

VFW 1st District of California



DISPATCH



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On October 21, 2000, a terrorist small boat attacked the USS Cole (DDG67) causing an explosion that killed 17 crew members. On the anniversary of that day, District 1 visits the San Diego grave site of Seaman Lakiba N. Palmer, one of the crew members killed in that attack.

Each white rose in the wreath above represents one of the sailors killed in that attack. Pictured above (left to right) is District President Sheila Jo Toor-Snyder, District Commander John Lewis and Kirk S. Lippold, CDR, USN (Ret) who was the Commanding Officer of the USS Cole when she was attacked.

**Membership as of
1 November 2022**

Auxiliary: 91.57%

Comrades: 94.46%

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District 1 Commander John Lewis



Comrades,
Another busy month ahead of us, with District meeting this Sunday, 6 November and US Navy fleet week membership drive. Each Post should have the quarterly audit submitted and on standby for the annual inspection. This month we also celebrate Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. The holidays are a time for family and friends to get together, please reach out to fellow Veterans who may be alone, do a buddy check and remember no one should ever be left behind. Keep up the great work you are doing, and I will leave you with this-

The motto of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is “No one does more for Veterans.” Therefore, no one in your Post should feel neglected. Take a look around your Post and identify those who may have been forgotten.

Maybe it is the elderly, homeless or those from another country. Find out the reason why they have been neglected and what their needs are. Ask what you can do to help.

Yours in Comradery,

**John Lewis, Commander,
VFW CA District 1
714-887-6702**



District 1 President Sheila Jo Toor-Snyder



Good autumn to all sisters, brothers, and Comrades!

The beautiful colors and cooler weather are finally coming in for everyone to enjoy!

We are still doing Auxiliary inspections through the 2nd week of December. Please note that your Q2 Audits were due by October 31, and everything was submitted to Department Treasurer for their records. On behalf of District 1, I want to thank those Auxiliaries who participated in the inspections during the last 3 months. We will get everyone up to speed on information and instructions as soon as possible.

District 1 Commander John and I are planning a joint Membership Meeting; however, it may not necessarily be in December, with the potential for January 2023 prior to the next Council of Administration meeting later that month. I will keep you informed on the updates, as the Commander does not believe the 7420 Don Diego Hall will be ready for events by then.

Note: Our next District 1 meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 6 at 9AM, at Post 2111, Chula Vista, as I had to make a change due to a conflict from Post 2082. Please attend. We will do our best to accommodate the online teleconference with information to be sent out to you ASAP. We are asking for food donations from the Presidents and members for our Ways & Means and Country Store during this meeting. Thank you in advance!

On Sunday, November 13, District 1 will be having our 1st fund raiser, which will be a fashion show with clothing, accessories and other great items provided by and available for purchase from a local company in El Cajon. Tickets are \$15 each, and this is being handled by my Fundraising Chairman, Julie Licari, from VFW Auxiliary 3787 (Mission Valley). The fundraiser will be at VFW Post 2275, SABLE in the El Cajon area, approximate time 1pm - 4pm. Julie will have more details at the District meeting during her presentation. Julie will provide a pack of 10 tickets to each Auxiliary for \$150 and can be sold to others for the \$15.00. Raffles, prizes, auxiliary members to model clothes, and everyone is welcome to shop for holiday gifts, clothes, accessories etc. Come on down for this event!

I'll be sending out some documentation to the Auxiliary Presidents for their teams to understand Malta, the National and Department resources pages, and other items.

Program reports:

Upon review of the blackout sheet, I have become aware that
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SPECIAL DATES

NOVEMBER

National Veterans & Military Families Month

National Family Caregivers Month

Warrior Care Month



- **November 1-5 National Veterans Small Business Week**
- **November 2: VFW Podcast**
- **November 3-5: Western Conference, Portland, Oregon**
- **November 6: Daylight Savings Ends**
- **November 6: Honor Flight San Diego**
- **November 6: District 1 Meeting, Post 1924, Fallbrook, 10 AM**
Auxiliary Meeting, Post 2111, Chula Vista, 9 AM
- **November 8: Election Day**
- **November 10: U.S. Marine Corps Birthday**
- **November 11: Veterans Day**
- **November 13: 1-4 pm; District 1 Fundraiser, Fashion Show**
Post 2275 SABLE, El Cajon
- **November 15: LE/EMT/PP/VOD/Teacher entries due**
to District
- **November 16: VFW Podcast, 10 AM**
- **November 22: District Aux. Membership Meeting,**
Post 3795, San Marcos
- **November 24: Thanksgiving Day**
- **November 26: Morning Hours; Wounded Warrior**
Foundation "Deck the Halls" at Balboa Hospital
- **November 28: 1630; All Department Zoom call**



