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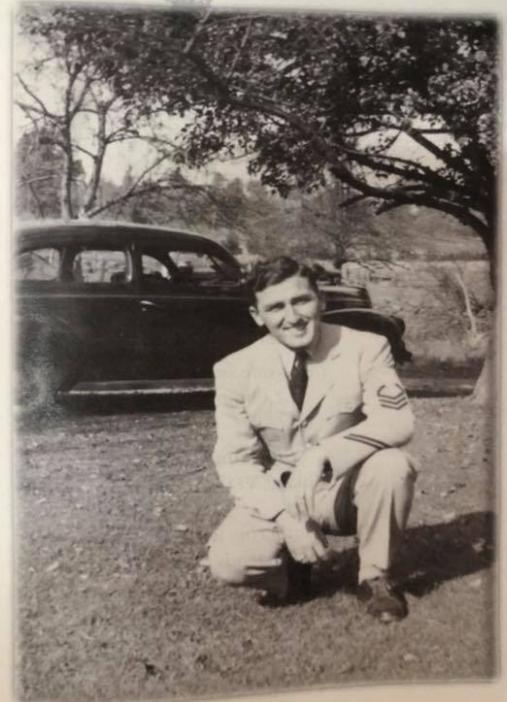
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September 2018

Rest in Peace Comrade

AOC Lee Conner
WWII & Korea Veteran
Laid to rest August 25 @
El Camino Memorial Park

In Loving Memory of
Leland "Lee" Kemerly Conner
March 22, 1919 - August 17, 2018



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District 1 Commander Steven Williams



We are finally moving past the transition period and into the new VFW year. It is likely difficult for those who do not attend the District, State and National Conventions to understand the process that takes place between VFW years. New leadership is elected at every level, resolutions are discussed and decided, and we are inundated with wrap up work and spin up work at the same time. I continue to be impressed with the work horses of our District who take this on every year.

Many of you have seen me, and sometimes my family #PackageDeal, at your Posts already even though we are only a couple of months into the new term. I/we sincerely appreciate your hospitality and enjoy our visits.

I do, however, need to address a trend that I do not understand in our District. I have had many, many conversations with both Comrade and Auxiliary leadership about issues between the two in some of our Posts. I am still struggling to grasp the concept that our veterans and our family members are having such a hard time working together. I grew up in a family that feuded often... and still does... but I was equally confused as to how such menial issues could cause so much trouble among those who should support each other most in life, and I felt like my new 'family' wouldn't have that trouble. I considered the Marine Corps, and now the VFW, as my 'family.' We aren't always going to agree, but it is not only in the best interest of our Post and District, but the VFW as a whole, to work together toward our common end — Supporting veterans and their families. I got more experience than I wanted dealing with 'individuals.' But I soon learned that those 'individuals' are only as loud as you allow them to be. If they do not represent the best interests of our VFW and Auxiliary, and if they are more interested in driving a wedge than helping us unite, their influence needs to be squashed. I specifically choose those words because I truly believe our organization should support all veterans and family members, so the idea isn't to discontinue support those 'individuals' may need, but the rest of our membership needs to understand who represents our best interests. If we allow poison in the well, the Post, District, and VFW all suffer from the impression that poison in the well is ok.

And it is also important to point out that due to what I noted in the first paragraph, that not everyone attends our various conventions and mingles with others from local, State and National Posts, that we clearly aren't alone. There are many leaders out there looking for the magic solution to fix the VFW vs. Aux mentality that is prominent and inappropriate. It is my professional opinion that change must happen, but it will have to happen slowly.



District 1 President Kathie Okolski



Hello Mighty 1st District Comrades, Sisters, Brothers; We as a District are doing wonderful, right on track, the 1st District meeting was I feel a great success, thank you to Auxiliary John R. Simpson Post 1513 for all you do to make us comfortable.

Inspections are going on right now and I am happy to report that you are all doing an Awesome job.

Some housekeeping items:

There are only a few Auxiliaries left, please make sure to file your I99 & N990 — they are asking for them now.

School of Instruction is Sep. 2nd at Post 7907 Lt. Fred L. Kent, 12342 Old Pomerado Road, Poway, 92064.

This will be our Treasurer/Trustee training; all are invited to attend. It will start at 11 a.m. promptly. They have breakfast available (come early before the meeting) so come down and support the Post to start your day off right and learn a few things as we go.

POW/MIAs — I plan to attend as many of your ceremonies as possible. Be sure to let me know. I have only heard from a few of you. District POW/MIA is on the 15th of September at Post 1512. (see flyer)

District Membership Meeting is Sep. 25th at Post 5867 Carter-Smith, 12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside, 92040

We need to keep our membership strong, and active.

Keep sending in your reports for all the events you attend and all of the activities you hold. We want to hear about it.

I appreciate all of you and what you do for our Veterans and their families! I look forward to seeing all of you at the District meeting, and throughout the activities going on.

Thank you for doing what you do,
Kathie

Events for month of September

1st - Inspection 7578 Bert Fuller

6th - Inspection 7420 Don Diego

8th - Inspection 7041 Sgt. Maj Ralph E Gibbs Memorial

8th - POW/MIA 3787 Mission Valley

11th - Inspection 2082 Michael Monsoor

12th - Inspection 5867 Carter Smith

15th - POW/MIA 1512 Encanto

16th - POW/MIA Miramar

18th - Inspection 3787 Mission Valley

19th - Inspection 5477 Silver Strand

25th - Membership Meeting 5867 Carter-Smith



**“DRAGONFLIES: THE KEEPER OF DREAMS,
INSPIRING PASSION & CREATIVITY
FOR OUR VETERANS”**

COMMANDER, cont.

We are talking about individuals who thrive on soap opera drama and use our Posts like their own reality TV shows. If you look at the current political landscape in this country today, it is clear how dangerous and volatile that environment can be.

We have a lot of work to do, and we have a lot of people who depend on those of us who raise our hands to do the hard work. There is no place in the VFW for selfishness or menial drama. The whole point behind the organization's existence is supporting our veterans and their families — this may be news to some, but WE TOO are veterans and families. We should support each other as such.

So, such is the story of my life lately, I spent most of my time talking about something that I feel should be common sense, but our leaders are being forced to deal with it on a daily basis. We should be talking about the prospects who will submit their Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen entries before the deadline next month. We should be talking about a strong teachers who deserve recognition and should have package coming down range for the Teacher of the Year Award. We should be making sure that we are appropriately honoring Patriots Day, POW/MIA Day, and the other important days and holidays we have just around the corner. We should be talking to our expiring or expired members and finding out how they are doing, and if they are willing to stick with us another year so we can give our Legislative representatives firepower to make sure our veterans and families are getting the aid and consideration that they deserve.

You will be hearing very soon about School of Instruction plans, the inspection schedule, and other work we are doing. There have been a lot of changes and we are adapting appropriately. As I have already said many times, and will remind you several times throughout the year, I am here to support you. Our District Officers were elected and Chairmen were appointed to support you. Let's prove again why we are the Mighty First.

#AlwaysFaithful

Semper,

Steven Williams

District 1 Commander

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VFW Remembers V-J Day

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States paid honor to America's Greatest Generation of veterans as we mark the 73rd anniversary of V-J Day, Victory over Japan Day, when Japan formally surrendered and officially ended World War II.

On Sept. 2, 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, along with the Japanese foreign minister, Mamoru Shigemitsu, and the chief of staff of the Japanese Army, Yoshijiro Umezu, signed the official Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri.

In remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans and 60 million people killed worldwide during the deadliest military conflict in human history, the VFW thanks the more than 16.1 million American service members who answered the call to protect freedom and democracy. Our nation will always be forever grateful for their honor and sacrifice.

The Greatest Generation has showed all Americans, and the world, what true commitment to the principles of liberty and justice for all means and for that the VFW salutes all World War II veterans and their families for their great courage and dedication to the principles our nation was founded upon.

In Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, the National World War II Memorial will hold a ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 2 to commemorate the anniversary and recognize all World War II veterans, especially those who fought in the Pacific Theater during the war.



