

# VFW 1st District of California



# DISPATCH



@vfwmighty1st



On 12 October, 2000, several al Qaeda suicide bombers brought a small craft alongside the Guided Missile Destroyer, USS Cole while docked in Aden Harbor, Yemen. They exploded a shaped charge that killed 17 and injured 37 members of the USS Cole crew. Lakiba Palmer, was raised in San Diego, was killed in that attack, and was laid to rest in San Diego. District 1 Officers recently visited her grave site to honor this fallen sailor.

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## District 1 Commander Paula Jansen

Hello Comrades,

We hosted the Dept of CA council of administration meeting and a few meals along the way. Thank you everyone who put in the hard work to make it all happen.

With Veterans Day upon us, we will all be approaching it in new and different ways. In all of this, let's not forget the important purpose of Veterans Day. A celebration to honor America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. I urge you all to do a little research on the history of Veterans Day and incorporate it into your ceremonies.

We don't have any idea on what the county is going to do with restrictions as we get closer to Thanksgiving Day. We just need to be ready to adapt. The holidays are hard for some already and then add in the current situation, it can be overwhelming for some. Now is the time to check up on your members often. Whatever your Post is planning, I hope it is a success.

Thank you all for getting familiar with the new way of reporting and really excelling at it. The Mighty 1<sup>st</sup> is leading the way. Keep up the good work! We are 30 days into the new quarter upon us that means we need to get those reports done. Remember it's not over until the report is done.

Looking forward to see you all at the District meeting on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, don't forget day light saving time.

Stay Healthy and Safe

*Paula Jansen*

Commander, Mighty 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Veterans – The Anchor of Our Nation

## District 1 President Rachel Luke

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank all the Auxiliaries who have completed their inspections so far. We have 5 more to complete the inspection cycle. This is a difficult year with the restrictions that we have to operate under and I appreciate everyone's support to get here.

The POW/MIA ceremony for the Department and District was held on the USS Midway to a very small audience. A few of us were lucky enough to get reservations and the ceremony was a beautiful way to honor those who were held prisoner or missing in action.

A big shout out to those Auxiliaries that have hit 90 and 100% membership already. Great job. Every conversation with a new acquaintance is a chance to recruit. You never know who is eligible until you ask about it.

Thank you to Barbara Jones and the Line Officers that have volunteered to assist here in fund raising for Ways and Means. Nov 21 will be a lasagna cook off at Post 1512 between an Italian and Sicilian going toe to toe to prove whose lasagna is better. \$12 a plate, reservations only to ensure there is enough food for everyone.

There will be no live Veteran's Day parade this year. There is a virtual celebration and I will put that info out via email once I have it.

A special thanks for all the hard work to the Brothers and Sisters that have shown up to the events so far this year and put the work in to support our Veterans.

Keep up the good work!!!!

In Service,

**Rachel Luke**  
**District 1 Auxiliary**  
**President, 2020-2021**  
**Eagles are the Pure**  
**Spirit of our Veterans**



# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

## November Chaplain Report

Comrades and Friends,

My Friends,

As I write this message the election is only days away, and this political season, in my opinion, has been the most divisive one of our lifetime. Shortly after this is published the election will be behind us. When it is over please remember that God asks us in Matthew 22:21, to "render unto Caesar the things that are his and unto God the things that are God's."

The words that are stated above are a reminder that God's kingdom is not of this world. So as men and women of faith it is important for us, especially during this time of unrest, to display the light of the kingdom of God that is in us and not the darkness that the politics of this earthly world can sometimes bring out in so many. As military members we are supposed to fall in behind whoever is elected as the American President, and pray for and support him or her. Our allegiance has to be to God and Country and not to a person or a political party when it is all said and done.

So try to remember to practice the Ministry of Reconciliation in the days, weeks, and months ahead. This is important because someone has to be the voice of reason in a world of chaos. Let us be the light of God's hope for this world. As a fellow person of faith I hope and pray that the someone who demonstrates God's forgiveness will be you.

May God Bless You forever,

James Wright

D1 Chaplain



## November Chaplain's Report

- 10/17/2020- Phone call and Get-well card sent to PDP Emma Lopez in rehab center, cards may be sent to her home.
- 10/19/2020 - Sympathy card sent to the family of Dave Greaney, PDC, husband of Bunny Greeley Aux # 7420, awaiting more information regarding services.
- 10/19/2020- Phone call and Get-Well Card sent to PDP Alicia Ketcham at home recovering from back surgery.
- 10/20/2020- Sympathy card sent to the family of Gladys Walker, lifetime member of Auxiliary 5867.

### A prayer for Veterans Day

Dear Lord,

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

**Thanksgiving Blessing:** O Heavenly Father; We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank Thee for health and remember the sick. We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service. That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Please keep me informed of cards needed;  
[dirude@yahoo.com](mailto:dirude@yahoo.com) or 619-206-7828.



