

VFW 1st District of California



DISPATCH



@vfwmighty1st

SGT Donald Murphy Returned from the Chosin Reservoir Valley in Korea



Douglas Scholl and Mighty First Sr. Vice Commander Paula Jansen were honored to bear witness to the return of SGT. Donald Murphy. Col. Murphy, SGT Murphy's nephew, along with his family, spoke vibrantly about the vigil his family kept, never giving up. He praised the work that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has been doing. SGT Murphy's positive identification was one of many from the soldiers on the ground in the Chosin Reservoir Valley in Korea. SGT. Murphy enlisted at the age of 17.

(See page 13)

Contents:

- 2: Commander and President Letters
- 3: District Calendar and Events
- 4-8: District Reports
- 9: News: VFW
- 10: News: Medical
- 11-12: News: Military & Legislative
- 12-18: Recent Events
- 19-20: Upcoming Events
- 20: Charitable Organizations



**District 1 Commander
Myles Fry**



November was an eventful month and we are all gearing up for the holidays. It was great to see all of the “posts” of Posts opening their doors for

Thanksgiving! We even had a Homeless Vet enjoy a meal at Post 9327. As we gear up for Christmas, New Years, and planning all of our Post events, do not forget to spend time with your loved ones and reflect on our service members serving overseas.

Thank you for all who attended the annual decorating of the Wounded Warrior Halls at Naval Medical Center San Diego! We brought Christmas cheer to wounded veterans housed in the facility! This was another event where we had a chance to work together by impacting others lives by volunteering in the community and helping local veterans.

Please continue working with PDC Doug Scholl and your inspectors to wrap up any loose ends on inspections. I have been reviewing the message traffic and inspection forms and are very pleased with the results. Also reach out to District leadership if your Post is experiencing hardships or internal matters that cannot be resolved at the Post level. We are not in a position to fix your Canteen issues but can steer you in the right direction for help. The Canteen Volunteers are often the first people potential members interact with so please educate them on Membership and VFW protocol. If you are unsure on a Veteran’s eligibility, please contact a Post or District Officer for guidance. We do not want to turn a potential member away due to “what used to be”.

Keep up the hard work and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Comradeship,
Myles Fry, District 1 Commander



**District 1
President
Grace Leyva**



Hello Brothers,
Sisters and Comrades,

I hope everyone had a wonder Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Holidays.

We were very busy for the month of November starting off with the Veterans Day Parade in which the Line Officers, Color Bearers and I participated. We thanked our Military Veterans and Active Duty for their service, and handed out Buddy Poppies.

Thank you PDP Reta Butler for assigning two tables for the Auxiliary to set up Membership information at the Veterans Employment Job and Resource Fair that gave Sheila Jo Snyder and I the opportunity of recruiting. I would also like to thank Rachel Luke, Barbara Jones, Sandra Reuss, and Liz Pedregon for making and serving lunch to all the Exhibitors.

Reminder to all Auxiliaries to please submit your reports, so that once again the Mighty First District will be at 100%.

Our annual Joint Membership meeting will be held at 6:45 pm on Tuesday December 17, 2019 at Don Diego. Try to get there early for parking.

Thank you for all you do.

Respectfully
Grace Leyva, District 1 President

SPREAD OUR WINGS TO PROTECT OUR VETERANS



DATE	EVENT
2019	
Thursday, 5 December	International Volunteer Day
Saturday, 7 December	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Friday, 13 December	Happy Birthday National Guard
Saturday, 14 December	Voice Of Democracy (VOD)/Patriots Pen; Post 5867 Lakeside
Tuesday, 17 December 6:45 pm	Joint Membership Meeting and Potluck; Don Diego Post 7420
Saturday, December 21, 9 am	Assist with backpacks at VA Hospital, La Jolla
Wednesday, 25 December	Christmas Day
2020	
Friday, 3 January	National President Peggy Haake arrives at Palm Springs International Airport
Thursday, 6 February to Sunday, 9 February	State Commander's Visit
Sunday, 9 February	District Meeting



REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

DISTRICT 1 AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN REPORT

Hello to brothers, sisters and comrades.

As 2019 is ending soon, we will be spending time with our friends and families for the upcoming holidays and New Year. The phrase "hindsight is 2020" comes into mind to reflect on the last year and face the upcoming realities of what may be.

Could you volunteer some time to assist with our backpacking for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in La Jolla, on Saturday 12/21 at 9 am? You can help bring a smile to the faces of those who are ill, in need of comfort, or just someone to keep a lonely veteran company should their family not be close in proximity.

