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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 7907



POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

VFW/AUX Roundtable & Social Planning Meeting

No Meeting This Month

VFW Post Officer Meeting

6:00 PM | Monday - Sept 18

VFW 7907 Post Meeting

7:00 PM | Thursday - Sept 21

Auxiliary General Meeting

6:00 PM | Tuesday - Sept 12

Post House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party

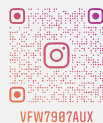
8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings



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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, Friends and Family,

August, what a month! I am inspired by what our post is accomplishing day by day. You all, our members, both Post and Auxiliary, are stepping up in tremendous ways. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We will continue to make our post-home an inspiring place that people want to be a part of.

With that being said, we have more to do! Our kitchen teams have been outstanding with our Friday night meals. Sign up to join one of our kitchen teams and join in on the fun. Please come out and support your post during our meals. We have lots of awesome things coming up in September, keep an eye on the calendar.

September is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. A national-level ceremony is held on every National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Traditionally held at the Pentagon, it features members from each branch of military service and participation from high-ranking officials. In addition to the national-level ceremony, observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools, and veterans' facilities. No matter where they are held, these National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing. We will always honor to who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

I appreciate each and every one of you who takes the time to read this newsletter, who likes our Facebook page, who comes into the post and makes it your home. You are participating in something great. For those out there who may read this and haven't been to the post in some time... I want to personally invite you down to see the work that our brothers and sisters are putting in daily. I want all of our veterans, auxiliary members, friends, and family to see what I am seeing on a daily basis and to be inspired the way I am.

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

John Carson

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2023-2024 Officers



Post Commander – John Carson
Sr. Vice Commander – Paul Swanson
Jr. Vice Commander – Jason Widmer
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Chaplain – Don Biadog, Jr.
Surgeon – Fred DiCarlo
Service Officer – Ed Ozmun
Adjutant – Deanna Smith
Judge Advocate – Bill Morrison
Guard – Adison Fernandez
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2nd Year Trustee – Mark Burdette
3rd Year Trustee – Oscar Rocha
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Canteen Manager – Dawn Ragnar
Maintenance Manager – Jason Widmer
Membership Chair – Aaron Spaulding

Auxiliary Officers



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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:

It's September already and we have plenty of events coming up. Please mark your calendars we look forward to seeing all of you. Our Friday night dinners and Taco Tuesdays have been a success. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to make it work. On Sept 16th at 11:00 AM the Auxiliary will be hosting the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony followed by lunch. Please join us for this special event to honor and remember the men and women who fought for the freedoms we enjoy and have yet to return home.

Thank you for your dedication and support.

Deborah Sellers

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Photos from Robb Trexler, a Marine Corps Veteran who attended Navajo Code Talkers day on August 14th in Window Rock, AZ.

In 1942 Marine Corps leadership selected 29 Navajo men to become Navajo Code Talkers. They arrived at Camp Elliott near San Diego in May 1942, and one of their first tasks was to develop a Navajo code. The code primarily used word association by assigning a Navajo word to key phrases and military tactics. This system enabled the Code Talkers to translate three lines of English in 20 seconds when it took 30 minutes using existing code-breaking machines. The Code Talkers participated in every major Marine operation in the Pacific theater, giving the Marines a critical advantage throughout the war. During the nearly month-long battle for Iwo Jima, for example, six Navajo Code Talker Marines successfully transmitted more than 800 messages without error. Marine leadership noted after the battle that the Code Talkers were critical to the victory at Iwo Jima. At the end of the war, the Navajo Code remained unbroken. Only three of the original 430 Navajo Code Talkers are alive today. You can read more at <https://www.cia.gov/stories/story/navajo-code-talkers-and-the-unbreakable-code/>



Movie Quote

First person to tell me the answer gets a free drink of choice!

"Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer."

Clint Dawson

In an effort to reduce the compensation costs of the Department of Defense, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) recently testified before the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee (SASC-P) urging Congress to enact a new TRICARE for Life (TFL) annual enrollment fee of \$575 for individual coverage or \$1,150 for family coverage. TFL beneficiaries would also be required to pay the first \$850 and 50 percent of the next \$7,650 in cost annually. Currently, TFL beneficiaries do not pay an annual enrollment fee. Further, CBO recommends increasing retirees' TRICARE Prime annual enrollment fee from the current \$352 for the individual and \$704 for the family to \$650 and \$1300 respectively. TRICARE Select beneficiaries would pay an annual enrollment fee of \$485 for individual coverage and \$970 for a family.