Disclaimer

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As Department Officers, any and all communications from the District 1 VFW Commander and Auxiliary President are considered to be official as they have the privilege of membership on the VFW Department of California Council of Administration.

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Veterans Service Officer

Veterans often ask me about the type of benefits they are eligible for based upon their current VA compensation rating. So, let's see from the new Benefits Eligibility Matrix of March 2, 2018. Remember to see your Post Service Officer before applying for benefits. We stand by to serve you.

Bud Lichtenstern, District Service Officer

Rating of 0% - 20%:

- Certification of Eligibility for home loan guaranty.
- Home loan guaranty fee exemption.
- VA Priority medical treatment card.
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling under Title 38 USC Chapter 31 (must be at least 10%).
- Service Disabled Veterans Insurance (Maximum of \$10,000 coverage) must file within 2 years from the date of new service connection.
- 10-point Civil Service preference (10 points added to Civil Service test score).
- Clothing allowance for veterans who use or wear a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance (artificial limb, braces, wheelchair) or use prescribed medications for skin condition, which tend to wear, tear or soil clothing.
- Temporary total evaluation (100%) based on hospitalization for a service connected disability in excess of 21 days; or surgical treatment for a service connected disability necessitating at least 1 month of convalescence or immobilization by cast, without surgery of more major joints.

Rating of 30%:

- Additional allowance for dependent (spouse, children, step children, helpless children, full-time students between the ages of 18 and 23 and parent(s)).
- Additional allowances for a spouse who is a patient in a nursing home or helpless or blind or so nearly helpless or blind as to require the regular aid and attendance of another person.

Rating of 40%:

- Automobile grant and/or special adaptive equipment for an automobile provided there is loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet, loss or permanent loss of one or both hands or permanent impaired vision in both eyes with central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in better eye.
- Special adaptive equipment may also be applied for if there is ankylosis of one or both knees or one or both hips.

Rating of 50%:

- VA Medical outpatient treatment for any condition except dental.
- Preventative health care services.
- Hospital care and medical services in non-VA facilities under an authorized fee basis agreement.

Rating of 60% - 80%:

Increased compensation (100%) based on Individual Unemployability (IU). These are veterans who are unable to obtain or maintain substantially gainful employment due to service connected disability.

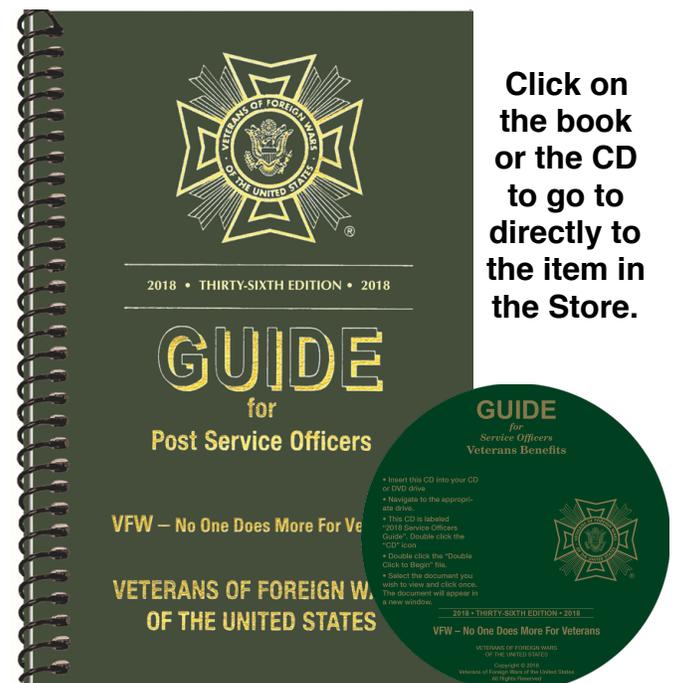
Rating of 100%:

- Dental treatment.
 - Department of Defense Commissary privileges.
 - Veteran's employment preference for spouse.
 - Waiver of National Service Life Insurance premiums.
 - National Service Life Insurance total disability income provisions.
 - Specially adapted housing for veterans who have loss or permanent loss of use of both lower extremities or the loss of blindness in both eyes having light perception only plus loss of use of one lower extremity or the loss or permanent loss of use of one lower extremity with loss or permanent loss of use of one upper extremity or the loss or permanent loss of use of one extremity together with an organic disease which affects the functions of balance and propulsion as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes or wheelchair.
 - Special home adaptation grant (for veterans who don't qualify for Specially Adapted Housing) may be applied for if the veteran is permanently and totally disabled due to blindness in both eyes with visual acuity of 5/200 or less or loss or permanent loss of use of both hands.
- Rating of 100% (Permanent and Total):

In addition to the above:

- Civilian Health and Medical Program for Dependents and Survivors (CHAMPVA).
- Survivors and dependents education assistance under Title 38 USC Chapter 35.

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FROM THE DESK OF ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER

Commanders, Captain, Quartermasters, & Paymaster, Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers:



As you are reading this, if your Post has not submitted the Quartermaster's Bond and registered the Service Officer, they are late! Why? Because, Post Commanders are not reading All State

Requirements which is part of what their Post needs to accomplish as a stepping stone for their Post to become ALL STATE and eventually the possibility of ALL AMERICAN. District is here to help if needed but it is up to the Posts to complete this. It is one of the easiest things a Post must complete. The month of September has what is considered the last Holiday of Summer, "Labor Day", let's all enjoy and be safe over this four-day weekend. Patriot Day is on Tuesday, September 11th, and flags are to be flown at half-staff from Sunrise to Sunset. Saturday, September 15th, the 1st District/Post 1512 will perform a joint POW/MIA Ceremony 11 AM at Post 1512, 6873 Federal Blvd Lemon Grove CA 91945. On Sunday, September 16th, at 9 AM the VFW Department of California POW/MIA South will take place at Miramar National Cemetery. National POW/MIA Recognition Day fall on the 21st of September this year. On Saturday, 22nd September at 10 AM State/1st District Chaplain is holding a Chaplain's Workshop at Southeast-National City VFW Post 4630, 1401 Highland Avenue, National City CA 91950. The District Commander and State Inspector Chuck Anfuso are working on scheduling the School of Instruction. Saturday, September 29, looks okay right now, but Comrades must remember it is a tentative date and not cut in stone. At present there is no set date for Service Officer training, the District Service Officer is presently working on it. Post Commanders, Quartermasters, and at least one Trustee are required to attend a District of School of Instruction.

Comrades, you will find this information in the DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ALL-STATE

PROGRAM 2018-2019 under POST COMMANDERS. Also, you will see the following "Post Commanders shall attend all District Meetings. In the event he/she is not able a representative shall attend".

With the above stated, please mark your October calendar right now for Sunday, October 28th, 2018, time 10:00 AM for the next 1st District Meeting to be at the California Veterans Home-Chula Vista, 700 East Naples Court, Chula Vista, CA. Hope to see you there.

Last, but not least let us all remember the VFW National Home for Children. There are many ways to support the Home. Life Membership in the National Home is only \$35.00. A personalized tribute brick with your Posts name is available for purchase. The purchase includes a commemorative certificate with a representation of your brick and its approximate location on the National Home campus. Again, like last year for the 2018-2019 year, it would be wonderful if all twenty-nine (29) Posts in the 1st District could donate at least \$25.00 or more, earmarked for the California Home and sent directly to the National Home for Children. It is separate from Departments National Home donation Posts make. If you require any information from or about the VFW National Home for Children, you can contact me go to their web site at www.vfwnationalhome.org/.

Thanks for all your hard work and let's keep the "Mighty First" first. Any Post or any Comrade who needs assistance with audits, programs or has a question, the District Officers are here to help. Just give a yell!