DECEMBER

- **December 1: Civil Air Patrol Birthday**
- **December 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
- **December 13: U.S. National Guard Birthday**
- **December 18: National Wreaths Across America Day**
- **December 25: Christmas Day**
- **December 28: Anniversary of Army Chaplain/Religious Affairs Specialist**

District Chaplain Report

Greetings to All Friends and Comrades:

Time is rapidly moving. We are at the end of the month, and the year's end is just around the corner. But by the grace of God, we are still here and being blessed.

The wreath laying ceremony for Nicole Palmer and sixteen crew members of the USS Cole was held on October 12, 2022. The ceremony was held at Mt. Hope Cemetery. We were honored to have the Captain of the USS Cole, who was at the helm of the ship during this awful tragedy, present for this ceremony.

For District 1, officers in attendance were the Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant, Past & District Chaplain, and District 1 State Auxiliary President. All attendees were recognized and appreciated.

Remembering Our Own: I appreciated speaking with past VFW State Commander, Art Harris and family.

Made aware of the sick:

Randy Treadwall & mother---Post #5431

Dennis Costa---Quartermaster Post #2422

May your faith in whatever or whoever guides you, bring you a brighter tomorrow.

Samuel Cummings

Chaplain



District Chaplain Report

Greetings,

We continue to send cards and make phone calls to our brothers and sisters.

A Thanksgiving Prayer by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

For each new morning with its light, for rest and shelter of the night, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything thy goodness sends, for flowers that bloom about our feet, for tender grass, so fresh, so sweet, for song of bird, and hum of bee, for all the things fair that we hear or see, Father in heaven we thank Thee! Amen.

Baruch Atah, Adonai to our Jewish Members celebrating Hanukkah!

Reminder... Please report any passings of members. They need to be honored by draping the charter and notifying the District and Department Chaplain.

Christina Davis-Falls, District 1 Chaplain

Please send information to:

Chaplain.district1@gmail.com



District 1 Junior Vice Commander Report

Hello Comrades and Members,

There were two activities that I took part in last month that stand out in my mind as noteworthy. First of all, I attended the October 2022 Council of Administration Meeting in the Simi Valley area of Southern California, which is just a bit north of LA. Secondly, I went to the first District 1 Past Commanders Club Dinner and Meeting that we have had in quite some time. Both of these are pretty important VFW items that should be discussed further among us all.

The Council of Administration Meeting was held in Canoga Park. This was also the place where State Commander Marty Yingling held his homecoming. The Council voted to buy a brand new trailer for the purpose of recruiting new members. We voted to spend 25K on electrical improvements and an electric vehicle charging station for VFW State HQ in Sacramento to. We also voted to spend 2K for Stand Down here in District 1.

At the Past Commanders Club meeting we elected new officers. Bill Kimble was elected as the new PCC President, Tony Maffini was elected as Secretary, Jerry Koehmlein will continue to be Treasurer, and I was elected as Chaplain of the PCC. I want to thank all those in attendance for being there and for their vote. We have pledged to mentor new incoming VFW Commanders in our district. If you are a member who has completed a tour of duty as a VFW Commander please consider joining our ranks.

See you soon,

James, Jr. Vice



Past Commanders Club Report

All,

Please let all Past Commanders at your Post know!

LT. Fred L. Kent VFW Post 7907, Poway, hosted a PCC dinner and meeting. Those in attendance enjoyed a Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. After brief remarks by District Commander John Lewis, PS/D/P AA Commander Jack Turner presided over the elections for PCC Officers.

The results were as follows:

President	William "Bill" Kimble (7907)
Secretary	Anthony "Tony" Maffini (1513)
Treasurer	Jerry Koehmlein (1512)
Chaplain	James Wright (2111)

The next PCC Dinner Meeting will be Monday, January 16, 2023, at LT. Fred L. Kent VFW Post 7907, Poway. A Zoom meeting is being scheduled to discuss the PCC By-Laws.