This report will cover October 21-November 18



- 10/24 – sympathy card for Annie and Lamont Duncan – Annie just lost her mother earlier this month, and as of today, her beloved father passed away. Her extended family was with her during this most difficult time.
- 10/28 – sympathy card to Eddie Carrillo, past District 1 Commander, loss of wife, Mary "Lulu" Carrillo Aux 7420. Services at our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Logan Heights, Nov. 6.
- 10/31-11/1 – sympathy card to family of Sara Griffin, Aux member 2111. Recently deceased, no updates received.
- 11/4 – Sympathy card to Christina Davis Fall, Aux President 4630, on the loss of her father on 11/3. I had been notified during our District Aux Meeting by Secretary Sally Clayborne. Prayers done at good of the order on behalf of her father, Thomas Elder. Sally thanked me for my compassion/kindness.
- 11/6 – attended funeral services for deceased Aux 7420 member, Maria Carrillo, spouse to Eddie Carrillo, past Dist. 1 Commander at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Barrio Logan. Also attending Rachel Luke, Evie Holland, Jerry K. (District VFW Comrade).
- 11/7- courtesy sympathy card for former Dist. 3 President, Karren Richards, passed away on 11/7 from battle with cancer.
- 11/16 – attended Celebration of Life for 9578 deceased comrade, Chris Pipkin. District officers Grace Leyva, Rachel Luke, Maria Gapsin Jimenez, Diana Kulhanek attended as did our VAVS rep, Liz Pedregon and past District President Kathie Okolski. About 18 Aux 9578 members were in attendance as well.
- 11/17 – get well card to Past Dist. President Christine Edwards, unknown health issues.
- 11/17 – get well/speedy recovery to son of Ailene Clendonon, Aux 9327, injured in auto accident from end of October.
- 11/17 – get well card/speedy recovery to Gene Michonski, Aux 9327, from previous major surgery.
- 11/17 – get well card for Richard Polanski, Aux 11387, flu like symptoms, resting at home.
- 11/17 – get well card for Jeannette Keneflick, Aux 11387, unknown illness, not disclosed.
- 11/17 – get well card for Junko Burke, Aux 11387, viral infection.
- 11/17 – speedy recovery for Joel Murillo, Aux 9578, knee surgery this week.

Sending everyone a healthy, prosperous Thanksgiving holiday.

Respectfully,

Sheila Jo Snyder, District 1 Auxiliary Chaplain

DISTRICT AMERICANISM REPORT

Hi all,

The blackout sheet is showing that we are at 50% reporting for Americanism in the District 1 Auxiliary! Send me a quick report about what your Auxiliary did for Veterans Day. I would love to hear all about the fun things everyone did to say thank you and show our veterans how much we love them.

Pearl Harbor Day is on Dec 7th. The flag should be flown at half-staff in remembrance of the men and women who lost their lives on this day.

Sara Jeyes, D1 Auxiliary Americanism Chairperson

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

DISTRICT 1 AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN REPORT

Relating to Lupe Duggins' dad, past commander for Post 4630 & Post 11387.
Funeral services on Mon. 12/2 and Tues. 12/3.

I have spoken to Past Dist. President Lupe regarding her father's services for next week.

Father – **Louis Hernandez.**

Agenda:

Monday Dec. 2:

Funeraria Del Angel – 607 National City Blvd., National City
5pm – viewing
7pm – rosary

Tuesday Dec. 3:

Funeraria Del Angel – 607 National City Blvd., National City
1130am – services to be performed

Procession to Miramar National Cemetery afterwards for burial.
address: 5795 Nobel Dr, San Diego, CA 92122

130pm – Burial at Miramar National Cemetery

330pm – celebration of life at Thomas Gravelle Post 11387, located at 2312 Reo Dr., San Diego 92139

Desserts only requested for sharing

If you have not already sent a card to the family, a change of address has been requested by Lupe:

Hernandez family
c/o Lupe Duggins
6325 Calle Pavana
San Diego CA 92139

If you have already sent a card, do not send an additional one, as Lupe said she will get the mail at the Morn-
ingside Dr. address.

Let's have a major show of support for Past Dist. President Lupe at any or all the above.

I already mentioned I will make it to the services and the burial, pending trip back to 11387.

Thank you to all, and Lupe knows to call or text me if she needs further assistance.

Thank you!

