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Post 7907



POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting 6:00 PM | Thursday - July 6

> VFW Post Officer Meeting 6:00 PM | Monday - July 17

> VFW 7907 Post Meeting 7:00 PM | Thursday - July 20

Auxiliary General Meeting 6:00 PM | Tuesday - July 11

Post House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party 8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings











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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.

COMMANDER'S CALL:

Comrades, Auxiliary Members, Family, and Friends,

I would like to start by thanking all the volunteers and family who came out to make our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner an overwhelming success! Special thanks to our past Auxiliary President and Canteen Manager Dawn Ragnar for making the dinner such a special event! Bravo Zulu to past Commander Bill Kimble for acquiring the raffle items and putting a cap on such a great year!

Next, we have our 4th of July ceremony and celebration in Old Poway Park's Veterans Park and back at the Post. If you can assist at the Park or the Post please contact me directly at 858-335-7040. Also, if you have a car for our car show, we would like to have as many at the post as possible.

We are really starting to accelerate our functions and enhance our offerings for entertainment and events at the Post. Please keep an eye on the calendar for all of the Post happenings.

As we set sail on a New Year, I ask all VFW Post Members, Auxiliary Members, Family, and Friends to take great pride in your VFW Post. We have the best Post in California—help by stepping up and contributing in any way possible. We can make a difference. The Post needs help. The House Chair needs help and support. If you have not been to the Post recently, come on down and meet some great Americans.

As always, I am here for US, if you need me please contact me.

John Carson
858-335-7040 | John.R.Carson@gmail.com



Movie Quote of the Month is BACK!

A free beverage of choice to the first person who corners the Quartermaster at the Post with the movie title of origin for the follwing:

"You're gonna need a bigger boat."

Clint Dawson



Post Commander – John Carson

Sr. Vice Commander – Paul Swanson

Jr. Vice Commander – Jason Widmer

Quartermaster - Clint Dawson

Chaplain – Don Biadog, Jr.

Surgeon - Fred DiCarlo

Service Officer - Ed Ozmun

Adjutant – Deanna Smith

Judge Advocate – Bill Morrison

Guard – Adison Fernandez

1st Year Trustee – Vern DuMolt

2nd Year Trustee – Mark Burdette

3rd Year Trustee - Oscar Rocha

Officer of the Day – Pat Anamosa

House Committee Chairman – Tim Ragnar

Canteen Manager – Dawn Ragnar

Maintenance Manager – Jason Widmer

Membership Chair – Aaron Spaulding

Auxiliary Officers

President - Deborah Sellers

Sr. Vice President - Suzanne Kohlbrecher

Jr. Vice President - Evelyn Hummel

Secretary – Christina Swanson

Treasurer – Dawn Ragnar

Chaplain – Christy Schiltz

Conductress – Karen Kimble

Guard – Linda Miller

1st Year Trustee – Patti Caniglia

2nd Year Trustee – Shari Dunbar

3rd Year Trustee – Connie Houk



From the Auxiliary President:

I am looking forward to the start of my year as President. I really appreciate all of you and your willingness to volunteer.

There are so many fun events coming up, you're going to want to mark your calendars now! The first Auxiliary event is the **Family Freedom Festival on July 30**th. We will have vendors, games for the kids and the popular "dump tank" will be in action. I'll be sending out an email for volunteers to sign up so keep an eye out for that soon.

I hope to see all of you at the Post on 4th of July and our next meeting on July 11th. Thank you again for your support.

Deborah Sellers

From the Senior Vice Commander

4th of July Tips For Pets

More pets go missing on the 4th of July than any other day of the year. Keep these tips in mind to ensure your pet is safe.

- 1. Keep your pets in quiet room in your home make sure your pets are safely confined in a quiet, escape-proof area.
- 2. Don't console a frightened pet consoling a frightened pet could REINFORCE the fearful behavior. Just go about your normal business, that will show there's nothing to fear.
- 3. Make sure your pet has ID tags and a microchip.
- 4. Consult your vet about how to reduce your pet's anxiety.
- 5. Exercise your dog before the fireworks Most pets will fare better if they are tired before the festivities begin.