With loyalty,  
 Diana Kulhanek



# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

## YOUTH AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

### Legislative



A reminder to Get out and Vote! Early voting in California opens as early as October 5 and closes November 2. Dates and availability may vary by location. Find locations to vote early, including ballot drop boxes, or vote at a polling place on Election Day, November 3.

Are you an informed veterans' advocate? Simple steps you can take to understand legislative issues and make a difference on Capitol Hill include:

- Signing up for VFW Action Corps Weekly.
- Reading and understanding the VFW Priority Goals.
- Contacting your legislators about issues impacting veterans and their families.
- Voting in every local, state, and national election you are able.

Take these steps and learn more here <https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/legislative/>

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at: [dirude@yahoo.com](mailto:dirude@yahoo.com)

Loyally,

Diana Kulhanek, [dirude@yahoo.com](mailto:dirude@yahoo.com)



### Youth Activities Program

Share your talent, display your patriotism, and express your creativity. Enter the VFW Auxiliary national anthem singing contest, Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue! Youth ages 6 to 16 are invited to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" in the genre and arrangement of their choice – they just cannot change the words! There is a \$1,000 national prize and 10 winners will each receive a \$100 prize. Video entries and signed entry forms are due to a local VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2021. Visit

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities> for contest eligibility, rules, national awards and an entry form.

Loyally submitted , Diana Kulhanek [dirude@yahoo.com](mailto:dirude@yahoo.com)

### A PROGRAM DASHBOARD REMINDER

The new Program Dashboard is live on the Department website. This dashboard will show updates as the Department puts things in or as we submit reports.

I can answer most questions, so please direct them to me first.

I have asked about a print function.

You can access it via [www.vfwca.org](http://www.vfwca.org) login to the members only section with your member number and last name.

Click Program Dashboard and it will come up.

Thank you for all you do.

Paula



# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

## 2020-2021 Commanders Challenge



As I visit the Post I have been laying out my challenge for the year. The Challenge is simply to increase our **Legacy Life Membership** in the **Mighty 1<sup>st</sup> District**. This is instead of a Commanders special project.

Our Current Status is 13 Post with **Legacy Life Members** and 38 Total **Legacy Life Members**

The challenge is for each post to increase your **Legacy Life Members** by **1**.

How to enter, see your quartermaster or login to [VFW.org](http://VFW.org) *My VFW* [Become or Upgrade to Legacy Life](#)

For each new **Legacy Life Member** or upgrade from Bronze-Silver or Silver to Gold will be one entry.

Time period....1 Aug 2020- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

The Winning Post (ticket) will be pulled live on Facebook on **Jan 1<sup>st</sup> . 2021**

The Prize will be **\$500** Cash from the District Commander

The Post with the most increased **Legacy Life Members** will received **\$200** from the District Commander.

### LEGACY LIFE MEMBER EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

MEMBER INCENTIVES	BRONZE \$400	SILVER \$800	GOLD \$1200
Plated Engraved Life Member Card	●	●	●
Lapel Pin	●	●	●
Hat Pin	●	●	●
Distinctive Emblem & Supply Line for Legacy Life Members	●	●	●
Framed Certificate for Legacy Life Membership	●	●	●
Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program	●	●	●
Member Recognition at Kiosks at Memorial Building in Washington, D.C. and Museum at National Headquarters	●	●	●
Special Plaque	●	●	●
Hat Patch	●	●	●
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza	●	●	●
Emblem & Supply Discounts (For Personal Use Only) *	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance *	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment, Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
Annual Endowment, Dept.	\$6	\$12	\$18

\* Does not apply to Memorial Legacy Life Membership

**Legacy Life Membership enables VFW Life Members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization.**

When you become a Legacy Life Member, you are helping us strengthen the VFW – where **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

Three prestigious levels of Legacy Life Membership are available: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life Members.

Once your Legacy Life Membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department and the organization. You will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are not only helping today's veterans but the veterans of tomorrow.

You may also purchase a Memorial Legacy in the name of a deceased VFW Life Member to help future generations know and member their sacrifice and contributions.

Simply fill out the attached acceptance form and return it to the address provided. For any questions regarding Legacy Life Membership, please contact the V Membership Department at 756-3390. We will gladly provide you more information on this prestigious rewarding membership.

# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

## “Auxiliary Community Outreach”

*National's new program for Auxiliaries 2020-2021*

**Question-1:** WHO ASKED, WHAT CAN WE DO?

**Question-2:** WHAT VOLUNTEERING HAVE YOU PLANNED FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

**ANSWER-1:** Please look at the list of ideas provided by the National Ambassador and Department Chairmen at links below:

**National:** <https://vfwauxiliary.org/auxiliary-community-outreach-it-is-all-about-service>

**Department:** <https://vfwauxca.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=79173>

Share the many ideas with your auxiliary members; they are sure to find more than one item that they would like to do.

