



# The Patriot

NEWS FROM LT FRED L. KENT • VFW POST 7907 POWAY, CA



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### FROM THE COMMANDER

Comrades,

Happy Spring! The weather should start getting milder and more agreeable for barbecues et cetera. Speaking of barbecues, the Auxiliary held a fantastic one on St. Patrick's Day. The new smoker that Robert May built worked like a charm. Thanks to all who helped put on a great meal.

The Post will hold a second round of nominations immediately followed by the election of Officers during the General Meeting on 19 April. Please attend this important meeting.

In other news, the Post held a Disciplinary Board on 5 February against a member. The Board found the charges to be valid and a sentence of Termination of Membership was recommended. Both Department and National have approved this sentence. This was a sad but necessary undertaking. Thank you to all who participated.

I hope to see you all at the Post.

In Comradeship.

*Bob*

### Officer Nominations & Elections



#### VFW Post 7907 Officers

April 19

#### VFW Auxiliary Officers

April 10

**Be sure to participate. Your vote matters. Get involved.**



### Have an article for *The Patriot*?

Please submit your articles no later than the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. Send your submission to [VFW7907@gmail.com](mailto:VFW7907@gmail.com) with *Newsletter Submission* in the subject line.

**Editor:** Sara Salazar

Saluting veterans and flag image in masthead supplied by ©iStockphoto.com/LifeJourneys



**Easter Breakfast**  
**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Longanisa (sweet pork sausage)  
Pork Tocino  
Fried Rice  
Eggs to order

Prepared by: Ken & Amy  
Donation: \$7.00

#### FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Greetings from The House Committee Chairman. My name is Bill Kimble. Your Committee members are Don Stonecipher, Jim Forest (Chiefer), Robert Fenter, Ed Ozmun, Jason Widmer, Tom Robertson (Red) and Robert May.

We have been very busy making some much needed improvements to Our Post:

- The ladies small bathroom is still small but has been totally remodeled.
- The patio cover off the kitchen has been replaced and is no longer a leaking eye sore.
- The kitchen floor has been steamed cleaned, who knew the grout was white.
- Front patio rail has been replaced and has a fresh coat of paint.
- Installed a beautiful new flag pole and new flags.
- Installed a new natural gas BBQ.

We have many more projects on-going, and we are always looking for help.

I would like to personally thank Karen, our bar manager, all the great bartenders, Bill Haslton, Jason Widmer (owner of KIC Construction), his son Nate, Tom Behrle, Dave Grosch, Oscar Rocha and Charlie Bailey for all the hard work this month. Also, thank you, Rick Di Leila owner of Block Island Deck & Patio and Rick Sager Roofing for their generous material donation for the kitchen patio cover. Last but not least, I want to thank The Committee—they are really making a difference for all of us.

We are still trying to raise the money to finish the solar so we can get to zero on our electric bill.

I am adding a copy of the letter (following page) which I am sending out to all 600 plus members for our ongoing post projects fund.

Looking forward to a great year here at our Post 7907. Please feel free to contact me anytime with your thoughts or ideas at [kimbleheatingandair@aol.com](mailto:kimbleheatingandair@aol.com) or 858-722-2207.

In comradeship,  
*Bill Kimble*

★ All Gave Some. Some Gave All. ★



# Veterans of Foreign Wars

**LT Fred Lewis Kent Post 7907  
12342 Old Pomerado Road  
Poway CA 92064**

March 7, 2018

Comrades:

Our Post 7907 was first commissioned on October 12, 1957. We have been at our present location at 12742 Old Pomerado Road, Poway, CA since May 12, 1959.

A lot has changed since we moved in. We purchased the property. We made improvements to make it a Post. Most importantly, we built friendships! We have never written and asked for your support in the past, but we are asking now. Our building is getting old and needs repairs and upgrades.