Sheila Jo Snyder, District 1 Auxiliary Chaplain



WEBMASTER REPORT

Hi Everyone,

For you number people out there; our [Website](#) is holding steady at about 20 users, [Facebook](#) is up to 389 followers, [Instagram](#) has 80 followers, [Twitter](#) still needs some love. These are all *up to date* resources that can be used to find out what is going on around our amazing district. I would like to thank Post 1513, Post 2111, Post 5867 and Post 9578 for sending in/sharing flyers of special events happening at their post/in their area for the month of November.

Another shout out and thanks to everyone who has been sending in and posting pictures of events throughout our district on social media. I would like to remind everyone we will remove any pictures containing alcohol from our social media pages. Also remember to be respectful about taking pictures while people are eating; wait until everyone is finished with their food or let them know you want to take a picture so they can put their forks down.

Please be aware of copy right laws when making flyers for meals/events. There are a lot of public use images that can be found on the internet but there are also a lot of copy righted images that cannot be used without permission. If you are unsure if the image you want to use is free for public use do not use the picture; it is better to be safe than get sued. [Creative Commons](#) has more information on copy right law and place to search for public use images.

Your loyal "Geek"

Sara Jeyes, webmaster@vfwcadist1.org

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Legislative Program Report

The Auxiliary serves as advocates promoting the VFW Priority Goals and the VFW Action Corps Weekly. Here are some ways to Help increase legislative knowledge:

1. Work with your local VFW Auxiliaries to sign up members for Action Corps Weekly.
2. Use Action Corps Weekly to encourage more discussion about the Legislative Program in your Auxiliary meeting and in the community.
3. Visit congress.gov where you can find a specific bill by its number or by a key word or phrase.
4. Work with your local Membership Chairman to promote these legislative resources to new members.

VFW Action Corps Weekly

The VFW's National Legislative Service in Washington, D.C., does an excellent job of keeping us informed on actions regarding veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families on Capitol Hill. VFW and Auxiliary members, as well as interested third parties, can sign up for the very informative [VFW Action Corps Weekly e-Newsletter](http://www.vfw.com/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly/).
<https://www.vfw.com/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly/>

Visit the [VFW Auxiliary National Website](http://vfwauxiliary.org)

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/What-We-Do/Legislative/> to sign up.

During the holiday season remember our veterans, active service members and their families who have sacrificed so much to protect America's Legislative system.

Happy holidays!

Diana Kulhanek

To All,

You did not let me down when I asked you to flood Wendy's room with cards last year, so I am asking you for your help once more.

Our friend **Bill Shepherd**, a Vietnam Vet, VFW Post 9578, Alpine, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer. He goes for his 2nd round of Infusion/Chemo this week. He is beginning to feel overwhelmed and depressed over what life has dealt him at this time. I know first hand how your cards and words brightened not only Wendy's day, but also mine last year.

Please, let's do it for Bill Shepherd at this time. A card and a couple of encouraging words to let Bill know you are praying for him is easy to do and would mean so much to him.

If you know his love, Jeanne Pate, his good friend Bill Riddell, or me, you know how appreciated this act of kindness would be. Pass the word to others and let's fill his mailbox every day and put a smile on his face. Thank you!

The address is:

Bill Shepherd
 10517 Rappaport Place
 Santee CA 92071

Thank you for your assistance!

Loyally yours,

Sheila J. Snyder, District 1 Auxiliary Chaplain 2019-20

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Mentoring for Leadership Program

Auxiliaries are requested to provide a mentoring program to its members, you! If your Auxiliary does not have this program in place currently, please make the request to have such a program. If you are unable to attend a meeting, yet have a strong desire to learn more and would appreciate one-on-one dialog, don't hesitate to contact your Auxiliary President; he/she will put you in contact with the assigned mentor.

A mentor will find the guidebooks to be a main go-to resource when volunteering with a mentee. As a mentee, if your mentor has not addressed this resource with you, please ask about it.

The [*Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation*](#) guidebooks at:

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/building-on-the-foundation-1.5.pdf>

provide direction to help you move to a leadership role if you desire, and are a great avenue to better understand the organization

Members of the Auxiliary are very generous *giving* individuals. **YOU** are one of those individuals.

You give:

Time

Donations (monetarily or items)

Share your skills and talents

Support to programs and individuals

Emotional care to veterans and members

Companionship

Support to community initiatives

The hand of friendship

By taking on leadership roles

Since this is the "season" to give let me thank you for your generosity to help our organization continue to thrive! Thank you for all that you do!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Diana Kulhanek

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

Comrades,

"Tis the season to be jolly." **BUT**.....may I revise that by stating "Tis the season to be smart."

