



NEWS FROM LT FRED L. KENT • VFW POST 7907 POWAY, CA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

House Chair Committee Meeting

6:30 PM | 1st Thursday - Sep 5

VFW Post Officer Meeting

6:30 PM | Monday - Sep 16

VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting

7:00 PM | Monday - Sep 16

VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | 3rd Thursday - Sep 19

Auxiliary Monthly Meeting

6:00 PM | 2nd Thursday - Sep 12

Post House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party

9:00 AM | Saturday Mornings

COMMANDER'S CALL

Greetings Comrades,

First, I would like to thank all members who helped develop and approve the new Standing Post House and Canteen Rules. If you have not read these rules that effect the members and guests of the Post, they are available "on line" and there is a copy at the canteen for your perusal.

Moving on, we have a busy month ahead. Our most important event is the National POW/MIA Recognition Day which will be held at the Poway Veterans Park on September 21, 2019 starting at 1100 (that's a.m. for the civilians). Our guest speaker is active duty chaplain LT Stephen Dicenso, USN, stationed as Deputy Group Chaplain, Marine Aircraft Group 11, MCAS Miramar. There is much to be done to make this worthy event a success, but as in all special events, if we all work as a team, we can be proud to be a veteran.

Followed closely after the POW/MIA event, we have the Miramar Air Show and hopefully the Poway Rodeo. Both of these events are aimed at Poppy Drives and membership, but more importantly, they are aimed at reaching out to let veterans and active duty personnel know that we are here for them.

There are many more tasks to be tackled and by working as a team, they can be accomplished.

In closing, I have used the term "team" more than once. My point is that membership numbers by themselves get nothing done. Some members are limited by age (like myself) and others by their jobs, but all of us, if we are truly a member, can provide some service to the Post.

Thanks for listening.

Don Stonecipher

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

I want to say thank you to everyone who has been helping with Auxiliary meals! We are on a roll and starting to raise funds for our programs including the VA hospital and North County Stand Down. We are looking for volunteers for the poppy drive which also builds our relief fund for various programs.

Our Vision: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Shari Dunbar



We're Getting Social

Be sure to follow and like us on
Instagram – @vfw7907;

Facebook – VFW Poway Post 7907



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.

2018-2019 Officers



Post Commander – Don Stonecipher
Sr. Vice Commander – Bill Kimble
Jr. Vice Commander – Sal Pellerito
Quartermaster – Alan Helton
Chaplain – Don Biadog
Surgeon – Fred DiCarlo
Service Officer – Bud Lichtenstern
Adjutant – Anne Trexler
Judge Advocate – Bill Morrison
Guard – Jennifer Guerrero
1st Year Trustee – Pablo Facun
2nd Year Trustee – Howard Dunbar
3rd Year Trustee – Bill Bauerle
Officer of the Day – Jason Widmer
House Committee Chair – Bill Kimble
Canteen Manager – Fernando Law
Maintenance Manager – Jason Widmer
Membership Chair – Richard Anderson

Auxiliary Officers

President – Shari Dunbar
Senior Vice President – Linda Miller
Junior Vice President – Karen Kimble
Secretary / Chaplain – Sara Salazar
Treasurer – Jim Gordon
Conductor – Robert Fenter
Guard – James Jones
Auxiliary 1st Year Trustee – Lisa DuMolt
Auxiliary 2nd Year Trustee – Patty Grosch
Auxiliary 3rd Year Trustee – Patti Caniglia



FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings from the Senior Vice CDR and House Committee Chairman.

It has been a busy summer here at our post. Some of the highlights of July and August were great bands and even a karaoke contest, which our own Rockin' Jason Widmer won.

I'd like to give a big shout out to all the volunteers who were responsible for those great dinners we enjoyed. Thanks everyone for your hard work and generosity.

Now that the dog days of summer are winding down and the kids are going back to school, it's time for us to focus on upcoming events and our programs which help our veterans and their families. So I'm asking everyone to dig deeper and volunteer your precious time to help out around the Post. If interested please contact any officer at the Post and we will be glad to assist you in finding something that fits your schedule.