Paul Swanson



Comrades,

Greetings from Post 7907, I am excited and honored to be this year's Jr. Vice Commander for our Post. I will be looking for volunteers this coming year to help us with public Poppy Drives at our designated store fronts and special events to help us to replenish our relief fund account so we will be able to help more Veterans & their families in need. Also as we continue to update the look of our Post, we are always looking for people to assist with the maintenance and clean up. We are very grateful to have the amount of volunteers here we have but are always looking for more people to help lighten the load on the rest. Whether it's for a weekend function, Friday burger burn or just to help out on a Saturday, I look forward to seeing you all down at the Post. Happy Fourth of July!

Respectfully,

Jason Widmer





Here's What's Happening Around The Post

We've got A LOT of great stuff planned this fiscal year! Let's start with what we have coming up in July. Along with 2 new SUMMER ONLY beverages (see below), we are encouraging EVERYONE to participate in 'R.E.D FRIDAYS'! What is R.E.D Friday you ask? R.E.D (Remember Everyone Deployed) Friday is a way for people to show solidarity and support for all military personnel who are deployed by wearing something RED. Everyone wearing RED on Fridays in July, will receive a discount on select beverages!

Events planned in July include our July 4th Celebration and July 30th will be the Auxiliary's 2nd Family Freedom Festival. Both are FAMILY events and open to the public. Please be sure to spread the word and bring some friends!

I'm excited to announce that STARTING IN AUGUST, on the 1^{st} & 3^{rd} Tuesday, we will have TACO TUESDAYS and NEW TUESDAY HOURS of $3_{PM}-8_{PM}$ and food served $5:30_{PM}-7_{PM}$ (or while supplies last)

July Special Events - Taking Place AT the Post

July 2nd – Monthly Breakfast

July 4th – 2nd Annual Joe Crutcher Car Show / Independence Day festival (12_{PM} -3_{PM} Canteen closes at 4_{PM})

July 15th – CANTEEN CLOSING 2_{PM} - after Vietnam Veterans Association lunch

July 25^{th} – Bunco night – 5:30_{PM} - \$5 buy-in

July 30th - 2nd Family Freedom Festival

Save the Date - Upcoming Events at the Post

Aug 6th - Monthly Breakfast

Aug 19th - Shelter To Soldier Fundraiser Lasagna Dinner

Sept 16th – POW Remembrance Day

Oct 9th - 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Canteen Drink Specials

THE DRINK SPECIALS ARE NOW POSTED ON THE BAR AT EACH STATION We no longer have the white board with specials written on them.

Sam Adams Blonde Summer Ale - \$4 Smirnoff Ice Red, White & Berry - \$4

JULY 4th Specials

Patriot Bombs (shot) \$4 (vodka, curacao, grenadine) Watermelon Sunset \$4 (Malibu, Watermelon pucker, pineapple juice) FREE FOOD | CAR SHOW | DRINKS

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MISSING

CONTACTS

The following list of people have outdated contact info on file and are missing out on receiving important emails!

AUXILIARY MEMBERS Masako Johnson

Aaron Johnson

Margaret Allen Anita Alley Maxine Anttila **Bryan Beard Dawn Bennett** Beverly Birdsell Kathy Blevins **Evelyn Boarts Carol Bonham** Kathy Borthwick **Thomas Boyd** Roberta Brenton Vicki Brown Hiro Callison Susan Carmichael **Kay Chambers Audrey Clemens Sharon Clemens Bonnie Cline Antoinette Connolly** Joshua Conomos SaDonna Cruz Jeanette Dangel Isabel Delp Frances Doda Tania Doran Norma Edmundson