Jerry P. Koehmlein
District One Adjutant/Quartermaster



V F W
NATIONAL HOME
FOR CHILDREN

Chaplain's Corner



James Wright
District 1
VFW Chaplain



Sherri Mitchell 
District 1
Auxiliary Chaplain &
Buddy Poppy Chairman

Greetings Everyone,

I just finished attending the monthly United Veterans Council Meeting at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Balboa Park today. One of the things that was shared at the meeting is the fact that there has been a new section added to the San Diego County Social Services 211 Helpline that specifically addresses the needs of veterans in the San Diego Community. It is called, "Courage to Call," and it is set up for veterans who are currently homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. By calling this number and mentioning the Courage to Call Program, veterans gain access to resources to put them on track for recovering from their homeless condition. So please pass this information on to others at your Post meetings.

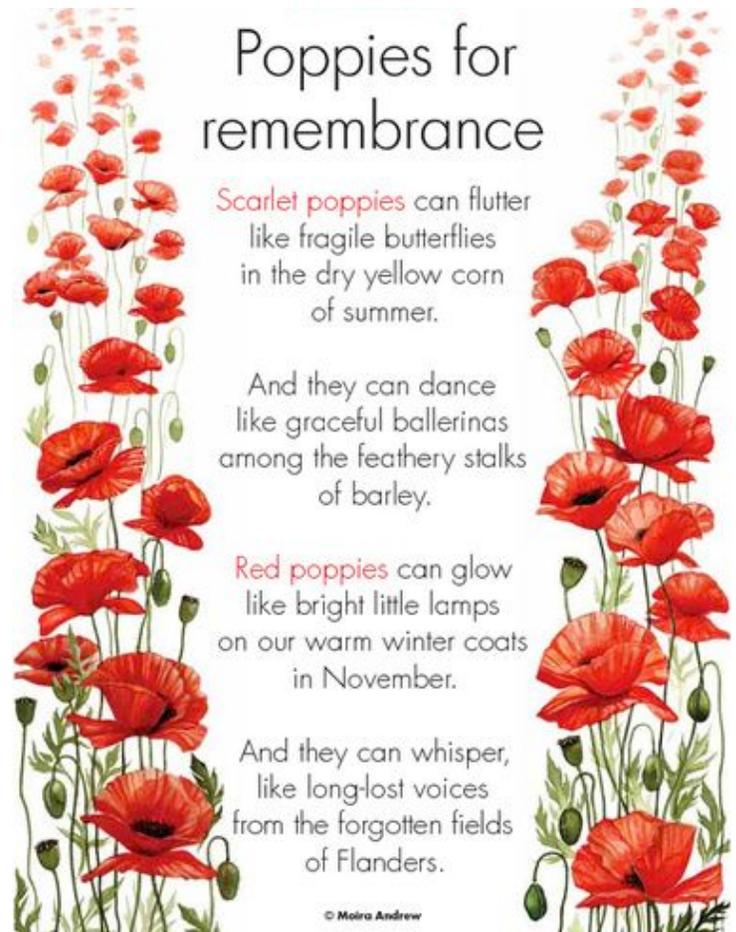
Another item that I want to address is the recent funeral for the World War II Veteran that was covered in last month's edition of the Dispatch. The funeral took place at Fort Rosecrans in early August. This service was the most well-represented funeral that I have seen during my time here in San Diego. The VFW and its Auxiliary led the way, but there were significant contributions from others, as well. The Patriot Guard Riders did an outstanding job with leading the funeral detail with a motorcycle escort and forming an honor guard at the gravesite, joined by the VFW Motorcycle Club, once the family arrived. They also did a presentation at the funeral and they presented the family with a plaque. The Navy also contributed to the service. There was a Navy Chaplain that officiated at the funeral, and the CPO(s) provided an honor guard at the service which was a first for me to witness. They also presented a Khaki CPO Combination Cover to the family. This was also the first time that I witnessed this being done. The family was clearly overcome with emotion, especially the Chief's son who really appreciated the effort made by everyone. Thank you to our Dept. Aux. President Ellie Mello, Past Dept. Aux. Pres. Reta Butler, Aux. Jr. Vice Pres. Rachel Luke for the roles that they played in the services, and for taking part in receiving the remains at the airport. Our District Cdr. Steve Williams led the way for us all, and our Sr. Vice Cdr. Miles Fry, and Jr. Vice Cdr. Paula Jansen also played key roles. I only wish that the funerals for all of our veterans can be equally well attended. Of course this was a response to the fact that East Coast Veterans Service Organizations where this veteran died did not do a good job honoring this veteran.

Comrades Brothers & Sisters

Please send me any prayer requests and updates on members. Also if you have unused cards, I am sure your Auxiliary Chaplain would appreciate them.

Due to timing, we the judging for the centerpieces will be at our December membership meeting at Don Diego. The Department contest is also centerpieces and we will need them for the C-of-A in January. If you are unable to be at the meeting and would like your item included, please let me know and I will make sure it is included.

Sherri Mitchell
 District Auxiliary Chaplain & Buddy Poppy Chairman
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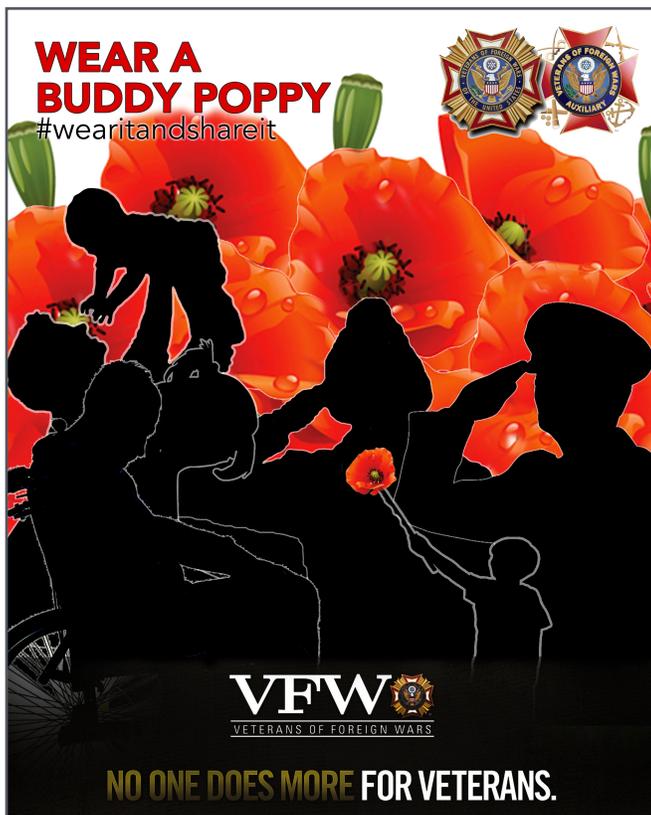
CHAPLAIN, cont.

Please remember that all of our veterans and their families deserve to be treated with respect, honor, and dignity.

Lastly, this is another friendly reminder about our upcoming Chaplain's Workshop. It will be held Saturday, Sep. 22, at 10 a.m., at VFW Post 4630 located at 1401 Highland Ave, National City, CA, 91950.

I am extending an invitation out to the Auxiliary Chaplains as well. Don't miss this chance to fellowship and learn about important resources for our Chaplains. Food and beverages will be provided at this event. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Until Next time,
Blessings to all
Chaplain James



Auxiliary Americanism

POW/MIA Remembrance:

September is National POW/MIA Remembrance on the third Saturday of the month. Please plan a remembrance ceremony or have a combined ceremony with other Auxiliaries and use the "Missing Man Table" in your ceremony. We have seen in the news recently what diligence can do "Leaving no man or woman behind" as we see on a continuous basis from our great POW/MIA recovery organization returning all of our heroes' home. Include a tribute for 9/11 National Service Day (Patriot's Day) in remembrance of those lost and all responders.

District 1 Ceremony: Sep.15, 2018 @ 11 a.m.
"Nobel Mission Global Effort"
Encanto Post 1512, 6873 Federal Blvd., Lemon Grove

Department Ceremony South: Sep. 16, 2018 @ 9 a.m.
Miramar National Cemetery
5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego

Department Ceremony Central: Sep. 21, 2018 @ 10 a.m.
Castle Air Museum
5050 Santa Fe Drive, Atwater

Department Ceremony North: To be announced.