This recommendation by CBO hasn't been endorsed by the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee, nor has legislation been written.

Ed Ozmun

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Some really super updates...

Chaps Biadog- NATIONAL CHAPLAIN of the YEAR... not District 1, not Department of California and he got a Bulavo Gold Watch from National VFW- with the cross of Malta on the face of the watch. At the July District Meeting, he also got a new VFW covered bible from the CA Department Chaplain who came to the District meeting.

Past Commander Club- District One Post CDR of the Year 2022-2023 - Our very own Bill Kimble!!!! Bill joins an elite club. He joins the ranks of Bill Morrison and the legendary Howard Dunbar. Well Done and Well Deserved. We thank you and SPECIAL Thanks to Karen for supporting you. Appreciate all the dedication and sacrifice for the Post and Veterans. And, Congratulations on the Post making All-American/All-State status 2022- 2023. No Easy Task, but you did it with the support of outstanding Post Officers- and the Auxiliary- a force multiplier. BZ!

Burglary Update/Legal Note

At sentencing for Defendant Hotchkiss on Wednesday, July 26th: Six total victims affected by these burglaries were present in court.

Command Master Chief (Ret.)/VFW Post CDR Bill Kimble showed up for VFW Poway. The Defendant was sentenced to 8 years 4 months in State Prison.

At sentencing for Defendant Flores on Thursday, July 27th: Three additional people who are associated with the VFW were present and District 1 CDR Alexis Henshaw showed up in sport of VFW Ramona, Poway and Alpine. The Defendant was sentenced to 8 years 6 months on all cases, including other non-burglary related cases.

For both of those dates, all the Victim Impact Statements were given to the judge to read and consider. Thanks to all for submitting a statements.

For the final defendant, there is a preliminary examination set for October, which is also when a restitution hearing is set for the two defendants that have been sentenced. I will handle the restitution hearings.

Bill Morrison

Stuff & Things!

To recap from August 19th, our fundraiser for Shelter to Soldier was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that attended, donated, the volunteers that worked during the event and of course, Jericho, for making the amazing lasagna! That event was the kick-off for fundraising. The goal is to raise \$10,000 by October 21st. Just a reminder, if the Shelter to Soldier sign (like the add on page 8) is up at the bar, the bartender working that day is donating their tips to Shelter to Soldier.

We are having a SECOND fundraiser 'Ribapalooza' on September 23rd. Bill Kimble, Commander Carson & other meat smokin' masters will be offering up TAKE HOME dinners on Sept. 23rd from 10AM to 3PM. Your hardy dinner for 2 will be a FULL rack of ribs, Bill's famous beans & slaw and Bill's 'Mama's peach cobbler' for just \$30! If you just need dinner for 1, we'll do a 1/2 rack with single portion sides for \$18. ALL OF THE PROCEEDS will be going to Shelter to Soldier. HELP us out and pre-order your dinner NOW! Tickets are available at the Canteen.

I know I'm skipping ahead a bit but we have very exciting news for October! We have booked a COMEDY show & dinner on Saturday, October 7th. Due to the nature of seating and contract details, this is a ticketed event and walk in's will NOT be available. Tickets will be available ONLINE ONLY! See page 9 for details and tickets.

BAR BUSINESS....

We are still struggling with a "skeleton" volunteer crew. Because of this, we unfortunately have to cancel our monthly breakfast in September. We hope to be able to resume breakfast on the 1st Sunday of the month in October but we will have to wait until it gets closer to determine that. We will also be CLOSED ON LABOR DAY.

We have quite a few new beers in stock and we have discounted several beers that we will no longer be carrying. Please keep an eye out at the bar for those.

