



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 | 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - Feb 7

### VFW CDR/Officer Meeting

6:30 PM | 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - Feb 14

### VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - Feb 21

### VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting

6:30 PM | 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Feb 28

### AUX Monthly Meeting

6:00 PM | 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - Feb 12

### Post House Chairman Clean up/Working Party

9:00 AM | Saturday Mornings



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.

### COMMANDER'S CALL

#### Who are we?

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States believes America is defined by how it treats those who sacrificed to protect it. We believe in protecting and fighting for those who were brave enough to fight for us. Whether on Capitol Hill or in our communities, the VFW fights for Veterans rights, helping Veterans get the benefits they deserve, and assisting Veterans further their education with scholarships and living assistance for them and their families. To do less, would be an unconscious betrayal of our responsibilities as Americans and Veterans.

#### Why do we do it?

The VFW is a place to gather together and share good times and experiences with fellow veterans and their families who have been in a foreign conflict, war, expeditionary campaign or part of an occupation force with others who understand what was an important part of our life. VFW Poway is a great place to meet new friends and reconnect with older ones. Veterans have experience, wisdom and knowledge that they bring to any community and can effect it in a positive way. Participation also reminds us of who we are, where we came from and where we are going. We can and do make a difference.

#### What have we done?

Never Forget- The sacrifice- The Honor, Courage and Commitment

2/1 President Reagan orders withdrawal of US Marines from Beirut in 1984

2/8 US Forces secure Guadalcanal in 1943

2/15 USS Maine sinks in Havana Harbor in 1898

2/22 Operation Junction City begins in Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam in 1967

2/23 U.S. flag raised on Iwo Jima in 1945

2/25 Iraqi Scud missile hits US barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia in 1991

#### What are we doing?

Thanks to those of you who are making a real POSITIVE contributions to the Post. A Shout Out to our amazing House Committee Chair **Fernando Law** and Co-Chair **Jason Widmer, Ed Ozmun, Bill Kimble and Don Stonecipher**. What a fantastic job they are doing. Now, we have a Security System with cameras to protect our House. Thanks **Bill K** for your leadership and making a real difference. The Friday Night Burger Night continues to be a smashing success- Bravo Zulu to **Melissa, Fernando, Judy and Leroy, Chad, Marianne and Ed** for cooking up the Best Burgers in Poway. Love when the VFW and

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## 2018-2019 Officers

Post Commander...Bill Morrison  
Sr. Vice Commander...Vernon DuMolt  
Jr. Vice Commander...Bill Kimble  
Quartermaster...Alan Helton  
Chaplain...Barry Cronin  
Surgeon...Chad Foley  
Service Officer...Bud Lichtenstern  
Adjutant...Alberto Vazquez  
Judge Advocate...Bob Parks  
Guard...Jennifer Guerrero  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee...Ed Ozmun  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee...Jim Forrest  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee...Tom Behrle  
Officer of the Day...Jason Widmer



## Auxiliary Officers

Auxiliary President...Alex Grosch  
Auxiliary Sr. Vice President...Robert Fenter  
Auxiliary Jr. Vice President...Bill McKibbin  
Auxiliary Treasurer...Brad Cotton  
Auxiliary 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee...Linda Miller  
Auxiliary 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee...Jim Gordon  
Auxiliary 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee...Patty Grosch



Aux work together. How about this Newsletter? What an awesome product- Thanks to our editor **Sara**. Thanks to our new adjutant, **Alberto** for drafting over 20 letters of appreciation last month. Thanks to our hardworking, dedicate and honest Quartermaster **Alan Helton**. Thanks to our **cooks** on Sundays or lunch on Mondays or Wednesdays. Thanks to the Membership Chair and Co Chair- **Greg and Richard**. We are at 103%!!!

