



VFW POST 3783

POST COMMANDER

Hello Comrades –

Wow, Spring is finally here! I want to say “Well Done!” to Madolyn and her crew for an outstanding job on the St. Patty’s dinner. The Post was PACKED, and everybody sure seemed to be enjoying the food and music! Thanks to Jean Down for getting us the great entertainment!



We had nominations for 2009-2010 Post Officer positions at our meeting in March. Here are the folks who accepted nominations:

- Commander: Dale Smith
- Sr Vice Commander: Richard Trevallee
- Jr Vice Commander: Joe Lang
- Quartermaster: Ed Chandler
- Trustee: Craig Bousquet and Jim Penton
- Adjutant: John “Pontiac” Hine
- Chaplain: None

Nominations will still be accepted at the April meeting before elections take place. If you would like to run for any of these positions, or have someone you’d like to nominate, be sure to be at the meeting on April 15th at 7:30. Elections will be held at this meeting.

At the March meeting we also voted in two new members: Sidney Bushnell, Active Duty Marine Corps – Operation Afghanistan Freedom and Ian George, Active Duty Navy – Global War on Terrorism. Be sure to give our two newest members a hearty 3783 welcome!



I know that you read all the time that we are seeking new blood in the kitchen. Well, folks, we are in DIRE NEED OF HELP! We are trying to serve a meal every Friday night, and have gone to alternating Fish and Fried Chicken. We cannot ask the same group of folks to cook all of your meals!! If you enjoy the hospitality of the Post and the hard work of the folks who cook for you 4 meals a week, every single month of the year, then it’s time for you to help out. We need at least one additional crew to take the Chicken Dinners, every other Friday night. If we can get two new crews, then each of them will cook one night a month.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy Spring everyone. Thank you to everyone who came to the last meeting and for the nominations. For those of you who were not able to attend here is a list of who was nominated for which positions. Be sure to vote at the next meeting on April 14th.



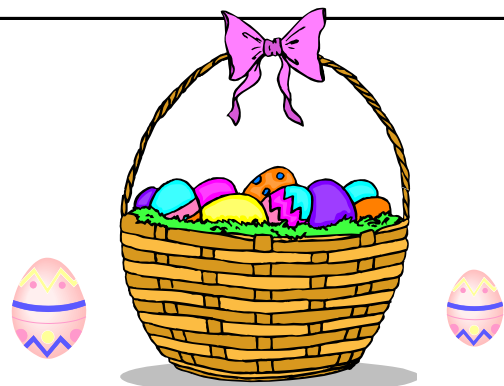
- President:: Rose Busang and Katie Budzenski
- Sr Vice: Marla Smith and Doris Ward
- Jr Vice: Denise Ragsdale
- Treasurer: Carole Littlefield
- Chaplain: Gloria Frayer
- Conductress: Doreen Trevallee
- Guard: Lisa Dabney
- 3rd Yr Trustee: Jan Galloway and Kelly Schirmers



Of course there are many other opportunities to get involved. There is always a need for Committee Chairman, for example Blood Drive, Americanism, Veterans and Family Support and Youth Activities. And of course volunteering in the kitchen, decorating, making phone calls, etc. Anyone interested please let us know. We will be assembling and coloring Easter Eggs on Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come join the fun. This is of course in preparation for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Anyone Hunt! Be sure to bring the kids, grandkids, and neighbors!

We have had a fantastic year and I can’t thank you all enough. Keep up the good work Ladies, and see you at the Post.

Katie Budzenski, Auxiliary President
(aka Sister Bud)



POST COMMANDER

I do not think it's too much to ask that you give 4-5 hours of your time one day a month to help out the people who have been doing this all along. It's time for you to step up!

I hope all of you are having a great spring, and be sure to check your Events Schedule in this newsletter for the Easter festivities!

Jennifer Finley, Commander

SR VICE COMMANDER

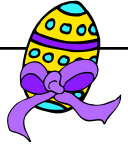
Nominations for officers of Post 3783 were held on the 18th of March. I urge everyone to come to the meeting in April and make your voice heard. Remember if you Don't vote you really don't have a right to complain.

The Post still needs volunteers to cook and for other duties. Please support your Post.