As a reminder our House Committee meeting is always the first Thursday of every month. We love seeing new faces and welcome all suggestions to improve our Post.

OK I'm getting off my soapbox now, but with that said as you all know I am a Chicago Bears fan, so anyone looking to get on that bandwagon for the next Super Bowl champs please see me and I'll let the gate down.

As always I'm here to serve. Please call me anytime day or night 858-722-2207.

Cheers,

Bill Kimble

FROM THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades,

I'm ready to get back to work for our Post after being absent for the last 30 days. My wife retired officially on July 19, 2019, and on July 22 we left in our motorhome for a well-earned vacation. Officially we travelled 5,230 miles, 11 states, over 75 hours behind the wheel and used 339 gallons of diesel fuel. The main purpose of the vacation was a family reunion in Michigan where we spent 7 days camping at Sleeping Bear Dunes. We met some wonderful people in our travels, and visited a few VFW posts along the way.

For your information, in an article from 2018 a little known benefit from the Interior Department gives military veterans with ANY disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs a FREE lifetime pass to national parks and other recreation areas, as well as discounts on some fees.

Thank you.

Sal Pellerito



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

Each Saturday at 9:00 AM at the Post
For more info contact Bill Kimble

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

The Post merger of Rancho Peñasquitos is completed as all assets have been transferred. To commemorate this, a new Post Charter has been received and is posted in the hall alongside our original Charter.

The most recent electric bill was only \$446 compared to \$1048 last year! With a savings of about \$600, the solar system is continuing to make a significant difference in our financials and will pay for itself in a couple of years or so.

Lastly, I'll be starting to work on our tax returns shortly. My goal is to be done by October.

Alan Helton

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Comrades,

SSgt Wesley Kroenung, WWII US Marine veteran, was laid to rest on Wednesday, 14 August 2019 at Miramar National Cemetery. SSgt Kroenung was killed in action on 20 November 1943 during the first wave of coastal assault on The Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert's Islands.

I had the honor leading the ceremony and services on Tuesday, 13 August 2019 at the San Diego International Airport and Wednesday, 14 August 2019 at Miramar National Cemetery.

Never Forgotten.

God Bless,

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NLT)

FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

You might have read it on the front page of last Sunday's *Union Tribune*, saw it on the local news or on the internet, about Staff Sergeant Wesley Kroenung, USMC, WWII Veteran KIA in Tarawa on November 20, 1943 and accounted for on April 19, 2019. On August 13 2019, 75 years later, he arrived back in the USA at San Diego International Airport. Along with his family, Marine escort SSgt Antoine and the Miramar Marine Funeral Detail, VFW was there for this US Marine. On the flight line, VFW Post 7907 Members Chaplain Don Biadog, Richard Anderson, USMC and I were there for this WWII Vet and his family.

At the San Diego USO before the flight arrived, we had the pleasure of spending time with the next of kin. I was so proud of Chaplain Don Biadog doing what he does best and having our very own Richard Anderson, Vietnam Veteran, to be there for the return of this WWII Vet was something special. If you see Richard, feel free to ask him about this special day. According to the Defense POW/MIA Agency, of the 16 millions Americans who served in WWII, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently, there are approximately 72,000 service members still unaccounted for from WWII, of which about 26,000 are assessed as "possible-recoverable".

From the Commander



Bravo Zulu to **Richard Anderson** for his recognition from National for his recruitment achievement. Richard's aggressive attitude towards recruiting new members serves as a model that is vital to the continued operation of this and any organization.

WELL DONE!

I've been to many places and have done many things, but this was a very special day doing what we all do best, Veterans taking care of Veterans. Thank you- Comrades Richard and Don Biadog, the Marine Funeral Detail, Marine Escort and truly amazing folks working at the USO. THANK YOU.

VFW TENT at the MCAS MIRAMAR AIRSHOW SEPTEMBER 27-29.

Calling on all VFW Members and Auxiliary - Post, District, and Department Officers to come on out and join us to pass out Buddy Poppies, Membership applications, educational materials, VFW stickers and airplanes to the kids. If you are interested, please contact me or Chad.

