



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



POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

House Chair Committee Meeting

6:30 PM | 1st Thursday - Dec 5

VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting

1:00 PM | 3rd Sunday - Dec 15

VFW Post Officer Meeting

6:30 PM | 3rd Monday - Dec 16

VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | 3rd Thursday - Dec 19

Auxiliary Monthly Meeting

6:00 PM | 2nd Thursday - Dec 12

Post House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party

8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings



VFW Poway Post 7907



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Never Forget

Have an article for *The Patriot*? Please submit your articles no later than the 21st of each month. Send your submission to VFW7907@gmail.com with *Newsletter Submission* in the subject line.

COMMANDER'S CALL

We enjoyed an outstanding month in November. This is not based on income, but in the service you have provided to our veterans, their families, and our community.

Foremost, the Post conducted the most memorable Veterans Day ceremony ever. Sonny Cataldo and his son, Nicolas, were outstanding guest speakers and they deserve our thanks. We also had two guest singers and the Emerald Society, who all were great. We enjoyed the largest attendance of veterans, their families, and community residents ever at the ceremony and at the Post lunch that followed.

The event was followed by the Post formally recognizing the winners, runners-up, and their families of the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests at the Post.

The next large event was our successful early Thanksgiving turkey and ham dinner with all the fixings served on Sunday, November 24th. We fed more than 60 guests comprised of mostly veterans and their families. We also gave away about 40 turkeys. This event would not have been successful without the support of Brad, Bill and Karen Kimble, Mary Stonecipher, and Suzanne Kohlbrecher (a new auxiliary member). And most of all, we wish to thank Vons of Poway for donating the food. Thanks to all.

As we move forward to December, we need help on December 7th for Chief Ray Chavez Memorial lunch celebration and ideas and planning for the Post Christmas party. We're looking for someone to take the lead.

Thank you for all you do.

Don Stonecipher

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas!

Thank you everyone who is helping out with the meals! It's great teamwork.

We would like to bless someone this holiday season. I am asking for nominations for an individual or a family that you know of who may be in a difficult situation this time of year. You may nominate anyone local that could use a little financial help, be it a neighbor or a friend, military or non-military. Please email nominations to: sharikristine@gmail.com.

Put "Christmas Blessings" in the subject line.

See you down at the Post,

Shari Dunbar

2018-2019 Officers



Post Commander – Don Stonecipher
Sr. Vice Commander – Bill Kimble
Jr. Vice Commander – Sal Pellerito
Quartermaster – Alan Helton
Chaplain – Don Biadog
Surgeon – Fred DiCarlo
Service Officer – Bud Lichtenstern
Adjutant – Vacant
Judge Advocate – Bill Morrison
Guard – Joe Cruther
1st Year Trustee – Pablo Facun
2nd Year Trustee – Howard Dunbar
3rd Year Trustee – Bill Bauerle
Officer of the Day – Jason Widmer
House Committee Chair – Bill Kimble
Canteen Manager – Fernando Law
Maintenance Manager – Jason Widmer
Membership Chair – Richard Anderson

Auxiliary Officers

President – Shari Dunbar
Senior Vice President – Linda Miller
Junior Vice President – Karen Kimble
Secretary / Chaplain – Sara Salazar
Treasurer – Jim Gordon
Conductor – Robert Fenter
Guard – James Jones
Auxiliary 1st Year Trustee – Lisa DuMolt
Auxiliary 2nd Year Trustee – Patty Grosch
Auxiliary 3rd Year Trustee – Patti Caniglia



FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Season's greetings to all! What a November to remember.

Our Veterans Day ceremony and lunch was a huge success. I cannot remember a bigger turnout for both. Thank you all for volunteering to make this a great day for all our veterans and their families.

Equally successful was our Sunday the 24th Big O' Thanksgiving dinner. Nothing like gaining a few pounds prior to the real thing, where I gain even more. Thanks Commander Don for bird dogging those donated turkey dinners from our good friends at Vons. I know he says he was an Engineering Officer, but I think he might have a little bloodhound in him. Donations from our friends in the great City of Poway keep pouring in.

