



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 - Apr 4

### VFW CDR/Officer Meeting

6:30 PM | 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - Apr 11

### VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - Apr 18

### VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting

6:30 PM | 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Apr 25

### AUX Monthly Meeting

6:00 PM | 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - Apr 9

### 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

#### Post Business SITREP-

- MERGER of Post 7907 and VFW Post 11388/ Rancho Penasquitos. WELCOME to CDR Don Biedermann, VFW Post 11388, and its Post Members. VFW Post 11388/ Rancho Penasquitos is consolidating with our Post. At our General Meeting, the vote was unanimous (25-0) to accept our Comrades. Instead of Post 11388 surrendering their charter to National VFW, they will be returning to home to Post 7907 after forming a new Post about 25 years ago. VFW State Department CDR appointed the State IG as his representative to oversee the process. Last week, we met with the State Representative/IG Chuck Anfuso and the process is underway for a smooth transition. VFW Post 11388 is providing us a beautiful American Flag for our Post meetings, a firm commitment to Chair and work a variety of VFW Programs, and 60 Life Members. If you have any questions about this evolution, please let me know.
- Richard Anderson is fleeing up as Membership Chair. Welcome aboard. I have 110% confidence in Richard. -Special Thanks and gratitude to **Greg Clark** for his years of honorable and dedicated service as Membership Chair to the Post. There is no finer gent than Greg. Greg is departing the pattern and leaving membership at 107%. This is remarkable considering Post 7907 is now #1 in Mighty District 1, top 3 in the State, and top 20 in the nation. **Greg, THANKS for MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

#### MARCH REVIEW

Another super month- March 1st, we started off on a fine note with a packed house for the Friday Burger Burn and some awesome entertainment from Equinox. Thanks **Matty** for bringing his Band, rocking the house, and for joining as a new Post member. One week later, the St Patty's Day crew knocked it out of the park. Thanks to **Uncle Al, Vicki, Leroy, Shari, Linda, the House Chair Fernando, Melissa and crew.** How about the March Poppy and Membership drive at Walmart—WOW WOW WOW. Thanks to our Sr. Vice, **Bill K** along with Past CDR **Don Stonecipher**, Post Surgeon **Chad**, the **Westview JROTC** and Membership Chair, **Richard** (x6 new members) for successfully working VFW Programs Poppy and membership. Thanks to all our other volunteers for cooking, cleaning, and fixing/repairing.

#### DATES TO NEVER FORGET.

- 4/2 The Battle of Abu Ghraib in Iraq in 2005
- 4/6 US declares war on Germany (WWI) in 1917
- 4/14 US launches air strikes against Libya in 1986
- 4/15 Operation Mountain Lion began in Afghanistan in 2002
- 4/17 The Bay of Pigs (Cuba) invasion begins in 1961
- 4/18 Doolittle Raid launches to strike Tokyo in 1942

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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



4/18 Suicide bomber hits U.S. Beirut embassy in 1983

4/29 OPS Frequent Wind: last US personnel evacuated from Saigon in 1975

### APRIL SPECIAL POST EVENT - 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL ADOPT A UNIT DINNER CAJUN DINNER and SILENT AUCTION POST FUNDRAISER

As you know, our Post has adopted the MCAS Miramar F-35 SATAF Unit. At the request of OIC Major Chad "Axel" Foley, we are preparing a Cajun Dinner. We will be serving up some authentic Louisiana Food. So if you want to come to meet and greet Chad and his unit members, please see one of the bartenders for a ticket. They won't last long - only 50 tickets are left! (See attached Flyer) Entertainment/Karaoke provided by Tom.

Please think about making a donation and/or bidding on a few items. If you would like to donate an item or if you would like to create a basket, please talk to Sara or QM Alan. So far we have over \$6,000 in items pledged with items such as trips, hotel rooms, time share in Cabo, Brigantine gift cards, Barona Golf, Hotel Stay, Steak Restaurant & Buffets, Poway Lake Fishing, wine, coffee, whiskey, tequila, lottery scratchers, Harbor cruise, Gondola rides, zoo tickets, carpet/tile cleaning, car washes, Military gift basket, etc.