All the Best in Health and Happiness,

Bill Morrison

FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER

Many thanks to the volunteers and members who make our Post a great place for fellowship and camaraderie. I want to thank Tom Hausherr for continuing to volunteer his time every Friday and Saturday to be our Karaoke DJ. Please join us to enjoy a great meal and sing your favorite songs with friends and family.

Many of you already know our Post is All-State and All-American. This is the second time in our 60 year history that this has been accomplished. I want to thank everyone who worked hard to make this possible, and especially our past Commander, Bill Morrison. Bill made this a priority and goal, and with his leadership, it became possible. Poway Sign Company has donated a new banner to commemorate our accomplishment that is now raised above the front entrance.

Our working party meets every Saturday to clean and work on various odds and ends, and we would love to see you there. Volunteering is good for the soul and does a body good!

Thank you for your service!

Fernando Law

We have had a productive end of July and month of August and would like to thank everyone who has helped us this last month getting projects completed here at our Post. During this last month we installed additional Steel Post Poles filled with concrete to protect the corner of the building, painted the posts red and installed new reflecting marker tape to make the posts more visible at night. We also cleared the drain lines to the kitchen and drain lines for the bar area. Our new All American banner was installed above the entrance door replacing our previous post banner. We are pleased to announce the Board approved our budget for remodeling of the Men's and Women's Bathrooms. We are planning on have both restrooms completed by October 1, 2019. Thanks to Kimble Heating and Air for donating and installing a new HVAC System and Duct work. Additional projects planned for this upcoming month are painting of the wood fence, sheds, and patio. We are always looking for volunteers to help at our post on Saturdays from 9 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and it is also a good opportunity for High school students looking for volunteer hours.

Jason Widmer

I provided a challenge to all members at the August 15 Post Meeting. It's called "Operation Get Me One" new member into the Post. That process was either recruit one or give me a good referral. So, our very loyal past Commander Howard Dunbar gave me a new annual member's documents on August 16. Wow, he loves "operations". Then on August 19, our Commander Don Stonecipher provided me a referral recruit. I have already talked with him and he will become a member. At the meeting I gave all members a copy of the eligibility information.

So, wow. Any member who recruits or refers a new recruit to me during August and September will get a free beer. Just corner me at the Post, hit me a few times with a ball bat, and the beer is on me. If you knock me out, the deal is off.

Any member who would like some coaching can meet me at the Post and receive "Richard's Handy Handout document" that completely displays the membership application (with side-notes) plus a copy of the eligibility info. I carry all this stuff in my vehicle. I'm always ready for whatever.

We have 685 members at our Post at this time. I wish that more of our members would attend our Post meeting on the third Thursday of every month. There is so much experience and talent out there and their input with ideas, volunteer opportunities, and community events is like the 'mother lode of gold'. Ok, let's go mining. You'll need a shovel and a helmet.

New Life Members

- Larioza, Samuel B., USMC. Recruiter Clint Dawson.
- Hancock, Thomas L., USA. Recruiter Richard Anderson.

Transfer Member

- Chua, Harrison D., USN. Recruiter Bill Morrison.

Welcome Aboard!

Post Stats: New 3, Reinstated 1, Annual 6. Retention 24.19%. Total members 685.

Richard Anderson

Comrades, here is a question I get asked. The ratings differ, but the question is the same:

I am rated at 80% but was given IU where I am paid at 100%. Should I keep submitting claims to raise my 80% or should I leave well enough alone? I am XXX years old and am hearing and reading that the IU will be eliminated or will the current people receiving IU be grandfathered in?