If you want a ready-made list of their ideas, that I have already prepared, email me your request and you will get it in an emailed attachment, it is that easy.

**ANSWER-2:** This may be the busiest season of the year, November and December. Community organizations having events may need Volunteers to help...

**Let's GO, VFW Auxiliary, they need you!**

Maybe members or their friends have some new gifts from Birthday, Christmas, or other that were never opened or used and still lingering around that could be collected and donated to a local Charity Organization's auction or super sale fundraiser. Is your Auxiliary fixing a holiday food basket for an elderly or shut-in? Members may want to help put up some holiday decorations for them or do something else they need help with. Will members be participating in Caroling during the holidays? – Whatever you choose to do - Your volunteering is needed.

REMEMBER, as always, Motions and Voting about your projects are then recorded in the meeting's MINUTES and the Auxiliary's written report is then sent to both District and Department Chairmen.

**You still do need to wear VFW Auxiliary attire when volunteering (shirt, cap, name tag, an emblem patch), something that shows you represent the VFW Auxiliary.**

The 'October-2020 Dispatch' Article about the program's newest condition, “**Volunteering During Community Emergencies**” allowing **retroactive ratification** / ‘**after-action**’ is still available, if you missed it, or review complete information in Department Chairman's ‘**September 2020 Promotion**’ at <https://vfwauxca.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=79173>

Need help or have questions, I am at your fingertips for email or phone chat most anytime.

**Bea Brunner**, District 1 Chairman

BeAvolunteer@hotmail.com or phone (619) 466-2132.

A Veterans Day gift from Bea Brunner – Even if you have seen this video about two former military who are neighbors in a senior living complex, it will still tug on your heart strings. (The battle of comradeship, forever.)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyZ9b4My6NU>

## REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

### Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS)

Hello to all my fellow District-1 Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers.

In September 2020, I visited three VFW Post Auxiliaries. For the month of October, I had the pleasure of visiting 9327-Santee, 3788 Kearny Mesa and hopefully 2080 Campo. What an honor this has been to be able to meet in person with the District 1 Auxiliary members. I look forward to seeing more VFW Auxiliary members. If you would like for me to provide VAVS information at your next Auxiliary meeting, please contact me so we can make it happen.

#### Q & A.

This question is so obvious that I can't believe I did not address it before.

\* A list of non monetary donations for our men veterans has been noted how about our women veterans? Yes there are non monetary donations that are needed for our women veterans. Items need to be new.

- small/medium underwear
- sweat pants/yoga pants
- small/medium shirts – tee shirts
- small medium bras – sports bras

Only one question this time but please keep the questions coming.

#### VA Hospital Programs:

We have the Christmas Backpack Coupon Books and the Adopt-A-Clinic. If your Auxiliary would like to contribute to these Auxiliary programs please send donations to Department Treasurer Marilyn Peck. If an Auxiliary would like to donate new clothing or cards you may contact Volunteer Service directly at (858) 642-3267 to arrange drop offs. Volunteer Service personnel to speak with are Marina Vargas, Demecio Valdez or Cesar Evangelista. Due to Covid-19, all volunteering is on hold. Unfortunately, this means the coupon books will be put into the Christmas backpack by Volunteer Service Staff.

#### Misc. Info:

I have been receiving a printout of donations from the VA for different Auxiliaries. If you made a donation and did not get credit please let me know so I can check out the discrepancy.

If you have any questions or ideas feel free to contact me.

Respectfully, Liz Pedregon VAVS Representative - [epedregon619@gmail.com](mailto:epedregon619@gmail.com) 619-746-3739

Commanders,

Please forward all LE/FF/LMT nominations no later than 31 October, 2020 to my email at [Jvc@vfwcadist1.org](mailto:Jvc@vfwcadist1.org) or call me for drop off at 714-887-6702. Remember this is mandatory for All State and All American.

**LE/FF/EMT will be accepted at the District meeting on Nov. 1st.**

Thanks

John Lewis, Jr Vice, District 1



# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Comrades,

All Posts in the District should have their copies of last year’s Podium Edition on hand. All previous copies are null and void.

Due to the C-19 virus that edition is **still valid**.

So what was changed last year?? Open the 2020 edition to page 2. The approved amendments are right there. In the referenced texts *all changes will be in italic*.

The **Bylaw** amendments are in Sections 201, 212, and 218 (Posts); 509 (Department); and 903 (Discipline).

The **Manual of Procedure** amendments are in Sections 201, 211, 217, 218 and 222 (Posts); 417 and 418 (Districts); 509 and 517 (Departments); and 901 (Discipline).

