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NOTE: All area codes not noted are (949)

NEXT MEETING

POST: Monday, March 13, 2023, 1800 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

AUXILIARY: Monday, March 13, 2023, 1800 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, as we enter into a new year, there are lots of opportunities for us all to make a Big Difference through our VFW membership and activities.

The purposes of our organization are: Fraternal (we're a brotherhood), Patriotic, Historical, Charitable, and Educational. We are focused on supporting these purposes and each of us has the opportunity to be involved on a variety of levels. It can be as simple as supporting us as a member through your membership fees. You can also choose to be on a committee to support any one or a number of activities. Or you can put your hat in the ring to fill one of our elected Post positions and become an officer in the Post.

You can be part of our Honor Guard which provides (free of charge) memorial services that include a Rifle Volley and a Flag Folding ceremony for any Veteran. We participate each year in Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies where we serve as the Honor Guard. I am currently serving on the Honor Guard and it is a very gratifying duty.

All of these are opportunities help to make a difference as we grow our Post. If you care about Veterans and their families in need, if you would like to help educate our young people about Patriotism and the history of our nation and its Constitution, if you want to help with our membership recruiting, if you would like to help Veterans with obtaining their benefits or help them with a claim, or if you just want the fellowship of being with like-minded Veterans, you are in the right place!

As a member of a very unique organization, we combat Vets represent 1% of the country's population and are therefore unique by association! If not us who else will take the initiative to connect with other Veterans who deserve our support and wish to become members of our tribe. It is more important now than ever to insure that our Veterans get the support they need for themselves and their families.

In closing, I would just like to say that being an active member of our Post has made a very positive impact on my quality of life. It is never too late for us to choose to serve in whatever capacity we can to make a Big Difference and enrich the lives of those we care about including our own!

With Gratitude to our members,
Sr. Vice Commander, Rene F. Macare

February Post Meeting: We welcomed 8th grade student, Lincoln Sparks, a Patriot's Pen 1st place winner from RSM Intermediate School and Katherine Verrando, a Voice of Democracy 2nd place winner, sophomore from Aliso Niguel High School. They each read their essays and received certificates and checks from Essay Committee member, Gale Goodall and Sr. Vice Commander, Rene Macare.



First Responders Recognized: Following the essay presentations, our Post Firefighter and Paramedic of the Year were honored.

Captain Nicholas Loevenguth, a graduate of Dana Hills High School, has worked for the OCFA for 14 years. He currently is a live fire Cadre instructor in two basic fire academies where he teaches new members to become full-time firefighters.

Battalion Chief Matt Levesque assisted in the award presentation with Sr. Vice Commander Rene Macare



Firefighter Paramedic, and USMC Veteran, **Jason Frappier**, has been with the OCFA since 2015. He serves in a logistics role with FEMA Task Force 5. He is also part of the OCFA Incident Management Team and currently works at Station 54 in Lake Forest. Battalion Chief Kevin Fetterman was on hand to present the award along with Sr. Vice Commander, Rene Macare.

Youth Activity News:



Our Post 6024 Voice of Democracy 1st place winner, **John McPhie**, was also named the District 2 VOD winner. As a District winner, he was invited along with the winners of all 17 Districts to the Department of California VOD banquet on January 27.

He is shown being escorted into the banquet by District 2 Auxiliary President, Mary Lombard and District 2 Commander, Daniel Jennings.

It was announced at the banquet that John was the 3rd place Voice of Democracy winner for the Department of California !



Award Presentations, March Post Meeting: Our March Post Meeting will be held in the larger Sycamore B Room to accommodate the invited guests for our Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year awards presentations. We will be presenting both Post and District 2 awards to our essay winners who will also read their winning essays. And, our Post Teacher of the Year, who is also a District 2 and Department of CA winner will be honored. Also at the March meeting, nominations will be open for the Post's next term officers.

Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade: The 56th annual parade will march at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 4, 2023. The theme for the 2023 parade is "Volunteer Heroes." The route for the parade starts at Laguna Beach High School on Park Avenue, proceeds down Park Avenue to Glenneyre Street and turns right, proceeds to Forest Avenue and turns right, then goes up Forest Avenue to City Hall, and disperses down Ocean Avenue. If you would like to participate, contact Chaplain Gary Heald for more information.

MONTHLY POWER QUOTES:

"The future rewards those who press on. I don't have time to feel sorry for myself. I don't have time to complain. I'm going to press on."

----- Barack Obama

"The power of excellence is overwhelming. It is always in demand, and nobody cares about it's color."

----- Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr.



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UPCOMING AND HISTORICAL EVENTS

March 13, 2023——Post Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center, Sycamore B Room
March 13, 2023——Auxiliary Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center
March 25, 2023 ——Swallows Day Parade , San Juan Capistrano
April 8, 2023 —— Lake Day for MV Adopted Marine Unit, Lake Mission Viejo
April 10, 2023 —— Post Meeting 1900 hrs. Election of Officers, Norman Murray Center

February 15, 1989 ——*Soviet Russia completes withdrawal from Afghanistan after 9 yrs. and 15,000 Russian soldiers killed*
February 28, 1994—— *NATO conducts it's first combat action as 4 Bosnian Serb jets are shot down by US fighters in a No-Fly zone*
March 9, 1864—— *Ulysses Grant commissioned Lieutenant General and becomes commander of Union Armies*