

THE POST SCRIPT

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
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2022-2023 POST AND AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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<u>Officer of the Day:</u> Frank McCleary	232-9391
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<u>Advocate:</u> Casey Kleindienst	306-6133
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<u>Guard:</u> Gary Portas	595-1412
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<u>Conductress:</u> Vacant	
<u>Guard:</u> Vacant	
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NOTE: All area codes not noted are (949)

NEXT MEETING

POST: Monday, May 8, 2023, 1800 hrs. - Norman Murray Center
AUXILIARY: Monday, May 8, 2023, 1800 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

POST SCRIPT BOOSTERS

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

The VFW year is coming to an end. A lot of events and work has been done this last half of the fiscal year by post 6024. First, in mid-January, I went under the knife to have shoulder replacement surgery. Five weeks into the healing progress I was found to have a sepsis infection in the shoulder. So, back under the knife, I went. From mid-January to now, mid-April, I have been at home driving my poor wife crazy. I still have not mastered using the fork and spoon, left-handed.

During this time, I was worried about the post, and what would happen to it when I'm not there to be the mother hen. Well, I needn't have worried. Rene Macare, our Sr. Vice Commander stepped up and filled

in, not letting the post miss a beat. Al Hicks, the Jr. Vice Commander has the up-and-coming Buddy Poppy Campaign well at hand and is ready to go. Our Quartermaster Harshu Sharma stayed on top of his duties, as did our Adjacent Robert Cary. Thanks to the chaplain, Gary Heald for the get-well card, and all the phone calls. The post did another 100-year birthday celebration for a Navy Veteran and has scheduled one coming up this month in Laguna Woods. I sent many requests for veteran assistance to Bob Franzwa. I attended District Zoom meetings, and with the help of our Judge Advocate Casey Kleindienst rewrote the Post By-Laws, which were voted on last meeting and accepted. Dick Vaughn and Gale Goodall have nearly wound up the campaign for the VOD and PP competition and the Teacher of the Year. Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT of the Year honors were also completed by Rene Macare and Chuck Wright. New member Ned Costa has stepped forward and is currently rewriting a new website, as our old one closed. The Lake Day at Lake Mission Viejo for the First Marine Division was a success thanks in part to AJ Suma. And welcome to our new post members.

So, I had no reason to fret at all. Everyone continued doing their duties, helping veterans, promoting education about the military, and honoring First responders. I thank everyone and am very grateful.

Commander, John Carson

Post Script Booster\$: Thank you to Robert Casillas for donating his 50/50 winnings from last meeting to extend his Booster support.

New Members: We have a few new members who are waiting to be voted in at our next meeting.

Epitaph: The beloved wife of Comrade Al Ramirez, Past Auxiliary President, Secretary, Treasurer, et al. and our dear friend, Elizabeth Ramirez passed away on March 24. Liz was born in San Gabriel, CA in 1935, the youngest of eight children. She earned a degree from Pasadena City College in Early Childhood Education, was certified as a bilingual pre-school teacher, and taught for over 25 years in the Capistrano Valley School District.

Liz was the backbone of Post 6024 Auxiliary for many years. She always stepped up to help where she was needed and probably held every possible office in the Auxiliary, some more than once, during her tenure. She was always on hand to support both Post and Auxiliary programs. When she stepped away from everyday duties with the Auxiliary, she became a mentor to those who came after her. Liz will be greatly missed but she left behind unforgettable memories for all of us who knew her.



Swallows Parade: Some of our Post members marched in the annual Swallows Day Parade on March 25 in San Juan Capistrano. Our Post also hosted a booth at the Mercado street faire where we were able to meet and talk with local veterans and community members.



Above: Rene Macare, Al Hicks, Harry Steelman, Clark Courtney, Gale Goodall

Lake Day for Marines and Sailors: The weather cooperated with a beautiful day on April 8 for the City of Mission Viejo's annual Appreciation Day at Lake Mission Viejo for the Camp Pendleton Headquarters Battalion and families. Our Post provided bounce houses, a miniature train and other entertainment.



Post Website: You may have found that the Post Website has been inaccessible for a couple of weeks. Our web hosting service unexpectedly went out of business which crashed the website. We are currently in the process of developing a new and better website. We will let you know when it becomes available again.

April Meeting:

Election of Officers for the upcoming term was held at our April meeting. The Installation Ceremony will take place at the May Meeting. The new Post Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, which you received a copy of in the mail, were voted on and approved. We are looking for an additional Service Officer. Our current Service Officer, Bob Franzwa, is doing a terrific job but is being overwhelmed by the number of requests. Please step up if you would like to be trained to help out fellow veterans.

Laguna Café: Join us for our weekly breakfast meetings on Fridays at 7:30 am. 24310 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Woods. **All Veterans Welcome.** In addition, the "Flashback" band entertains on the patio the 3rd Sunday of every month from 11:00 am—2:30 pm **All donations go to the VFW**



MONTHLY POWER QUOTES:

"I offered my opponents a deal: if they stopped telling lies about me, I will stop telling the truth about them."
 _____-- Adlai Stevenson

"I contend that for a nation to try and tax itself into prosperity, is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle." _____-- Winston Churchill

"The problem we face today is because the people that work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living."
 _____-- George Bernard Shaw



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UPCOMING AND HISTORICAL EVENTS

May 8, 2023——-Post Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center, Installation of Officers

May 8, 2023——-Auxiliary Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center

June 8-11, 2023 ——Department Convention, Anaheim, CA

June 14, 2023——— Flag Day

April 19, 1951——- *Gen. Douglas MacArthur ends military service after 52 yrs. and bids farewell to Congress*

April 26, 1865 ——*John Wilkes Booth killed by Union soldiers on a Virginia farm 12 days after assassinating Pres. Lincoln*

May 2, 1997 ——- *A national memorial honoring Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt opens in Washington, DC and is dedicated by Pres. Clinton*