A. If Congress decides to remove IU from ALL veterans (the Congressional Budget Office is actually looking at this to cut the budget, but the age is 67) when they turn 67 (the age many of us start drawing Social Security) there WILL NOT be any grandfathering done if Congress decides ALL means ALL. With that in mind, and with some of the erroneous stories floating around, if you have been found to be service connected for a physical condition, my suggestion is to get with me and take charge of your future and open a claim for worsening conditions. Additionally, file for any and all problems which might be service connected; knowing that there are now around 830 possible service connected disabilities (not to mention any secondary possibilities). As I tell every veteran I work with regarding this matter, if your physical and emotional disabilities are legit, you should not fear opening a claim. Please don't worry about what might happen; if you don't take charge of your future benefits don't be surprised when someone takes them away from you. Your choice, act or not, it's your future...

Bud Lichtenstern

District 1 & Post 7907 Service Officer



Movie Quote of the Month

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):

"Remember Red, hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies."

Previous month's answer – The Hunt for Red October

Chad 'Axel' Foley



Happy 72nd Birthday September 18, 1947

CEDAR PLANK SMOKED SALMON DINNER

Saturday, Sept 14 | 6:00 PM

Dinner includes: Cioppino, salad, rice pilaf, seasonal veggies, dinner roll & key lime pie

Donation: 15.00



BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

Sunday, Sep 15 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Donation: 8.00

Auxiliary BBQ Dinner - August 17



Leroy & Judy Hill enjoyed a dance while Jason Widmer performed.



Join Us Fridays for Friday Burgers & Karaoke

Karaoke at 5:00 PM | Dinner at 6:00 PM

Burger & premium beer 9.00

Burger & domestic beer 7.00

Burger only 5.00

Volunteers always needed & greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US AT THE POST FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

LIVE MUSIC - M.A.C. DADDY'S BAND
Oct. 12

LIVE MUSIC - RICK TROTTER BAND
Oct. 19

VA HOSPITAL VISIT
Oct. 23

KARAOKE CONTEST FINALE &
ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY
Oct. 26

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC. 21

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!



Miramar Airshow Sept 27-29
Poway Rodeo Sept 28-29

Volunteers needed to distribute Buddy Poppies at both events.

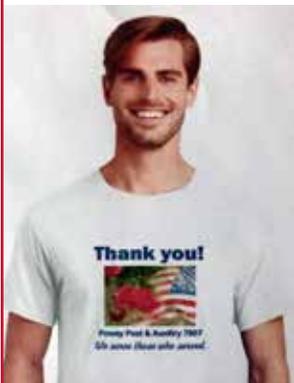
For the **Miramar Airshow** contact Bill Morrison or Chad Foley

For the **Poway Rodeo** contact Sal Pellerito

Be sure to join us at the Post Saturday, Sep 28 for finger foods & beverages following these events to relax a bit & share your tales about distributing Buddy Poppies.

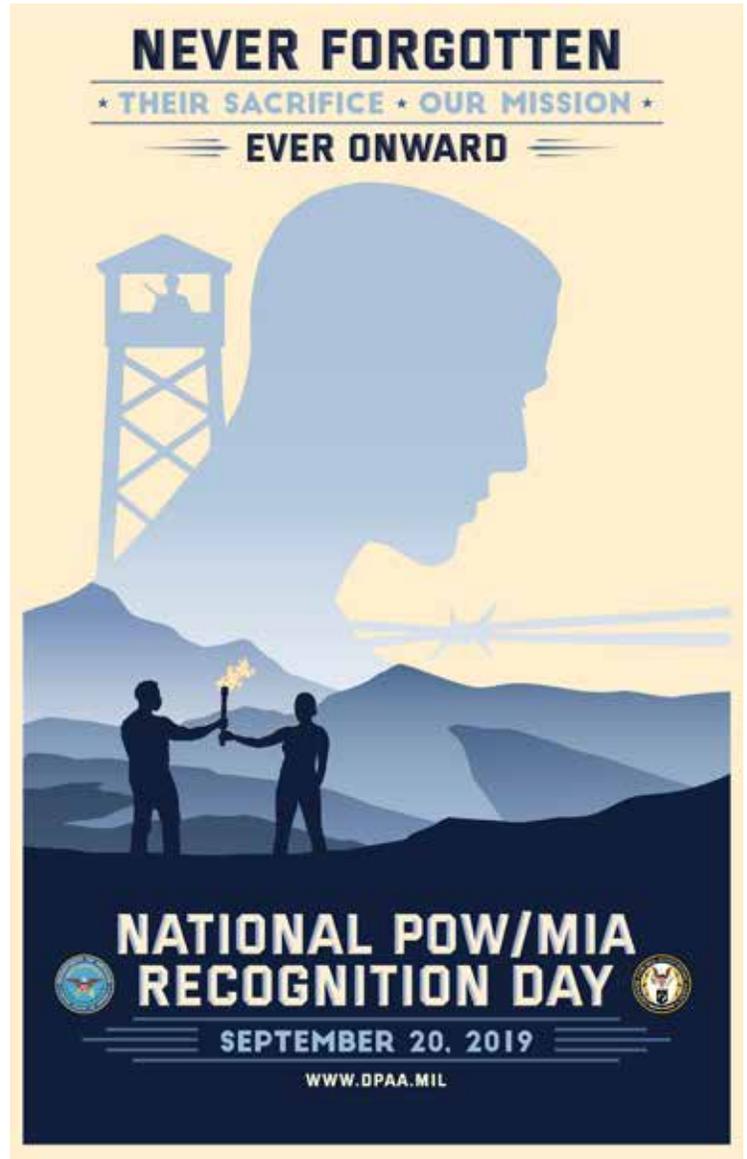
The Auxiliary is organizing a
VA Hospital Visit
October 23, 2019