### What can you do?

Simple, come on down to the Post. Meet our awesome bartenders. Have some fun, but leave those bad attitudes at the door or in the park. Support our **All State Post** in any way you can by recruiting new members, supporting the House Committee on pending projects, doing some work on Saturday mornings, Volunteer to cook a meal, attend some meetings- get involved and/or just Patronize the Post. Please come on down for a cold one and bring family, neighbors, or friends or meet some new ones.

In comradeship,

*Bill Morrison*

### FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

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Hi Everyone,

First off, I would like to say a big, big, Thank You to life-time Auxiliary member **Karen Lewellen** for all the hard work she has put into the VFW post the last thirteen years. When I think of the VFW I think of Karen and the place will not be the same without you, Thank you- Thank you- Thank you. I cannot say it enough. Also, the Auxiliary Solar Project is officially complete! The 48 new solar panels are up and running. This would not have happened if not for Auxiliary members **Judy Hill, Robert Fenter, and Brad Cotton**; along with support from VFW members **Alan Helton and Tom Behrle**, Thank you to all of you for your hard work; made working with everyone easy. The Auxiliary Solar Project tops off an amazing 2018 for us. We have raised and donated \$16,577 in 2018 alone, and we still have a healthy \$4000 in our reserves. I could not ask for a better group of individuals to volunteer with. All of you are here because you enjoy helping others and not yourselves; which explains how the Auxiliary can rally together to accomplish any goal we set. We are about results over recognition and I could not be prouder of our 7907 Auxiliary.

*Alex Grosch*

### FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

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Comrades,

Here we are in the start of a new year and in a few months we will be nominating new officers. It's time for all of us to consider who among us we would like to have leading us and keeping the honor and prestige of Post 7907 moving forward.

Many of us take for granted the positions of the Post officers and think that the daily decision making is like running our own households. However, this household has many personalities and many constraints that effect the process. When an unpopular decision is made people are quick to point the finger at you and say "you should have done this" or "if I were you I would have...". If

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you are one of those people, you have the opportunity to become one of the key decision makers in the months to come.

Most decisions are made by committee and at times the committee will turn its recommendations over to the Commander for the final decision. It's much like when we were on active duty whereby a staff section uses local doctrine, and standard operating procedures (SOP's), etc. to come up with 3 courses of action (COA) and gives a recommendation to the Commander for his decision.

All of us are invited to help in the decision making process for many situations effecting the Post. However, even though our members and Auxiliary members are invited to Officer's meetings, House Committee meetings, and planning meetings to give their input on current issues, the only members present are the core group i.e. the command group. When a decision is handed down some members are disappointed or hurt, and spread hate around the Post.

So far the process has been good for the Post in that we are streamlining the way the canteen does business, with the help of the Auxiliary we are able to cut back on our utility bills and new ideas have brought in many new members and more business. Unfortunately, unpopular decisions were made in order to move forward as a business, and much work still needs to be done. Having said this, I challenge you to consider running for an officer position for next year. It's really not hard but requires some degree of courage. If you're not ready to take on more responsibility, at least take an active role by attending the meetings or joining a committee, and become part of the solution.

In Comradeship,

*Vernon DuMolt*

#### FROM THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings from the Junior Vice Commander.

I would like to thank our comrades who continue to put their loose change in our poppy cans at the cantina. It really adds up. We have added bingo to our Friday night Burger Burn. The bingo proceeds will go directly to our Buddy Poppy/Relief Fund. We hope to do bingo every Friday night, tell your friends and family it's a lot of fun and we have fabulous prizes. Thanks again for making January a success.

In comradeship,

*Bill Kimble*

#### FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Gracious good day, comrades.

Proverbs 27:17 teaches us that "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." There is genuine wisdom in these words. We veterans need each other to help us become the best version of ourselves. This is particularly important in a noble organization like the VFW because we are all patriotic comrades-in-arms who have shared the experiences of combat against the enemies of our nation. We cannot count on politicians to do the right thing by veterans. Likewise, non-veterans. The best we can expect from them is lip service. It's up to us. If we don't work together in solidarity to preserve our great organization and advance its' cause, we will rapidly become irrelevant. Robust debate is a good

## BRAVO ZULU OF THE MONTH



The Bravo Zulu of the month is proudly presented to **Bill Kimble**.

