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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Post 7907



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## POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

*Please Join Us*

### VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting

No Meeting This Month

### VFW Post Officer Meeting

No Meeting This Month

### VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | Thursday - June 15

### Auxiliary General Meeting

6:00 PM | Tues - June 6

### Post House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party

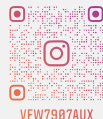
8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings



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### COMMANDER'S CALL:

Comrades and Members of the Auxiliary,

I want to start by congratulating Commander Bill Kimble on three great years of leadership for our Post. I hope I can speak for all of us and say, Thank you!

Next, I want to thank EVERYONE for their confidence in me being the next Commander of our great Post. I appreciate the kind words everyone has had. I promise you all I will try my best to be the Commander you expect.

During my tenure, I want everyone to have fun, be considerate, and welcoming to potential new members of our Community. Outside of some immediate tweaks, I am going to roll into this year slowly by observing things around the post. We are in a nice place as a Post and because of some fantastic people, we will continue being great.

Finally, I want you all to know... My number one priority for our Post is Veterans. Let me explain and I don't want to exclude anyone. I truly believe our community is here to serve all veterans and their families. I consider our community vital to appreciating, celebrating, aiding, and supporting our nation's Veterans. Please let me know your ideas about how our Post can serve the Veteran Community more.

My team and I are looking forward to serving you all this year.

I am here for all of us, if you need me please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

*Commander John Carson*

858-335-7040



## 2023-2024 Officers



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  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Vern DuMolt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Mark Burdette  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Patti Caniglia  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Shari Dunbar  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Connie Houk



### FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

As my year as President comes to an end, I want to make sure that I thank all of our dedicated Auxiliary members. During the past 12 months, our Auxiliary members have volunteered by: cleaning the parks in Poway; helping seniors in their homes; hit 101% membership; supported Veterans and their families and worked in various capacities at the Post for over 2,100 hours! I am so grateful to be associated with such an amazing group of people and sincerely thank you all for your time, effort and monetary donations.

Please remember, our meeting in June is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup>). We will have a fun game with prizes and our installation for our new officers. I hope everyone can join us!

*Dawn Ragnar*

22/23 President

### Put These Dates On Your Calendar Now!

June 16 – BINGO

June 24 – Volunteer Appreciation Day

June 27 – BUNCO

July 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joe Crutcher Car Show & Independence Day Celebration



## BREAKFAST TIME

Sunday, June 4th  
10am - 1pm



Comrades, I want to thank the membership for your trust and support in allowing me to be your 2023-24 Senior Vice Commander. It's been a while since I held a position in our post, but I'm confident I can be a voice of reason and support to our Commander John Carson. With the officers in place for this coming year, I believe we'll be able to carry on the legacy set before us by our former commander Bill Kimble. Speaking of Bill, I want to congratulate and thank Bill for bringing our post to the level we're presently enjoying. Thank you Bill.

I encourage and look forward to meeting the membership at some of the events we have planned for the coming year.

*Paul Swanson*

## Join Us Fridays at 6:00 PM for The Best Burgers in Poway

Burger (non-meat option available),  
potato salad, coleslaw & dessert  
12.00 Donation



*Volunteers always needed & greatly appreciated!*



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

Each Saturday at 8:00 AM at the Post  
For more info contact Tim Ragnar  
timragnar@gmail.com

## Canteen Specials & Notable Dates –

It's summer time! That means graduations & summer vacations. Keep us in mind for having big parties!

ALL VOLUNTEERS, please be sure to put June 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! We are having food catered and bartenders from other Posts come so ALL of us can enjoy the day. Of course, the food and drinks are FREE! See page 6 for flyer.

July 4<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it and we would like to invite people with classic cars &/or hot rods to join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joe Crutcher Car Show. If you know of anyone that may want to show off their car(s), please have them contact us at vfw7907events@gmail.com.

## Upcoming Events – Taking Place AT the Post

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Monthly breakfast  
June 16<sup>th</sup> – BINGO  
June 24<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Appreciation Day  
June 27<sup>th</sup> – BUNCO  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – Car show & Independence Day family fun

## Canteen 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.

Doughball Whiskey (shot) - \$4

Fizzy Flamingo - \$4 (vodka, soda, sweet & sour mix & grenadine)

Mike's Hard Lemonade - \$4

## June's \$4 Drink Specials

Fizzy Flamingo

(Vodka, sweet & sour, grenadine & soda)

Doughball  
Whiskey

(shot)

Mike's Hard  
Lemonade



## Pep Talk on El Niño Day

Story by Don Biadog, Jr. Photos by Romel and Don Biadog, Jr.