If you or your Post is hosting a party (whether you have a canteen or not) please use common sense. Should there be a guest becoming intoxicated, (ie: hammered, bombed, etc.) take care of that person. They may not like it but a hosed off person is better than a crippled or dead person(s).

Common sense:

A. Have a meal or some munchies available to help soak up their revelry. Also water, soda, coffee, etc.

B. Have available a designated driver (could be a family member like a teenager who doesn't drink but loves to watch people make fools of themselves).

C. Should a guest refuse to give up their keys, 1) have a sober person follow them home to assure their safety, or 2) have someone take them home.

So anyway, please be smart and safe!!

See you soon.

Yours in Comradeship,

PDC Douglas Carrington

District 1 Chief of Staff

2019-2020

slainte1861@att.net



REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

VETERANS HOME WALK REPORT

Hello All,

Our THANKS to EVERYONE who donated, walked, participated, and volunteered, in the **2019 Veteran Walk**, that benefits over 300 residents, for their *Christmas Holiday Dinner Party*, at the Veteran Home of California – Chula Vista!

The great majority of our veterans served in WW II, Korea and Vietnam, ranging in age from about 60 to some over 100 years old. Your generosity toward this 18th Annual Veteran Walk has brought in the most donations so far. This rightly shows that we will *never forget* what these veterans have done for us, by now during the Holidays, honoring their service to country!

Please keep them in mind next year, too. The Walk is always the First Saturday, in November. A special thanks to veteran Ron Oeding, who printed 360 Walk T-Shirts, with sponsor acknowledgements. He is at: rocap@rocap.net and Rick & Carolyn Click, who both *volunteered* taking these great Walk pictures. Please capture them now, from their address below, as we have only a few days to save.

With Much Appreciation,

Hank Schanstra

Veteran Home Staff

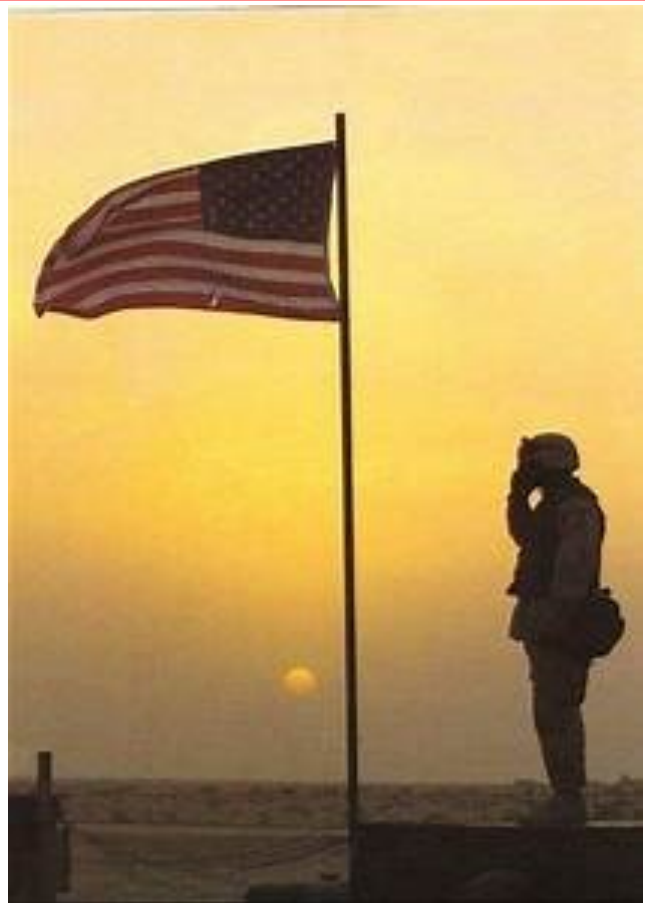
2019 VFW Post 2111 Walk Committee

**A question to Department Adjutant:
What is the cutoff date for receipt of monetary donations by Department for the following Programs:**

- **VOD**
- **Patriots Pen**
- **EMT**
- **Firefighter**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Teacher**

I am assuming the 2019-2020 Monetary Donation Form is to be sent with the donation, and the program is to be listed on the other donation line.

**Answer from Department Adjutant:
In order to be considered for All-State at the convention, the monetary donations need to be on the donation form and received by April 15th.**



NEWS: V.F.W.

WHAT IF YOU FIND SOME DOG TAGS?

Send Dog Tags to the Department of Defense or the nearest United States Embassy.