Also like to give a big shout out to our canteen crew as usual they are making our Post canteen a great place to be.

As we move into the Holiday season I challenge everyone to reach out to a veteran in need or their family. No gesture is too small, so don't be afraid to extend a helping hand. Even a smile warms the heart.

If I can do anything for anyone please don't hesitate to ask, my phone is always on.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season
Cheers

Bill Kimble

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FROM THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades,

December newsletter already. Wow this year flew by.

Reporting on the status of the poppies, so far this year has been absolutely fantastic. Most of you know I work for Barona Casino and love my job has the Military Community Liaison. I was able to talk to the upper management and it was decided to hand out a Buddy Poppy to all the customers that came to the casino on Veterans Day. The people that handed them out told the customer "Thank a Veteran today". We also had signage explaining the meaning of the poppy. All the staff members that worked that day also were given a poppy to be worn proudly. For me personally it was a beautiful sight to see. Barona Casino donated a very generous gift for the relief fund for our Post. It's been a great year for poppies with the National POW/MIA day, Miramar Air Show, and Veterans Day.

Let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and look forward to a wonderful Christmas.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Sal Pellerito



**I WANT YOU FOR THE
SATURDAY MORNING WORK PARTY**

Each Saturday at 8:00 AM at the Post
For more info contact Bill Kimble

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Comrades,

A few notable items for the month of November from the Quartermaster. To begin, we have completed and filed our taxes, which took quite a bit of time and effort, but we are good for another year. On a related note, we paid the first increment of our property taxes.

On the positive side of the balance book, we received a large donation from Barona Casino and are very thankful for their generosity. Additionally we had a really good turnout for Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday the 24th, and thanks to Vons for their generosity as well. The Post continues to do well but the more events we do the better.

Alan Helton



QM Alan Helton presenting Karaoke Contest Winner Joylani Nicolas with her contest winnings which she donated back to the Post.

FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Thoughts and prayers to our fellow Vets serving overseas who have the watch and will not be home with their families during the Holidays.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Bill Morrison



FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER

Comrades,

Hoping everyone has a very Merry Christmas. As always, as friends and family our mission is to support each other, our Veterans, and the Post. We should always remember that ultimately, our goal is to be here for one another.

Please also remember that every Saturday, we have a working party to clean and work on various odds and ends. Remember that volunteering is good for the soul and does a body good!

Don't forget to join us for football on Sundays, Monday, and Thursdays, and as always:

Thank you for your service!

Fernando Law



Movie Quote of the Month

Movie quote of the month (free beverage of choice to the first person that corners me at the Post with the movie title of origin):

*"Ma'am, I'm eight years old. You think I would be here *alone*? I don't think so."*

Previous month's answer – *The Lion King*

Chad 'Axel' Foley

FROM THE PROJECTS & MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Greetings & Happy Holidays to you all. We have had another productive month here at the Post. We have installed new carpet at the front entry area and have been moving along with the remodel of the men's restroom. We have installed new LED can lights in the hall and restroom and have the walls ready for finish texture. Thanks to Commander Don being persistent Lowe's in Poway has graciously donated a large financial sum and a group of volunteers to repair and paint our front patio, and install succulents and drought free plants around our entry and front of the building. They will also be installing ground cover, a new lamp post, a new flood light for our Flag, a wall mounted patio heater, and landscape lighting. I will be spearheading the project and it is scheduled to start December 6, 2019. Also I would like to thank all of you that continue to volunteer. It's a team effort and couldn't be done without all your help. We can always use help on Saturdays from 8-12. Hope to see you down at the Post.

Respectfully,

Jason Widmer

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

In the November meeting, the Post voted in the following members:

New Life Members

- Eastmead, Mark A., USMC. Recruiter Richard Anderson.
- Bennett, Christopher J., USAF. Recruiter Richard Anderson.
- Compian, Steven D., USMC. Recruiter Richard Anderson.

