Aaron Spaulding

Auxiliary Officers



President – Deborah Sellers
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Secretary – Christina Swanson
Treasurer – Dawn Ragnar
Chaplain – Christy Schiltz
Conductress – Karen Kimble
Guard – Linda Miller
1st Year Trustee – Patti Caniglia
2nd Year Trustee – Shari Dunbar
3rd Year Trustee – Connie Houk



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Our 24/25 officers are:

President: Dawn Ragnar
Sr Vice: Jericho Nevitt
Jr. Vice: Christina Swanson
Chaplain: Christy Schiltz
Guard: Rachel Rocha
Conductor: Karen Kimble
Treasurer: Deborah Sellers
Trustees: Shari Dunbar
Connie Houk
Patty Wolinski

At our next Auxiliary meeting we will have the installation of our new officers. I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on May 14th for this occasion.

Thanks to all of you that have contributed to our dinners, lunches and events. So far this year has been great fun and we have many more events coming up. Especially our Volunteer Appreciation Potluck on June 1st 12:00-4:00. Mark your calendars.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Deborah Sellers

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR

As always, I want to thank everyone who helps around the Post. From our clean-up crew on Saturdays to the cooks & kitchen crews on Wednesday's & Fridays to our always dependable and sacrificing bartenders! We have one of the cleanest, nicest and friendliest Post in our District and it's all because of ALL the volunteers. Thank you!

If you are currently someone who helps in the kitchen or would like to, we will be holding a state required food handlers certification course in June. The date will be published in next month's newsletter. Please email us at vfw7907events@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.

Thank you,

Tim Ragnar



Own A Classic Car?

Enter it in our 4th of July car show

Email vfw7907events@gmail.com to enter your car or for more information.



FUNDRAISER

EVENT

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF DINNER, DANCING &
GIVING!




Come listen to the MacDaddy's and
support SHELTER TO SOLDIER!



FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 • BURGERS 6PM • MUSIC 7PM

VFW, 12342 OLD POMERADO RD, POWAY

FROM THE CANTEEN MANAGER:

Thank you to everyone who supported our 1st Annual Cornhole tournament! It was a HUGE success and will 100% be happening again next year. The proceeds from the event were \$1,066. That's \$533 to the Post and Auxiliary! Our other big event, Casino Night, also warrants additional thanks to everyone who supported us. Everyone had a FANTASTIC time and it was definitely a SUCCESS. A special thank you to Jason Widmer/KIC Restoration for sponsoring BOTH the Cornhole Tournament AND the Casino Night!

Now, for May, I'd like to bring everyone's attention to our Friday nights. The 1st Friday of the month, we NO LONGER have Karaoke. May 3rd, we are going to give Music Bingo a try. Don't worry, you can use Shazam to help you so you don't need to be a music savant. It's only \$10 per card and there will be awesome prizes for the winners. May 10th, we are excited to have our 1st fundraiser of 2024 for Shelter to Soldier as we welcome back the M.A.C. Daddy's band. May 17th, the 5-piece band, Windjammers, will be performing. May 24th & 31st everyone's favorite, Country Crossovers hits the stage. To see a list of each week's specialty burgers, please see page 5.

I would once again like to remind everyone – ALL OF OUR ENTERTAINERS VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND PLAY FOR FREE!!!! And to put that into perspective, if they were to play at other venues and get paid, that would be an average of \$500-\$750 per night. Friday night attendance has been declined significantly over the past 10 months so PLEASE be sure to invite your friends and please come out to listen to these wonderful performers.

For our special events coming up, please be sure to sign up for our 2nd Buddy Poppy event of the year, the Flag A Yard Fundraiser. A combination of American flags and poppy's will be planted in a friend's yard (for a donation fee of course) on May 26th for Memorial Day May 27th. Proceeds for this will also fund the Post & Auxiliary Relief funds. Prices and details can be found on page 5.

Last on our immediate radar, but absolutely not least, JUNE 1st is VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY. This year, we will be doing a Potluck. ALL VOLUNTEERS are welcome to bring their significant others and please bring one dish to pass. Please see the bartenders for the sign-up sheet and so you can see what others are bringing. Again, canteen has special hours for this event, 11:30AM – 4PM.

