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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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In memory of Tom Goodall

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NOTE: All area codes not noted are (949)

NEXT MEETING

POST: Monday, November 13, 2023, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

AUXILIARY: Monday, November 13, 2023, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

POST SCRIPT BOOSTERS

Carol Rigg in memory of Gene Rigg (10/25), Burton J. Rounds (in perpetuity), Doug Sasso (7/24), Dick Vaughn (5/24), Veronica Ashdown (5/24), Micky Jimerson (1/24), Stuart Evans (1/25), Joe Goff (9/26), Al Ramirez (11/24), Tom Fenton (9/23), Dave Buck (9/24), Fred Egeler (11/25), Clark Courtney (6/30), Robert Carey (7/24), Harry Steelman (12/23), Frank McLeary (11/24), Herbert Nakasone (2/28), Robert Casillas (12/28), Ken Simonson (10/24), Julie Hammeras in memory of Samuel Bussell (11/27), RJ Jackson (8/25), Ed Rice (5/25), William Wyngaard (5/25), Michael Burnett (5/27), John Summa (6/24), Roger Clinch (6/27), Dave Berutich (2/26), Pat Rizco (2/24), Rene Macare (2/28), Jackie Heddlesten (11/25), Terry Pfeil (7/26), Ned Costa (8/24)

(NOTE: A donation of at least \$15.00 allows you to be a Post Script Booster for one year. The date after your name indicates your donation expiration. Our Boosters help offset the costs for mailing and printing this newsletter.)

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

We have hit the ground running again and our fall Post activities are in full swing.

I had the privilege of attending and speaking at our scout troop 727 semiannual **Court of Honor** on September 19. New Post Scouting Chairman, Michelle Coppage was also there to witness our scouts being awarded 170 merit badges and 24 rank advancements. Congratulations scouts.

On September 26th, our Sr. Vice Commander Rene Macare, Adjutant Ned Costa, PSO Rich Bitney and I attended the **Saddleback College Veterans Resource Fair** and made some good contacts with the veterans who attended.



A neighborhood **Patriotic Celebration** was held in San Juan Capistrano on Saturday, September 30. A few Post members and I braved the rain and attended. Our Post Trustee, Harry Steelman, gave a talk on “What Patriotism means to a Veteran”.



I would also like to give an update on how our Post Guard and Charter Member, Gary Portas, and his wife Dottie are doing following Dottie's heart surgery and recuperation. They are both back in their home now and doing well. The Post is helping out by providing Meals on Wheels for as long as they need it.

Don't forget our fall **Buddy Poppy Campaign** is fast approaching. We still have venues available for any Post member who can volunteer a few hours to this cause. Please contact Jr. Vice Al Hicks and get a time slot asap.

Just a reminder that Post members and other veterans gather at the Laguna Café for food and banter every Friday morning. It's a great time for relaxing and getting to know fellow members.

Commander, John Carson

Post \$cript Boo\$ter\$: Thank you to Carol Rigg for renewing her Booster in memory of her husband, Post Life Member Gene Rigg. Also thanks to Ken Simonson for contributing for another year.

New Members: We voted in 2 new transfer members at the October Meeting: Chris Hirahara, his 27 years of service in US Navy included Desert Storm and Afghanistan; John MacKus, with 25 years in the USMC doing Expeditionary Operations in many hostile locations. Welcome.

Lifetime Service Award: Al Ramirez was recognized at our October Post Meeting for his lifetime service to VFW Post 6024. Al is a Life Member and a 1988 Charter Member of Post 6024. He has been as active a member as you can get, serving in all of the elected positions and most of the appointed ones as well, from Guard through two terms as Commander. He was always first on the list to volunteer for our events at the VA Hospital and also served many years on the Honor Guard. But most members probably remember him best for his many years as the Post's perennial Officer of the Day.



Al served in the US Navy in Korea from 1951-1955 as a Chief Petty Officer 3; with part of that time aboard the USS Tucker (1952-53). Thank you Al for your service to our Post and Country.

Save the Date: Our annual Christmas Dinner will take place at our Post meeting on December 11 starting at 6:00 pm. Bring your spouse, significant other or family member. We will ask for RSVPs next month.

Wreaths Across America: It's not too late to support Wreaths across America for the holidays this year. Wreaths will be placed on December 16, 2023. The goal is for every veteran to have a wreath placed on their grave; it is quite a moving sight to see. If you would like to donate to have a wreath specifically placed at our local El Toro Memorial Park, go to the following website: www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CA0516P

VFW Auxiliary Patriotic Art Contest: These are two of the 2023 winners of the annual Young American Patriotic Art Contest open to students grades 9-12. All of the winners can be seen at: vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships.



Entries for this contest are submitted to local VFW Auxiliaries for Department judging by March 31 of each year. If you know a young person with some artistic talent please contact the Editor for more info. Post 6024 Auxiliary would love to have their entry.

Left: 1st place, Alice Barron, \$15,000 scholarship, grade 11, Dept of VA.
Above: 4th place, Solemn Loss, \$1,500 scholarship, grade 12, Dept. of CA.

Editors Note: This month marks the 10th anniversary of the passing of my husband, Past Commander, Tom Goodall; as well as 10 years since I volunteered to edit the Post Script, a job left empty by my husband, until someone else could be found to take over the position. As we all know, no one stepped up, I am still here and the relationship has worked out well for both me and the Post. I continue to write the Post Script in the same style which Tom started. Many things have changed over the years especially with the addition of social media. I try to keep the Post Script informative for those not on social media as well as fresh with things that don't appear on our web pages. Suggestions for content are always welcome. _____ gale goodall

MONTHLY POWER QUOTES:

"Our greatest foreign policy problem is our divisions at home. Our greatest foreign policy need is national cohesion and a return to the awareness that in foreign policy we are all engaged in a common national endeavor." _____ Henry Kissinger

"You don't negotiate with someone who marches into another country, devastates it, killing whoever stands in his way. You get him out, make him pay and see that he is never in a position to do these things again." _____ Margaret Thatcher

"It is better to discuss things, to argue, and engage in polemics than make perfidious plans of mutual destruction." _____ Mikhail Gorbachev



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UPCOMING AND HISTORICAL EVENTS

November 11, 2023—Veterans Day Ceremonies at El Toro Memorial Park 1100 hrs. and City of Mission Viejo, Norman Murray Center 1400 hrs.

November 13, 2023—Post Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center

November 13, 2023—Auxiliary Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center

November 23, 2023—Give Thanks

October 18, 1867— US takes possession of Alaska after purchasing it from Russia for \$7.2 million

October 25, 1962 —U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council

November 2, 1920—The first significant public radio news broadcast were the results of the 1920 presidential race between Warren Harding and James Cox by Pittsburgh station KDKA