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Never Forget

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Happy 243rd Birthday



June 14, 2018



FROM THE COMMANDER

Comrades,

This will be my final article as the Post Commander. It has been an amazing two years with its ups and downs, (mostly ups). I need to thank my Officers for all the hard work they have done to help me during this time. I also want to thank the Comrades of the Post and the Auxiliary for their support, I couldn't have done the job without you. Three people who deserve special thanks are Bill Kimble, Alan Helton and Karen Lewellen, they have gone above and beyond what is needed to keep the Post operating.

Looking to the future, Commander-elect Bill Morrison hopes to have a year with a lot of activity and events, please give him your full support and have fun and enjoy the fellowship of your Comrades at the Post.

In Comradeship,

Bob

VFW Post 7907 Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day - Saturday 18 August, 2018

As many of you know, our nation has been honoring our Vietnam Veterans as noted in the Presidential Proclamation at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-proclamation-commemorating-50th-anniversary-vietnam-war/>

The President signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, designating March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

VFW Post 7907 has designated Saturday 18 August 2018 as the day we will honor our Vietnam Veterans with recognition of our WWII and Korean War Veterans.

Officially, The Commemoration recognizes all who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of duty location; and their families.

We make no distinction between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period. All were called to serve and none could self-determine where they were stationed.

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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.

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

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That said, I am asking that if you served during this period, please let me (tbehrle@gmail.com) and Fernando Law (bbmjjanie@hotmail.com) know ahead of time. Of course, we would like to know if you plan on attending but more importantly, we are seeking your input on what you would like to see included.

Please forward your name, conflict, rank/rate/mos so we can ensure you receive personal recognition.

Thanks,

Tom Behrle

★ *All Gave Some. Some Gave All.* ★

FROM THE POST CHAPLAIN

Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Luke 12:32-34

The true treasure that we can place in "money bags which do not grow old", is our love and caring for each other. Each time we help a Veteran or their family, we store up wealth where the "thief" cannot find it.

God designed us to achieve true wealth in His Kingdom, love and kindness for each other.

Father God, We give thanks to You for allowing us to be Your heart. To be Your arms and hands. We ask for You to open doors for us and that we have the courage to step though those doors and bring love to our fellow Veterans and glory and honor to You.

Semper Fi,

Gunner

Around the Post

Burger Burn • Friday May 4, 2018



We had a great turn out for our first Friday Night Burger Burn.



Thanks to Bill Kimble for putting together such a great deal & grillin' up all those delicious burgers.



Former Post Commander Vern DuMolt & Commander-elect Bill Morrison playing a game of corn hole.

VFW Donation to Marine

The Post donated a TV to Newlywed PFC Barnes assigned to 1st Light Reconnaissance Battalion.



PFC Barnes is 1st mLAR Bn S-3 Chief MGySgt Lopez.



PFC Barnes & VFW member Joe Vaineharrison.



Community Outreach

VFW Post 7907 and Auxiliary members conducted an 8-hour National Archery in the Schools Program Basic Archery Instructor course for adult leaders from Army JROTC as well as LA County Youth program and other non-profit youth groups. The 8-hour course is designed to certify adults to teach the NASP program in schools and resident camps.



Joint Honor Guard

The Joint Honor Guard conducted three missions and three operations since last report:

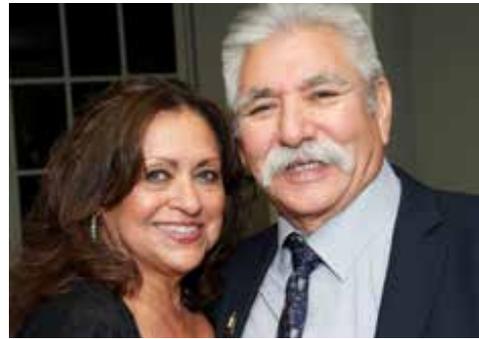
The JHG was contacted by North County Prayer Breakfast to provide a Color Guard on the National Day of Prayer at the Escondido Center for the Arts. Over 340 people were in attendance. The Honor Guards assigned were SrA Sam LaManna, Eagle Scout Wyatt Vaineharrison, Skipper Michele Vaineharrison and Gunner Vaineharrison.



Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God.

3 John 1:5-6

The JHG was contacted by Frank Peralta, Past Commander VFW Post 7420 for US Army, Vietnam Veteran SGT Nicholas Hernandez and asked to provide honors at his interment at Miramar National on 24 May. The Honor Guards assigned were SP4 Alan Davies, Sgt Bob Crosby and Gunner Vaineharrison.



About our Veteran: SGT Nicholas Hernandez served in Vietnam with the US Army's 4th Infantry Division from

1967 to 1968 and was the recipient of two Purple Hearts. Throughout his service in Vietnam, Nick conducted combat operations ranging from the western Central Highlands along the border between Cambodia and Vietnam to Qui Nhon on the South China Sea. He experienced intense combat against People's Army of Vietnam regular forces in the mountains surrounding Kontum in the autumn of 1967. During the Tet Offensive in 1968, Nick and his fellow "Ivy Soldiers" were assigned the largest area of operations of any division in Vietnam, the Ivy division was charged with screening the border of South Vietnam as the first line of defense against infiltration down the Ho Chi Minh trail through Laos and Cambodia, and, to preempt any offensive on the more populated lowlands. Triple canopy jungles, extreme heat, and seasonal monsoons were constant challenges to the division as were the North Vietnamese Regulars and Viet Cong. After leaving the Army, Nick continued to serve his community as the co-founder of the San Diego Ronald McDonald House.