The only requirement to join is to be a Past Commander. (National, State, District, Post). For those wishing to join or have to pay their Dues of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) or want to make a reservation to attend the next meeting, don't hesitate to contact the PCC Treasurer at jerryk@cox.net.

Jerry P. Koehmlein



VA Disability Payments to Increase in 2023

VA disability compensation rates are increasing in 2023 based on Social Security's cost of living adjustment. VA will provide official compensation tables in December 2022.

INSPECTOR REPORT

From the Inspector,

Post inspections will begin this month.

Post Commander's will be called and set dates for inspections with a follow up letter confirming the date time and copies of the inspection forms.

Myself & Chuck Anfuso will be conducting all inspections and we WILL be complete by 31 December 22.

Be prepared to schedule and complete.

PSC Dale Smith

District 1 Inspector

Dale E Smith STCM(SS) Ret.

National Council Member 2020-2024

Post 3783 Judge Advocate

Past State Commander

Department of California

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 3783 LE,FF,EMT Chair

Vet Fund Foundation Chairman



Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher of the Year Information

Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen Essay:

Applications are available on www.vfw.org.

VOD theme is "Why is the Veteran Important?"

Patriots Pen theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans?"

Entries are due to post by Oct 31, 2022.

Winners are due to District Nov 15, 2022.

Entry forms are available at www.vfw.org or www.vfwca.org

Please screen the winning applications closely.

For more info contact PDC Myles Fry mylessfry@gmail.com.



Teacher of the Year packets are due by Oct 31, 2022

Winners are due to District on Nov 15, 2022

Entry forms are available at www.vfwca.org

For more info contact PDC Myles Fry mylessfry@gmail.com.

Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician are due Oct 31, 2022

Winners are due to District on Nov 15, 2022

Entry forms are available at www.vfwca.org

For more info contact PDC Bob Parks tankcmdr39@gmail.com



Auxiliary Community Outreach Program

The Auxiliary Community Outreach Program focuses on the VFW Auxiliaries volunteer work in our communities. This program covers things that are not reportable in any other program. If you are volunteering as a Poll Worker with the Registrar of Voters that is reportable under the Legislative program not under the Auxiliary Outreach program. Make sure the organization is voted at your meeting on as a partner before the you can report volunteer hours with that organization.

Programs in San Diego looking for volunteers:

[I Love A Clean San Diego](#) - Beach or Canyon clean ups

[Traveling Stories](#) – Help children build their reading skills

[Meals on Meals](#) – Bringing meals to seniors

Check out www.volunteermatch.org for more opportunities near you.

Website/Social Media/Dispatch

The web/social media team is working on the Department and District websites. We are asking that if you notice something that needs to get fixed please email.

www.vfwca.org Members Only login in is your VFW number password is your last name. example Smith

The Dashboard is up but will have modifications in the future. Please check it for items you have submitted to make sure you have received credit. Please contact me if you have a problem. The weekly update from Department is also available in this section, so check it out to see what is being put out.

The reporting section is working, so continue to do reports. Reminder you won't see the reports on the dashboard until they are approved, they will however show on the All Program Reporting.

The updated **All State** and **ALL American** guides are available on www.VFWCA.org programs. We also have all the required forms under resources and forms

Watch our social media for updates. Please send us your Event flyers (not meals) so we can help promote them, and pictures after the events.

National is asking all post to have a public social media with two admins.

They are looking for you to share content from National, Department, District and the community service your post is doing, not just taco Tuesday or canteen happenings.



Facebook VFW CA Mighty 1st Dist & Aux

Department website www.vfwca.org

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HONOR FLIGHT INFORMATION



Now calling all Vietnam Veterans!

This fall, Honor Flight San Diego is taking TWO All-Vietnam Veteran flights to Washington, D.C.! The trip is a 3-day trip to visit the memorials built for the veteran's sacrifice and to truly say THANK YOU for their service.

The first flight, which is scheduled for Sept. 30-Oct. 2, will be all Navy HA(L)-3 Seawolves. Calls and logistics are currently underway for that flight, however there are a few spots left for any Navy HA(L)-3 Seawolf who may have missed the first announcement. To get on this flight, they need to submit an application ASAP.