Here is the address for the Department of Defense

Secretary of Defense
Room 3E880
The Pentagon
Washington DC 20301

When sending the tags to the Secretary of Defense the finder should include a letter describing the place, and circumstances in which they were found, and the finder's personal contact information for Department of Defense investigators:

- ◇ WHERE WAS THE ITEM YOU HAVE ENCLOSED FOUND
- ◇ DATE THE ITEM FOUND
- ◇ NAME OF FINDER
- ◇ FINDER'S ADDRESS
- ◇ PHONE
- ◇ EMAIL

Do not try and contact the family. That is not a proper protocol. The Department of Defense will do that.

Commanders, Quartermasters, Captain, Paymaster, Comrades

Second 1st District Post to hit 95% in Membership for 2019-2020

**Congratulations to Lt. F.L. Kent Post 7907, Poway.
Thank you to the Commander, Quartermaster, and**



NEWS: MEDICAL

**CAREGIVER
SUPPORT LINE**
1-855-260-3274

VA's Caregiver Support Line assistance is just a quick phone call away. Whether you're in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed social workers who answer the support line can:

- **Provide you with information about assistance available from VA.**
- **Help you access services.**
- **Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA Medical Center near you.**
- **Just listen, if that's what you need right now.**

If you're just getting started with VA, calling the Caregiver Support Line at 1-855-260-3274 is a great first step to learn more about the support that is available to you.

Important Flu Information

The best way to prevent flu is to get a seasonal influenza vaccine each year. This vaccine protects against the flu, a potentially serious disease. The vaccine can also reduce the severity of flu-related illnesses..

Flu activity generally begins in November, peaks between December and February, and ends as late as May. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, now is the time to get your TRICARE covered flu vaccine.

Why Get the Vaccine?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that millions of people get the flu every year. It affects everyone differently. During the 2017-2018 flu season, an estimated 960,000 people in the U.S. were hospitalized, and an estimated 79,000 died due to flu complications.

Who Should Get the Vaccine?

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older. Some people are more likely to get complications from the flu, which can result in hospitalization or even death. According to the CDC, the groups of people who are more likely to get serious flu-related complications if they get sick with flu include:

- Adults age 65 years and older
- Children younger than 2 years old
- Pregnant women (and women up to two weeks postpartum)
- People with certain health conditions (for example, asthma, heart disease and stroke, diabetes)
- Some people shouldn't get the flu shot, like those with severe, life-threatening allergies to the flu vaccine or any ingredient in the vaccine. Talk with your health care provider if you have concerns about getting the flu vaccine.

How Can I Get the Vaccine?

You and your family can get the flu vaccine at no cost at a military hospital or clinic, a network pharmacy, or from a TRICARE-authorized provider. It's best to call ahead to make sure the vaccine is available. The vaccine, when given by a pharmacist at a network pharmacy, is covered by your pharmacy benefit for free.

"You can still go to your primary care manager or TRICARE-authorized provider. An authorized provider is any individual, institution/organization, or supplier that is licensed by a state, accredited by the National organization, or meets other standards of the medical community, and is certified to provide benefits under TRICARE. There are two types of TRICARE-authorized providers: Network and Non-Network. If the pharmacy has restrictions or the flu shot isn't available," said Dr. James Black, medical director of the Clinical Support Division at the Defense Health Agency. "If you do, the vaccine will be free, but you may have to pay your copayment. A fixed dollar amount you may pay for a covered health care service or drug, or cost-share. A percentage of the total cost of a covered health care service that you pay. for the office visit."

If you aren't sure how to get the flu vaccine, follow your plan's rules for getting care. You can also download the *TRICARE Plans Overview* for information about how you get care with your TRICARE plan. Getting vaccinated helps protect you and your community. So take command of your health this winter, prevent the spread of germs, and get your TRICARE covered flu vaccine.

NEWS: MILITARY & LEGISLATIVE

Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2020

Some Veterans Will Not Have Access to Military Installations by Jan. 1, 2020. The Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018 expanded eligibility for commissary, military exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) services to include Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, and veterans with VA documented service-connected disability ratings of 0-90 percent.

Veterans who are 100 percent service-connected already had access to commissary and MWR services. Eligible persons will need to have a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHID) from VA in order to gain entry to Department of Defense and/or Coast Guard installations. Those who are covered under this act and do not have a VHID will not be allowed access to the installations on Jan. 1, 2020, but will have access to online exchanges and American Forces Travel.