Let us all remember and pay tribute, so none are ever forgotten.

Loyally,
Laura Ashley
Americanism Chairman District 1/Patriotic Instructor

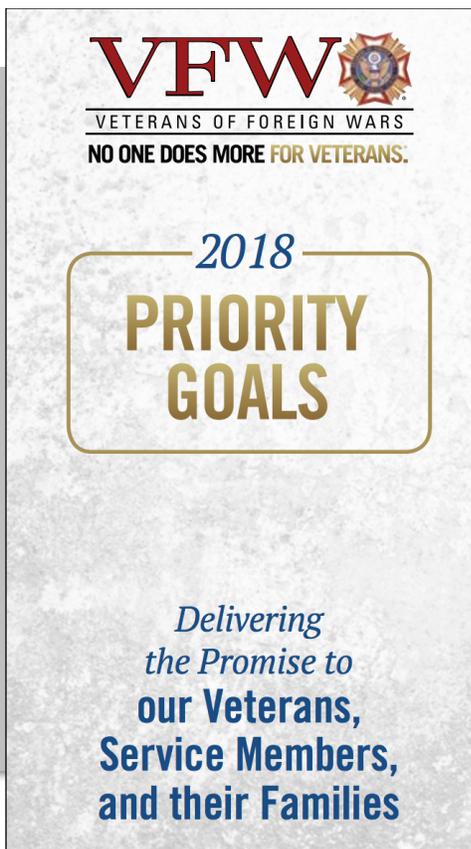


Legislative

Comrades,
The 2018 National Defense Authorization Act has been signed into law by President Trump. Surprise last-minute additions to the Bill were opening the Caregiver Act to all eras of veterans and the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Act. The VFW has been promoting these issues for years.

It is my pleasure to serve you as your Legislative Chairman and on the National Legislative Committee.

Service over Self,
Tom Dorsey



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

2018
PRIORITY GOALS

*Delivering
the Promise to
our Veterans,
Service Members,
and their Families*

Aux. Veteran/Veteran Support

Thank you to everyone who attended the School of Instruction and District meeting. I am sure that you are overwhelmed with all the information that was provided, but please take the time to review and pass to your Chairmen to share with your Auxiliary.

Hopefully you liked my suggestion of a 50/50 to help with the donations needed to keep the six programs under Veteran and Family Support funded. We want to continue to give 360 degrees for Veterans and their families. Be sure to report each one as it is completed.

Do you have a Report Chairman in your Auxiliary? If not, this might help with your reporting. Assign someone to write the report during the meeting when you motion money out for different projects. This way it keeps your reporting current and you don't forget those that haven't taken lots of preparation. Believe—We Can Do It.

Your next 50/50 might go to the "Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship." The VFW and Sport Clips are giving the gift of scholarships to our nation's heroes as a way of thanking them for their dedicated service. The VFW "Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 to qualifying veterans and service members to help them complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. Support those who support us and visit your local Sports Clips today! To learn more, visit www.vfw.org/student-veterans-support.

You are the Dragonflies of our District—The Keeper of Dreams, Inspiring Passion & Creativity for our Veterans. Keep up the great work—I have seen your love of our Veterans already in the reports I have received. I know your efforts are very much appreciated by those who have benefited from your projects.

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ACTION CORPS
WEEKLY

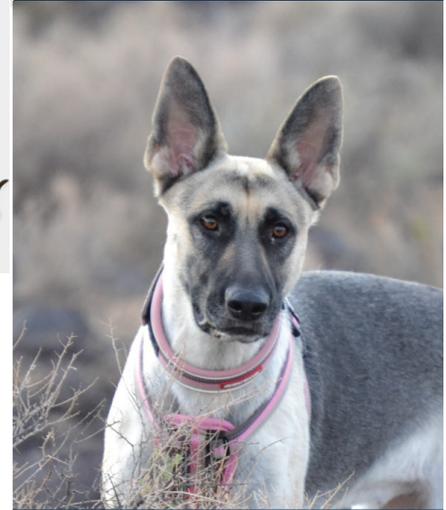
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Auxiliary Special Project

District President Kathie has combined her passion with Pets and Veterans for her Special Project. She has chosen D.O.D. (Dogs on Deployment) a local organization that helps our active duty military as well as our Veterans. This group helps our Veterans on so many levels, from finding temporary foster families while the owner serves our Country, to medical needs the pet requires. Please see the attached flyer or website. Your support of this program will mean more than you know, to our Veterans. Thank you for your continued support with all our Veterans.



SUPPORT
pets with financial needs



CONNECT
boarders and service members



REUNITE
service members and their pets

» www.dogsondeployment.org «

Check out our Local and Regional Facebook Pages!

San Diego Chapter
Hawaii Chapter
West Coast Region



"For the common love of dog and country;
Support your troops by boarding their pets!"

Everyone is invited to the 1st District Special Projects for Commander Steve & President Kathie, please see flyer on the next Page, July 31st Lakeside Boll Weevil.

James Waterman
District 1 Auxiliary Special Project Chairman
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DOGS ON DEPLOYMENT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides the largest military-pet fostering network—connecting pet owners with thousands of registered DoD Boarders throughout the nation. In addition, we distribute educational resources regarding responsible pet ownership tips and adoption resources.

The support from our community has contributed to hundreds of success stories, and allowed us to bestow over \$70K in financial aid* to military members for help with their pet's care during emergencies or for general assistance. Visit our website to find out the many ways you can get involved and support your troops.



VFW AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS - Diana Kulhanek



School's back! Now is the time to make contacts with the schools in your communities and distribute flyers for our Scholarship Programs. The VFW Auxiliary is proud to offer and participate in scholarship contests that help further the education of our nation's youth, our members and their immediate family members. Patriot's Pen is a written essay contest where 6th-8th Grade Students express their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. This year's theme is "Why I Honor the Flag". The Voice of Democracy contest is an audio essay open to all students in grades 9 through 12. The theme is "Why my Vote Matters". Students record themselves reading their essay to an audio CD or flash drive. The recording can be no shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes. Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version, they submit their typed version, the recording and the Voice of Democracy entry form to their local participating VFW Post by the October 31 deadline. For more info and applications visit www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships Or Contact Diana Kulhanek, Department Scholarship Program Chair, District 1 Scholarship Chair dirude@yahoo.com



Young American Creative Patriotic Art

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Any student in grades 9-12 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States.
- Maximum student age of 18 at time of local entry.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.
- Applicant does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.

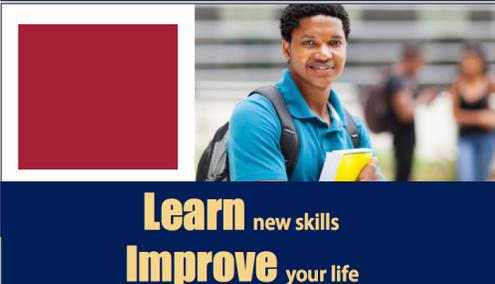
What is the Scholarship Amount?

The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$21,000.



Continuing Education Scholarship

The Continuing Education Scholarship. This scholarship application process began July 1 and the deadline is Feb. 15, 2019. This scholarship is designed to assist members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational / technical school.



Here are some guidelines:

- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older
- Applicant must be one of the following:
- Current VFW Auxiliary member
- Spouse of current VFW Auxiliary member
- Son or daughter of current VFW Auxiliary member

More details @ www.vfwauxiliary.org or email info@vfwauxiliary.org or dirude@yahoo.com



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Department of California

August 24, 2018

Comrades,

The controversy over professional athletes kneeling during our National Anthem continues into the 2019 National Football League season. Last year, VFW Commander-in-Chief Keith Harman made it very clear to the NFL management, owners and players that our organization's stance was that kneeling to our nation's anthem was disrespectful. We proudly honor the rights we have made possible through the blood, sweat, and tears of our military and veterans, and that includes a cornerstone of our Constitution that allows all Americans to share their opinions without fear of persecution or censorship. However, using a televised stage, paid for by all of us through our patronage to sports entertainment, to advance political agendas by disrespecting our national anthem is not only ineffective, but inappropriate. We, as veterans of our country's foreign wars, have always found our strength in standing together in the face of adversity. And, we vow to those who find it in their hearts to fight for a cause that we will stand and fight along with them. The American flag has always represented our fight for liberty and justice for all.