The second flight will be Nov. 4-6 and it will be an Award Flight. This flight is for any Vietnam Veteran who has earned a Purple Heart or higher personal award (Bronze or Silver Star, DFC, Air Medal, MOH, etc..) for their military actions. We will have about 100 seats available on a charter aircraft to give these Vietnam Veterans the honor, the THANK YOU, and the homecoming they truly deserve. **The deadline to submit an application for this flight is Sept. 1st - calls for this flight will begin after Labor Day.** There is no requirement for Covid vaccination at this time.

Due to generous donors, there is no charge for veteran to go on their Honor Flight.

With around 60,000 Vietnam Veterans in San Diego County, we know the veterans are out there and ready to go on their Honor Flight! To get on the list for the November flight (or 2023 flights), please go to: www.honorflightsandiego.org and click on the "Join Us" tab to complete an online veteran application. Honor Flight San Diego will also need a copy of the veteran's DD-214 with SSN blackened out. They will continue to accept applications from WWII and Korea War veterans, and veterans from any era with terminal illnesses, so get your application in for a future flight!

For more information or for any questions, please email: info@honorflightsandiego.org or call (800)655-6997.

Best,

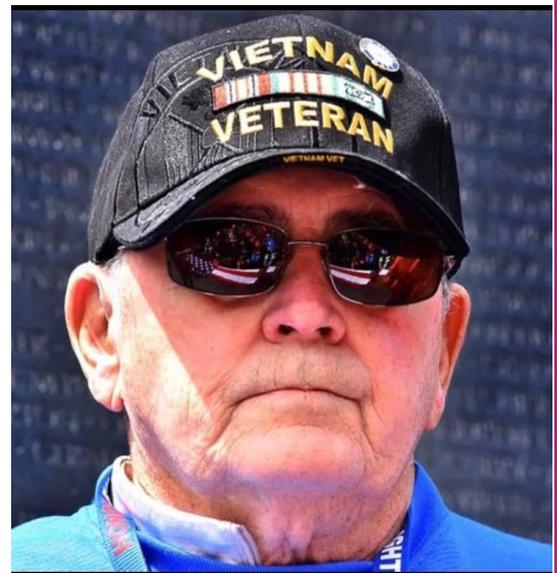
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Honor Flight San Diego

www.honorflightsandiego.org





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- 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.

Sign Up Today!

NAME _____ PHONE # (_____) _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHOOSE HOW YOU DONATE

Option 1: Credit Card

- Visa MasterCard
 Discover American Express

ACCOUNT NUMBER

EXP. DATE

Amount to be charged: \$ _____

- monthly
 quarterly
 annually

• Minimum amount is \$10.00, processed on/or around the 20th of the month.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Option 2: Checking Account Deduction

Please send us a voided check along with the completed information below and return it to:

VFW National Headquarters
406 West 34th Street, Suite 718
Kansas City, MO 64111

Amount to be charged: \$ _____

- monthly
 quarterly
 annually

• Minimum amount is \$10.00, processed on/or around the 20th of the month.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Return this form to VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Suite 718, Kansas City, MO 64111 or fax to (816) 968-1129. Questions? Please call Donor Services toll-free at 833-VFW-GIVE (833-839-4483), or email vfwfundraising@vfw.org. *Thank you!*

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT



USS COLE (DDG67) Ceremony L-R Dept Judge Advocat Myles Fry, Dept Surgeon Paula Jansen, Crewmember Mr. Toney, CO Kirk S. Lippold, Cdr, USN (Ret), Dept Chaplain/Dist One Jr. Vice James Wriht. Dist One Commander John Lewis



Gravesite of SN Lakiba N Palmer, one of the seventeen USS COLE (DDG67) crewmembers killed in a terrorist boat attack on Cole twenty-one years ago on Oct 21, 2000. Wreath of seventeen White Roses, "One for each Crewmember killed"



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Happy 1st Responders Day! Our Auxiliary took over several meals & desserts to the San Marcos Fire Station to show our support



District 1 Vice President Diana Kulhanek & District 1 Secretary Evie Holland at the North County Veterans Stand Down (NCVSD).



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT



31 Chief Petty Officer Selectees spent the day at Post 3788 “Cleaning Up the Ship”



Posts 2080, 5867, 7420 and 9578 represented the District at the Honor Flight return.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT



VFW Post 2082, Lemon Grove, Ca ...