Mark Your Calendar With These Events

- May 18 – Flag a Friend order deadline (see page 5 with details)
- May 27 – Memorial Day (see page 3 with details) *SPECIAL CANTEEN HOURS 11:30AM – 4PM*
- June 1 – Volunteer Appreciation Day (see page 8 with details) *SPECIAL CANTEEN HOURS 11:30AM – 4PM*
- July 4 – 4th Annual Joe Crutcher Classic Car contest & July 4th celebration (see page 7 with details) *SPECIAL CANTEEN HOURS 11:30AM – 4PM*
- July 14 – Family Freedom Festival (see page 7 with details)



VFW POST 7907
VFW AUXILIARY 7907

Flag A Yard FUNDRAISER

all proceeds go to



Veterans & family Relief fund



Let us decorate a friends front yard with flags & poppy's!

The recipient can choose to pay to move them
or do nothing and have the flags sit for 1 week.

Flags & Poppy's to be placed on May 26, 2024

10 Flags

\$20

20 Flags

\$30

30 Flags

\$40

Buy your flag "insurance" now!

For a donation fee of \$20, you cannot be flagged

Contact Dawn at 858-231-1222 to place your order
orders MUST be placed by May 18

Memorial Day Weekend Tribute to WWII Heroes Buried in Asia

In retrospect, more than 500 veterans, families, friends, and active-duty service members (United States and the Republic of the Philippines) participated during the annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday May 27, 2018, remembering, and honoring 17,206 buried on the hallowed grounds of Manila American Cemetery, the largest World War II cemetery outside of the United States located in Manila, Philippines.

In addition, all in attendance paid tribute to 36,286 Missing in Actions (MIAs) whose names are inscribed on rectangular Trani limestone piers within the hemicycles made of marbles imported from Italy.

I (Chaplain Don Biadog, former Command Chaplain, MCAS Miramar) led the Memorial Prayer. Doctor Jim Linzey (US Army MAJ Ret) led the Benediction.

Last year, May 28, 2023, I was invited by the U.S. Ambassador to Philippines to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony. It was an honor

to visit the hallowed grounds where the WW-II War dead heroes are buried once again.

God willing, I plan of returning and visit the largest American cemetery outside of the United States, the Manila American Cemetery on May 26, 2024, Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines. This time my main mission is to locate the names of the Missing in Action of James J. Redden, Delfin Dolonguines, and Delfin E. Hilario located on the on rectangular Trani limestone within the hemicycles. I met their family members on my journey in the USA.

On this Memorial Day weekend, find a way to visit the resting place(s) of our Nation's heroes.

Say their names inscribed on gravestones or memorial markers and say a prayer for their families.

Have a blessed Memorial Day!

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.





BURGER MENU

it's burger o'clock



FRIDAY NIGHTS

CLASSIC BURGER **\$10**

(INCLUDES VEGGIE BURGER)

EVERY FRIDAY



**BACON
CHEESEBURGER** **\$12**

EVERY FRIDAY

**CALIFORNIA
BURGER** **\$12**

SUB BURGER FOR
GRILLED CHICKEN

MAY 3



**HAWAIIAN
BURGER** **\$12**

SUB BURGER FOR
GRILLED CHICKEN

MAY 17

**CHILI CHEESE
BURGER** **\$12**

SUB BURGER FOR
GRILLED CHICKEN

MAY 10



**CHEESESTEAK
BURGER** **\$12**

SUB BURGER FOR
GRILLED CHICKEN

MAY 24



**TACO
BURGER** **\$12**

SUB BEEF FOR
GROUND TURKEY

MAY 31



INCLUDES 2 SIDES
& DESSERT





3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

BUNCO NIGHT

EVERY MONTH
3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MAY 21ST

GAME (\$5) STARTS 6:30PM SHARP!

BRING A FRIEND (OR 3)
AND JOIN US ON
MAY 21st



VFW POST 7907 PRESENTS
4TH ANNUAL JOE CRUTCHER

Vintage Car Show



July 4th | 12pm - 3pm

Attendees will vote on their favorite car
1st place winner will receive a prize & trophy

FREE LUNCH * DRINK SPECIALS * GAMES * PRIZES

12342 OLD POMERADO RD, POWAY



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bingo



MAY 3RD

7:00PM * COST IS \$10 PER CARD
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JULY 14, 2024



JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY FREEDOM FESTIVAL

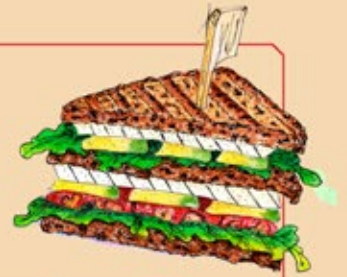
FUN FOR ALL AGES

SHOP WITH VENDORS
KIDS & ADULTS CAN PLAY GAMES & WIN PRIZES!
DROP OFF ITEMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS
GET THE KIDS FINGERPRINT CARDS DONE
FOOD * BEVERAGES & MORE!