Caregiver eligibility will be limited to caregivers who are designated as the primary family caregiver of an eligible veteran under the **Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers** and will need to show an acceptable credential, along with their eligibility letter.

Source: VFW Action Corps Weekly

The FRA Speaks on Suicide Prevention at Capitol Hill Meeting

NED Chris Slawinski recently was one of four featured speakers at the Veteran and Servicemember Suicide Prevention roundtable discussion on Capitol Hill that was sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. It was noted at the meeting that suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 15 to 34. Suicide is tenth leading cause of death in the United States and on average, 129 Americans die by suicide each day. Veterans are 1.5 times more likely to die by suicide than civilians.

Speaking before a room of mostly Capitol Hill staffers, Slawinski spoke from a personal perspective as a Veteran Service Officer. He shared a particular story of being on the telephone with the wife of a Vietnam veteran who suffers from PTSD. The veteran was considering suicide and it was the intervention of his spouse along with Slawinski that helped the veteran get assistance.

One of the speakers was Psych Hub Chief Clinical Officer Dr. Keita Franklin, who acknowledged suicide is a "very complex issue" and some causes that trigger feelings of suicide often include failed relationship, substance abuse and legal troubles. Franklin stressed that one of the most productive steps that can be taken is to reduce the stigma that surrounds suicide. This "mental health literacy" is important in bringing the issue of suicide out into the open. Chief Advocacy Officer of the Independence Fund Bob Carey spoke of current legislation that intends to help those seeking help, are able to receive it. Director of Psychological Health, District of Columbia National Guard Torrie Osterholm encouraged everyone to take a moment and ask, "how can I help?"

POW/MIA Flag at Federal Buildings

- recently signed into law was the National POW/MIA Flag Act (S.693), sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.). The act would require prominent federal buildings and national war memorials to fly the POW/MIA flag alongside the American flag throughout the year.
- The flag is designed to help highlight the continued suffering of military families with service members who are unaccounted for overseas (82,000). The FRA wants to ensure that the Defense Department makes every effort for a complete accounting of all Prisoners Of War and Missing in Action service members for past and current conflicts.

NEWS: MILITARY & LEGISLATIVE

Key Legislators Worked to Avoid Government Shutdown

In September, the House and Senate passed a Continuing Resolution (CR-H.R.4378) based on an agreement between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives. The CR kept the federal government open at the current spending levels from October 1 to Nov. 21, 2019, which is the beginning of a new fiscal year.

The Pentagon has informed Congress that another CR after November 21 will disrupt various programs. The Navy disruptions would include operation and maintenance fund shortfalls that would curtail the availability of 14 ships, cancel deployed ship training and shutdown non-deployed carrier air wing and expeditionary squadrons. Further, the Navy could also see delayed delivery of one Virginia-class fast attack submarine, one fleet ocean tug and two Landing Craft Utility vessels.

The Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Sen. Richard Shelby (Ala.) and House Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. Nita Lowey (N.Y.) have tentatively agreed on a second Continuing Resolution to keep the government open until Dec. 20, 2019.

Breaking news...Signed into law by the President.