Sep 29 · 🌐

On September 29, 2006 Michael A Monsoor was killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom and posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

On September 29, 2006 in a firefight in Ramadi, Iraq an insurgent threw a grenade onto a rooftop where Monsoor and several other SEALs and Iraqi soldiers were positioned. Monsoor quickly smothered the grenade with his body absorbing the resulting explosion and saving his Comrades from serious injury or death. Monsoor died 30 minutes later from wounds caused by the grenade explosion.



Above: Post 2422 Chili Cookoff

Below: The Chili Cookoff winner with her Fire Truck Chili



Congratulations to Team 5867 Auxiliary President Diana Kohenick! She received two National Awards, one for Mentoring and one for Outreach. Way to go Diana!!
#oneteamonemission5867
#auxiliaryvfwpost5867 #teampost5867



Left: The Post 5867 Buddy Poppy Booth at the Bulls Only Rodeo



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT



**Left, Right and Below:
District 1 attending
Department
Commander Yingling
and President Krutz
homecoming.**



Post 11387 and Community Dia De Los Muertos alter



**Post 11387
member
Charles**



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT



**Left and Right:
Navy Birthday Ceremony at Post 7420**



Post 1513 Membership Booth at the Escondido Street Fair



Above and below, Left and Right: Post 3783 preparing the Stand Down Meal



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Post Commanders Club "Number One" meeting at Post 7907



kusi.com
Wall of Freedom Unveiling Ceremony in Solana Beach -



VFW Motorcycle Club at a Post 2080 event

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Oct 9 · 🌐

A big Thank You to all the guys who worked on our flag pole!!! Wonderful job 🇺🇸 🙌

L to R - District President Sheila has a San Francisco Bay Area Meet and Greet with Past Dist. 10 President Kay Fuller, Current Dist. 10 Auxiliary President Helen Steinberg, VFW Auxiliary 8750 President Dray Montano, and current Dist. 12 President, Lynette Peavey.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Having a great meal at a Post 2080 event

New nation-wide Veterans Crisis Line number begins July 16 – 988 and Press 1

If you're in crisis, call the new Veterans Crisis Line number.

Dial 988 then Press 1.

On July 16, 2022, the nation-wide Veterans Crisis Line will transition to a new number: 988 and Press 1.

By Matthew Moeller, Public Affairs Specialist



Post3787 Buddy Poppy Dinner

SIGN UP TO JOIN VFW ACTION CORPS

RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER AND ACTION ALERTS

Use camera mode to scan code



or

Text "VFW" to 50457

or

Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

VA SAN DIEGO
 “Stand Up ‘22 @ Slab City”

Veteran focused
 Claims assistance (VA Disability Compensation)
 VA Housing information (HUD/VASH)
 VA Benefits information
 Chaplain services
 Mental health services
 Clothing give-away
 Free breakfast and lunch

November 18th, 2022
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

All are welcome!!!

Lakeside VFW Post 5867

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Nov. 2, 2022 6pm

HONOR & CELEBRATE YOUR LOVED ONES

Bring in your Loved ones pictures 15-30 Oct 2022

Bring Arts and Crafting to your post! Workshops available monthly. Benefits mental health. To schedule a workshop contact: paula.jansen@att.net 619-261-0463

CRAFT CHAT & WELLNESS

Featuring: rock painting!

RECEIVE YOUR FREE CRAFT KITS FROM HELP HEAL VETERANS!!

Reportable under vfwca.org Veterans Assistance VFW Mental Health

FREE kits for Veterans!

You're Invited!
 11/13 VFW Post 5985 Pacific Beach, CA 9am-12pm
 12/11 VFW Post 9578 Alpine, CA 9am-12pm

Lakeside VFW POST 5867

Santa Arrives at 8am

TOY DRIVE

2nd Year
5k Walk

DECEMBER 03, 2022

Walk starts at 9am

BENEFITING LOCAL KIDS AND NEED

Coffee, Hot Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate, Mary's Donuts, & Snacks

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numerous Auxiliaries have not been reporting on programs or events which their specific group may have been involved with, sponsored, or assisted with. Those reports are very important towards the Circle of Excellence, which means your Auxiliary should be providing at least 1 report on each of the programs to be healthy and viable in our community. If you need assistance on reporting, please reach out to the District chairmen who can make sure everything is accounted for on the specific program.