That being said, as the new season is upon us, I will make two things very clear:

1. The VFW Department of California echoes the VFW stance that all Americans should stand and honor our National Anthem, and does not condone kneeling, sitting, or the networks ignoring it all together.

2. The decision to boycott the NFL at the Post level is solely that of each individual Post. Canteen operations are the responsibility of each Post that chooses to establish one. National, Department, and District By-Laws do not require Canteens, therefore Posts that choose to establish one within their facilities are responsible for Standard Operating Procedures developed and enforced by their House Committees for those Canteens. However, while there is no National, Department, or District policy related to the subject, I urge each Post House Committee to work with their membership to establish their stance and clearly communicate their policies and reasons for them to all whom may be affected.

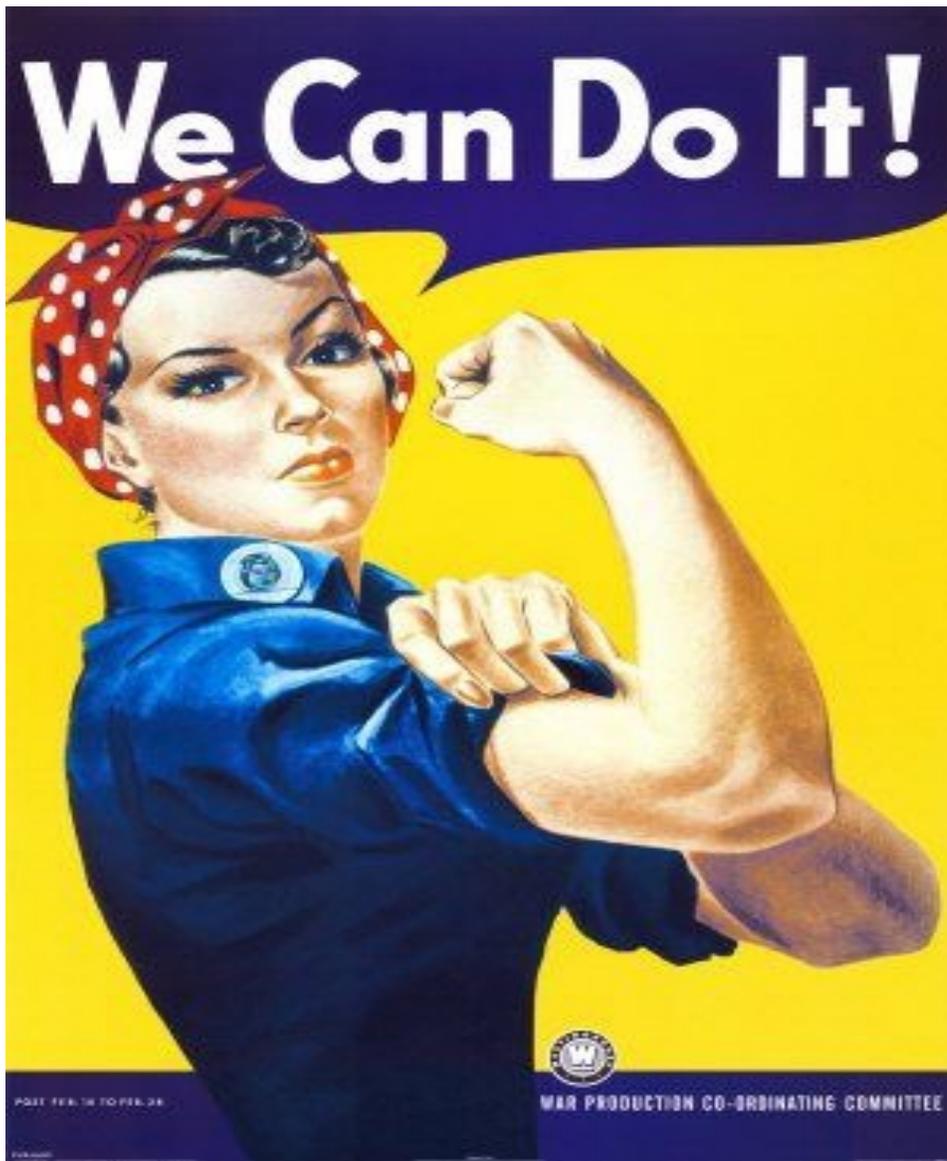
I sincerely hope we return to a day when all Americans remember that our flag stands for all of us and does not discriminate against race, creed, or color. We all fight for causes, and those of us in the VFW have fought for all causes under that red, white, and blue banner. We have our problems as a country, but not only did Old Glory not create them, she has been a powerful symbol of pride to the entire world as we stand and fight to resolve them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lamont Duncan'.

Lamont Duncan
Commander, VFW Department of California

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NOVEMBER 4-7
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
OFFICAL VISIT



National President [Sandi Kriebel](#); is coming to San Diego. All are invited to show your support and meet her.

Hotel staying at
Crowne Plaza San Diego - Mission Valley

2270 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108

[\(619\) 297-1101](tel:6192971101)

Special rate of \$109.00+ tax

For detailed itinerary contact

Kathie Okolski

Kittan1050@gmail.com

Events of Visit:

Fort Rosecrans, Cabrillo Point,

Veterans Museum,

Recruitment / Membership Drive

Veterans Home Chula Vista,

USS Midway,

Local VFW's

Let's show her how AWESOME California is..



Andy McKean of Liberty Lives Forever states, " There is nothing more important than a free people governing themselves through their elected representatives. I know that many people in America do not believe in and trust their duly elected representatives. What choice do we all have as Americans? Since, I believe, that none of us would desire a dictatorship or tyranny, isn't it up to each of us to participate in our government by becoming educated about the issues facing our country, to work for candidates of our choice, and vote, and encourage others to vote as well. I almost feel ashamed to be an American where we are lucky to have 50 percent of our eligible voters actually vote during election time.

We need to express our opinions to our elected officials which is our first amendment right to 'petition the government for a redress of grievances'. Why do so many people from around the world want to come to the United States? Isn't it for the freedoms that we enjoy and the opportunity to pursue happiness? In our capitalist and entrepreneurial society we can come up with any potential product or service, start a business, and, if able, to become wealthy and live a happy and productive life.

WHEREAS, Many men and women in the Armed Forces of the United States have given so much for the preservation of our way of life including their lives, as they are remembered and honored on Memorial Day every year; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion in Department Convention assembled in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 23, 2018, That we recognize and observe Constitution Day, Monday, September 17, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion encourages all American Legion Posts to participate in Constitution Day activities in 2018 and every year following; and be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion encourages all American Legion Posts to reach out to people in their local communities to encourage participation in educating themselves and others about the contents of the US Constitution, and volunteer to visit schools to give students a free pocket Constitution book, and to go over the contents of the Declaration and US Constitution with the students.

Attest:


Charles Pat Smith
Department Adjutant


Terri Clinton
Department Commander

LIBERTY LIVES FOREVER

www.libertylivesforever.org

andy@libertylivesforever.org
303-989-4833

1530 S. Zang Street
Lakewood, CO 80228

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

**Liberty Lives Forever supplies
pocket size copies of the
Declaration of Independence
and the US Constitution to
students, educating
"We The People"
of America.**

It is important!

According to a survey in 2017 done by the Annenberg Public Policy Center, only a quarter of Americans can name all three branches of our government. More than one third of our fellow citizens can't name any of the rights guaranteed under the First Amendment.

Montpelier's Center for the Constitution did a national survey in 2010 that found barely over a quarter of citizens have ever read the US Constitution! "We all know that the Constitution begins with the words 'We the People,' but rarely do we consider what those words mean," said Michael Quinn, president of the Montpelier Foundation.

It is the law

In 2004 Congress passed a law requiring the teaching of the Constitution in schools that receive any federal funding. Public Law 108-447, SEC. III (a) states in part: "Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution."