Upgraded Life Members

- Lizarraga, Alejandro P., USMC. Referred by Melissa Law, recruited by Fernando Law.
- Hadix, Donald C Jr., USMC. Recruiter Richard Anderson.

Transfer Members

- Shepard, Brian C., USN. Recruiter Don Stonecipher.
- Ulloa, David, USN. Recruiter Don Stonecipher.

Welcome Aboard!

Post Stats: New 3, Transfer 2, Reinstated 3. Continued 30. Percent is 95.34%, Retention 30.70%. Total members 615.

Richard Anderson

Comrades,

Starting Jan 1, 2020, all service-connected disability Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war (POW), and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) can use commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) retail facilities, in-person and online.

For more information regarding these privileges and access to military installations, please visit <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/expanding-access>

Now, who is eligible starting Jan 1, 2020?

- Veterans:
 1. Purple Heart recipients
 2. Former Prisoners of War
 3. Veterans with 0-90% service-connected disability ratings
- Medal of Honor recipients and Veterans with 100% service-connected disability ratings are already eligible under existing DOD policy.
- Caregivers:
 1. On Jan 1, individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregiver of an eligible veteran under the PCAFC will be eligible for these privileges.
 2. For information about primary family caregivers in the PCAFC, visit <https://www.caregiver.va.gov/>

NOTE: If you have not yet considered applying for "Service-Connected" disability contact your Post Service Officer

Required credentials.

- Veterans:
 1. On Jan 1, Veterans eligible solely under this act who are eligible to obtain a Veteran Health Identification Card must use this credential for in-person installation and privilege access. The card must display the Veteran's eligibility status (i.e., PURPLE HEART, FORMER POW or SERVICE CONNECTED). Apply here: <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic/index.asp>.
 2. Veterans eligible solely under this act who are not enrolled in or are not eligible to enroll in VA health care, or who are enrolled in VA health care, but do not possess a Veteran Health Identification Card will not have access to DoD and Coast Guard installations for in-person commissary, exchange, and MWR retail privileges, but will have full access to online exchanges and American Forces Travel.
 3. Medal of Honor recipients and Veterans with 100% service-connected disability ratings are eligible for DoD credentials under DoD policy.
- Caregivers:
 1. Eligible caregivers will receive an eligibility letter from VA's Office of Community Care.
 2. If you are a primary family caregiver under the PCAFC and lose your eligibility letter, please call 1-877-733-7927 to request a replacement. Please allow two weeks for processing.

Your Post Service Officer stands ready to serve you.

Bud Lichtenstern



Join Us Fridays for Friday Burgers & Karaoke

Karaoke at 5:00 PM | Dinner at 6:00 PM

Burger & premium beer 9.00

Burger & domestic beer 7.00

Burger only 5.00

Volunteers always needed & greatly appreciated!