All members should be familiar with the Podium Edition. Awareness of this may assist in shortening your Post meeting from unknowledgeable questions. It is also a guide that should be studied by our future officers.

Of course **ALL** Post officers and appointees should know the book very, very, very well.

See you soon.  
Yours in Comradeship,

PDC Douglas Carrington  
District 1 Chief of Staff  
2020-2021  
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Sharing with you, article about the upcoming Very Special Halloween Blue Moon...

[https://patch.com/california/lamesa/halloween-blue-moon-joins-october-sky-over-la-mesa-mount-helix?utm\\_term=article-slot-1&utm\\_source=newsletter-daily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter](https://patch.com/california/lamesa/halloween-blue-moon-joins-october-sky-over-la-mesa-mount-helix?utm_term=article-slot-1&utm_source=newsletter-daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)

Auxiliary Bea.



# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Issue Contact: Kyle Kalman kkalman@vfw.org

## Concurrent Receipt

### The VFW's Concerns:

Military retirees with 20 or more years of service qualify for retirement pay based on their dedicated service to our nation. These same veterans may also qualify for disability compensation for any injuries that were caused or aggravated by their military service. Prior to 2004, military retirees could not receive retirement pay and disability compensation because it was erroneously perceived as a duplication of benefits. In 2004, the VFW pushed Congress to implement a phase-in of full concurrent receipt for retirees who are rated 50 percent disabled or greater.

The VFW has long argued that retired pay and VA service-connected disability compensation are fundamentally different benefits, granted for different reasons. Military retired pay is earned by 20 or more years of service in the United States Armed Forces, allowing retirees to maintain their standard of living while attempting to enter the civilian job market for the first time in the middle of their prime working years. Service-connected disability compensation is a benefit meant to supplement a veteran's lost earning potential as a result of the disabilities he or she incurred while in service.

The VFW acknowledges that eliminating full concurrent receipt all at once is a significant task. However, Congress should chip away at the unjust offset by first eliminating the offset for medical disability retirement. Service members found to be unfit for continued service due to physical disability may be retired if the condition is permanent and stable, and the disability is rated by the Department of Defense (DOD) as 30 percent or greater. These veterans are referred to as Chapter 61 retirees—almost 20% of whom are discharged due to combat-related injuries and have had the benefits they deserve unjustly denied for years.

### The VFW's Solution:

- Congress must pass H.R. 5995, *Major Richard Star Act*, and S. 3393, which would enable Chapter 61 veterans discharged due to combat-related injuries to be entitled to DOD longevity payment and VA disability compensation without offset.

This page and the two next pages were provided by Tommy Dorsey to give you an update on present legislation that affects our veterans.

# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Issue Contact: Tammy Barlet at [tbarlet@vfw.org](mailto:tbarlet@vfw.org)

## Veterans' Health Care

### The VFW's Concerns:

In May 2020, the VFW conducted a health care survey of its membership. VFW members reported a significant increase in telehealth usage since the President's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic changed the dynamic of the American health care system. As Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facilities and other health care systems throughout the nation applied a public health response, health care providers converted patient appointments to communication through telephone or video. Telehealth is playing a critical role in maintaining veterans' mental and physical well-being during a time of social distancing and quarantine. VFW respondents reported that a majority 47% of VHA routine care appointments were converted to telehealth. From March to mid-August 2020, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) increased telehealth visits by 1,309%.

For many rural and underserved veterans, connectivity remains a critical issue. Through Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations (ATLAS), the VFW has worked with VA and Philips to leverage VA's anywhere to anywhere authority to expand telehealth options for veterans who live in rural areas. More than 20 VFW posts have been identified as possible telehealth centers, with plans to deploy five VFW ATLAS sites in the first phase of the program.

Veterans total 13 percent of adult suicides in the United States, with an average of 17.5 veterans and service members who die by suicide every day, according to the *VA 2019 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report*. Of those veterans, only six are actively enrolled in VA. Reports have also consistently indicated veterans ages 18-34 are the most likely to die by suicide.

Women veterans comprise approximately 10 percent of the veteran population and are the fastest growing cohort within the veteran community. They remain 2.2 times more likely to die by suicide than non-veteran women. VA has made progress in gender-specific health care for women, but more is needed. VA must ensure it addresses privacy concerns, expands the amount of time new mothers are given to find health care coverage for their newborns, increases staff cultural competency, eliminates harassment and assault, and makes other improvements to women veterans health care.

### The VFW's Solutions:

- Congress must pass H.R. 7879, *VA Telehealth Expansion Act*, which awards grants for the expansion of telehealth capabilities and provision of telehealth services to veterans through VA and the Veterans Community Care Program.
- The Senate must pass S. 514/H.R. 3224, *Deborah Sampson Act*.
- The House must pass the Senate-passed version of S. 785, *Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019*, which would provide VA the authority it needs to expand suicide prevention efforts, and provide the opportunity to expand telehealth capabilities to veterans in rural and highly rural areas.

# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Issue Contact: Matthew Doyle at [mduoyle@vfw.org](mailto:mduoyle@vfw.org)

## Veterans' Benefits

### The VFW's Concerns:

On April 24, 2020, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rescinded its decades-long policy of permitting accredited service officers to review ratings decisions during the 48-hour period prior to their final approval. The 48-hour review policy was an essential feature of the VA claims process. During this review, service officers had the opportunity to review VA decisions to ensure that all claimed conditions had been addressed and properly adjudicated. After reviewing a rating decision, service officers were permitted to notify VA of any irregularities, missed conditions, typographical errors, or other mistakes before a disability rating was formally released. This process allowed for errors to be corrected without requiring veterans to seek redress in the time-consuming and oftentimes costly claims appeal process. In other words, the 48-hour review guaranteed a timelier delivery of benefits to veterans and reduced the workload of VA's appeals infrastructure.

This policy also served as an independent quality control check prior to VA's own internal review procedure. Independent quality control is a widespread and commonsense practice. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) permits taxpayers to review the taxes they paid during the previous year and to claim a refund for any overpayment. Unlike the well-known expression "measure twice, cut once," VA is measuring once and cutting once. By not permitting service officers to review its work, any mistakes can result in a savings for VA through the nonpayment of benefits it is required to deliver under the law. VA's cancellation of the 48-hour review policy is tantamount to the theft of benefits. This is no different from the IRS dismissing tax refunds and depositing overpayments back into the treasury.

Another significant roadblock to veterans receiving appropriate disability ratings is the refusal of VA to add certain diseases to the list of conditions presumed to be associated with Agent Orange exposure. Toxic exposures during military service, including open air burn pits, have caused invisible yet grave health complications for our nation's service members, past and present. Congress has established streamlined options for certain veterans who suffer from these conditions, such as Gulf War Illness, to receive benefits. However, the current structure for recognizing the health effects of new exposures, or adding health conditions to known exposures, makes it difficult for veterans to prove that their health conditions are related to military service.

In 2018, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine concluded that sufficient evidence exists to link bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and parkinsonism to Agent Orange exposure. It is nearly impossible for veterans who are suffering from these life-threatening conditions to receive benefits. The Senate version of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021* (NDAA) contains a provision to add these diseases to VA's Agent Orange presumptive conditions list. Accordingly, we strongly urge Congress to keep this provision in the final version of the NDAA.

### The VFW's Solutions:

- Congress must pass H.R. 7443/S. 3761, *Veterans Claim Transparency Act of 2020*, which would rightfully reinstate the 48-hour review.
- Congress must keep the provision to add bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and parkinsonism to the list of presumptive conditions associated with exposure to Agent Orange in the final version of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021*.

# RECENT EVENTS



On 12 October, 2000, several al Qaeda suicide bombers brought a small craft alongside the Guided Missile Destroyer, USS Cole while docked in Aden Harbor, Yemen. They exploded a shaped charge that killed 17 and injured 37 members of the USS Cole crew. Lakiba Palmer, was raised in San Diego, was killed in that attack, and was laid to rest in San Diego.

The officers of the VFW District 1 are shown here during a ceremony honoring the fallen sailor.



**Dropping of cards at the VA Hospital for Veterans Day**



**ABH1 Ashlie Fry performing colors onboard USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78).**

# RECENT EVENTS



**Top-Right: Post 1924 volunteers to be a Mail Ballot Drop Off Point for the 2020 Election.**

**Top-Left & Bottom Right: Post 1924 hosts a Blood Drive for the San Diego Blood Bank.**

**Bottom-Left: Post 2080 installs a computer for use by veterans.**

# RECENT EVENTS



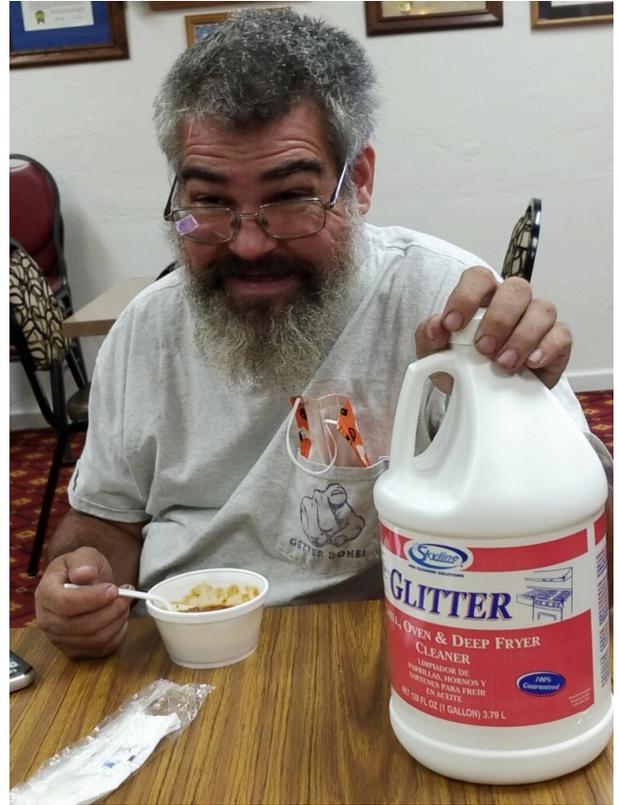
## Department Commander Lowe lends a helping hand at the “Courage to Call” Food Distribution event at the Santee Post.