Please help, if you can, by donating \$20.00 or more to the Poway VFW Post Building Fund. If you cannot spare \$20.00, please donate what you can. If you want more information on the upgrades we're making, please contact our House Committee Chairman at the number below.

Thank you and God Bless!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Kimble".

Bill Kimble  
House Committee Chairman  
(858) 722-2207

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Parks".

Bob Parks  
Post Commander

**No One Does More for Veterans**

**VFW Post 7907 is an IRS 501©19 non-profit veterans' organization**

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**Tax ID: 95-2549793**

**Contact Us: [www.vfw7907.info](http://www.vfw7907.info)**

Over the past seven years as Chaplain, I have presided over 30 funerals and each time the families were unprepared. They had no idea of the procedures to gain approval to have their warriors buried with military honors.

The first step is to ensure you and your spouse have copies of your DD-214. Store them in a secure place.

Additionally, the VA has simplified the process by offering pre-need burial eligibility. All a Veteran or family member needs to do is fill out the pre-need burial eligibility form and send it in. Pre-need burial eligibility is also extended to their spouse.

***For more information, please see the below from the VA Web site:***

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) implemented the pre-need burial eligibility determination program to assist anyone who would like to know if they are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. VA is promoting pre-need eligibility determinations to encourage Veterans and their eligible family members to plan in advance to use VA burial benefits that Veterans have earned through their military service. Planning in advance for a Veteran's or loved-one's final resting place can eliminate unnecessary delays and reduce stress on a family at a difficult time. Veteran families will have increased confidence that their loved ones are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery at their time of need.

Upon request VA will make eligibility determinations for burial in a VA national cemetery in advance of need. Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery which includes opening/closing of the grave, a government-furnished grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite, and a government-furnished upright headstone or flat marker or niche cover all at no cost to the family. Veterans are also eligible for a burial flag and Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Burial in a VA national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable by law and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces

who die while on active duty under certain circumstances or who die while on training duty are also eligible for burial, as are service members and former service members who were eligible for retired pay at the time of their death. Spouses, minor children and, under certain conditions, dependent unmarried adult children are also eligible for burial even if they predecease the Veteran.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has implemented this pre-need eligibility program so that Veterans, spouses and unmarried dependent adult children may better prepare for burial in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, along with a copy of supporting documentation of military service such as a DD214, if readily available, by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

We are no longer accepting email submissions for VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery. We hope to resume this service in the future. We are continuing to process applications via mail and fax.

See VA Form 40-10007 on the next page.

Please mail to:

National Cemetery Scheduling Office  
P.O. Box 510543  
St. Louis, MO 63151

Or fax to:

Fax (toll-free): 1-855-840-8299



 <b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>		<b>APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY</b>			
<b>NOTE:</b> Please read information on reverse before completing this form. If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet of paper.		<b>Submit Application and Supporting Documentation to VA by:</b> <b>Mail:</b> to National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151; or <b>Fax:</b> to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (855) 840-8299			
<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Pre-Need means before death. Only complete this form if you are applying for a Pre-Need determination of eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery. Time of Need means time of death. DO NOT complete this form if the individual is already deceased; instead, contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.					
<b>*REQUIRED ITEMS: YOU MUST COMPLETE THOSE ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH AN ASTERISK (*)</b>					
<b>SECTION I - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER</b> <i>(Claims for eligibility for burial are based upon the Veteran's/Servicemember's military service)</i>					
<b>*1. VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAME</b> <i>(Include Suffix) (Last, First, Middle Name or Initial)</i>		<b>*2. NAME USED DURING MILITARY SERVICE</b> <i>(Include Suffix)</i> <i>(If different than Item 1) (Last, First, Middle Name)</i>		<b>3. MAILING ADDRESS</b> <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)</i>	
<b>*4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b>		<b>5. MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER</b> <i>(If different from SSN)</i>		<b>6. VA CLAIM NUMBER</b> <i>(If known)</i>	
<b>8. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i>		<b>9. PLACE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(City, State or Territory)</i>		<b>*10. IS VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER DECEASED?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	
<b>*12. MARITAL STATUS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED		<b>*13. MILITARY STATUS USED TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION</b> <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> A. VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> B. RETIRED ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> C. DIED ON ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> D. RETIRED RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> E. RETIRED NATIONAL GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> F. DEATH RELATED TO INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> G. OTHER <i>(See instructions)</i>			
<b>MILITARY SERVICE DATA</b>					
<b>*14. BRANCH OF SERVICE</b>		<b>15. DATE OF ENTRY</b>	<b>16. DATE OF DISCHARGE</b>	<b>17. DISCHARGE - CHARACTER OF SERVICE</b> <i>(See instructions)</i>	<b>18. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED</b> <i>(No pay grades)</i>
					<b>19. STATE</b> <i>(Abbrev.)</i> <i>(National Guard Service Only)</i>
<b>20. IS THERE ANYONE CURRENTLY BURIED IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY UNDER THIS VETERAN'S/SERVICEMEMBER'S ELIGIBILITY?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(Complete Item 21)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(Skip Item 21)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <i>(Skip Item 21)</i>					
<b>21. NAME OF DECEDENT(S) AND VA NATIONAL CEMETERY WHERE BURIED</b>					
<b>22. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(See instructions for information on recommended documentation.)</i>					
<b>SECTION II - CLAIMANT INFORMATION</b> <i>(Information about the individual for whom determination for eligibility for burial in a VA National Cemetery is requested)</i>					
<b>*23. CLAIMANT</b> <i>(See instructions)</i> <b>(***Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007)</b> <hr/> <i>(Name) Last                      First                      Middle</i>				<b>*24. CLAIMANT'S MAILING ADDRESS</b> <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)</i> <i>(If different from item 3)</i>	
<b>WHO IS</b> <i>(check one):</i> <input type="checkbox"/> A. THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAMED IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> B. THE SPOUSE/SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> C. AN UNMARRIED ADULT CHILD OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> D. OTHER <i>(Please specify)</i>				<b>25. CLAIMANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> <i>(Include Area Code)</i>	
				<b>*26. CLAIMANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b> <i>(If different from item 4)</i>	
				<b>*27. CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i> <i>(If different from item 8)</i>	
				<b>*28. CLAIMANT'S MAIDEN NAME</b> <i>(If applicable)</i>	
<b>29. DESIRED VA NATIONAL CEMETERY</b> <i>(Optional - See instructions)</i>				<b>30. EMAIL ADDRESS</b> <i>(Optional - See instructions)</i>	
<b>SECTION III - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE</b>					
<b>CERTIFICATION:</b> By signing below, I certify that I am the Claimant identified in item 23, or an individual signing for the Claimant identified in Item 34. All of the information entered on this form about the Claimant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A fraudulent statement that leads to burial in a national cemetery or receiving other benefits from the VA could result in disinterment from that national cemetery and other penalties in accordance with the law. I acknowledge that otherwise eligible individuals may be barred from burial for committing certain serious crimes, as provided under 38 U.S.C. § 2411. VA will therefore validate a previous determination of eligibility at the time of need to check for those bars in addition to law changes or Claimant status changes that may affect eligibility of the Claimant.					
<b>*31. YOUR SIGNATURE</b>		<b>*32. DATE</b>	<b>*33. YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT IN ITEM 23</b> <i>(Check one; See instructions)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> A. SELF <i>(Stop here. Leave Items 34-37 blank)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> B. INDIVIDUAL SIGNING FOR THE CLAIMANT who is under 18 years of age, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to sign the pre-need application <i>(Complete items 34 through 37)</i>		
<b>*34. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL FROM ITEM 33B COMPLETING FOR THE CLAIMANT</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle Name)</i>			<b>*35. MAILING ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM FOR THE CLAIMANT</b> <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)</i>		
<b>*36. TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> <i>(Include Area Code)</i>			<b>37. EMAIL ADDRESS</b> <i>(Optional)</i>		

# Joint Honor Guard

The Joint Honor Guard conducted three missions, one operation, and assisted American Legion Post 479 and held the quarterly meeting since last report.