VFW AUXILIARY 7907 HOSTS

BREAKFAST

Sunday, Dec 15 | 9:00 AM



Scrambled eggs, hash browns,
bacon & fresh fruit

Donation: 8.00

VFW POST 7907

Ray Chavez Memorial Lunch

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM



Join us as we remember
our late comrade who served
at Pearl Harbor

Tacos with all the fixings

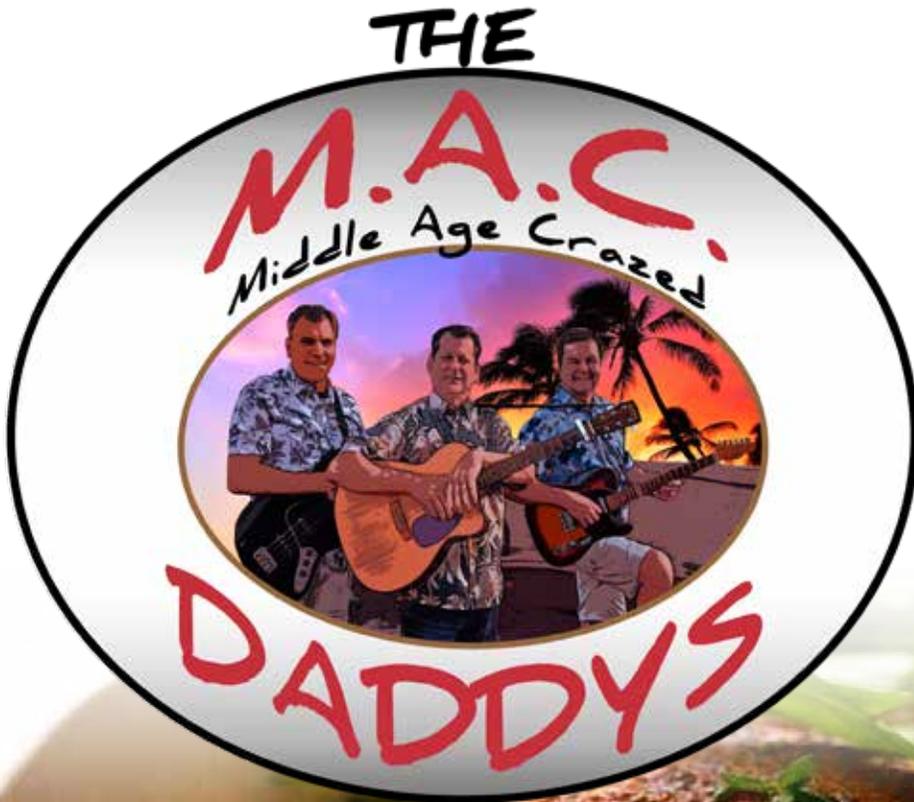
Donation: 10.00



VFW POST 7907

The M.A.C. Daddys! & Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM



Dinner

1/2 Rotisserie chicken,
rice pilaf & veggies

Donation: 10.00

*Bring your friends for a
night of good food and
entertainment!*





VFW Auxiliary 7907 Hosts

Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange

Saturday, December 14, 2018 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Join us for an evening of fun and festivities.

6:00 PM Dinner

Ham, scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables & dessert

Donation: 10.00



Bring a 15.00 gift for the
White Elephant Exchange
if you wish to participate

VFW Post 7907 | 12342 Old Pomerado Rd, Poway CA 92064 | 858-748-7907

VFW Post & Community Events

75th Anniversary of Leyte Landing in Palo, Leyte, Philippines - Oct 19-20, 2019

In October 20, 1944, General Douglas MacArthur returned to the Philippines and found men and women who fought as guerillas against the Japanese invaders. These fighters kept the Japanese forces at bay until the General's return.

Seventy-five years after that historic battle, the few remaining fighting guerillas were honored in a simple ceremony organized by the VFW. Chaplain Don Biadog handed out simple tokens of appreciation to the remaining WWII Philippine Scouts, former guerillas who joined the Philippine and American soldiers in completely driving out the Japanese.



"We're honoring them because of their faithful service to this country. We have to express gratitude whenever possible, because as you know, we are losing them by the hundreds everyday," Don Biadog, CHC, USN, Ret.



Philippine Scouts Felicidad Lagahit Palaña, 94 & Cesario Palaña Lagutan, 93 with Chaplain Don Biadog.



Chaplain Don Biadog & Philippine Scout Benjamin Canonigo, 95.