Obligations:

Has your Auxiliary contributed their donations to the obligations? Monies towards the programs and obligations assists veterans and families in their time of need.

On Wednesday, October 12, numerous VFW comrades, myself and VFW Auxiliary 3795 President Rachelle McCollough attended the memorial service for the personnel aboard the USS Cole, which was attacked that day by Al Qaeda. A wreath was placed at the gravesite of Lakiba Palmer, one of the Cole's victims from the attack. Other VFW comrades were in attendance, and we heard a brief speech by the (then) Commander, Kirk Lippold, who described the events from that horrible day. He had mentioned that Ms. Palmer was in the galley preparing lunch for the crew when the attack occurred.

I attended the Council of Administration meeting in Canoga Park on October 15, which coincided with Department Commander Marty's and Department Auxiliary President Mary Anne's homecoming at VFW Post 2805. Great turnout! Dept. Commander Marty received a National Award from one of the National representatives. Dinner was quite delicious, tri-tip roast with BBQ sauce and spiced rub, Caesar salad, cole slaw, garlic bread sticks, baked beans with pieces of tri-tip and other yummy choices.

Also – great news! During the Council of Administration meeting, we were updated on our membership status for our division, wherein we compete with Districts 3 (Palm Springs, La Quinta areas) and 17 (NE California up past Lake Tahoe area). Thank you to everyone for their dedication and work. We have earned the Division Medallion for Membership for this quarter! District 1 has this coveted award for now until our next Council of Admin meeting in January. (I'll be traveling to Sacramento to compete again, along with our Buddy Poppy contest winner's entry!) Currently (as of October 18) we are at 94% for District 1 membership! Keep up the great work, let's get the annual renewals done soon!

I received updates during the meeting that our Department Treasurer, Julie Vaught, will be sending out emails to Treasurers for upcoming schools of instruction due to the numerous personnel changes throughout the State for folks who are having issues with their roles. Please make note to respond to the training should the Auxiliary Treasurers receive the information to participate for teleconference options. This will be in your Treasurer's best interests to learn more about their roles and responsibilities for your Auxiliary.

Also, our Department Secretary, Renee Fulk, will also be conducting schools of instruction for Auxiliary Secretaries. Those emails will be sent out to each Auxiliary secretary for date/time etc. for online Zoom teleconference.

November 8 is Election Day – please make sure to vote either in person, by mail or other means. Your voice and vote are important for this country and for the benefit of our veterans! A legislative report should be submitted documenting your Constitutional right to vote free and fairly!

Currently, our District Inspections are past 50% mark, with 2 pending revisits for review of the updated books for signing off and submittal of reports to Department as required. Those will be done during November.

Our next Membership meeting will be Tuesday, November 22nd at Post 3795, San Marcos.

Please let District know if your Post/Auxiliary will be having any type of event for Veterans Day 11/11, as the parade for Downtown San Diego did not work out as planned.

District 1's line officers and team want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families and perhaps inquire if there are families who need assistance with food during this time. Everyone needs a helping hand, since we all know food prices are causing insecurities to those who are in a less fortunate status. Local military families may need our help, so let's have everyone step up with donations as they can.

I am waiting on updates for the Wounded Warrior Foundation's Deck the Halls at Balboa Hospital on Saturday 11/26 during morning hours. Information received is that about 160 volunteers will be allowed to participate, and I have submitted our information to the coordinator to inquire what we, as District 1 can do to assist. This is for the holiday season to decorate in the hospital, to make the lives and the spirits of the veterans a little less lonely when they see their facilities in a cheery colorful mode.

Thank you everyone for everything you do and continue to strive for on behalf of our veterans, their families and our community!

Dates to remember:

- Sunday November 6 – District 1 Meeting, 9am, VFW Post 2111, Chula Vista Please bring food donations for the Ways/Means table!
- Friday November 11 – Veterans Day – time for remembrance.
- Sunday November 13 – Fashion Show Fundraiser, VFW Post 2275, SABLE 1pm-4pm, tickets \$15.00 – contact Auxiliary President Julie Licari, VFW Post 3787.
- Thursday November 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Saturday November 26 – Warrior Foundation Deck the Halls (limited attendance, times approximately 7am-12 noon).

Loyally:

Sheila Jo Toor-Snyder VFW District 1 Auxiliary President

phone: (619) 990-0536 email: sheila.district1@gmail.com