In addition to his sustained and high level of support for the Post, Bill stepped up his game for January with the installation of security cameras in the Post as well as bringing Bingo to our Friday Night Burger Burns! Can't thank you enough for all you do, Bill.

thing and men of strong conviction are expected to stand up for what they believe. That said, our Charter is clear. We must not allow "petty jealousies or trivial personalities" to influence our deliberations. By all means, continue to fight the good fight. Holy Scripture also teaches us to respect legitimate authority.

*Barry Cronin*

#### FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

One of my duties as Quartermaster is to process membership applications. Our Membership Committee **Greg** and **Richard** and **all our recruiters** are working hard recruiting new members and keeping me busy. For 2019 Unpaid Members- IF you pay in February, as an incentive, how about a Free Friday night Burger— Please see me to Make this Happen.

We are doing Ok with cutting expenses. Looks like we saved \$100 on SDG&E and \$500 on cleaning expenses thanks to **Melissa and Fernando Law** for cleaning which saves the Post \$6,000 a year. Unfortunately, this month I had to pay BOE \$1,600 for our liquor sales tax.

*Alan Helton*



Alan with District CDR being recognized for 100% Membership

FROM THE SURGEON

Comrades,

For a bit of "surgeon"-y advice, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of good hygiene practices. The flu and other illnesses are prevalent this time of year and following basic hygiene, like washing your hands and covering your sneezes and coughs helps reduce the risk for you as well as others that you are around. Please do your part to keep our Post as hygienic as possible for the sake of all our patrons.



**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):

*"My mama always said you can tell a lot about a person by their shoes...where they going, where they been."*

Previous month's answer – American Psycho

*Chad 'Axel' Foley*

**Email:** chad.g.foley@gmail.com

FROM THE ADJUTANT

Comrades,

The newsletter is the best communication tool for letting people know what's going on at the Post. If you know someone who isn't on the mailing list, please get their email address on the sign up sheet by the door so they can be added. Thanks for helping us get the word out!

*Alberto Vazquez*

FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Comrades,

Now that football is over and baseball is two months away, what can we do at the Post? Bingo, that's what!! Come around on Friday evenings for the weekly "Burger Burn and Bingo". I did some research and came to the conclusion that we are in compliance with the rules so we should have no problems.

On to another matter, the Post cannot run itself, we need members to step up to take the various Officer's positions. We cannot expect the same people to hold a position year after year. I know that there are talented members out there who can fill these positions. Remember, the first round of nominations is coming up soon.

Hope to see you soon at the Post,

*Bob Parks*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

VFW, AUX & kids who need Community Service Credit

**Saturday Morning Work Party**

Each Saturday at 9:00 AM at the Post  
For more info contact Fernando Law.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JOIN US AT THE POST FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY  
SATURDAY, MAR 16, 2019

APRIL EVENT - TBD

VFW & VFW AUXILIARY INSTALLATION  
MAY

COMMANDER APPRECIATION  
DINNER & FAREWELL PARTY  
JUNE

HAIL TO THE NEW OFFICERS  
JULY

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

First, I would like to say thanks to the Assistant House Chair, **Jason**, for covering for me when I was on vacation. **Jason, Bill K** and the **CDR** cleaned the Post on Saturday and again on Wednesday Night. Second, thanks to **Bill K** for taking over the Friday Burger burn when I was gone, but also for installing much needed security cameras. Third, I am looking forward to the dedication of the Post ATM to Michael Anthony Ojeda- it was over a year ago that we lost him and this is a nice way to remember Mike. This month I am hoping to strip and wax the canteen floors. Also, we have a bunch of Flags to retire/burn. So if you want to help, we sure could use it. Great community service opportunity for those in school.