The Newsletter has really improved. Thanks to all for your input and the efforts of Sara and Chad. We now have movie and trivia quotes so I thought I'd offer the same deal as Chad and Alberto.

*"People in this world can be placed  
In one of three categories;  
Those who make things happen,  
Those who watch things happen, and  
Those who wonder what the hell happened."*

Friday Night Burger burn continues to be a good time for all. Come on down to see what Fernando is cooking up. Try one of his upcoming specials like a Cajun burger, Elvis Special, or the Philly burger. Karaoke King Tom continues with the lively entertainment on Friday nights. Come on down and join Past Post Commander Howard Dunbar in singing —I LOVE THIS BAR.

*Bill Morrison*

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades,

Throughout our lives we face uncertainty, perhaps often enough to influence our daily lives.

I bring this up because as I stated in an earlier article our Post is in the process of selecting new officers to lead us into the years ahead. Those who are chosen will be facing uncertainty once again, as will we all due to our decisions on election night.

At our last meeting some new members, having no experience in the roles they will fill, had the courage to accept nominations. Regardless, by working as a team they will be successful.

We still have crucial positions to fill and perhaps those who voiced their opinions regarding changes that should be made to make us better, or in some cases steer us back on course, will hear the call to join the leadership team.

I am hopeful that with all the talent we have among us, fresh faces with new ideas will answer that call.

In Comradeship,

*Vernon DuMolt*

FROM THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades,

First let me thank our great patrons for keeping those white poppy cans around the canteen stuffed. I pulled the donations from them Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and I was very pleased to see the overwhelming effort being put forth. Thank you so much, keep it coming. Our veterans and families in need really appreciate it.

Also on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> we had a very successful Poppy Drive at the Poway Walmart. Once again the Westview JROTC knocked it out of the park. These future leaders are a great example of excellent parenting. So thank you to those moms and dads who are putting so much effort into ensuring their kids are raised so well.

I'd also really like to thank all the generous residents of Poway and the surrounding area who made this Poppy Drive an outstanding success. And last but not least thank you **Richard Anderson, Chad Foley,** and **Don Stonecipher** for your support Saturday.

Finally my closing words of wisdom to all my Comrades. Be kind to one another, and don't be afraid to forgive.

Cheers,

*Bill Kimble*

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Hi everyone,

We've had some good events this past month that have helped our finances and are keeping us afloat. With continued participation that we've had we'll be able to keep sailing into the future.

Coming up in April are property and liquor sales taxes. Continued participation at our Burger Burns and other events will support these bills that are now due.

I've provided inventory and other data to be integrated into the new Point of Sale (POS) system. Delivery is slated to be the first week of April with setup and training over the next week with POS implementation to occur shortly afterwards.

*Alan Helton*

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In the Gospel of Luke, we read the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man. In the story, Lazarus is a poor beggar who sits at the door of the rich man, begging for scraps from the rich man's table. The scraps go instead to the rich man's dogs and Lazarus eventually dies. The rich man also dies and finds himself damned forever while Lazarus the beggar enjoys eternity in the bosom of Abraham in heaven. This parable is often misinterpreted. Many see it as a condemnation of wealth. Nothing could be further from the truth. The rich man's sin was not his money. On the contrary, his sins were twofold. One was his indifference to the suffering of a fellow man at his doorstep. The second sin was the sin of omission, his failure to act to help Lazarus when he possessed the means to do so. One of the primary missions of the VFW is to help fellow veterans in need and their families. Let us remember to always do that.

*Barry Cronin*

## BRAVO ZULU OF THE MONTH



The Bravo Zulu of the month is awarded to **Clint**. Clint has volunteered in helping with the Burger Burns as well as being a regular presence for Post clean up on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Post is definitely a better (and better looking) place due to your efforts.

FROM THE SURGEON

Comrades,

As the weather is becoming more comfortable and folks are spending more time outdoors, now is a good time to start getting back into some good health habits. First, even though the sun isn't bearing down on us too much yet, don't forget to put on sunscreen if you're spending any significant time exposed to the rays in the yard, at a game, or at the beach. Second (and this is good year-round), remember to stay hydrated! If you wait until you're feeling thirsty, you're already dehydrated.