Located at VFW Post 7907
12342 Old Pomerado Rd, Poway

11AM - 2PM

JUNE 1ST * 12PM - 4PM



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION POTLUCK

**BRING YOUR FAVOURITE DISH
TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE**

SATURDAY, AT 12 PM
UNTIL THE FOODS ARE ALL GONE!!

**1
JUNE**

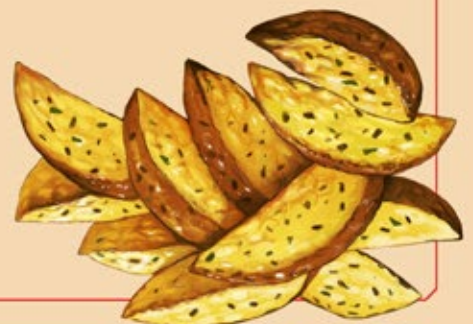


ALL VOLUNTEERS

AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS WELCOME



SIGN UP TODAY
WITH BARTENDER



Around the Post

Cornhole Tournament - April 13, 2024



We had a great time at our cornhole tournament. Thank you to all who participated. We raised \$1,066 split equally between the Post and the Auxiliary.



Casino Night - April 27, 2024



Craps Table



Roulette Table



Silent Auction Gift Baskets

***We have a good time at the Post.
Join us in supporting veterans and their families.***

Thank You to Our Sponsors and Volunteers

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MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Get Your Birthday Drink! Are you a Post or Auxiliary Life Member and is your birthday this month, then have a drink on us!</p> 			<p>1 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>11:30 AM Pot roast, mashed potatoes & corn Donation: 10.00</p> <p>6:00 PM Bicycle Club Meeting</p>	<p>2 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p>	<p>5 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Burger or California burger with choice of 2 sides</p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 AM Music BINGO</p>	<p>6 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party</p>
<p>5 Canteen Closed</p>	<p>6 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p>	<p>7 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>8 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>11:30 AM Baked cod, pasta & broccoli Donation: 10.00</p> <p>6:00 PM Bicycle Club Meeting</p>	<p>9 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p>	<p>10 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger or chili cheeseburger with choice of 2 sides</p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 AM Live Music with M.A.C. Daddys</p>	<p>11 3:00 AM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party</p>
<p>12 Canteen Closed</p>	<p>13 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM VFW Post Officers Meeting</p>	<p>14 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM Auxiliary General Meeting</p>	<p>15 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>11:30 AM Pancit & lumpia Donation: 10.00</p> <p>6:00 PM Bicycle Club Meeting</p>	<p>16 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM House Committee Chair Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting</p>	<p>17 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger or Hawaiian burger with choice of 2 sides</p> <p>7:00 - 9:00 PM Live Music with Windjammers</p>	<p>18 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party</p> <p>10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Vietnam Veterans Association Meeting</p>
<p>19 Canteen Closed</p>	<p>20 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p>	<p>21 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p> <p>6:30 PM BUNCO!</p>	<p>22 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>11:30 AM Sloppy Joes, tater tots & salad Donation: 10.00</p> <p>6:00 PM Bicycle Club Meeting</p>	<p>23 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p>	<p>24 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger or Philly Cheese burger with choice of 2 sides</p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Live Music with Country Crossovers</p>	<p>26 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>8:00 AM Saturday Work Party</p>
<p>26 Canteen Closed</p>	<p>27 11:00 PM - 4:30 PM</p> <p><i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>28 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>29 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>11:30 AM BBQ chicken, corn & slaw Donation: 10.00</p> <p>6:00 PM Bicycle Club Meeting</p>	<p>30 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p>	<p>31 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger or taco burger with choice of 2 sides</p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Live Music with Country Crossovers</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.