★ *Never Forget* ★

VFW Post & Community Events

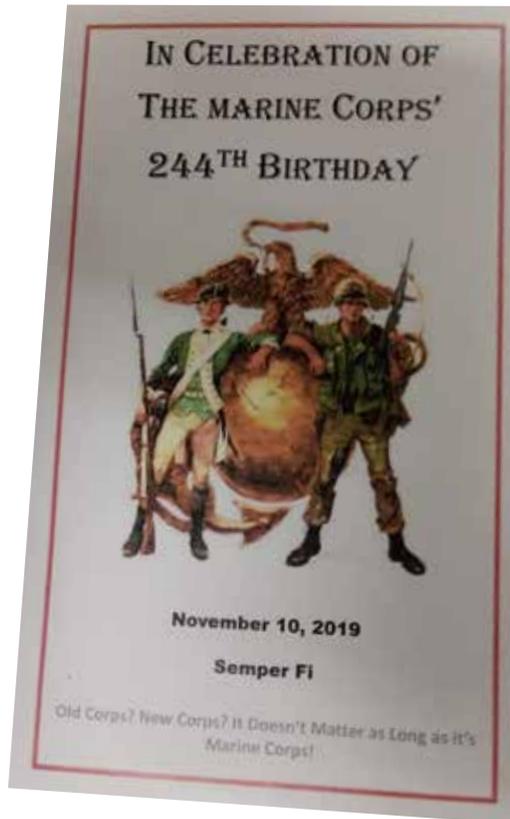
Marine Corps Birthday - Nov 10



Happy 244th Birthday Marines!



Gunner cutting the cake.



The youngest Marine presenting the oldest Marine a piece of the birthday cake.

★ *Semper Fi* ★

VFW Post & Community Events

Veterans Day - Nov 11



Former POW Richard Boettner was introduced by CDR Don Stonecipher. Photo credit: Monte Umsted



Hannah Roby sang the National Anthem. Photo credit: Monte Umsted



Chaplain Don Biadog gave the opening prayer



Guest speaker CWO2 Sonny Cataldo, USCG, Retired. Photo credit: Monte Umsted



Guest speaker ME1 Nicolas Cataldo, USCG. Photo credit: Monte Umsted



Susan sang an original song honoring veterans.



San Diego Emerald Society played a touching bagpipe medley during the ceremony.



CDR Stonecipher addresses the crowd- there was a large turnout this year.



Membership Chairman Richard Anderson at the Post's Buddy Poppy table at Poway Veterans Park.



We had a great turn out at the Post after the ceremony at the Veterans Park. The food was fantastic & a good time was had by all.



This gentleman sang a song he wrote to honor veterans for their service.

★ *All Gave Some. Some Gave All.* ★

DECEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Blueberry pancakes, egg & bacon Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Grilled ham & cheese & fries Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 - 9:30 PM Hall Rented</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30 AM BLTs & fries Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM House Chair Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger, potato salad & domestic beer Donation: 7.00</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 PM Ray Chavez Memorial Lunch Taco truck Donation: 10.00</p> <p>6:00 - 9:00 PM M.A.C. Daddy's Perform 1/2 Rotisserie chicken, rice pilaf & veggies Donation: 10.00</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM No Breakfast</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Tacos & coleslaw Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30 AM Open-faced pork sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy & veggies Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 PM VFW Auxiliary Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger, potato salad & domestic beer Donation: 7.00</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 PM Ham, scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables & dessert Donation: 10.00</p> <p>Christmas Gift Exchange optional bring a \$15.00 wrapped gift</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon & fresh fruit Donation: 8.00</p> <p>1:00 PM VFW / AUX Roundtable Meeting</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Fancy grilled cheese & fries Donation: 5.00</p> <p>6:00 PM VFW CDR/Officer Meeting</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30 AM Roast beef & potato chips Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger, potato salad & domestic beer Donation: 7.00</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Eggs, hash browns, sugar bacon & fresh fruit Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Surprise</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Merry Christmas</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>1:00 PM French toast, sausage & fresh fruit Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Surprise</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Please Note: 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.</p>			

Canteen Hours*: Sun: 9:00 AM–3:00 PM | Mon: 11:00 AM–3:00 PM | Tue: Closed | Wed: 11:00 AM–9:00 PM | Thu-Sat: 3:00–9:00 PM

*Closing hours subject to modification based on activity