*Fernando Law*

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

For January, the Post voted in the following members:

New Life Members:

- Hassain A. Yezdi**, USMC - Recruited by Fernando Law
- Glenn L. Pederson**, USMC - Recruited by Richard Anderson
- Chaps Don Biadog**, US Navy - Recruited by Bill Morrison

**Welcome Aboard!**

Current Membership is 103% I encourage all members to get one more application turned in! We can make this one of our largest new member year!!

*Greg Clark*

**Cell:** 858-602-2484

**Email:** gregory.j.clark18@gmail.com

Assisting Our Coast Guard Brothers:

If you know of any Active Duty Coast Guard who may need financial assistance during this partial government shutdown please send them to me. There is a National push to make sure our Coast Guard brothers and sisters are taken care of right now.

VFW Unmet Grant Program is an ideal program that we can use to support the Coast Guard Families here in SD County. Your Post Service Officer can walk them through the process of attaining this VFW grant.

Also, for our Coast Guard brethren affected by the shutdown, the Navy Federal Credit Union may be able to help. The NFCU is offering interest-free loans to those not receiving a paycheck. Details here... <https://www.navyfederal.org/about/government-shutdown>.

**For Your Attention:**

*Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Bill*

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Bill Remains Top Priority: The VFW has worked with congressional leadership in the House and Senate to reintroduce and work toward quick passage of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, which would restore benefits to Blue Water Navy veterans and expand benefits for Korean DMZ and Thailand veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange. Please make sure you contact your Representative and let them know to support this top concern.

**Now on to a benefit for you home owners...**

*Having Trouble Making Mortgage Payments on a VA-Backed Loan?:* You can get VA financial counseling to help avoid foreclosure. A Veteran or the surviving spouse of a Veteran, can receive financial counseling even if your loan isn't a VA direct or VA-backed loan.

If you have a VA direct or VA-backed loan, you can contact the VA anytime to request a VA Loan Technician to your loan. Their advisers can offer you financial counseling and help you deal with your servicer (or work with you directly in the case of a VA direct loan).

If you have a VA direct or VA-backed loan and it's 61 days past due, the VA will automatically assign a VA Loan Technician to your loan.

If you are having trouble paying my mortgage or you're late with a mortgage payment, or think you might be late with your next payment, you can contact a loan servicer right away. The sooner you contact them, the sooner they can help you find a solution.

If you're nervous about contacting a VA servicer, or if you'd like VA help and advice, please contact a VA Loan Technician at 1-877-827-3702.

The VA can also help you avoid foreclosure. There are 6 general ways you can try to avoid a foreclosure and a VA Loan Technicians can help you figure out which option is best for you. Again you can contact a VA Loan Technician at 1-877-827-3702.

As always your Post Service Officers standby to serve you...

*Bud Lichtenstern*

# Never Forget



Feb 15, 1898 - USS Maine sinks in Havana Harbor.

Feb 9, 1943 - in a major World War II strategic victory, the Allies retook Guadalcanal from the Japanese. Picture - Troops from the U.S. Army's 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry rest at Guadalcanal, in November 1942. File Photo U.S. Navy.



Feb. 22, 1967 - More than 800 paratroopers jump from C-130s, launching Operation Junction City with the only battalion-size combat jump of the Vietnam War. (Time&Life Pictures/Getty Images)



Feb 23, 1945 - U.S. flag raised on Iwo Jima.



Feb 25, 1991 - Scud missile hits US barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

## Friday Night Burger Burn

Join us EACH Friday for a delicious burger, a cold beer, chips and salad for a \$7.00 donation.

Enjoy great Canteen specials too!

**Volunteers always needed & greatly appreciated!**





## **SUPER BOWL 53 PARTY** **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

**JOIN US FOR  
THE GAME & CHEER  
ON YOUR  
FAVORITE TEAM!**

**Potluck - bring your  
favorite dish to share**  
**It's always Happy Hour  
at the Post**



**GAME STARTS  
AT 3:00 PM  
SEE YOU THERE!**

## **VFW Post & Community Events**

*Burger Burn & Buddy Poppy Bingo - Friday, Jan 21*



B-I-N-G-O callers Ed Lapating & Bill Kimble.