# RECENT EVENTS



**State Commander John Lowe presents Post 4630 with their 75th Anniversary Certificate.**



Art, from Post 3787 getting ready to start his art project.

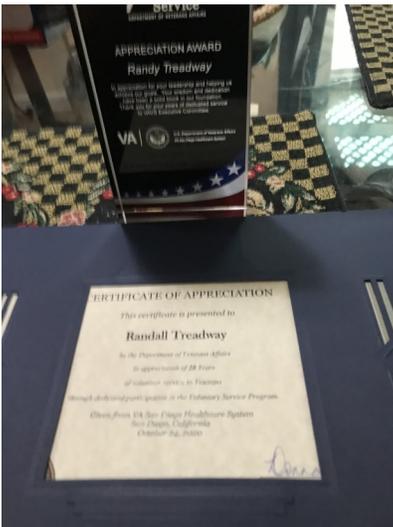


**Left: Post 5867 kicks off their poppy assembly program. Right: Ron at Post 5867 shows off his new VFW shirt.**

# RECENT EVENTS



Left & Above: PSC Dale Smith Addressing CofA



Left: Randy's Award Center: Past Post Commander Randy Treadway is presented with Proclamation from City of Solana Beach for 40 years of service to Veterans, Community, and Country. Right: VA Hospital VAVS Committee held a recognition, and Awards Drive thru. Randy Treadway VFW VAVS Representative received an award for 28 Years of VAVS Service. He is President of the VA Hospital VAVS Executive Committee, with over 11,000 volunteer hours. Pictured from left CFO Cindy Aberh, Program Specialist Caesar Evangelista, Randy Treadway, and member of staff.

# RECENT EVENTS

# Happy Birthday!



Immediately following our Post 3788 Auxiliary meeting on October 20th, we were delighted to celebrate the 94th Birthday of **MARY BELLON**.

Mary is the **PAST STATE PRESIDENT, PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, AND PAST PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.**

Mary continues to inspire, educate, and lead our Post 3788 Auxiliary members, as well as Auxiliary members throughout the District and the State.

We are very grateful to you Mary, for all of your many years of dedication and service to both our 3788 Post and Auxiliary!

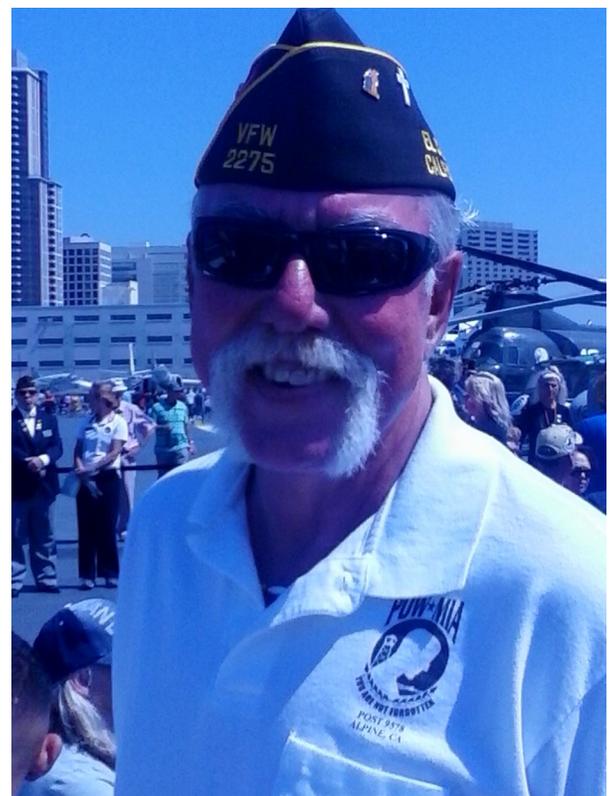
# RECENT EVENTS



The Motorcycle Club hosted a poker night with the funds raised going towards the Chula Vista Veterans Home and other Veteran causes.