Watch the Post for flyers listing the items needed for donation to the VA Hospital & Volunteer Office for Homeless Vets Program.



We are also looking for monetary donations to purchase T-shirts*

* Design pictured in image may not be the final T-shirt design.



POW/MIA Recognition Day is a day of remembrance and hope for the speedy and safe return of American Prisoners of War, and those still Missing in Action. It is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. It is our responsibility to remind others, lest they forget.

As of July 26, 2019, the total missing and unaccounted from the Vietnam War is 1,587. Of those still missing or unaccounted, 162 (this number includes three civilians) list their home of record in California.

Source: www.dpaa.mil



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VFW Post & Community Events

Staff Sergeant Wesley L. Kroenung Jr. Internment - August 14, 2019



Richard Anderson & Chaplain Don Biadog on the tarmac in San Diego awaiting the arrival of SSgt Kroenung.



Nancy Lee, SSgt Kroenung's sister, & a family member.



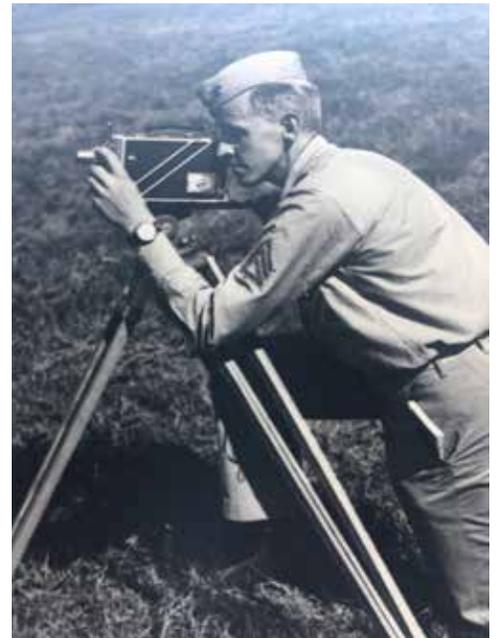
MCAS Miramar Marine Honor Guard led by SSgt Antoine conducts the Dignified Transfer of SSgt Kroenung as this Marine returns home.



MCAS Miramar Marine Honor Guard participates in the internment of SSgt Kroenung at Miramar National Cemetery.



Chaplain Don Biadog comforts the family before the internment.



SSgt Kroenung practicing his trade as a combat cameraman.



"Thank you for presenting me with this blanket of love. I have found the source and have reached out with gratitude."

- Nancy Lee



Thank you to everyone who participated in this special event. Your services were appreciated by the family and friends of this fallen hero.