Nicole Elledge

Janice Evans

Margaret Falda

Linda Farrell

Renate Felix

Robert Fenter

Roshawn Fisher

Michele Foster

Teresa Fox

Lorna Gallegos

Denise Gantar

Christa Godby

Marcia Goodman

Bobbie Gott

Rosella Greaney

Madeline Guevara

Marie Gunther

Sandra Harrison

Betty Harte

Kevin Henry

Ken Herbenar

Shelley Hodgen Mattie Howard Barbara Hunt

Dorothy Jones Susan Jones Patricia Junker Rene Kavser **Dorothy Kincaid** Harriet Kinkella Anne Konrad Tina Sue Kydd **Deborah Landis** Alana Lee Renate Leopold **Bill McKibbin Carmen Morin Darci Murphy** Patricia Oakman Mary Louise Onley **Rose Overton** Patricia Parish Pamela Parker Connie Phal Judi Pillow Beverlee Poppish **Lorraine Prescott** Patti Raffelson Jennie Riley Constance Sabestinas **Sharon Saindon** Adelina Sanchez Carolyn Sarnie Mary Schwabauer **Betty Senesac Janice Shipp** Linda Silverthorn Marcia Slusher **Doris Smith Eleanor Smith** Elizabeth Smith Liza Stanberry Sally Stegner Charlene Stickley Pamela Stirland Johanna Suennen Barbara Sullivan Sandra Sumislaski Carolyn Swift

Valerie Swindal

Jo Ann Thorsfeldt Michele Vaineharrison Wyatt Vaineharrison Mary Van Winkle Alyson Varner Gloria Villareall Claudia Walker Jane Watson Barbara Weaver Huldah Wilson Marlene Young

POST MEMBERS

Robert Anttila **David Beam** Tom Breneman Jr Ray Calhoun **Ernest Cardenas** Anne Connolly James Duvall Jeremy Ellis Jim Engelken **Erlindo Enriquez Russell Eseltine** Tracev Fowler **Barry Francis Grant Frey** Marie Gunther **Edwin Harte Allen Hayes** Gerald Jackson **Anne Konrad** Jim Miller **Donald Newell** Fred Nielsen, Jr Pat Oakman **Grant Overton** Scott Semenic William Spooner Irene Vazquez Ward Wagenseller



IF YOU KNOW ANYONE ON THIS LIST, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THEIR MISSING OUT ON RECEIVING NOTICES AND WE NEED THIER EMAIL ADDRESS!

Remembering Our Veterans/Service Members in Celebration of Freedoms in the United States of America

Let us always remember our veterans and active-duty service members for their sacrifices. The veterans have served and like their active-duty counterparts, continue their service in various ways so that we may continue to enjoy our freedom today. When you see or meet them, thank, pray for, and honor these freedom-fighting warriors.

When I think of July 4th celebration, I always remember and pray for our men and women in uniform. They willingly serve at home and on foreign soil. These brave warriors are fighting for the helpless and hopeless oppressed by the enemies of freedoms.

I visited numerous Veterans' Parks and National Cemeteries throughout the country and the world including our local Poway Veterans' Park, Poway, CA. I reflected on the fact that every name etched on the park reminded me that this service member sacrificed serving our flag for freedoms. Each service member had sworn to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic." We must never forget their sacrifices for freedom's sake.

One of the most important responsibilities I have serving as Chaplain both during active-duty service and serving as Chaplain of VFW Post 7907 and Chaplain Ambassador is protecting the right of religious freedom for our all members. "Freedom of religion is protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits laws establishing a national religion or impeding the free exercise of religion for its citizens." *

Jason Widmer posed for a photo next to his 1974 Corvette during the First Annual Joe Crutcher Car Show on 4 July 2022, Poway, CA.

The most important to remember as we celebrate the July 4th birthday is knowing God, the Deliverer and Eternal Spiritual Freedom Giver for all. From the spiritual standpoint, Jesus Christ shed His blood for all of us. Anyone who believes in Him automatically receives complete spiritual freedom from the enemy. We must never forget the greatest battle He faced on our behalf. He won that battle decisively and liberated mankind from the spiritual bondage by the devil. As we continue to live our life, He serves as our Commander of the Lord's Army (Joshua 5:13-15) that will always protect us now, tomorrow, and in eternity.