The Veterans of Foreign War office encourages every post throughout the United States and overseas to set aside a day or month of May to serve and help the community. Together with Mike Sipe, Dan DeGuzman and I (All VFW Lifetime Member) led more than a dozen community outreach events including a two-hour "Pep Talk" event on Friday May 19, 2023, at Rafael B. Lacson Memorial High School, Talisay, Negros Occidental, Philippines.

Praising and thanking God when more than 1,500 2023 graduating RBLMHS (Rafael B. Lacson Memorial High School) students and staff participated the PEP TALK DAY, a Spiritual Values Formation gathering, on Friday May 10, 2023, Talisay City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. We were warmly welcomed by the RBMHS staff led by Principal Dr. Maritess Bagunoc Rivera and staff member, Mary Grace B. Osunero.

The "El Nino" high humidity weather condition was uncomfortable, nevertheless that did not hinder the teens to hear the dynamic testimonies of Mike Sipe (82), U.S. Navy combat veteran, VFW 7907 lifetime member, and retired lawyer from San Diego, CA, Beth Mather, THS Class of 1976 and Bridges of Peace Official representative from New Zealand, and Missionary Fil Kakilala, valedictorian of THS Class of 1974 from Conway, Arkansas.

The historic event opened with motivating music by the Ichthus East Praise and Worship team from Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. Eileen Grace Gavilan from Talisay, Negros Occidental, Philippines, and Emmanuel Cortes from Silay, Negros Occidental, Philippines, musical renditions were one of the highlights of the 9:00-11:00 morning gathering. The teens and the young at hearts were moved by the Christian music lyrics. Seeing the smiling faces of the young people, including Maria Elena Biadog, warmed my heart.

Students and staff were captivated by the stirring motivational talks, gospel messages, and testimonies of Mike Sipe, Pastor Corbey Jones, and Missionary Travis E. Moore, veteran pastor from Picayune, Mississippi. It was a historical return of Pastor Travis, Beth Mather, Fil

Kakilala, eight 1976 graduates including Beth and myself. Travis and his wife Karen visited Talisay High School, former name of RBLMHS, on September 6, 1974. Forty-nine years later, Travis, a recent widower, returned and shared the same gospel message.

The best part of the event was when I had the honor of leading the salvation prayer for 1,500 young people. The once-in-a-lifetime encouraging event was meaningful for me and most of my THS classmates. Many of us made a lifetime commitment to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD on the same spot 49 years ago. Friday September 6, 1974, and Friday May 19, 2023, were the two days I will never forget.

Gracious donors from members of VFW 7907 Poway, WMA (Women's Missionary Union) in Bay Springs from Mississippi, the House of Prayer United Holy Church from Santa Ana, California, Old Town Community Church (SBC) from San Diego, California, and from Christians in the U.S. and the Philippines, helped hydrating and feeding all hands in attendance.



VFW 7907 Chaplain Don Biadog & member Mike Sipe addressing the students at Rafael B. Lacson Memorial High School, Talisay, Negros Occidental, Philippines.



More than 1,500 students heard & encouraged by the motivational messages from VFW 7907 member Mike Sipe & Chaplain Don Biadog.



VFW 7907 Chaplain Don Biadog with Maria Elena Biadog.



Following the event, Bibles from Operation Worship (from the Founders Jeff and Patti Hilliard) and encouraging materials from NAMB (North American Mission Board) were available for any student who wants a copy. Most of the students requested copies of the Bible and gospel tracts from the Bible College volunteers led by Pastor Joemel and Tootsie Samson.

"The term El Niño (Spanish for 'the Christ Child') refers to warming of the ocean surface, or above-average sea surface temperatures, in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean."\*

El Niño (The Christ Child) was warmly welcomed by the hundreds of students today in their hearts, Friday May 19, 2023. Praise the LORD!

To God be the Glory and TGIF (Thank God It's Friday) indeed!

*Don Biadog*

THS Class of 1976

\*Source: <https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-el-nino-and-what-are-its-effects>



VFW 7907 Chaplain Don Biadog(R) pictured with students showing off the Bibles they received from Operation Worship.



VFW 7907 member Mike Sipe presents a student with an illustrated Bible.