RECENT EVENTS

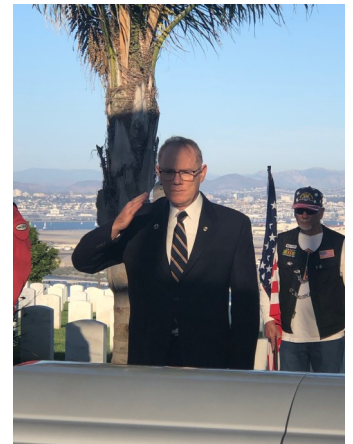


Post 1512 Homecoming for USS Lake Erie

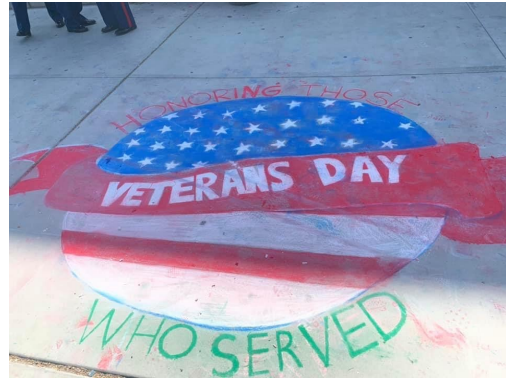


Post 3783 Marine Corps Birthday

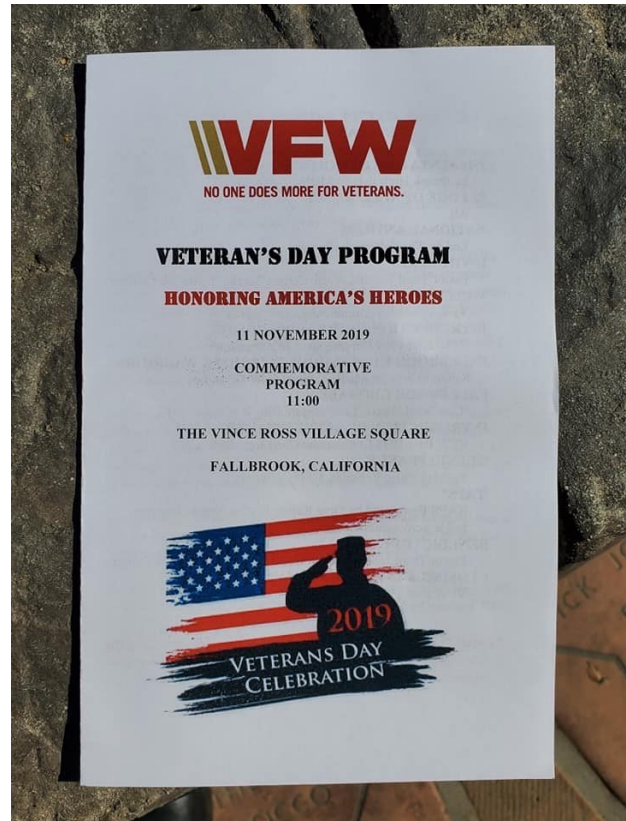
SGT. Donald L. Murphy, US Army POW/ MIA, Korea, 1950 Returned to his final resting place.



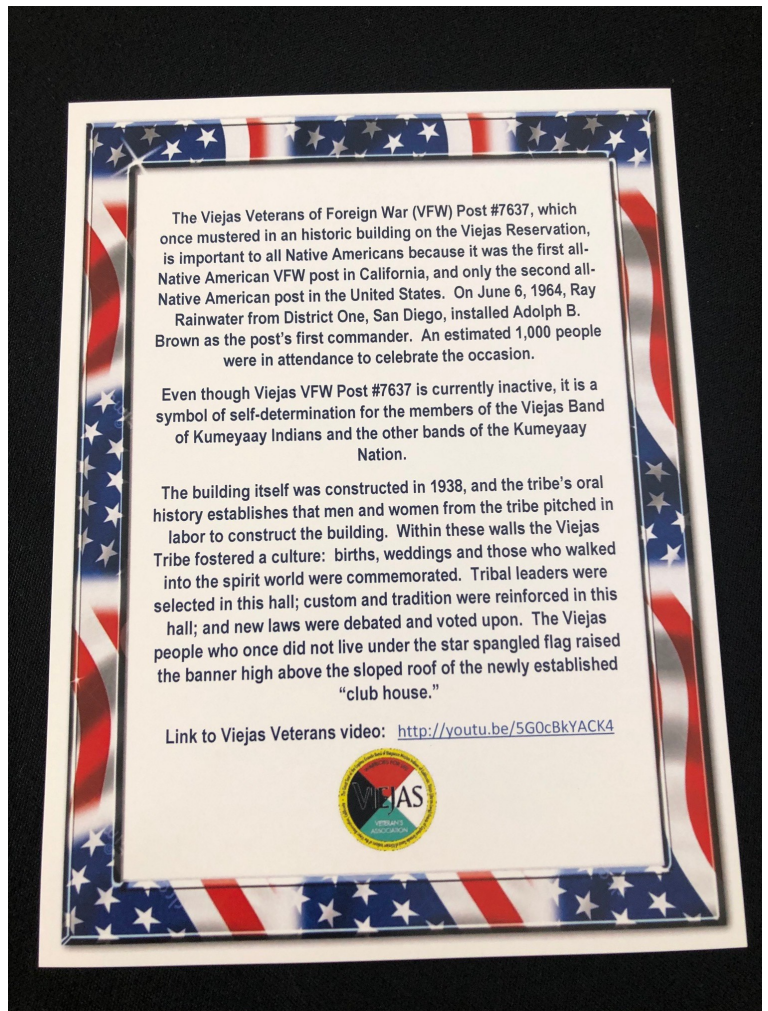
Chula Vista High Celebrates Veterans Day



Veterans Day in Fallbrook



Dedication of a Historic Post



John R. Simpson - Post 1513, Escondido



Ready for the Veterans Day parade in downtown Escondido!