Commander Bill Kimble 7907, senior vice south Sal Pollerito. Presenting Schenkel 103-year-old birthday, the last Pearl Harbor survivor. We presented him with the 100 year coin.



Tom Dorsey, Legislative Chairman attends the POW/MIA ceremony aboard USS Midway

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

**SAN DIEGO HARBOR - DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO - PARADE STARTS AT 10AM**

**Help us Honor the Men & Women of our Military**



The Fleet Week Boat Parade will feature boats of all sizes decorated to salute and honor Veterans and Members of the U.S. Military. The parade will take place on San Diego Bay, on Veterans Day 11 November starting at 1000 and proceed from Shelter Island under the beautiful skyline of Downtown San Diego and work its way up to the Coronado Bridge where it will cross the Bay and proceed south along the Coronado Shoreline as shown in the route map below. There will be live demonstrations by the Coast Guard as well as Skydiving events, vintage Aircraft Flyovers and other attractions on the bay.



**FREE EVENT!  
FAMILY FRIENDLY!**

Taking place on the beautiful San Diego Harbor!

BE A PART OF THIS EVENT! IF YOU HAVE A BOAT AND WISH TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT, VISIT:

[WWW.FLEETWEEKSANDIEGO.ORG](http://WWW.FLEETWEEKSANDIEGO.ORG)

San Marcos Memorial VFW Post 3795 Auxiliary

## Holiday Meat Raffle

\$5 Donation/Ticket

Drawing on November 18<sup>th</sup>

Giving Away: Turkeys, Hams, Prime Rib, Custom Sausages and a Variety of Steaks

Get your tickets by contacting Rachelle at

[Giggles3795@yahoo.com](mailto:Giggles3795@yahoo.com)

(Venmo & Checks Accepted)

All Proceeds go to the VFW Post 3795 Auxiliary General Fund for Veteran Programs

## VFW 1<sup>st</sup> District Auxiliary Ways & Means Fundraiser

Indoor / Patio Dining or Take Out  
5 – 7 pm  
Or until sold out

Please come out and support your  
1<sup>st</sup> District Auxiliary President Rachel Luke  
And our Ways & Means Program

**Saturday, November 21, 2020**

Homemade Lasagna  
Salad & French Bread  
**\$12.00**



I am happy to inform you that two 1512 Post Members  
Commander Eric Luke & Comrade Al Hewitt  
Have volunteered to come out and cook the meal.  
They will be serving up their famous Lasagnas  
Eric will be cooking a Meat Lasagna  
Al will be cooking up his sauce and cheese Lasagna  
So there will be a dish for everyone to enjoy.

I anticipate selling out for this event so please sign up at Post 1512  
Or call 619-583-6873 to reserve your meal(s) by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>  
So they can make sure to prepare enough for everyone attending.

VFW Post 1512 Encanto  
6873 Federal Blvd.  
Lemon Grove, 91945  
619-583-6873



VFW Auxiliary  
Department of California  
"Buddy"® Poppy Contest



This year the theme for the "Buddy"® Poppy contest for California will be a "Table Centerpiece"

- The "Table Centerpieces" will be judged in Category three (3) at your District meeting before January. District 1 entries will be judges at the joint membership meeting Dec 15 6pm at Post 2275.
- Each District Display Winner, must be brought to the January Council of Administration meeting for judging and take all display back home. The winning Auxiliary will receive an award.
- There must be at least one (1) Poppy used in the display, in its' original form and color, with label attached. More information to follow!
- The National VFW Buddy® Poppy Contest: See the VFW's Buddy® Poppy Contest Chairman's Guide for rules, deadlines, judging and awards of the National Buddy® Poppy Contest, as well as other helpful resources. The guide can be found at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources).



Christina Davis Fall Aux 4630 619-865-4687

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3783 GOLF TOURNAMENT



WHEN: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2020  
WHERE: MT. WOODSON GOLF CLUB  
TIME: 9AM SHOTGUN START  
COST: \$75.00 PER PLAYER  
DINNER AND AWARDS AT VFW POST 3783  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
HOLE SPONSORS \$100.00 (see back)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO VFW  
SEND CHECKS TO DALE SMITH 17067 EL SOL  
RD. RAMONA CA 92065 HOLE SPONSORS SEE BACK  
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES NOV 8TH