"I want to thank you all for doing an outstanding and a grand military manner ceremony. Thank you very much and god bless all of you. God bless America."

- Frank Peralta, Past Commander VFW Post 7420

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The JHG was requested by the family of US Army Veteran SP3 Joachim (Joe) Engelhardt to provide honors for his internment at Miramar National Cemetery on 25 May. The Honor Guards assigned were: SrA Sam LaManna, 1stSgt Rick Anderson, Sgt Bob Crosby, SGT Ron Clement, Eagle Scout Wyatt Vaineharrison, Gunner Vaineharrison and Skipper Michele Vaineharrison.

About our

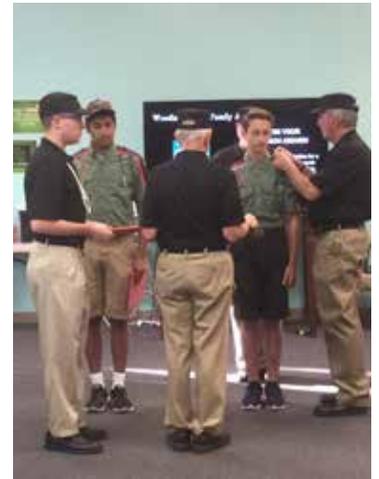
Veteran: Having survived the horrors of a Nazi occupied Germany during WWII, and the brutal occupation by the Soviets afterwards,

Joe Engelhardt, escaped from communist East Germany in 1952 and arrived in New York in 1954, to live with his aunt. Six months later, he was drafted into the US Army. After Basic Training, he was slated to go to South Korea, but at the last minute, was ordered ironically back to the region he fled from. He was stationed in southern Germany, where he was part of the occupation forces to stem the expansion of the Soviets. Joe served until 1956 with an artillery unit and was assigned as a 155mm self-propelled howitzer driver, where he achieved the rank of Specialist 3rd Class. Joe left the Army in 1956, when his draft enlistment was up, and became a gear cutter in New Jersey until 1982, at which time he moved his family to San Diego, where he work for General Dynamics, building the Tomahawk cruise missile and manufacturing space and airplane portions. He retired in 1993, and with wife and lived in Rancho Bernardo. In 2015, cancer took his wife of 60 years. Joe was joined with her again last month. Joe has three sons, CAPT Engelhardt (USN), the youngest at 49, a son in New Jersey and another son in Spring Valley, San Diego, who is a retired Police Officer. Joe also has two grandchildren. One grandson will be an Army 2LT next month, and one is a Navy midshipman at USD. Service runs deep in his family.

“My brothers and I are VERY grateful of the honor you have bestowed on our father and family. You and your team of professionals were spectacular! So impressive. All the best to you and God bless you.”

- CAPT Rob Engelhardt, USN

The JHG completed a four-month training and certification process for Trail Life Troop CA3923.



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The JHG was requested by the family of US Marine and Vietnam Veteran MGySgt George Lewis Wolder to conduct a flag ceremony at his graveside at Miramar National Cemetery in 28 May (Memorial Day). The JHG conducted a ceremony



in which we presented flags to his son and his son's mother. The Honor Guards assigned were: SrA Sam LaManna, Eagle Scout Wyatt Vaineharrison, Gunner Vaineharrison, Skipper Michele Vaineharrison.

About our Veteran: Master Gunnery Sergeant George Lewis Wolder served four tours in Vietnam. His last 13 years in the Marine Corps, he served at Camp Pendleton.

The JHG was requested by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 70 to provide a rifle salute at the Memorial Day Ceremony on 28 May. The Honor Guards assigned were: SrA Sam LaManna, Sgt Bob Crosby, Eagle Scout Wyatt Vaineharrison, Gunner Vaineharrison and Skipper Michele Vaineharrison.



For more information about the JHG, please contact the Joint Honor Guard Adjutant at JHG7907@aol.com

Flag Retirement Report

We currently have 217 flags to retired.

1,886 flags have been retired by the Post to date.

1. Please pass on to all your members, fellow Veterans and friends to simply place the flag box.
2. Our flag retirement program is set up to serve the residents of the community of Poway and our Veterans that live in the surrounding communities. If a group brings in to the Post or gives a large bag of flags to a member, please DO NOT accept them. We are not set up to receive and retire other service organizations flags that they have collected.

Next flag retirement will be 23 June (0730) at Camp Pendleton. To join with us for this event, please contact the Joint Honor Guard Adjutant at JHG7907@aol.com.

Dickie Boys Breakfast Last Sunday of each month

Come enjoy an omelette or eggs-to-order; bacon, toast, & hash browns all for an \$8.00 donation.



This month's dinner winners are
Linda Fern & Jim Ellison.

JUNE 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>					1	2 10:00 AM–12:00 PM Joint Honor Guard Meeting
					3 9:00 AM Chicken fried steak, eggs-to-order, potatoes & toast Chiefer & Clint Donation: \$7.00	4
10	11	12 6:30 PM VFW Auxiliary Meeting	13 11:30 AM Chile rellenos, beans & rice Ken & Amy Donation: \$7.00	14 6:00 PM Post Officers Meeting	15 5:30 PM Installation Dinner	16
17 Happy Father's Day	18	19	20 11:30 AM Open-faced roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy & green beans VFW Crew Donation: \$7.00	21 7:00 PM Post General Meeting	22 5:30 PM Shrimp, fried rice, salad & bread American Legion Donation: \$12.00	23
24 9:00 AM Omelettes or eggs-to-order, bacon, toast & hash browns Dickie Boys Donation: \$8.00	25	26	27 11:30 AM Philly cheese steak & frings VFW Crew Donation: \$7.00	28	29	30

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