The JHG was contacted by the family of TSgt Julius Schmitt, US Army, World War II, and asked to provide a rifle salute at his interment on 06 March at Miramar National. The Honor Guards assigned were SrA Sam LaManna, SSgt Jessie Garcia, SSgt Jeff Kennedy and Gunner Vaineharrison (FPC).



**About our Veteran:** Julius Schmitt served in the US Army during World War II. Assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. It has seen continuous service since its organization in 1917 during World War I. It was officially nicknamed "The Big Red One".

*Thank you for your Honor Guard and Rifle Team. I received many thanks from the family and friends how professional your team was. Thank you for sharing your experience with me. I'm looking forward to working together in the future as we honor our veterans. Chaplain Si Rangel*

The JHG conducted a quarterly meeting on 03 March at VFW. During the meeting changes to the JHG bylaws were voted on and approved, certificates were awarded, reports on missions and operations were given,



firing party practice was conducted and the rifles were cleaned.



We received a last-minute request by family Pastor David Netting for a US Army Veteran, SPC Steve Hershey, and asked to provide honors at his services ton 16 March at Miramar National. Honor Guards assigned were SrA Sam LaManna, Skipper Michele Vaineharrison, Gunner Vaineharrison and Eagle Scout Wyatt Vaineharrison (FPC).



**About our Veteran:** Steve served from 1989-1993 as a 11C1P Indirect Fire Infantryman. Decorations- Army Achievement medal, good conduct medal, nation defense service medal, NCO professional development ribbon, overseas service ribbon, parachutist badge, sharpshooter badge mortar, marksman badge rifle, marksman badge grenade, Army lapel button. Steve was stationed at Fort Benning, GA - airborne training, Fort Polk, LA, Fort Hood, TX and in Korea on the DMZ.

*Thank you for helping the family! It was a blessing to have your group there. It honored Steve and was a blessing to the family.*

*Blessings - David Nutting, Sr. Pastor, North City Presbyterian Church*

## Joint Honor Guard - *continued*

The JHG was contacted by the Commander of VFW Post 11388 and asked to provide Chaplain and Boatswain services for WWII Marine Veteran SSgt Charles Meyer for his funeral at Dearborn Memorial Cemetery on 19 March.

**About our Veteran:** Charles stood in line the day after Pearl Harbor to enlist in the Marines. At the time he was attending night school studying electrical engineering so he was a natural to be sent to radar school after boot camp to rollout radar in the Pacific campaign under a new classified program. After school he was shipped out to the Pacific and ultimately participated in the initial landings on New Britain and Peleliu. He went back into the reserves after WWII with VMF-441 at Naval Air Station Niagara Falls, NY and was promoted to Staff Sergeant October 1, 1950. On November 16, 1952, Charles was Honorably Discharged.

*Gunner, thank you!! Our whole family greatly appreciated how you and the Marine Corps and the VFW honored my dad in the way you did. We weren't sure what to expect but it exceeded all expectations. My father would have been overwhelmed as were we. Thanks, Gary Meyer*

The JHG also supported American Legion Post 479 fundraising breakfast on 18 March preparing meals and cleaning up. Over 20 meals were served to support Veterans and their families.



The JHG was asked to conduct a briefing on 21 March about the JHG and VA Pre-Approval Burial requests at the Rancho Bernardo RSVP.



The Joint Honor Guard (JHG) is an all-volunteer group composed of Veterans and Citizens in Poway. Our primary mission is to honor the Veterans of the community of Poway by providing, when able, a rifle salute during their final honors.