How Can You Help?

Contact your local mayor, city council members, county commissioners, service groups, attorneys, business leaders, and others to get their involvement in the program. We all have an interest in developing citizens who understand how our unique government works.

Contact the principals of schools, at any grade level you like, to coordinate getting pocket Constitution books to the students. Maybe veterans would talk to classes about our Constitution when the books are handed out, and encourage students to study and understand the contents of the US Constitution.

Find some way to assess what the students learned. We never learn so well as when we teach. Have the students explain to you features of our Constitution.

Have students share comments and thoughts about the US Constitution with their officials:
Colorado.gov/governor;
gardner.senator.gov;
bennet.senate.gov;
degette.house.gov; tipton.house.gov;
Coffman.house.gov; polis.house.gov

Donate whatever you can afford so that we always have enough booklets for schools.

Resources for you

Our leaders think it is important

Search [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com), for "Liberty Lives Forever" and find people you know and respect explaining why informed citizens are so important. Liberty Lives Forever has been collecting video testimonials of political leaders from the left and the right proclaiming the importance of knowing the founding documents for our nation.

Pocket Constitutions

We seek to get a copy of the Constitution into the hands of every fifth grader in the nation. Partnering with local service organizations, we provide copies of a booklet with the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution as well as 24 stamp-sized "flash cards" that can be removed from the book, separated and studied by the students to learn about these important documents. Books cost 50¢ each. All donations go toward producing and distributing these booklets.

Contact Andy McKean at
andy@libertylivesforever.org for details.

Petition for National Suicide Lifeline pre-programmed on all cell phones



Suicide rates have been on the increase since 1999. Suicide rates have increase in every state and as a result almost 45,000 people died by suicide in 2016 according to the CDC.

What we will not know is if those people had the opportunity to speak to someone immediately. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has a number where anyone can call when one is in distress but, what if you don't know the 800 number? What if your situation will prevent you from searching the number?

I am proposing that a three digit number like 911 be created and become a default number on all cellphones. Perhaps, a number that is easy to remember and everyone get to know it. Hopefully in that manner, instead for searching or trying to remember the number, one picks up a phone, dials for help and the only difference is that when the number is dialed, a person is immediately connected to someone that is prepared to listen not someone asking "what is your emergency".

 [Sign this petition](#)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

ADD TO YOUR CELL PHONE NOW



Veteran & Military Suicide Awareness and Prevention

We may never understand the struggles and challenges of a veteran who has seen war. The physical and mental wounds they have endured leave many in dire circumstances. WE can make a difference by educating ourselves and others about the warning signs of suicide. We can help veterans and their loved ones by sending them in the right direction for help. Veterans Crisis Line can be their life line. For more information go to www.veteranscrisisline.net.

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text.

Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hearing impaired individuals is available.

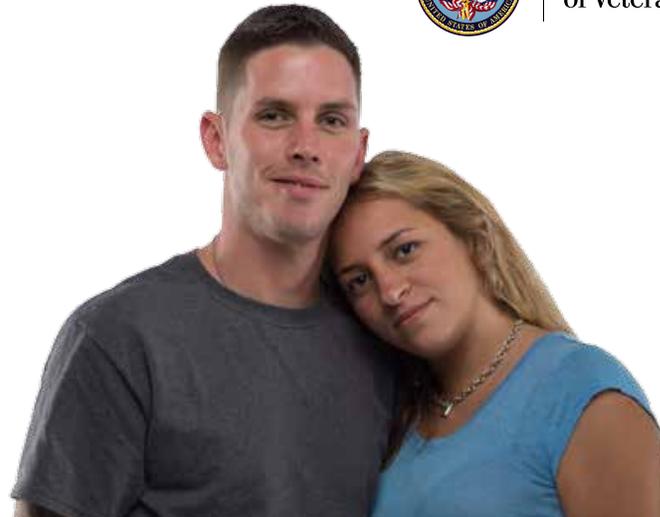
The Veteran & Military Suicide Awareness Blue Teardrop sticker is the VFW Auxiliary symbol to bring attention to the issue of Military suicide. Wear this teardrop to open the conversation. Printable sheet can be found online at www.vfwauxiliary.org

**PLEASE STOP AND PUT IN YOUR
PHONE RIGHT NOW....**

"360 Degrees For Our Veterans & Their Families"



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



Connect. It matters.
Friendship. It matters.
Ask the question. It matters.

Support.

Compassion. It matters.
Listen. It matters.
Family. It matters.

It Matters.

Because one small act can make the difference.

GUIDELINES FOR PROMOTING THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE

As a valued supporter of the Veterans Crisis Line, you have the power to shape public perceptions and attitudes in a positive way and increase our opportunities to support Veterans in crisis. Please continue to help us spread the word about the Veterans Crisis Line phone, chat, and text service in a responsible manner by employing the best practices recommendations below.

These guidelines will help encourage people to use the Veterans Crisis Line without unknowingly reinforcing beliefs, behaviors, or stereotypes that could hinder people from reaching out for help. When crafting messages about the Veterans Crisis Line, its responders, and suicide prevention in general, please consider the following best practices.

Best Practices

Highlight contact information for the Veterans Crisis Line

- Post or recite the phone number and URL frequently to help people remember how to seek help.
- Emphasize that resources are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

CALL

CHAT

TEXT

Five Reasons to Join/Stay a Member of the VFW Auxiliary

WHY did you join or WHY might someone want to join our organization?

Here are five reasons WHY to join or WHY to stay a member by paying your dues for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary.

- 1 To honor the service of a family member.
- 2 To promote patriotism within your community to all citizens young and old.
- 3 To participate in programs that bring family and community members together for worthwhile projects.
- 4 To stress that veterans and their entitlements be a number one priority for legislators.
- 5 To be the voice of those veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can all live in a democracy.

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

WHY IS MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

105 years of committed service to those who served, and have gave us our precious FREEDOM... OUR VETERANS. Membership is the key. Without the membership, we could not successfully conduct programs that benefit our veterans, military and their families.

DOES MEMBERSHIP MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Millions of veterans, military members and their families' year after year have been touched by the good that we do. Membership gives us the power, strength and unity to truly make a difference. Each member counts! Each member makes a difference! YOUR membership makes it happen.

DID YOU KNOW...

The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations and our members are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. We have nearly a half a million members representing all 50 states who volunteer countless of hours and give millions of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel, and their families.

We are a voice for veterans on Capitol Hill and are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families. We are one of the top 10 providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system. Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families. We also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth. With nearly 4,000 Auxiliaries, there is likely one in your area working to improve the lives of America's uncommon heroes.

We, as members, need to understand WHY it's important to pay our dues.

NOBLE MISSION, GLOBAL EFFORT

1st DISTRICT &
ENCANTO POST 1512

POW/MIA CEREMONY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15,
2018
11:00 AM

6873 FEDERAL BLVD
LEMON GROVE CA

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AFTER CEREMONY



National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 21, 2018



www.dpaa.mil



Fundraiser Dinner to Benefit Our Auxiliary Scholarship Program

Saturday, September 29, 2018

12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside, CA 92040

Dinner 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Karaoke by Keith 6:00 – ?



\$7.00

*Brats

*Sauerkraut

*Potato Salad

*Dessert

Jager Specials!!!





National Women Veterans Unconference

An Amazing 3 day Weekend for Women Veterans

September 28-30 Pacific Palms Resort, City of Industry, CA

Register now

www.WomenVeteransAlliance.org/Unconference



Invest in YOU

- Speakers that will inspire you
- Interactive Learning in 6 breakout sessions
- Individualized financial, estate, career & business coaching
- Relax & Rejuvenate in luxurious accommodations
- Food and Fun for Kids Too All Ages
- Exhibit Hall: Meet employers and service providers
- Massages, Acupuncture, Reiki, Aromatherapy, Equine Therapy are included
- Hair and Make up artists will be available
- Delicious Food | Clothing Boutique
- Painting Class & Wine Tasting
- Community Give Back Project
- Super SHeroes Mix & Mingle Guests Welcome

What Previous Attendees Have Said

"Best women veterans event that I have been to"
"When is the next one?"

