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POST: Monday, October 9, 2023, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

AUXILIARY: Monday, October 9, 2023, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

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### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

I am sitting at my computer; the same one I seem to be glued to for the past several weeks. To effectively run this Post is no different than any other VFW Post in the nation. A Commander is only as effective and as good as those who work under him. To be an elected officer or an appointed committee member in the VFW takes a lot of work to do it successfully. As a Commander, you must know all the workings of every position, and then some. One of the ways to make sure everyone is doing their given assignments correctly is to ask questions and oversee the end results. For a Commander to be on top of any challenge, it is essential they listen. A leader must be willing to accept failure, yet allow those who flourish to have recognition, and stay in the shadows.

I have passed out training manuals, manuals of procedures, and training notes on nearly every elected and appointed VFW position to our officers and committee leaders. I am also responsible for making sure everyone on my staff receives a podium VFW Bylaws book which has the rules, policies, procedures, and rituals governing the VFW. We strive to be perfect but it is a difficult task for a volunteer organization.

Over the past weeks I was on the phone, emailed, texted, or met with not only Post members, but also District, Department, and National leaders making sure what our Post was doing was correct. I have a great staff that is working hard to accomplish my demands and follow the procedures of the VFW. As in any fluid operation, changes must be done on the fly and your elected and appointed leaders have stepped up to the task. As we progress, we must be able to improvise, adapt, and overcome.

Our membership committee just received revised and updated guidelines that will make it easier to follow the correct procedures. In other areas, I only expect officers to take the time to read and follow the procedures. I'll admit, one day I sent over 30 emails to my staff and Post members. You see if we fail, it is on me for not looking out for you enough. When we win, you did it because you cared enough.

I have 25 bylaw books on order, and when received, will pass them out to the elected and appointed Post officers. The new bylaws will be online for anyone to have access.

Edward J. Kearns VFW Post 6024 is your Post. Be proud, invite people to our functions, work the Buddy Poppy lines, go visit veterans, and contact Post members that you have not seen at meetings for a while.

Thank you for making this a well-run and well-respected VFW Post. Don't slow down, there is a lot of work yet to do.

*Commander, John Carson*

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**Post \$cript Boo\$ter\$:** No new Boosters this month. Take a look at the list and if your subscription has or is about to expire, please renew, or consider being a first time Booster to support this publication.  
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**New Members:** We are happy to welcome another new member this month. Robert Kakuschke is a USN Vietnam Vet who served aboard USS Bennington.  
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**Post Activities:** Summer is winding down, fall is in the air, and Post activities are beginning to rev up. On Monday, **September 11**, our Honor Guard and Comrade Jim Clements participated in the Rancho Santa Margarita Patriots Day ceremony with many Post members in attendance. Our Post will also be present at the Saddleback College Veterans Resource Fair on **September 26**.



Even though we are still unable to visit the **Long Beach VA Hospital** in person to do BBQs or Pizza parties for the Spinal Cord Injury patients due to continuing Covid restrictions, our Hospital Chairman, AJ Summa, drops off gift cards every month so the staff can buy items they need.

Our Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay contests are underway as packets with materials have been dropped off at participating schools and applications have been emailed to last year's student participants. All entries are due by **October 31**.

At our **September 13** meeting, Commander Carson was presented with the Post's new Certificate of Membership to the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce. Our first event sponsored by the Chamber will be **October 7 and 8** at the RSM Family Fest. This is a very popular annual city event that features live music and entertainment, kid's fun zone, beer and wine garden, as well as booths featuring community organizations and local businesses. Our Post will have a booth to enable interaction with the many local veterans attending.

And, of course we are gearing up for our **Veterans Day Poppy Campaign**.

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**New Members Step Up:** Our latest new member Robert Kakuschke has already volunteered to man a table for our upcoming Veterans Day Buddy Poppy campaign. Michelle Coppage, a new member in August, stepped up when she learned that long time Scout Chairman, Jim Clements, was interested in retiring from that position. She has volunteered to serve as the new Post Scout Chairman.

A big thanks to both of them for wasting no time getting involved in Post activities.

**Honor Flight:** As I write this, two of our Post members, **Al Ramirez** and **Robert Casillas**, are in Washington, DC with Honor Flight Southland. For those of you who might not be familiar with the Honor Flight program, it is a national nonprofit organization comprised of independent hubs around the country working together to achieve the common goal of honoring our nation's heroes with the trip of a lifetime to our nation's capital to visit "their" Memorials and show them the appreciation and honor they deserve. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, remember the fallen, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans.

Honored veterans always travel free of charge, thanks to generous donations from the public and corporate sponsors.



Honor Flights are currently honoring those who

served during WW II, Korea, and Vietnam, plus veterans of any service era who are critically ill. Honor Flight transports about 22,000 veterans annually nationwide. We look forward to hearing about Al and Robert's trip.



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**MONTHLY POWER QUOTES:**

*"We can't all be heroes, because somebody has to sit on the curb and applaud when they go by."*  
 \_\_\_\_\_-- Will Rogers

*"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."*  
 \_\_\_\_\_-- Arthur Ashe

*"There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty, that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism."*  
 \_\_\_\_\_-- Alexander Hamilton



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### **UPCOMING AND HISTORICAL EVENTS**

**October 7-8, 2023** ——RSM Family Fest, Central Park RSM, Saturday, Noon—2200 hrs.,  
Sunday, Noon– 2000 hrs. Post 6024 will have a booth.

**October 9, 2023**——-Post Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center

**October 9, 2023**——-Auxiliary Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center

*September 24, 1789*——- *The Congressional Judicial Act is signed by President George Washington  
establishing the US Supreme Court with 6 justices to serve until death or retirement*

*September 27, 1950* ——-*As Seoul falls, Marine PFC Luther Leguire of FL, raises the Stars and Stripes  
above the looted residence of the American Ambassador*

*October 6, 1884*——-*Department of the Navy establishes the Naval War College in Newport, RI*