Franklin Graham said, "The greatest freedom was made possible for all mankind through the shed blood of Jesus Christ." The Bible says, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

The United States of America celebrates her 247th birthday of freedom and opportunity on Tuesday 4 July 2023. America is celebrating as a Nation comprises of the Native Americans and multi-ethnic immigrants came from and are still coming from all the four corners of the world. We have so much to rejoice on 4th of July enjoying the company of family and friends in the beach, watching fireworks, going to the local fair, fellowshipping in a family picnic with barbecue on the grill, participating in the annual parade, or just relaxing at home. God has truly blessed our Country! During our celebration, let us pause thanking our Creator God for His goodness, remembering our fellow Americans who are going tough time in life, and never forgetting our veterans and warriors serving across America and around the world.

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Assisted by veterans' organizations and the City of Poway, VFW Post 7907 led the July the 4th 2022 annual celebration at Poway Veterans Park, Poway, CA

VFW 7907 and VFW 7907 Auxiliary

members posed for a photo on

4 July 2022, Poway, CA.



We always look to forward to The BIG BAY BOOM, the biggest fireworks display on Independence Day Celebration show in the West Coast on 4 July 2022 in San Diego, CA, U.S.A.



I was honored supporting and praying during the promotion to LTCOL Christopher Reardon on 5 May 2023, Naval Base San Diego, CA



We enjoyed visiting the service members during the VIP tour on board USS Savannah (LCS-28) following the promotion ceremony of LTCOL Reardon on 5 May 2023, Naval Base San Diego, CA



I was truly blessed praying for the families of the veterans and visiting the resting place of heroes and interred at Clark Memorial Cemetery on 25 May 2023, Pampanga, Philippines.



Manila American Cemetery has 16,859 veterans interred, the largest number of graves of our military dead of World War II in the Pacific, Taguig, Philippines.

Let Us Pray... "Dear God, we vow our heads today thanking you for the rich blessings bestowing spiritual strengths and abundant resources to our Nation. We are so grateful that dreams still become reality in America. America means opportunity and liberty. America is still the land of the free and the home of the braves. We are so grateful to you Oh LORD for protecting our men and women in uniform serving and protecting our country. We are honored and truly blessed to be living here today in the United of America, the greatest Nation on earth. We pray this in the name of the One Who is always Holy and Good, Jesus Christ. Amen!" DB

In Southern California, we always look forward to The BIG BAY BOOM, the biggest fireworks display on Independence Day Celebration show in the West Coast in San Diego, CA, U.S.A.

May God Bless You. May God Bless the United States of America!

Have a Blessed, Happy, and Safe 4th of July!

Don Biadog

 $\hbox{* https://www.history.com/topics/united-states-constitution/freedom-of-religion}$



VFW 7907 Life members Mike Sipe (Right Front) and Chaplain Don Biadog (Left Front), Pastor Corbey Jones (Left Back), and a local Filipino pastor (Right Back) praying together for the families of the veterans during the visit of the resting place of heroes, interred at Clark Veterans Cemetery (CVC) on 25 May 2023, Pampanga, Philippines. The Bataan Marker Kilometer 100 was erected in honor of the nearly 80,000 WW-II veterans who trekked thru here on 9 April 1942 during "Bataan Death March." CVC is ABMC's (American Battle Monuments Commission) 25th cemetery.



VFW 7907 Life members Mike Sipe (Right Front) and Chaplain Don Biadog (Left Front), and Pastor Corbey Jones (Left Back), praying together for the families of the veterans during the visit at Mount Samat, Bataan, on 27 May 2023, Bataan, Philippines. The Bataan Marker Kilometer 19B was erected in honor of the nearly 80,000 WW-II veterans that travelled thru here on 9 April 1942 during "Bataan Death March."



Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr prayed for the veterans' families buried at Highland Park including the family of Jack Lucas, USMC veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, on Friday 16 June 2023, Hattiesburg, MS. The USS Jack Lucas (DDG-125) is named after Jack. The ship is named in honor of Private First-Class Jacklyn Harold "Jack" Lucas, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and was awarded the Medal of Honor at the age of 17. USS Jack Lucas (DDG-125) is scheduled to be commissioned in October 2023 in Tampa, FL.