"Connecting with my sisters was Amazing"

Discounted hotel rooms Rate ends August 27th

Register Today! (Bring a friend)

www.WomenVeteransAlliance.org/Unconference

LT JOHN W. FINN
HOG WILD

BBQ

OCTOBER 6TH
CAMPO VFW POST 2080
OPEN NOON

- LIVE MUSIC •
- Games, Silent Auction, Raffle, Bake Sale •
- \$2 Draft Beer •

MEMBERS & KIDS 10 AND UNDER \$10 • NON-MEMBERS
AND GUESTS \$15 • ACTIVE MILITARY W/ID FREE



OCTOBER 6, 2018

AUXILIARY TO VFW POST 3795

212 W. MISSION RD. SAN MARCOS, CA. ph 760 744 3795

FESTIVITIES START AT 2 pm

AUTHENTIC HOMEMADE GERMAN FOOD

By Kris, Nancy & Roxie

\$12.00 MEAL Only

**\$15.00 MEAL plus 1 Draft German BEER & Souvenir MUG or Glass of WINE
MEAL TICKETS GO ON SALE Sept. 2nd Signup Early**

MEAL SERVED 3pm To 5pm or until gone includes:

- ROULADEN**
(ROLLED STEAK STUFFED W BACON & ONION IN A BROWN GRAVY SAUCE)
- BRATS WITH ALL THE FIXINGS**
- HOT GERMAN POTATO SALAD**
- MASHED POTATOS**
- SAUERKRAUT**
- RED CABBAGE**
- CUCUMBER SALAD**
- DESSERT**



BIERGARTEN W/ GERMAN BEER & WINE



MUSIC, GAMES, PRIZES

“BEER CHUGGING” CONTEST

BEST “OKTORBERFEST” COSTUME CONTEST

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE OKTORBERFEST COSTUME (NOT REQUIRED)

COME ONE COME ALL AND JOIN THE FUN





MIGHTY FIRST SADIE HAWKINS KARAOKE

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDRAISER

Includes Raffles - 50/50 - Chasin' Fellers



NOVEMBER 9

7:30-11:30 p.m.

VFW Post 1512

6874 FEDERAL BLVD
LEMON GROVE, CA 91945



Dinner Available - \$9
Until 7 p.m. or food runs out
Snacks provided after

COME SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VFW &
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP'S SPECIAL PROJECTS



Support Your
TROOPS
By Boarding Their Pets!

Active Duty | Veteran | Wounded Warrior
Support for all military pets nationwide



TRIPLE THREAT

East County

Combat PTSD - Alcohol - Drugs
Veterans caring for Veterans

CHULA VISTA COMMUNITY
VETERANS WALK
6K
4 MILES
IN MEMORY OF BOBBY PRICE

The Veterans Walk 2018

★ 17 YEARS OF HONORING OUR VETERANS ★



Saturday, November 3rd

Veterans Home of California - Chula Vista
700 East Naples Court, Chula Vista, CA 91911

7:00AM Registration | 8:30AM Opening Ceremony | 9:00AM The Walk

FOUNDED & HOSTED BY THE MEMBERS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2111, THE VETERANS WALK HAS BECOME A SPECIAL EVENT DEVOTED TO HELP SUPPORT THOSE LIVING IN THE VETERANS HOME DURING THEIR TWILIGHT YEARS. JOINING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS IS SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, THE US FOR WARRIORS FOUNDATION. FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN JOIN THE MOVEMENT AND HELP ENRICH THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO SERVED. THROUGH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND PARTICIPATION, WE IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY AND HONOR THEIR SERVICE. WALK, DONATE, SPONSOR, OR VOLUNTEER! HELP US, HELP THEM!

Come Join Us!

Details: www.TheVeteransWalk.org



The Veterans Walk 2018

17 YEARS OF HONORING OUR VETERANS

NOVEMBER 3, 2018

Thank you for your generous support!

Email this form to TheVeteransWalk@gmail.com and a member of the team will contact you. Or, mail this form with your check payment (instructions below). Also, for your convenience, you may contribute via credit card online at <http://www.TheVeteransWalk.org>. For sponsorship or event questions, please call Dan Bauer (619-392-6333) or email the Veterans Walk Team at TheVeteransWalk@gmail.com.

- Presenting Sponsor - \$2500 and Above

- Designation as **Presenting Sponsor** of Veterans Walk
- Recognition as **Presenting Sponsor** on all promotional materials, including Event Brochure, Flyers, Ads, etc.
- Prominent placement of your company or organization provided banner on Event Day (Start/Finish)
- **Company/Organization can provide spokesperson to participate in presentations and awarding process**
- **Prominent space of recognition on Chula Vista Veterans Walk website (remains for 12 months)**
- Logo placement on official event shirts***
- 10 complimentary participant entries into the walk
- 10 official event shirts
- 4 mentions on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Facebook page
- 4 tweets on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Twitter page

- Gold Sponsor - \$750

- Designation as **Gold Sponsor** of Veterans Walk
- Recognition as **Gold Sponsor** on assorted promotional materials, including Event Brochure and Flyers.
- **Prominent space of recognition on Chula Vista Veterans Walk website (remains for 12 months)**
- Logo placement on official event shirts***
- 6 complimentary participant entries into the walk
- 6 official event shirts
- 2 mentions on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Facebook page
- 2 tweets on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Twitter page

- Bronze Sponsor - \$250

- Designation as **Bronze Sponsor** of Veterans Walk
- 2 complimentary participant entries into the walk
- 2 official event shirts
- 1 mention on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Facebook page
- 1 tweet on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Twitter page

- Platinum Sponsor - \$1000

- Designation as **Platinum Sponsor** of Veterans Walk
- Recognition as **Platinum Sponsor** on all promotional materials, including Event Brochure, Flyers, Ads, etc.
- Prominent placement of your company or organization provided banner on Event Day (Start/Finish)
- **Prominent space of recognition on Chula Vista Veterans Walk website (remains for 12 months)**
- Logo placement on official event shirts***
- 8 complimentary participant entries into the walk
- 8 official event shirts
- 3 mentions on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Facebook page
- 3 tweets on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Twitter page

- Silver Sponsor - \$500

- Designation as **Silver Sponsor** of Veterans Walk
- **Prominent space of recognition on Chula Vista Veterans Walk website (remains for 12 months)**
- Logo placement on official event shirts***
- 4 complimentary participant entries into the walk
- 4 official event shirts
- 1 mention on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Facebook page
- 1 tweet on Chula Vista Veterans Walk Twitter page

- Individual "Patriot" Sponsor - \$100

- Designation as **Patriot Sponsor** of Veterans Walk
- **Be entered in the "Patriot Roll Call" at the Day of the Event**
- 1 complimentary participant entry into the walk
- 1 official event shirt

- Individual Booster- YOU SET DONATION (No minimum)

All Events are held rain or shine – No refunds – All donors will receive Tax Deductible confirmation receipts/letters.