NEVER FORGOTTEN



POW/MIA RECOGNITION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 • 11:00 AM



Join VFW Post 7907 at the
Poway Veterans Park located at
14134 Midland Rd, Poway, CA 92064
as we remember those who are not home yet

Until they are all home

Complimentary lunch & screening of
Scramble the Seawolves, to follow the ceremony at

VFW Post 7907

12342 Old Pomerado Rd, Poway CA 92064

858.748.7907

(Donations welcome)



Join us for a

STEAK DINNER & LIVE MUSIC WITH THE RICK TROTTER BAND

Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 6:00 PM

Dinner includes baked potato, salad & dinner roll

Donation: 18.00

*Bring your friends for a night of
good food and entertainment!*



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P R E S E N T S

KARAOKE CONTEST

Join Us Each Friday
Sept 27 - Oct 25, 2019
Finale Saturday Oct 26

The contest is for people of all ages so bring your friends young & old for a rockin' good time!

Singing at 5:00 PM | Dinner at 6:00 PM
Small Donation for Dinner

Contest begins @ 7:00 PM

Full contest rules available at Post 7907



Open To The Public
No Entry Fee

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Never Forget

Dates to Remember



Sept 1, 2005 Battle of Tal Afar (Iraq) begins. In this photo U. Army soldiers & Iraqi soldiers patrolling through downtown Tal Afar, Iraq, September 11, 2005.



Sept 14, 1814 - Francis Scott Key writes *Star Spangled Banner*. This painting By *Dawn's Early Light 1912* by Edward Moran depicts the legendary moment of the morning of September 14, 1814 when Francis Scott Key & his compatriots Colonel John Skinner & Dr. William Beanes see the American flag still waving above Baltimore's Fort Mc Henry. This inspired Key to write the work which became the American national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

PATRIOT DAY

NEVER FORGET 9 | 11 | 01

Wednesday, September 11, 2019



Sept 11 - Patriot Day: Remember September 11, 2001. In this photo, Kunsan's Base Honor Guard fires the 21 gun salute during the Patriot Day Ceremony Sept. 11, 2009 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Photo credit: U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jonathan Steffen



Sept 13, 1951 - Battle of Heartbreak Ridge (Hill 931, Korea) begins.



Sept 23, 1899 - Veterans of Foreign Wars is established. This is an image of the VFW 75th Anniversary 10c Stamp (1974).

SEPTEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs & fruit Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 - 9:30 PM Hall Rented</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30 AM Reuben sandwich & fries Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM House Chair Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger, potato salad & domestic beer Donation: 7.00</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 PM Oven baked chicken, roasted potatoes & steamed veggies Donation: 9.00</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon & fruit Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch Surprise</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30 AM Open-faced pork sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy & veggies Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 PM VFW Auxiliary Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger, potato salad & domestic beer Donation: 7.00</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 PM Cedar plank smoked Salmon, Cioppino, salad, rice pilaf, seasonal veggies, roll & key lime pie Donation: 15.00</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Breakfast & Brunch Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch Surprise</p> <p>6:00 PM VFW CDR/Officer Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30 AM Lasagna, Texas toast & salad Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger, potato salad & domestic beer Donation: 7.00</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>11:00 AM POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at Poway Veterans Park</p> <p>12:00 PM Complimentary burgers & dogs</p> <p>6:00 PM Steak, baked potato, salad & dinner roll Donation: 18.00</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Pancakes, eggs, sausage & fruit Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch Surprise</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:30 AM Patty melt & fries Donation: 8.00</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 PM Burger, potato salad & domestic beer Donation: 7.00</p> <p>7:00 PM Karaoke Contest</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 PM Finger foods</p> 
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Omelets or eggs-to- order, bacon, toast & hash browns <i>Dickie Boys</i> Donation: 9.00</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch Surprise</p>	<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>				

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Canteen Hours*: Sun: 9:00 AM–3:00 PM | Mon: 11:00 AM–3:00 PM | Tue: Closed | Wed: 11:00 AM–9:00 PM | Thu–Sat: 1:00–9:00 PM

*Closing hours subject to modification based on activity