September Special Events – Taking Place **at the Post**

Sept 4 – CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Sept 16 – POW Remembrance Day

Sept 23 – 'Ribapalooza' Take Home Dinner *FUNDRAISER FOR SHELTER TO SOLDIER*

Sept 26 – Bunco Night & Dinner (Tacos, beans & chips) – 5PM Dinner & 6PM Bunco

Dates to Save – Upcoming Events **at the Post**

Oct 7 – COMEDY SHOW & Dinner (ticketed event – no walk ins)

Oct 27 – Halloween party & Costume Contest

Oct 28 – CLOSED FOR 2 DIFFERENT SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov 11 – Veterans Day

Nov 23-26 – CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Dec 9 – Post & Auxiliary Christmas Party

From Ground Zero in New York to Building Zero in Baghdad: A Chaplain's Ministry in Disaster Zones

By Don Biadog, Jr.

In commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11, I would like to share with you a brief story of a NAMB endorsed military chaplain's ministry done from Ground Zero in New York City, NY to Building Zero in Baghdad, Iraq. I love doing chaplaincy ministry. I do it solely for God's glory and my love for God and His people.

At the point of time (also known as "Kairos time"), the Lord sent me on September 25 to October 1, 2001, from U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma, CA to the East Coast helping our U.S. Coast Guard personnel, First Responders, families of the victims, and all the rescuers in New York City, NY. The ministry coverage during the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, an unimaginable tragedy, in New York City is on the top ten in the list of my more than forty-two years of chaplaincy / pastoral ministry in the military and civilian communities.

I was sent from Petaluma, CA to New York, NY, on September 25, 2001, to help the hurting Americans. We assisted the first responders who came to help from all over the Country and the families of the victims. Our two-week-daily journey of service coverage started from Staten Island to Manhattan. When we arrived at the Ground Zero site via ferry, we saw a horrific site. It was extremely sad. The site, the smell, and the sound of the rescue machines were utterly devastating. When my colleague and I arrived for the first time at Ground Zero, it was still on a "rescue stage." I saw unimaginable destruction. It was the largest site of cremated remains. Rescuers covered with dust from the building materials and the victims. They were still frantically looking and hoping to find surviving individuals in the rubble. Regrettably, they only recovered the victims' bodies when I was there.

When I arrived at Ground Zero, one of the ministry outreach initiatives I proposed to our team of U.S. Navy chaplains serving with the U.S. Coast Guard (known as "CERT" - Chaplain Emergency Response Team) was escorting the victims' families at the Ground Zero.

When the families were finally allowed to visit, they were directed to go to the designated area at Family Support Center located on the northside, about a twenty-minute ferry ride to the south at Ground

Zero. The initial first team members consisted of psychologists, psychiatrists, politicians (such as Rudy Giuliani), police officers, and fifty family members. The CERT members were not included. After an initial exclusion of chaplains to join the ride and visit, I finally persuaded the New York Police Lieutenant who oversaw the Ground Zero visit of the families to let the CERT join the full team of professionals. On the second visit, I did not have to ask permission for CERT members to accompany the second group. When in fact, I was asked by the same Police Lieutenant and other team members if chaplains can accompany the next groups of families to visit the disaster site. It was completely an overwhelming ministry coverage.

Sadly, when the family members and friends of United Airlines and American Airlines flight crewmembers arrived at the scene, they saw the horrible site, smell, and sounds of machines. They wept bitterly and publicly. The first responders, mental and medical professionals, and most of all I and my fellow Southern Baptist chaplain stood beside the grieving souls. Some wailing relatives asked the questions "why, why, why!" One man in a fit of anger pointed his blame to New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. I observed how Giuliani responded to the angry father. He was so tactful and loving in responding to the grieving person. I also remembered an eight-year boy crying and standing next to me saying repeatedly, "Why did they have to kill my daddy?" I tried to comfort the young man and many other primary next of kins. I envisioned the first visit to the site of the first 50 family members was like leading 50 funerals of 9/11 victims in one hour. It was the most difficult day in my entire two weeks of ministry in September to October 2001 in New York City. In ministering to the distressed people in a disaster area in New York, I used many encouraging Bible verses especially Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble."

Chaplain Keith Shuley, my shipmate and fellow 9/11 rescuers, articulated our ministry,

"It was a very special time in our lives. We took care of so many people in so many situations and on so many levels. Municipal agencies from the City of New York and other cities provided a compassionate response to the people in their time of need. County agencies from

(Note: All the photos were captured using my camera including the ones in the White House South portico lawn)



After a full day of ministry at Ground Zero, I (Don Biadog) rode on September 26, 2001, a USCG cutter on my way back to Staten Island, NY.