T.J. Watkins, Sr Vice

QUARTERMASTER



February's transactions of interest:

Receipts:

Burgers	\$	540.00
Video Games	\$	375.00
ATM Transactions	\$	126.50
Valentine's Raffle	\$	83.50
50/50	\$	74.00

Disbursements:

Juke Box Repair	\$	818.49
VFW Nat'l Dues	\$	331.50
VFW District .50/member	\$	256.00
Newsletter & Postage	\$	123.64

Profit/Loss

Post	\$	-537.18
Clubhouse	\$	4,753.00
Lottery	\$	-235.22

Bank Accounts

Post	\$29,523.63
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Craig Bousquet, Quartermaster

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JR VICE COMMANDER

Howdy folks,
It was a great month at the Post. Had a lot fun at the Saint Patrick's Day party. I can't believe how good the band was. Nicely done. Jean Down, you rock! A bus trip from the Santee Post showed up and had a great time visiting us. Jen and Kate did a wonderful job setting that up and ended up getting kidnapped to the next Post.

We still need cooks in the kitchen. We are alternating chicken with fish so if you have a good recipe please come make it for us. If not then we will provide it and you can have the honors of making it your way.

Nominations were last meeting and voting is next one so come to the meeting and support your Post.

Look forward to this month and getting to see all of you.



Shift Colors,
Richard Trevallee, Junior Vice Commander

POST CHAPLAIN

We pray that you had a fabulous March...but I know that times are tough. Our Charter is draped again, sadly. Actually, all our Comrades that passed occurred at the end of February. Jerry Soto passed in Las Vegas and flowers and a card were sent to the Services. We received a thank you card from the family. Also, Jerry Crane passed away on Feb 20th and we will be having his Memorial Service at the Post on March 25th @ 3:00pm, all are welcome to attend. I'm sad to say that we also lost one of our Past Commanders, Joe Stein who was Commander when I first joined the Post. He will be greatly missed. Last I heard he was residing in Arkansas. Let us pray that we can keep the Charter undraped in the month of April. Don't miss the next Post meeting as we have elections taking place and we need all of you to participate. Well, that's all for now, peace be with you and God Bless our Post 3783.



Charley "Chaplain" Curtis.

AUXILIARY JR VICE

It's that time again for the elections of new officers for 2009/2010. Nominations began with our March 9th meeting and will continue at the April 14th meeting at which time we will also vote. If you are interested in holding a position please let one of your Auxiliary sisters know. If you have any questions about a position or want more information on one of the support committees, we have several Auxiliary sisters that have been involved with the Post for many and I will say many years and have held different positions within the Auxiliary that would be glad to assist you. Keep in mind that holding an office does not take up much time, maybe a couple of hours a month or think about the several committees we need support with.

"Members of the Ladies Auxiliary are committed to serving veterans and their families, and promoting pride in America." We can only do this with each of us volunteering.

I look forward to seeing you soon, at the POST.


Regards,
Colleen Heinly, Sr. Vice Ladies Auxiliary




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BLOOD DRIVE

Welcome to that taxing time of the year! Even though we will all feel fairly depleted after April 10th and 15th, please come on down to the Clubhouse and donate some blood on Saturday, April 18th for our Red Cross Blood Drive. At least the government can't take our blood-yet! The Bloodmobile will be on the premises from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm. Come on down and enjoy a great hamburger lunch provided by your Post kitchen crew and receive a Red Cross t-shirt. If you would like to make an appointment, call Dick or Mary at (760) 788-9709 or just come down and visit and wait your turn. The Red Cross has been very efficient at our last several drives and the waiting has been minimal. As usual, the waits become less after 1:00.



Please remember, we will be stepping down as the Blood Drive Chairmen after the June drive. Let your Commander, Jennifer, know if you are interested in this position. We can show the new chairman the ropes, the job is very easy, and we would be available to fill in on occasion.

See you on the 18th,
Dra

DAVID BUSANG-RONALD McDONALD HOUSE PULL TAB PROGRAM



On Friday, March 6th, I delivered to the Ronald McDonald's Annual "Collect A Million Day" 90,395 or 71 pounds of pull tabs. I want to thank everyone who participated in this program, especially Randy Rolf and his co-workers, Brian Maltby of "Bolts 4 U" in San Marcos, and our own Senior Center. Each of them donated to us anywhere from 10 to 15 pounds. Let me tell you, that is a lot of pull tabs. There are approximately 1,273 tabs in each pound. The monies collected from the tabs, help defray the cost of families staying at Ronald McDonald Houses in the State of California, while their ill children are in the hospital.

This is a year round program, so please save them all year long and when they get to be too much, bring them to the Post.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,

Rose Busang

CAMPBELL LABELS

April 15th is the deadline for turning in your Campbell's Soup UPC symbols for 2008/2009. As always, there is an envelope on the bulletin board in the front entry to the Post. Just drop them in. This is a year round project, so continue to save them for next year. We turn them and our reports in, in April, so they will be counted for this year. Thank you to everyone who saves them for the VFW National Home. Every few years, they have enough to buy a van to transport the children to the doctors, sporting events, school, etc. Keep those UPC's coming.