Bill & Ed with the bingo winners: Albetro, Shari, Vicki, Patti & Mary Ann.



Leroy, Melissa & Pablo enjoying a much deserved break. Thanks for the great food!

### ***Mardi Gras Dinner - Lemon Grove Post***



Pablo & Alberto at the State Commander's Mardi Gras Dinner at Lemon Grove Post



# COME FOR THE BURGER...

Get the best burger,  
coldest beer in Poway  
with chips and salad  
for a \$7.00 donation

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019 | 5:30 - 10:00 PM**

**VFW POST 7907 | 12342 OLD POMERADO RD, POWAY 92064**



## ...STAY FOR THE MUSIC

**Back by Popular Demand**

# EQUINOX

No Cover! Great Music! Start 7 pm [equinoxrocks.com](http://equinoxrocks.com)

**VFW POST 7907**

# **Burger Burn and Live Music with The Rick Trotter Band!**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 | 5:30 - 9:00 PM**

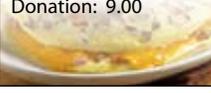


**Classic Tunes from the 60s and 70s!  
Band starts start 6 PM  
[thericktrotterband.com](http://thericktrotterband.com)**

**VFW POST 7907 | 12342 OLD POMERADO RD, POWAY 92064**

# FEBRUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><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.</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p><b>9:00 AM</b> Chicken fried steak, eggs &amp; potatoes <i>Clint &amp; Sandy</i> Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p><b>11:30 AM-1:30 PM</b> Sandy's Surprise</p>	<p><b>6:30 - 9:30 PM</b> <b>Hall Rented</b></p>	<p><b>11:30 AM</b> Boneless pork chop sandwich &amp; fries <i>Chuck &amp; VFW Crew</i> Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p><b>6:30 PM</b> <b>House Chair Committee Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>5:30 PM</b> Burger, beer, salad &amp; chips <i>House</i> Donation: 7.00</p> 	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<p><b>11:30 AM-1:30 PM</b> Sandy's Surprise</p>	<p><b>6:00 PM</b> <b>VFW Auxiliary Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>11:30 AM</b> Chili burger &amp; fries <i>Chuck &amp; VFW Crew</i> Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p><b>6:30 PM</b> <b>VFW CDR/Officer Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>5:30 PM</b> Burger, beer, salad &amp; chips <i>House</i> Donation: 7.00</p> 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p><b>9:00 AM</b> French toast, eggs, ham &amp; potatoes <i>Clint &amp; Sandy</i> Donation: 7.00</p> 	<p><b>11:30 AM-1:30 PM</b> Sandy's Surprise</p>		<p><b>11:30 AM</b> Open-faced beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy &amp; green beans <i>Chuck &amp; VFW Crew</i> Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p><b>7:00 PM</b> <b>VFW 7907 Post Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>5:30 PM</b> Burger, beer, salad &amp; chips <i>House</i> Donation: 7.00</p> 	
24	25	26	27	28		
<p><b>9:00 AM</b> Omelets or eggs-to-order, bacon, toast &amp; hash browns <i>Dickie Boys</i> Donation: 9.00</p> 	<p><b>11:30 AM-1:30 PM</b> Sandy's Surprise</p>		<p><b>11:30 AM</b> Steak sandwich &amp; fries <i>Chuck &amp; VFW Crew</i> Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p><b>6:30 PM</b> <b>VFW/AUX Roundtable &amp; Social Planning Meeting</b></p>		

**Canteen Hours\*:** Sun: Breakfast 9:00 AM-6:00 PM; No breakfast 12:00 PM-6:00 PM | Mon & Tue: 11:00 AM-6:00 PM  
Wed-Fri: 11:00 AM-9:00 PM | Sat: 12:00 PM-6:00 PM

\*Closing hours subject to modification based on activity

★ All Gave Some. Some Gave All. ★