President George W. Bush invited us to the White House and thanked the chaplains on May 8, 2001, for our services in New York.
Photo by Dan De Guzman using my camera.



52 US Navy Chaplains serving in the USCG billets prayed for President George Bush on May 8, 2001, White House South portico lawn.
Photo by Dan De Guzman using my camera.



Since the completion of the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum, I was able to visit several times the same site where I ministered since October 2001. This photo was captured on February 11, 2023, in New York.

all over the surrounding area and beyond provided resources and personnel. State agencies from NY, NJ, CT, and remote locations around the US. A whole range of federal agencies and organizations responded. Nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups came to help. The Chaplains Emergency Response Team (CERT) provided pastoral care, hope, a listening ear, a resource for the responders, the victims and their families, relatives, and the many prominent people who had a deep connection with the city and the people of New York." Shuley added, "You (Biadog) are the Ground Zero Hero taking care Mr. October (Reggie Jackson) and Mayor Rudy Guiliani and all those people who lost firefighters and police officers. Thank you for your service to our Lord and our Nation!"

Together with 32 U.S. Navy chaplains who were serving in the U.S. Coast Guard billets, we made remarkable impact to the lives of hurting people and the fellow helpers too in the aftermath of 911. The Coast Guard leaders were so compassionate and thankful to all the chaplains. All the chaplains involved were treated in a retreat following our service in NYC.

Additionally, for my service in New York, Vice Admiral Thad Allen awarded me personally (and 31 others) on January 15, 2002, with the USCG Commendation (with O device). VADM Allen said,

"Lieutenant Commander Manuel Biadog is cited for outstanding achievement from 25 September 2001 through 2 October 2001 while serving on Chaplain Emergency Response Team (CERT) during recovery operations in the wake of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City's World Trade Center. During this period, Lieutenant Commander Biadog provided essential pastoral support to response personnel, from a myriad of federal, state and city agencies, as they struggled to overcome, overwhelming, physical, and emotional barriers to secure the city, and to rescue and recover the thousands of victims at Ground Zero. Lieutenant Commander, Biadog mere presence provided many responders, the reassurance and faith required to persevere in the efforts despite, the tragic loss of coworkers, friends, and family members. When he was not supporting the attack responders, Lieutenant Commander, Biadog also provided solace and comfort to the families of attack victims at both the Family Support Center and the "Ground Zero", as well as those faced with the and imaginable task of identifying loved ones amongst remains delivered to the Disaster Mortuary (DMORT). It was through Lieutenant Commander Biadog's personal efforts that CERT Chaplains were



One World Trade Center is now the tallest building (1,776 feet) in the United States. This photo was captured on February 11, 2023, in New York.



One World Trade Center towering all the buildings in Manhattan, NY. It is now the tallest building (1,776 feet) in the United States. This photo was captured on February 11, 2023, in New York on my way to Staten Island.

able to provide ministry and console the grieving families of attack victims during the ferry rides en route to "Ground Zero." Lieutenant Commander Biadog dedication, judgement, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

My chaplaincy ministry to the service members, their families and victims' families did not end in New York's Ground Zero. Three years later, I was sent for a special mission to help our armed services and the contract civilian workers (U.S., the Coalition, Third Country Nationals, and Iraqis) working with us in combat zone in Baghdad, Iraq. When I went to New York City, I served in Ground Zero; in the Middle East, I served at Building Zero, Baghdad, Iraq. Serving in a combat zone was scary. It was a daily frightening experience. At around 5 AM, the insurgents would drop the Chinese-made Type 63 towed 107mm Multiple Launch Rocket and mortars. In the six months I was in the desert, I lost three of my neighbors including the highest-ranking government civilian employee. I also saw multiple casualties from direct hits of the rockets. One of the two individuals I served with at Camp Victory was inside the shower trailer when the rockets hit around 5 AM, about the same time daily that the insurgents fired the rockets in our living quarters. During our rescue and recovery operation, an injured soldier saw and recognized me, his chaplain. When he saw me and the duty medic, he commented, "Thank God! It was not my time. God is good!" The U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel miraculously survived. I used the Word of God especially Psalm 91 during my ministry time in Iraq.