CLOSEST TO PIN, LONGEST DRIVE  
MULLIGANS, FUN FUN FUN



## VFW GOLF TOURNAMENT HOLE SPONSORS

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY LOGO NEEDED IF YOU WANT IT  
DISPLAYED ON SIGNAGE

CHECKS TO VFW POST 3783

SIGNAGE WILL BE PROVIDED





## FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 9 - 15, 2020

# BOAT PARADE

## Veterans Day Celebration!



Nov. 11 | 10 a.m. | San Diego Bay

### PLUS, LIVE AND VIRTUAL EVENTS

 <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Nov. 1-15</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.8em;">Virtual <b>5K Fun Run</b></p>	 <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Nov. 9</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.8em;">All Enlisted <b>Golf Tournament</b></p>
 <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Nov. 9-15</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.8em;">Military and Veterans Virtual <b>Art Exhibit</b></p>	 <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Nov. 9-15</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.8em;">Virtual <b>Innovation Zone</b></p>
 <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Nov. 10, 12, 13</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.8em;">Virtual Student <b>STEM Days</b></p>	 <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Nov. 12</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.8em;">Virtual <b>SDMAC Breakfast</b></p>
 <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Nov. 12</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.8em;">Live and Virtual Enlisted Recognition <b>Luncheon</b></p>	 <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Nov. 14</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.8em;">Military Family <b>Drive-In Movie Night</b></p>

For more info and a complete schedule, please visit:

## FleetWeekSanDiego.org



The San Diego Union-Tribune

# UPCOMING EVENTS

All,

There are two flyers here that can be used by any post. Please send them to your members and put them up in your post, share them on social media. Create an event on social media and invite your friends. Get the word out.

1. Backpacks (below): We are not looking so much for items as monetary donations. If each post could put the flyer on a donation can for one weekend's meals and then send the donations to Jerry earmarked for the backpack program it would be much appreciated. I am sure we could raise enough to get everything we need to fill the backpacks and purchase the coupon books. We more than likely will not be able to help with the assembly or hand out this year, so let's make sure those Veterans know we care.

2. The Veterans Walk we do in November which is hosted by

Post 2111, is not going to happen in the normal way. The holiday party is something the residents look forward to each year. CV Vet home cannot allow us to be on the grounds due to Covid-19. After talking with Hank, and the



# Charitable Organizations

## PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

ALL,

We've heard about this before. If you were to send \$10.00 to National each month, you would stop receiving all the mail requesting donations.

It is here now!

**The Partners in Patriotism Program form is on the next page.** Use this form to join Partners In Patriotism. You will also find the form on all the VFW websites. Partners in Patriotism is a win-win monthly giving option to make things more convenient for you ... and allow us to do the best job we possibly can for America's sons and daughters.

Partners in Patriotism is the most effective way to help our proud veterans, service members, and their families. When you sign up, you support life-changing programs every month of the year. It's a great way to show you care!

Partners in Patriotism:

- > Keeps administrative costs down so more money goes to programs.
- > Allows for better budget planning and program funding to help more veterans, service members and their families.
- > Cuts down the amount of mail you receive. You will only receive the VFW Supporter Quarterly newsletters.

**Jerry P. Koehmlein**

GMCS (SW) USN RETIRED

VFW VAVS Deputy Representative (SDHS)

Department of California

District One Adjutant/Quartermaster

District National Home Chairman

VFW 1512 Chaplain

VFW 1512 Hospital/JROTC Chairman

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# Charitable Organizations



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of California

***100 People, 100 Days, \$100 Dollars***

**Supporting Americas Hero's**

***"Giving Campaign"***

**My Pledge**

**I pledge to give during the**

***"100 Days of Giving"***

**October 1, 2020 thru January 8, 2021**

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For ***100 days***, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will be launching a campaign to get at least ***100 people*** (or groups) to donate ***\$100*** to our organization that offers programs that support America's Hero's and their families.

**Yes! I will contribute during the 100 Days of Giving Campaign**

**MY DONATION AMOUNT:  \$25  \$50  \$75  \$100  Other Amount**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed      Bill me      Charge my credit card the following amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV # (Security Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**You can also mail your donation to:**  
VFW Auxiliary Department of California  
9136 Elk Grove Blvd., #101  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

# Charitable Organizations



**VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN**  
*Every child deserves a happy family.*

**How many of the Comrades, Sisters and Brothers are aware of the Amazon Smile Program?**

**We have all been asked at one time or another to support the VFW National Home for Children by donating?**

**Do you or your family purchase items from Amazon?**

**Do you know that donations can be made to the VFW National Home for Children by using Amazon Smile?**

**Every eligible purchase you make on smile. Amazon.com, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to charity.**

**They do not charge any fees or take any deduction from the donation amount, and there is no cost to the charitable organization.**

**So, to do this, please do the following:**

- **To shop at AmazonSmile, go to smile. Amazon.com in your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping App on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app.)**
- **In your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you are using the app, always check for the “AmazonSmile” logo to make sure it’s activated for AmazonSmile.**
- **Now, wasn’t that painless? You bought something you wanted or needed and also made a donation to the “VFW National Home for Children”.**

**If you would like more information, please contact me at**

**jerryrk@cox.net or 619-255-4108**