**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):

*"England is under threat of invasion, and though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home."*

Previous month's answer – Paint Your Wagon

*Chad 'Axel' Foley*

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

FROM THE ADJUTANT

Comrades,

I want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication in making our Post one of the best. If anyone wants to get their volunteer on, Fernando is happy to welcome you Wednesday at 1800 and Saturdays at 0930 for a little bit of Post clean up.

Two administrative notes. First, if you or anyone you know is having trouble getting the newsletters please sign up on the roster by the door and you will be added. Second, if you can't make our General Meeting and want to dial in, please call 619-471-5152 no later than 6:55 on the night of the meeting.

Comrades I also want to present to you the first of many music trivia's. The first person to catch me at the Post and tell me the name and artist of the song gets a drink of their choice.



**This Month's Song:**

*Well, now, swing me, swing me, swing me, little darlin'  
Come on, let's go, little darlin'  
Let's go, let's go again once more*

Semper Fi,

*Alberto Vazquez*

I am pleased to announce that we have purchased a Point of Sale (POS) system and now have an improved inventory system. Together with the POS, we will be able to control our expenses and budget better. We are hoping to realize cost savings that can be applied to Post programs and events.

I would like to recognize **Tom Hausherr** for donating his time every Friday night during the Burger Burn to be our Karaoke DJ. Please join us on Fridays to enjoy a burger and sing your favorite song with friends and family. I would also like to thank Tom for donating a 65 inch TV for the hall. Football will be much more enjoyable thanks to his donation.

Just a reminder that we now own our ATM and all the transaction fees go to the post. The ATM was installed February 14th, and we raised over \$100 in two weeks without much publicity. If you have USAA or Navy Federal Credit Union, you will be reimbursed for the transactions fees. FREE MONEY to the post!

Please also remember that every Saturday we have a working party to clean up and work on various odds and ends. We are also mustering volunteers for the Adopt a Unit Dinner, and Casino Night. Donations for the Relief Fund's Silent Auction would be greatly appreciated. Remember that volunteering is good for the soul and does a body good!

Thank you for your service!

*Fernando Law*

In March, the Post voted in the following members:

- **Dominguez, Matt** USMC: Annual to Life Member recruited by Fernando Law
- **Drinan, Timothy** USMC: New Annual Member recruited by Fernando Law
- **Garawan, Eddie** USN: Transfer Life Member recruited by Greg Clark
- **Lopes, Joseph** USMC: Transfer Member recruited by Richard Anderson
- **Potter, Danny**: Transfer Life Member recruited by Richard Anderson
- **Race, Bruce** USAF: New Annual Member recruited by Richard Anderson
- **Sesate, Jesse** USMC: Transfer Member recruited by Richard Anderson
- **Schultejaus, Joseph** USN: New Life Member recruited by Bill Kimble
- **Webster, James**: Transfer Member recruited by Richard Anderson
- **Wilkes, Bernard** USMC: New Annual Member recruited by Bill Kimble
- **Williams, Sr, Gerald** USMC: Annual to Life Member recruited by Richard Anderson

**Welcome Aboard!**

Current Membership is 107%... great job to all our recruiters!  
Every 5.4 new members is another 1%!

*Richard Anderson*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CASINO NIGHT  
MAY

VFW & VFW AUXILIARY INSTALLATION  
MAY

COMMANDER APPRECIATION  
DINNER & FAREWELL PARTY  
JUNE

HAIL TO THE NEW OFFICERS  
JULY

## Friday Night Burger Burn & Karaoke

Join us Fridays for the best burger & coldest beer in Poway, chips and salad for a \$7.00 donation.

Stick around after dinner & sing a karaoke song or two with us.

**Volunteers always needed & greatly appreciated!**



## 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.

**Burial Expenses Reimbursed:**

Comrades, the VA will pay burial allowances up to \$2,000 if the veteran's death is service-connected. In such cases, the person who bore the veteran's burial expenses may claim reimbursement from the VA (VA-21P-530-Application for Burial Benefits.pdf).