The impact of our ministry during the Operation Iraqi Freedom-2 was (and is) greatly appreciated not only by many American and Coalition service members, but by the thousands of Iraqis and Third Country Nationals we worked with and reached out in Baghdad, Iraq. The testimony of Brother Thair Behnan from Baghdad, Iraq, is an example of how we (the Chaplains and Religious Support Team members) impacted the victims of war. God sent us to help them.

Behnan said, "Chaplain Don Biadog was helpful in many ways from praying for us to saving my daughter's (Emelia) life. One example of how helpful Chaplain Biadog was when I first met him and told him my daughter's grim situation. The U.S. Army military and civilian doctors had concluded that there was no longer any hope for Emelia's life unless I could take her to a different Country. It was impossible and was not able to do so financially. It was at this point the good LORD sent His servant. I met and confided with Chaplain Biadog about my desperate need for help for my daughter. Chaplain



From New York to Baghdad, Chaplain Biadog standing in front of our combat tent on September 20, 2001, Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq.



Saying prayer, encouraging words, and offering support to Thair Behnan, August 17, 2004, at Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq.

Biadog prayed for me and my daughter. He took my daughter's situation seriously and actively started to make his communications with higher authority ensuring help and to get my daughter out of the country to save her from her life-threatening condition. He also risked his life multiple times by traveling through dangerous road ("Route Irish," the world's most dangerous road," the 7.5-mile stretch from Camp Victory to Baghdad's Green Zone), from the base (Camp Victory) to the Green Zone, the locations of the Iraqi government and U.S. Embassy. He tried to find a way for us to flee from Iraq and have us fly to the United States. Chaplain Don made several calls to U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan and to the contacts in the United States for prayers, financial, and legal supports. With his help through prayers, he managed to put my daughter Emelia, wife Amal, and I on a plane bound for Indianapolis, Indiana. Emelia had a ten-hour life-saving operation. It was by God's by grace that saved Emelia's life. Right now, my daughter is living a happy, healthy, and successful life. She is currently obtaining her master's degree in public health. She would like to help others just the way this beautiful community that Chaplain Biadog brought together to help her. She would love to help others in need just like they did for her. To date, in God's timing we continue our friendship when we reconnected in San Diego, CA in July 2016. As a way of thanking God and Chaplain Don Biadog for helping my daughter, I started volunteering and helping to distribute foods to the less fortunate, homeless veterans, and refugees in San Diego. I serve for three hours every week sorting, serving, and giving non-perishable and refrigerated items through the Food Distribution Outreach, a ministry of Old Town Community Church (SBC church) led by Chaplain Biadog."

General George W. Casey, Commanding General of the Multi-National Force-Iraq, appreciated and commended my service time in Iraq:

"Chaplain, Commander Manuel A. Biadog, United States Navy, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service as Deputy Command Chaplain, Multi-National Force Iraq during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from 27 July 2004 through 28 January 2005. His outstanding dedication to duty during combat operations in Iraq contributed to the overwhelming success of the command's mission. Chaplain Biadog displayed outstanding professionalism and talented leadership in providing religious services, professional insight, and personal visitation. He coordinated with three nations, joint military staffs, and US and Iraqi doctors resulting in life-saving surgeries for two Iraqi children. He served as a primary point of contact on strategic issues such as the Fatwa Project which was critical to encouraging non-violence toward 150 thousand plus Coalition members and resistance to insurgents. The Fatwa's message has national and regional positive impact in saving lives. He provided critical leadership and vital assistance to victims of rocket and mortar attacks. Chaplain Biadog flawlessly managed the daily, multi-faceted operation of over 500 Religious Support Team members. His actions are



I led a Spiritual Fitness Leadership Training for our MNF-I and Coalition leaders in December 2004 in Babylon, Iraq.

in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself, the Multi-National Iraq, the United States Navy, and the Department of Defense."

War is a man-made disaster. Sadly, most of the war victims are civilians. The terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001, were diabolical actions and needless man-made disaster. According to Britannica, "the official death toll, after numerous revisions and not including the 19 terrorists, was set at 2,977 people. At the World Trade Center in New York City, 2,753 people died, of whom 343 were firefighters. The death toll at the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., was 184, and 40 individuals died outside Shanksville, Pennsylvania."