## VFW 7907 Life Members Render a Helping Hand to Aetas on board former U.S. Navy Base

OHOA (Operation Help One Another) team members, Philippine Navy team, and VFW 7907 members assisted more than 120 Aetas, a Philippine indigenous group and former victims of Mt Pinatubo.

OHOA Aetas in NETC, Friday 26 May 2023, San Antonio, Zambales, Philippines


Thunderstorms and rain started heavily following the late afternoon event. It's the outer band precipitation caused by the Super Typhoon Mawar that hit Guam on Wednesday 24 May 2023.

We (Mike Sipe and Don Biadog, VFW Life members) thanked God that the typhoon did not directly hit the Philippines. It swerved northward instead of direct hit toward west.

Thank you so much for your prayer and support!

God is Good!





Post 7907 Members  
Auxiliary 7907 Members



# ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

IF YOU HELP OUT IN ANY WAY AT OR  
FOR THE POST OR AUXILIARY

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN  
APPRECIATION DINNER




## SATURDAY

JUNE 24, 2023

4PM - 6PM

FREE DINNER & DRINKS

There is a sign up sheet with  
bartenders, please  
let us know if you're  
able to join us!





## Memorial Day

Monday, May 29 - Dearborn Cemetery



American Legion Post 479, Fleet Reserve Association 70 of Poway & Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7907 each received a Certificate of Recognition from the California Legislative Assembly in honor of their Memorial Day Celebration.



Poway City Councilman Brian Pepin, VFW 7907 CDR John Carson, Adjutant Dee Smith, Jr. Vice Jason Widmer & Calvin Stafford II (Congressman Darrel Issa's Veterans Affairs Representative)



There was a good turn out to remember our fallen comrades.

★ *All Gave Some. Some Gave All.* ★

## Around the Post

Eastmead Farewell Celebration



Kelly & Mark Eastmead, we will miss you! Best of luck as you move to Greenville, SC.



Mark & Kelly were a big part of our Post. Many came out to wish them well in their new endeavors.



WE'RE LOOKIN FOR PLAYERS!

# JOIN OUR 1ST EVER BUNCO NIGHT

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TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH \* 5:30PM - 8:30PM

WE'RE HOPING TO GET A MONTHLY GAME GOING BUT  
IT REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 12 PLAYERS  
WITH ADDITIONAL SETS OF 4

If you're interested, please email us at  
[vfw7907events@gmail.com](mailto:vfw7907events@gmail.com)





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# JUNE 2023



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



**Drink Specials:** *Doughball Whiskey* (shot) - \$4; *Fizzy Flamingo* - \$4 (vodka, soda, sweet & sour mix & grenadine); *Mike's Hard Lemonade* - \$4

*\* 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!



5:00-9:00 PM  
Hall Rented

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  
12:00 PM  
Purple Hearts Meeting

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

6:00 PM  
Auxiliary General Meeting

11:30 AM  
Pork loin, potatoes & veggies  
Donation: 10.00

6:00-8:00 PM  
Burger, potato salad, coleslaw & dessert  
Donation: 12.00  
6:00-10:00 PM  
Live Music with Windjammers

8:00 AM  
Saturday Work Party  
**POST CLOSED FOR PRIVATE PARTY**

Canteen Closed

11:30 AM  
Chicken Cacciatore, salad & breadsticks  
Donation: 10.00

7:00 PM  
VFW 7907 Post Meeting

6:00-8:00 PM  
Burger, potato salad, coleslaw & dessert  
Donation: 12.00  
6:30-9:00 PM  
BINGO

8:00 AM  
Saturday Work Party  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Vietnam Veterans Association Meeting  
4:00-9:00 PM  
COL Nevitt Family Party

Canteen Closed

11:30 AM  
Rigatoni, meat or cheese sauce & salad  
Donation: 10.00

6:00-8:00 PM  
Burger, potato salad, coleslaw & dessert  
Donation: 12.00  
6:00-9:00 PM  
Live Music with Country Crossovers

8:00 AM  
Saturday Work Party  
4:00-6:00 PM  
Canteen Closed for Volunteer Appreciation Day

Canteen Closed

5:30 PM  
BUNCO

11:30 AM  
Beef or chicken tacos, beans & rice  
Donation: 10.00

6:00-9:00 PM  
Burger, potato salad, coleslaw & dessert  
Donation: 12.00  
6:00-9:00 PM  
Live Music with Country Crossovers

**Canteen Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thu & Sat 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Wed 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM | Fri 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Sun Closed except for special events

*\*Closing hours subject to modification based on activity*