In some cases, the VA will pay the cost of transporting the remains of a veteran whose death was service-connected to the nearest National Cemetery with available grave sites. There is no time limit for filing reimbursement claims in service-connected cases.

**Burial Allowance:**

The VA will pay \$300 burial and funeral allowances for veterans who, at the time of death, were entitled to receive pension or compensation or would have been entitled if they were not receiving military retirement pay. Eligibility also may be established when death occurs in a VA facility, a VA-contracted nursing home, or a State Veterans nursing home. In cases in which the veteran's death was not service-connected, claims must be filed within two years after burial or cremation.

**Death Pension:**

VA provides pensions to low-income surviving spouses and unmarried children of deceased veterans with wartime service.

Eligibility depends upon spouse not remarrying and children must be under 18, or under age 23 if attending a VA-approved school, or have become permanently incapable of self-support because of disability before age 18.

A surviving spouse may be entitled to a higher income limit if living in a nursing home, in need of the aid and attendance of another person, or permanently housebound.

As always your Post Service Officer stands by to serve you.....

*Bud Lichtenstern*



# Never Forget



April 2, 2005 - This guard tower sustained heavy enemy fire during The Battle for Abu Ghraib.

Photo credit: Sgt. Michael J. Carden, US Army

April 15, 1986 - Ground crew prepares a 48th Tactical Fighter Wing F-111F aircraft for an air strike on Libya.

Photo Credit: Staff Sgt Woodward, USAF



April 17, 1961 - The Bay of Pigs (Cuba) invasion begins.

April 18, 1942 - The U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Hornet (CV-8) launches a U.S. Army Air Forces North American B-25B Mitchell during the Doolittle Raid

Photo credit: US Navy



April 18, 1983 - A view of the damage to the U.S. Embassy in Beirut after the suicide bombing.

April 29, 1975 - The last members of the Marine Security Guard land on USS Okinawa during OPS Frequent Wind.

Photo credit: GySgt Russ Thurman, USMC



# VFW Post & Community Events

## Friday Night Burger Burns & Karaoke



Equinox rocked the house on March 1.



QM Alan Helton helping Past Post CDR Howard Dunbar celebrate his birthday at the March 8 Burger Burn.



Tom Hausherr providing back-up vocals for this soon to be Grammy winning duo.



Newest Auxiliary member & karaoke king, Tom Hausherr.



For Vice Membership Chair Richard Anderson its a Family Tradition.



Amy singing *I Want You to Want Me* by Cheap Trick

## Buddy Poppy Drive - Saturday, March 17, 2019



Cadet PO3 C. Merrem, Cadet Seaman C. Giorgetta, Richard Anderson & Cadet PO3 S. Beames.



Post Surgeon Chad Foley photo bombing Jr Vice Bill Kimble & a visitor to our Buddy Poppy table.



Past Post CDR Don Stonecipher, Richard & Bill.



Thank you Cadet Seaman Apprentice M. Wong, Cadet PO3 C. Merrem, Cadet PO1 B. Peterson, Cadet PO3 S. Beames, Cadet Seaman C. Giorgetta & Cadet LT C. Solomon for all your help!



Cadet PO3 C. Merrem, Cadet PO3 S. Beames & Don.

# VFW Post & Community Events

St Patrick's Day Dinner - Friday, March 15, 2019



From start to finish we had a packed house & a great night!



Bill Kimble, leprechaun Oscar Rocha, Howard Dunbar & Alan Helton.



The next great boy band - we can say we knew them when...



Patti all decked out for St. Patrick's Day.



Oscar & Chaps Biadog.



Alan & Tracy.



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

The VFW established the VFW National Home for Children in 1925 and we're extremely proud to be a part of the wonderful work the VFW and Auxiliary do for veterans and their families in their communities and at the National Home.