Juanita Curtis

MARINE MUSTER

Our Marine Muster will be on Saturday, April 18th around noon and later. Time for blood, burgers, and beer. Our numbers are small but we are always a few of the few.

Semper Fidelis, Ken Dower

HOUSE COMMITTEE



The House Committee meets at 1300 the Second Sunday of each month (Except when that Sunday falls on a Holiday weekend) and at 1830 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This is not a closed meeting. All Post members are welcome to sit in on this meeting. If you have problems, complaints, suggestions or if you just want to get involved in the operation of the Canteen and assist the House Committee, then please come to the meeting.

David Drew

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FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

March is over and Spring has sprung. With that we have Easter coming up. Easter Sunday we will be serving a Steak & Egg Breakfast from 9:00 to 11:00 am, and at 1:00 pm there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the corner of Kelly and Hunter. Easter Eggs for the children and golf balls for the adults.

On Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00pm, there will be a bartender's meeting. All bartenders need to be there including substitutes and anyone interested in bartending in the future.

Would like to thank all bartenders and volunteers for their hard work **THANK YOU!!!**

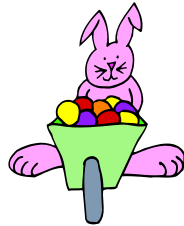
Free dinners drawn for April 2009

Sam Busang

Johnny Dobson

To be used in the month of April only

Madolyn Gifford, Clubhouse Manager



DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 2009

- 2nd Dalemar Pig Roast
- 10th Mother's Day
- 12th Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
- 20th House Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
Post Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22nd-24th Buddy Poppy Sales
- 25th Memorial Day Services & Picnic

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Gene Budzenski	1	Rose Busang	13
Ed Chandler	1	Don Cole	1
Lisa Dabney	4	Tom Dorsey	2
Jim Dougherty	2	Judy Dougherty	2
Doug Downes	1	David Drew	1
Jennifer Finley	4	Jim Goble	6
Dayna Gomez	2	Glen Jarvis	1
Kelly Johnson	5	Joe Lang	2
Dick Lemire	2	JJ Lemire	2
Eric Martenson	2	Suzann Mineruini	1
Dedo Oyos	3	Doug Pagliarina	1
Harry Palmer	2	Sony Pelnarsch	1
Nat Prassel	1	Gary Riggs	1
Sammi Roed	3	Joan Rollf	1
Randy Rollf	1	Dale Smith	1
Gary Smith	2	Marla Smith	2
Carl Solka	1	Greg Trout	1

As always, I am sure I missed several folks. Please put your name on the calendar if you volunteer, so that I won't miss you. Thanks folks and nicely done. No greater heart than that of a Volunteer.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Articles for April's Newsletter will be due on **Friday, April 17th** and for those who can e-mail me, I will need them by noon on **Saturday, April 19th**. If perchance you want to give me your articles earlier, I will definitely accept them. Please leave your articles at the Post or e-mail me at mymygma@aol.com.

Thank you,
Rose Busang




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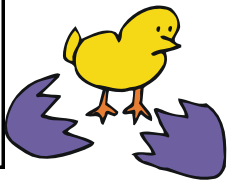
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RON'S CORNER

Thanks to all those who volunteered to cook and waitress, they make the dinners possible, with out them we (I) would starve. The meat loaf, pork roast ,chicken and fish dinners were great. Again THANK you volunteers.

For those of you who were late in coming in on St Patty's Day, you missed one great dinner. Not only that, you missed one of our own, Jean Down and the band he plays in were our entertainment for the evening. Our raffle was won by Betty Huber, congrats.

Rev Ron

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Ham & Eggs				8	9	10	11
				BURGERS By "Damm'it" JIM 	FISH & SHRIMP		PRIME RIB
 Easter STEAK & EGGS 9:00-11:00	13	14	House Committee Meeting 6:30 POST MEETING ELECTIONS	15	16	17	18
		AUXILIARY MEETING ELECTIONS		BURGERS By "Damm'it" JIM 	IOWA PORKERS		BLOOD DRIVE MARINE MUSTER STEAKS
19	20		22	23	24	25	
Chicken Fried Steak				FRENCH DIP 	FISH & SHRIMP	TACOS BY DAYNA	
26	27	28	29	30			
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