Business/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Alternate Contact: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (with Area Code): _____ Fax (with Area Code): _____

- Check Enclosed – payable to VFW Post 2111, 299 I Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

****ALL materials MUST BE received by OCTOBER 21st to be included in promotional materials for the event****

PLEASE NOTE: This event is a partnership of several outstanding Veterans Service Organizations working together in the community.
VFW Post 2111 Federal Tax I.D. - **95-6100568**



The Veterans Walk 2018

17 YEARS OF HONORING OUR VETERANS

NOVEMBER 3, 2018

WALKER'S REGISTRATION								
First Name:		Last Name:			Date:			
STEP 1 (READ THE DISCLAIMER/LIABILITY AGREEMENT)								
1	I've read and agree with Liability Agreement					Initial Here:		
STEP 2 (FILL-OUT THE REGISTRATION QUESTIONNAIRE)								
2	How will you be participating this year?					<input type="checkbox"/> Team (4) – Complete to No. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Fleet (8) – Complete to No. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Individual – Skip to No. 5		
3	What is the name of your team?							
4	Do you have your team members identified?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Complete to No. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> No – Skip to No. 6		
5	Please list your team (4) or fleet (8) members (First & Last Name), T-Shirt Size (XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL)							
	First Last Name (CAPTAIN)	Shirt Size	First Last Name	Shirt Size	First Last Name	Shirt Size	First Last Name	Shirt Size
	First Last Name	Shirt Size	First Last Name	Shirt Size	First Last Name	Shirt Size	First Last Name	Shirt Size
6	What email address may we use to contact you?							
7	What phone number can we use to contact you?				Area Code			
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8	What mailing address may we use to forward information to you?							
	Street Address:							
	City:		State:		Zip Code:			
STEP 3 (COMPLETE REGISTRATION PAYMENT)								
All Events are held rain or shine – No refunds – All donors will receive Tax Deductible confirmation receipts/letters.								
	Cash Received - amount of \$35 (Individual), \$120 (Team), \$200 (Fleet) and \$25 each additional FLEET members							
	Check enclosed in the amount of \$35 (Individual), \$120 (Team), \$200 (Fleet) and \$25 each additional FLEET member - Payable to "VFW Post 2111" mail/drop off to VFW Post 2111, 299 I Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910"							
	Online Pay via website: http://www.TheVeteransWalk.org --NO registration accepted without payment.							
PLEASE NOTE: This event is a partnership of several outstanding Veterans Service & Support Organizations working together in the community. Only the Host Organization, VFW Post 2111, processes donations/sponsorships.								
VFW Post 2111 Federal Tax I.D. - 95-6100568								
<i>Thank You for Participating to Help Us, Help Them!</i>								

District 1 Auxiliary presents
Sugar, Spice... Malice & Murder?
 Thomas Jefferson High Dance/Sock Hop

 **MARCH 30, 2019** 
 5-8 p.m.

SABLE POST 2275, 136 Chambers St, El Cajon, CA 92020

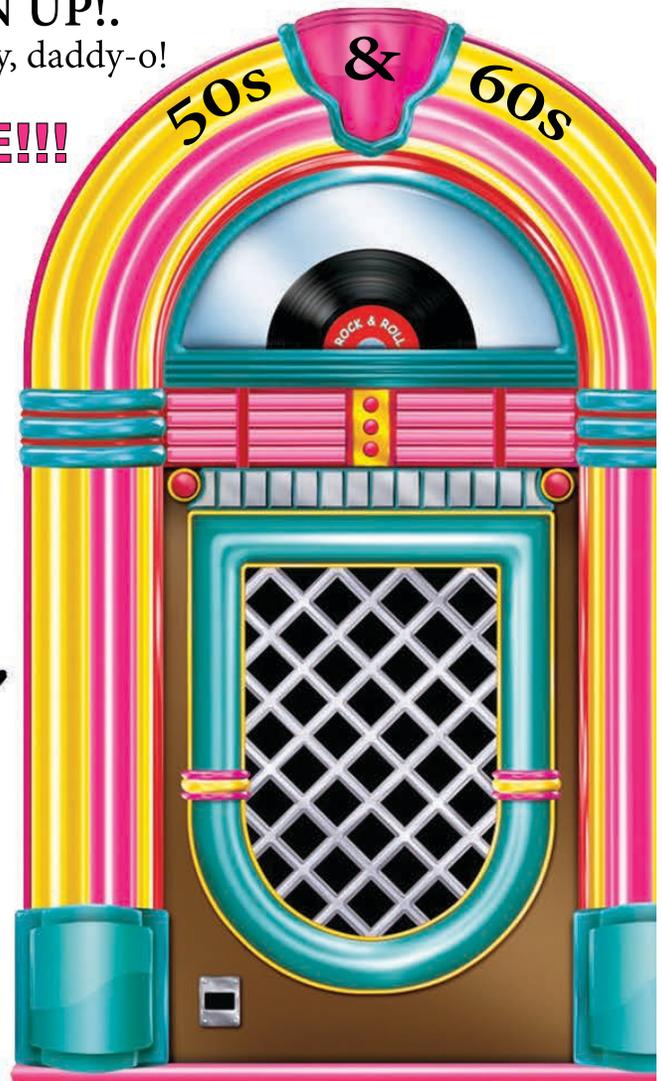
ANNUAL MURDER MYSTERY PLAY FUNDRAISER

If you would like to be a boss character in this play,
 please contact Sheri Carrington at: flamingogirl1950@att.net
 Number of hip cat characters limited to 40 -- First come, First serve

OCTOBER 28, 2018 FINAL SIGN UP!.

Fire up your classy chassis and email Sheri today, daddy-o!

ONLY A \$25 FUN FEE!!!





VFW 1st DISTRICT 2018 – 2019
DISTRICT & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

District Meetings Dates: (Sundays) 10:00 AM

Sunday, August 5th, 2018 10 AM	Oceanside Memorial Post 10577
Sunday, October 28th, 2018 10 AM	California Veterans Home Chula Vista CA
Tuesday, December 18, 2018 7 PM	Don Diego Post 7420 San Diego CA
Sunday, January 27, 2019 10 AM	Official Carter – Smith VFW Post 5867
Sunday, May 5, 2019 10 AM	District Meeting/Convention TBD

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 7:00 PM Joint Membership Meeting,

- a. There will be a combination of (5) five District /Membership Meetings that will be held during the 2018 -2019 VFW year.
- b. The District/Membership meeting sign-in fee will be **\$2.00 per meeting**.
- c. A 50/50 will be in play at these meetings for those who sign-in. 50% for the 1st District Hospitality Room at the Department State Convention and 50% to the Comrade whose name appears next to the drawn number on sign-in sheet.
- d. Any Comrade who attends all the District Meetings, signed in and paid the fee will have his/her name entered in a drawing to receive their \$10.00 back. Only (1) name will be drawn.
- e. **All Comrades must sign-in before the 50/50 drawing at that meeting to be eligible.**
- f. For planning purposes, the District Convention will be held on Sunday, May 5th, 2019 TBD

VFW District 1 Cdr Steven Williams (5867)
 VFW District 1 Sr Vice Cdr Myles Fry (2080)
 VFW District 1 Jr Vice Cdr Paula Jansen (5867)
 VFW District 1 Adj/Qtr. Jerry Koehmlein (1512)
 \VFW District 1 Membership Chairman Douglas Scholl (3783).

Wednesday, 23 May 2018



1st District
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of California
2017-2018 Year **SEPTEMBER 2018**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.				1 IF QM BOND NOT PAID BY NOW YOUR QM IS NOT BONDED SAME FOR CANTEN MANAGER	
2	3 LABOR DAY	4  ALL SCHOOLS NOW OPEN WATCH FOR CHILDREN	5	6  ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN TO RECRUIT NEW VFW MEMBERS? SIGN UP Q&E TODAY!	7	8
9	10	11  PATRIOT DAY	12	13	14	15 1st District/Post1512 POW/MIA CEREMONY at Post 1512 11AM
16 VFW CALIFORNIA POW/MIA SOUTH MIRAMAR CEMETERY	17	18  ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN TO RECRUIT NEW VFW MEMBERS? SIGN UP Q&E TODAY!	19	20 Sep 20, 2018 12:00 AM to Sep 23, 2018 12:00 AM Albuquerque, NM Vincent "B.J." Lawrence Commander-in-Chief 2018-2019 Homecoming	21 	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Women Veterans Alliance UnConference Sep 28, 2018 to Sep 30, 2018 Pacific Palms Resort/Conference Center, City of Industry, CA	29
30 GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY	<p>OUR MISSION: To FOSTER CAMARADERIE AMONG UNITED STATES VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS. To SERVE OUR VETERANS, THE MILITARY AND OUR COMMUNITIES. To ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ALL VETERANS.</p> <p>OUR VISION: ENSURE THAT VETERANS ARE RESPECTED FOR THEIR SERVICE, ALWAYS RECEIVE THEIR EARNED ENTITLEMENTS, AND ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE SACRIFICES THEY AND THEIR LOVED ONES HAVE MADE ON BEHALF OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY.</p>					