It is mind-boggling to me after reading various reports of the casualties of the Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). According to the U.S. Department of Defense Casualty Analysis System casualty website, there were 4,431 total deaths (including both killed in action and non-hostile) and 31,994 wounded in action (WIA) because of the Iraq War as of July 19, 2021. The Defense Department estimates 48,000 Afghan civilians were killed and at least 75,000 injured between 2001 and 2021, though the agency acknowledges the true toll is likely significantly higher. The total cost of war in civilian lives is impossible to pin down.

The depressing effects of the war in the Persian Gulf and Middle East continue to impact the service members' families. Since 2001, I have consoled, comforted several hundred service members, widows, parents, siblings, relatives, and friends of the fallen heroes. Sadly, many of our war veterans have taken their own lives due to mental illness, PTSD, survival guilts, incurable illness, and other unknown reasons. Two of the of the most moving services I have done were the ministry of presence during the Dignified Return of the remains and leading numerous memorial and internment services for our war heroes.

As we commemorate the 22nd anniversary on September 11, 2023, please join me in remembering and praying for the families who lost loved ones in the aftermath of terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and during the war (OIF and OEF). War survivors and veterans need our daily prayers too. Many families continue to suffer due to the loss of loved ones. Veterans continue to endure the lingering and debilitating effects of the War. I am currently serving as VFW Chaplain Post 7907. As a Life or Regular member of VFW (Veterans

of Foreign Wars), one of the largest veteran organizations in America, I always encourage my fellow combat veterans to be vigilant, always ready to help our comrades in distress or in need. I encourage my fellow veterans to continue putting feet in our prayers by practicing our VFW National motto, "No One Does More for Veterans!"

Don Biadog, Jr.



Emelia Behnan (middle) celebrates her College graduation on May 17, 2022, with her parents (Amal and Thair), fellow Iraqi graduate, and friends in San Diego, CA. To date, Emelia is finishing her master's degree in health care. The Behnan family counts me as a "family member."



National 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 August 2023, the total missing and unaccounted from the Vietnam War is 1,578. Of those still missing or unaccounted, 160 (this number includes two civilians) list their home of record in California.

Source: www.dpaa.mil

**We will hold our POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony
Saturday, September 16 at 11:00 AM at the Post.
Lunch will follow the ceremony**

Congratulations!

Chaps Biadog - VFW National Chaplain of the Year



District 1 CDR Alexis Henshaw presented Chaplain Don Biadog with the National Chaplain of the Year Award during the July meeting.



When receiving the award, Chaps stated, "This is a 'Team Award'. I couldn't have received it without our motivated group of veterans. To God be the Glory! God Bless!"



Bill Kimble - Commander of the Year & All American Post



Past Commander Club selection of "Commander of the Year Bill Kimble"



VFW CA Mighty District 1 & Aux All American Team 22-23

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH



service dogs save lives!



September is National Service Dog Month, a time marked to pay tribute to the animals who support Veterans & civilians with special training to help with people dealing with PTSD, medical issues, and many other areas.

Did you know..

A service dog is trained for as long as two years at an expense that can reach as high as \$40,000. There is no single type of service dog for all medical issues. There are dogs trained to help the visually impaired, those with PTSD, to help people with epilepsy, and much more.

SEPTEMBER 1-30
WHEN YOU SEE THIS
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WORKING WILL BE
DONATING THEIR TIPS TO A
LOCAL ORGANIZATION.
SHELTER TO SOLDIER



Donations will be made thru
the VFW 7907 Auxiliary



Sept. 23RD

100% of proceeds go to
SHELTER TO SOLDIER

'RIBAPALOOZA'

TAKE HOME DINNER

DINNER FOR 2

Full rack of bbq ribs
Bill's Baked Beans & slaw
Rolls & butter
Ole Fashion Peach Cobbler

\$30

[dinner for 1 is 1/2 rack for \$18]

Saturday, 9/23
pick up 10am - 3pm

PREORDER NOW

Tickets available at VFW POST 7907



TACO TUESDAYS

1ST & 3RD
TUESDAYS

5:30PM - 7PM
(or while supplies last)