Mount Samat National Shrine or Dambana ng Kagitingan is a historical shrine located near the summit of Mount Samat in the town of Pilar, Province of Bataan, in the Republic of the Philippines. Mount Samat was the site of the most vicious battle against the Japanese Imperial Army in 1942 during the Battle of Bataan. It was built honoring the sacrificial services of the members of USAFFE (United States Armed Forces in the Far East). They valiantly fought for our freedom against the Imperial Forces of Japan.



Joint U.S. and the Philippine Color Guards performing on Sunday 28 May 2023 during the annual Memorial Day Ceremony honoring the sacrifices of 16,859 interred, the largest number of graves of our military dead of World War II in the Pacific, Manila American Cemetery, Taguig, Philippines. In addition, the Tablets of the Missing containing 36,286 names are inscribed on rectangular Trani limestone piers within the hemicycles.



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Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr prayed on Sunday 28 May 2023 for the families of the veterans. The Tablets of the Missing containing 36,286 names are inscribed on rectangular Trani limestone piers within the hemicycles, Manila American Cemetery, Taguig, Philippines.



Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr (Back 4th from left) prayed honoring and thanking the families of COL Agustin Alfonso, U.S. Army Veteran/USAFFE, during the CGM (Congressional Gold Medal) Ceremony on Saturday 24 June 2023, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA.







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12342 Old Pomerado Rd, Poway

10AM - 2PM

Post General Meeting

June 15, 2023



Commander Kimble presenting his awards to his officers.

Around the Post

Great Eats



Just another of our fabulous Wednesday lunches - Rigatoni, meat or cheese sauce & salad served June 21, 2023.



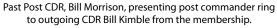


Past Post Commander Bob Parks, presenting All State hats to Quartermaster, Clint Dawson & Commander Kimble.



Thank you to (I to r) CDR John Carson, QM Clint Dawson, Greg Roberts & Adjutant Deanna Smith for an awesome breakfast on Sunday, June 4, 2023.







The gents of the Wednesday Lunch Crew serving up the amazing lunch prepared by Auxiliary Jr Vice Evelyn Hummel!

Around the Post

Vietnam Veterans Association Lunch - June 17, 2023





Vietnam Veterans Association, flag being presented to the association by the Daughters of the Revolution

BUNCO - June 27, 2023







Our first ever BUNCO Night was a hit! Thank you to Patti Caniglia for suggesting it and to Dawn Ragnar for setting it up. We look forward to seeing you at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 25 for our next round.





Around the Post

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - June 24, 2023

















truly has the best officers, auxiliary and volunteers around. We are successful because of your dedication and support in serving veterans and their families!









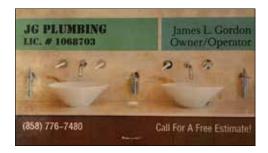








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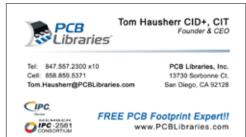




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Contact the Quartermaster for more information.

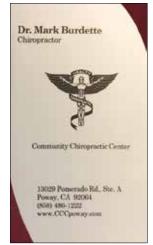














JULY 2023



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



Drink Specials*: Sam Adams Blonde Summer Ale (bottle) - **\$4; Smirnoff Ice Red, White & Berry** (bottle) - **\$4; JULY 4**th **Specials: Patriot Bombs** (shot) - **\$4** (vodka, curacao, grenadine); **Watermelon Sunset - \$4** (Malibu, Watermelon pucker, pineapple juice)

* Available when the Post is open

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.

Get your Birthday Drink!

Are you a Post or Auxiliary Life member and is your birthday this month, then have a drink on us!



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8:00 AM
Saturday Work Party

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10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pancake Breakfast Pancakes, eggs & choice of sausage or bacon: 8.00 Bottomless Mimosa or Carafe Bloody Marys: 15.00				12:00 PM - 3:00 PM 2 nd Annual Joe Crutcher Classic Car Show & July 4 th Celebration Hot dogs & chips Donation: Free will	11:30 AM Chicken stroganoff, salad & roll Donation: 10.00		6:00 PM VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting		6:00-8:00 PM Burger, potato salad, coleslaw & dessert Donation: 12.00 6:00-9:30 PM Open Mic Karaoke		8:00 AM Saturday Work Party	
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