For more information about the JHG, please contact the Joint Honor Guard Adjutant at [JHG7907@aol.com](mailto:JHG7907@aol.com)



## Around The Post



4th Tank Battalion conducting live fire at Range 408B on Camp Pendleton.



This month's dinner winners are  
**Alan Henton & Dennis R.**



**The American Legion**  
**POWAY POST 479**  
"for God and Country"

## American Legion Breakfast Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** VFW Building

**Time:** 9:00 – 11:00 AM

**Donations:** \$9.00

**Menu:** Corn beef hash, eggs, toast,  
hash browns, OJ & Coffee



## Sandy & Crew Breakfast Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Come enjoy biscuits with gravy,  
eggs-to-order & bacon  
for a \$7.00 donation.



## Dickie Boys Breakfast Last Sunday of each month

Come enjoy an omelette or  
eggs-to-order; bacon, toast, &  
potatoes for a \$7.00 donation.

### THIS DAY IN U.S. MILITARY HISTORY



Lt. Col. Florence Blanchfield  
(U.S. Army photo)

**April 1, 1884** – Florence Blanchfield, an American nurse who was the first woman to become a fully ranked officer of the U.S. Army, was born. She was the first woman to receive a commission in the Regular Army. In making the presentation of her commission in a ceremony in 1947, Gen.

Dwight D. Eisenhower paid tribute to the heroism of the Army nurses. The War Department credited Colonel Blanchfield, who at the time had spent 30 years in the Army Nurse Corps, with being “largely instrumental in securing full military rank for nurses.” She marshaled her arguments for “full” rather than “relative” rank at hearings before a succession of Congressional committees. Full rank was won on a temporary basis in July, 1944, and was made permanent by the Army and Navy Nurse Corps Law of April 16, 1947.



# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Happy Easter</b> Longanisa, pork tocino, fried rice & eggs-to-order <i>Ken &amp; Amy</i> Donation: \$7.00	2 <b>11:30 AM–1:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	3	4 <b>11:30 AM</b> Lasagna, garlic bread & cole slaw <i>VFW Crew</i> Donation: \$6.00	5 <b>7:00 PM</b> American Legion Post 479 General Meeting	6 <b>5:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	7
8 <b>9:00 AM</b> Biscuits with gravy, eggs-to-order & bacon <i>Sandy &amp; Crew</i> Donation: \$7.00	9 <b>11:30 AM–1:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	10 <b>6:30 PM</b> VFW Auxiliary Meeting	11 <b>11:30 AM</b> Open-faced beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy & green beans <i>VFW Crew</i> Donation: \$7.00	12 <b>6:00 PM</b> Post Officers Meeting	13 <b>5:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	14
15 <b>9:00 AM</b> Corn beef hash, eggs, toast, hash browns, OJ & Coffee <i>American Legion</i> Donation: \$9.00	16 <b>11:30 AM–1:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	17	18 <b>11:30 AM</b> Bacon Cheeseburger & fries <i>VFW Crew</i> Donation: \$6.00	19 <b>7:00 PM</b> Post General Meeting	20 <b>5:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	21
22 <b>9:00 AM</b> Call Post for menu	23 <b>11:30 AM–1:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	24	25 <b>11:30 AM</b> Steak sandwich, potato & cole slaw <i>VFW Crew</i> Donation: \$7.00	26	27 <b>5:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	28
29 <b>9:00 AM</b> Omelettes or eggs-to-order, bacon, toast & hash browns <i>Dickie Boys</i> Donation: \$8.00	30 <b>11:30 AM–1:30 PM</b> Call Post for menu	<b>Please Note:</b> We make an effort to list the meals accurately. However, menu items may change. Please check the Post menu board or call the Post to verify.				

**Canteen Hours\***: Mon: 10:00 AM–8:00 PM | Tue-Fri: 10:00 AM–9:00 PM | Sat: 11:00 AM–7:00 PM | Sun: 9:00 AM–9:00 PM

\*Closing hours subject to modification based on activity