\$10

2 Tacos,
beans & rice

BUNCO NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 26TH

TACOS, BEANS & CHIPS 5PM

BUNCO START 6PM

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NEW

ALESMITH NUT BROWN - \$5

TRULY VODKA - \$4

LAGUNITAS IPA - \$5

PILSNER URQUELL - \$4

DISCONTINUED STOCK

BUDWEISER - \$2

MICHELOB ULTRA - \$3

ANGRY ORCHARD CIDER - \$1

SMIRNOFF ICE RED, WHITE & BERRY - \$1

VFW POST 7907 PRESENTS

STAND UP COMEDY

Show

**Saturday
October**

7

with

Andy Kern

Kevin Davis

Chris Clobber



Comedy Central The Marine of Comedy The Tonight Show

at VFW Post 7907, 12342 Old Pomerado Rd, Poway
Dinner starts 5:30pm * Show starts at: 06:45pm


Ticket: \$25 per person Spaghetti dinner includes salad, bread & dessert

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<div><div>3</div><div>Canteen Closed</div><div>Breakfast Canceled</div></div>	<div><div>4</div><div>Canteen Closed</div><div>Closed for Labor Day</div></div>	<div><div>5</div><div>3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div><div>5:00 PM</div><div>Taco Tuesday</div><div>Taco plate with 2 tacos, beans & rice</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div>11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</div><div>11:30 AM</div><div>Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn & roll</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div></div>	<div><div>7</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div></div>	<div><div>8</div><div>3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</div><div>6:00-8:00 PM</div><div>Pulled pork, tater tots & coleslaw</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>6:00-9:00 PM</div><div>Live Music with Windjammers</div></div>	<div><div>9</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>8:00 AM</div><div>Saturday Work Party</div></div>
<div><div>10</div><div>Canteen Closed</div></div>	<div><div>11</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div></div>	<div><div>12</div><div>3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div><div>6:00 PM</div><div>Auxiliary General Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>13</div><div>11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</div><div>11:30 AM</div><div>Beef Stroganoff, noodles, green beans</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div></div>	<div><div>14</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div></div>	<div><div>15</div><div>3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</div><div>6:00-8:00 PM</div><div>Chicken pancit, lumpia & salad</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>6:00-9:00 PM</div><div>Live Music with Country Crossovers</div></div>	<div><div>16</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>8:00 AM</div><div>Saturday Work Party</div><div>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</div><div>POW Remembrance Ceremony</div><div>Lunch to follow</div></div>
<div><div>17</div><div>Canteen Closed</div></div>	<div><div>18</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>6:00 PM</div><div>VFW Post Officers Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>19</div><div>3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div><div>5:00 PM</div><div>Taco Tuesday</div><div>Taco plate with 2 tacos, beans & rice</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div></div>	<div><div>20</div><div>11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</div><div>11:30 AM</div><div>Mississippi pot roast, potatoes & salad</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div></div>	<div><div>21</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>6:00 PM</div><div>VFW 7907 Post Meeting Happy Hour</div><div>7:00 PM</div><div>VFW 7907 Post Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>22</div><div>3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</div><div>6:00-8:00 PM</div><div>Meatball subs, Italian pasta & side salad</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>6:00-9:00 PM</div><div>Live Music with Country Crossovers</div></div>	<div><div>23</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>8:00 AM</div><div>Saturday Work Party</div><div>10:00 AM-3:00 PM</div><div>Ribapalooza Dinner Pick-ups</div><div>Hall Rented for Military Ball Fundraiser</div></div>
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<div><div>24</div><div>Canteen Closed</div></div>	<div><div>25</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>5:30-6:30 PM</div><div>Hall Rented</div></div>	<div><div>26</div><div>3:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div><div>5:00 PM</div><div>Tacos, beans & chips</div><div>Donation: 8.00</div><div>6:00 PM</div><div>BUNCO</div><div>\$5 buy-in</div></div>	<div><div>27</div><div>11:00 AM - 6:00 PM</div><div>11:30 AM</div><div>Spaghetti with meatballs, Texas Toast & salad</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div></div>	<div><div>28</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div></div>	<div><div>29</div><div>3:00 PM - 9:00 PM</div><div>6:00-8:00 PM</div><div>Baked chicken, mashed potatoes & corn</div><div>Donation: 10.00</div><div>6:00-9:00 PM</div><div>Live Music with The Michael Pinning Band</div></div>	<div><div>30</div><div>3:00 PM - 6:00 PM</div><div>8:00 AM</div><div>Saturday Work Party</div></div>

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