State Assemblymember Maria Waldron addresses the crowd, as Post Commander Matt Foster looks on.

Veterans Parade, Harbor Drive, San Diego



Maria, LeAnna, Diana with Harvey, Sheila and Annie; Auxiliary Line Officers



JJ Aquino; Jr. Miss Buddy Poppy, riding the float in the parade



Post 2082 members line up for a photo shoot at the parade.



Handing out poppies

Democracy Essay Winners, Post 3788



Post 3788 Voice of Democracy winner Frank Granda proudly displays his certificate while the award presenter, Post Commander Ray Kociencki looks on.



VOD winner Frank Granda and his proud mom!



Post Commander Ray Kociencki and Auxiliary President Shirley Shaw-Reid (Center) pose with the Patriot's Pen winner Olivia Ngo (holding certificate on left), the Voice of Democracy winner Michaela Hine (holding certificate on right), and their proud parents.



Senator Brian Jones Holiday Open House

Jose Marrero Post 9327 Commander & Paula Jansen Post 5867 Commander, attended the Holiday Open House of Senator Brian Jones.



5867 Auxiliary President LeAnna Brown, Anette & Post 5867 Commander, Paula Jansen at our appreciation event.



Sheila Jo Toor-Snyder (left) and Grace C. Leyva (right) at the San Diego Pechanga Arena Veterans Employment Job and Resource Fair



Auxiliary Poppy Wreath Competition

UPCOMING EVENTS

VFW Post 9578
Annual Kids Christmas Party 2019
December 7th
12-4pm
KIDS 12 AND UNDER
 Santa, Gift, Pizza, a Craft, and Outside Fun
 Sign up at the Canteen by December 3rd

For more information, Call Kimberley at 619-729-3153
 VFW POST 9578 844 TAVERN RD. ALPINE, CA



Remember Honor Teach

WREATHS
across
AMERICA

Wreaths Across America
 San Diego

Remember Honor Teach

Singing Hills Memorial Park
 December 14, 2019
 Remembrance Ceremony 9:00 AM
 Followed by Wreath Laying

We promise to:
REMEMBER the fallen,
HONOR those that have served and their families
TEACH our children the value of freedom

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA526P

HAPPY NEW YEARS 2020

VFW POST 1512
 6:00pm - MIDNIGHT

DINNER
 6:00pm - 8:00pm

PRIME RIB
 OR
 CHICKEN CORDON BLU

\$25.00 Per Person or \$40.00 a Couple

LIVE MUSIC BY
ZONE 4
 8:00pm - MIDNIGHT

****Free Champagne & Party Favors****

CHRISTMAS BACKPACK
PACKING PARTY DEC 21ST 9 AM

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR COUPON BOOKS TO GO INTO THE BACKPACKS. PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO 1ST DISTRICT QUARTERMASTER BY DEC 16. ANY MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

HELP OUR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS WHO CANNOT BE AT HOME HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

www.postermywall.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

VFW POST 2111
 New Years Eve Party
 December 31, 2018
 7:30 PM - 12:30 AM
 Entertainment
 By
 Adri & Ronnie
 Party Favors
 and
 New Years Eve Champaign Toast

Welcome
 2019

TEXAS HOLD'EM 2

SIX TABLE TOURNAMENT

JANUARY 18, 2020

FIRST DEAL AT 6:00PM

****DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM****

\$40.00 DONATION

VFW POST 1512 - FEDERAL BLVD, LEMON GROVE, CA 91945
See Post 1512 Bartender or Call Doc @ 619 750 3626 for tickets

SAN MARCOS VFW POST 3795 AUXILIARY
 Invites You To Enjoy
HOLIDAY BRUNCH
 With: Nancy, Roxie & Shay
SUNDAY DECEMBER 08 2019
10:00AM TO 1:00PM
BUFFET STYLE

Breakfast Entrees:
 Biscuit & Sausage Gravy, Egg Dishes,
 Breakfast Meats, Home Fries,
 French Toast Casserole, Fruits

Other Entrees:
 Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potato, Gravy
 Ham, Scalloped Potato, Roast Beef w/ Au Jus
 Veggies & Desserts
\$10.00 Donation

No to-go containers
 (except those who are homebound)

NCVSD
 NORTH COUNTY VETERANS STAND DOWN

SAVE THE DATE: February 6-9, 2020
 Please help us help our veterans!
 Cash, Clothing, Time, or Talent; we appreciate it all.
ncstanddown.org