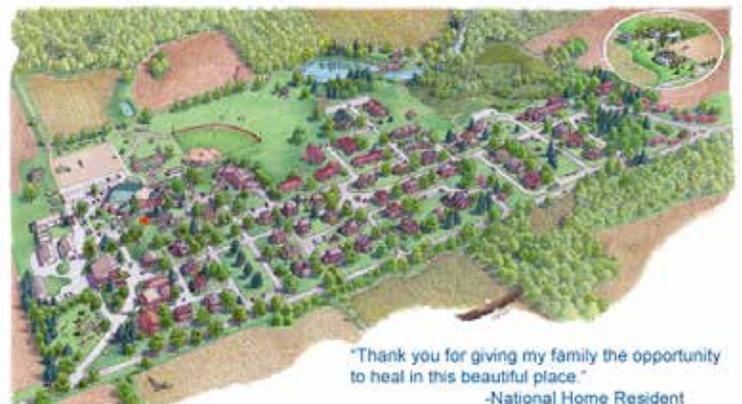
## Who Can Live at the National Home and What We Offer

The National Home's community is open to the families of active-duty military personnel, veterans and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. The family can be one or both parents with one or more children.

Case Management services to help families set up their plans and goals for the future.

- Educational, recreational, and enrichment opportunities.
- Community resources and counseling.
- Free housing and daycare.

If one of your members or someone in their family could benefit from a fresh start, have them contact us at [www.vfwnationalhome.org/help](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/help).



In accepting families to our program, we ask only one thing of them: They must be committed to making changes in their lives. To remain at the National Home, they are expected to demonstrate consistent progress toward family goals. Together, in partnership with the whole family, we are dedicated to helping each family reach its full potential.

You're invited to VFW Post 7907's

# ADOPT-A-UNIT DINNER



We are celebrating the adoption of  
**Miramar F-35 Site Activation Task Force**  
by our post with a delicious Cajun dinner

**Dinner includes:**

Jambalaya with chicken, sausage & ham,  
Red beans & rice, corn maque choux,  
& bread pudding

**Donations:**

\$15 pre sale; \$20 at door



**Saturday, April 20, 2019 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM**

**VFW Post 7907 • 12342 Old Pomerado Road, Poway, CA • 858-748-7907**

## & SILENT AUCTION

We have a wide variety of exceptional items for you to bid on such as trips, hotel rooms, time share in Cabo, restaurant gift cards, Lake Poway fishing, wine, coffee, whiskey, tequila, lottery scratchers, harbor cruise, gondola rides, zoo tickets, carpet/tile cleaning, car washes, military gift baskets & Barona golf, hotel stay, steak restaurant & buffets just to name a few

All silent auction proceeds will benefit our Relief Fund which is dedicated to the support Military Veterans in need & VFW Programs

*Be sure to invite your family & friends!*



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**VFW POST 7907**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 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**

# APRIL 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Sandy's Surprise	2 6:30 - 9:30 PM Hall Rented	3 11:30 AM Patty melt & fries Chuck & Hood Boyz Donation: 8.00 	4 6:30 PM House Chair Committee Meeting	5 5:30 PM Burger, beer, salad & chips House Donation: 7.00 	6
7 9:00 AM Sandy's Special	8 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Sandy's Surprise	9 6:00 PM VFW Auxiliary Meeting	10 11:30 AM Open-faced beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy & green beans Chuck & VFW Crew Donation: 8.00 	11 6:30 PM VFW CDR/Officer Meeting	12 5:30 PM Burger, beer, salad & chips House Donation: 7.00 	13
14	15 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Sandy's Surprise	16	17 11:30 AM Cheese burger & fries Chuck & Hood Boyz Donation: 8.00 	18 7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting	19 5:30 PM Burger, beer, salad & chips House Donation: 7.00 	20 5:00 PM Adopt-a-Unit Dinner & Silent Auction Red beans & rice, jambalaya, corn maque choux & salad Donation: 15 pre sale; 20 at door
21 9:00 AM Happy Easter Sandy's Special	22 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Sandy's Surprise	23	24 11:30 AM Steak sandwich & fries Chuck & Hood Boyz Donation: 8.00 	25 6:30 PM VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting	26 5:30 PM Burger, beer, salad & chips House Donation: 7.00 	27
28 9:00 AM Omelets or eggs-to-order, bacon, toast & hash browns Dickie Boys Donation: 9.00 	29 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Sandy's Surprise	30	<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.			

★ All Gave Some. Some Gave All. ★

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

\*Closing hours subject to modification based on activity