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NEXT MEETING

POST: Monday, July 10, 2023, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

Well, we made it through another VFW fiscal year intact. It has been a challenge but the members you elected stepped up to the plate.

Our membership has grown, even though we said goodbye to some members that Father Time took away from us. Those who went out and manned a table for the Buddy Poppy Campaign worked very hard so we can continue to support those veterans in need. We can't let down; a new campaign is coming up in November and we have a new Buddy Poppy on the way.

The Post's Honor Guard also has seen a very busy year, and with the new coordinated uniforms, looks very sharp. Lake Day for the 1st Marine Division was a success, and at the VA Hospital, we were

able to offer gas cards and gift packages for newborn baby items to veteran families. Our Post got a new website, vfwpost6024.org, and a newly designed weekly e-blast informational.

As the Post moves on, and our new officers assume their duties in July, members are contacting more organizations that either request our assistance or we are offering our assistance. That means we are going to be busy, yet it also translates to more veterans getting the assistance they deserve. Casey, Al Hicks, and your Commander have a new program we will introduce shortly that will be very rewarding to our Post members. The youth activities our Post supports or sponsors appear to be growing. Which reminds me, IF you know of a teacher deserving recognition for their work introducing our youth to the *factual* history of America and support patriotism and veterans, contact Gale Goodall, Dick Vaughn, or Casey Kleindienst for further qualifications. Law Enforcement, Fire Fighter, and EMT of the year programs are expanding to include more deserving candidates. Casey and I have rewritten the Post Bylaws. Members have attended or will attend three VFW Conventions and are learning a great deal about the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ned Costa and your Commander produced a video that was featured at the VFW Memorial presentation at Department convention and received many accolades. Training is now coming up shortly, VFW inspection, and much, much more.

We do need your help to keep our numerous activities going in a professional approach and manner. You are the Post, not one individual, or small group. If you have not been active, come on down on the second Monday at 19:00 hours and look at what you have been missing.

Commander, John Carson

New Members: At our June meeting, we voted in new member, Randall Lantrip, a USN Corpsman. Welcome Aboard.

Memorial Day: Our Post Honor Guard looking sharp in their new All American hats after firing the rifle volley at El Toro Memorial Park. (left to right: Bob Franzwa, AJ Summa, Clark Courtney, Renee Macare, Bob Carey)



Auxiliary members Jackie Heddlesten and Mary Lombard, along with Post member Robert Casillas manning the table at the Mission Viejo Memorial Day ceremony.

VA Hospital Baby Shower: It was a gray May day in the parking lot at VA Hospital Long Beach. But that didn't damper the excitement of 35 expectant (or recently delivered) Veteran mothers who came to the drive-thru baby shower which our Post helped sponsor. Hospital Chairman, AJ Summa, Aux. member, Gale Goodall, and AJ's wife Barb were on hand to help pass out the goodies.



Spotlight on our Teacher of the Year:



On June 8, several of our Post members attended the awards presentation at the Department Convention to see our Post Teacher of the Year, Monica Grim, receive the first place award for State of CA Elementary Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Grim is a 5th grade teacher at Stoneybrooke Christian School in San Juan Capistrano.

Mrs. Grim is a model of citizenship and exemplifies many of the qualities that define those who serve our nation—courage, patriotism, faith, and respect. She strives to pass these values on to her students in the classroom.

Mrs. Grim values each student as an individual and promotes their personal development as well as academic learning. She believes teaching them to be a productive member of society is one of her most important teaching objectives.

When she is not in the classroom, she does volunteer work, including teaching Vacation Bible School at boy’s orphanage in Haiti.

Monica is the wife of a USMC Gulf War veteran, and daughter of a US Army Bronze Star Vietnam veteran.

Did you Know: The **6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion** was the first battalion of predominantly African American women ever to serve in the US military overseas? In February 1945, 800 women mostly in their late teens and 20’s arrived in Glasgow, Scotland to do something crucial for the war effort. Their job would be clearing a massive backlog of millions of pieces of undelivered mail, intended for US Servicemen, stored in European warehouses from floor to ceiling. For 2 years or longer, soldiers had been waiting for letters and packages that hadn’t arrived and morale was declining. They worked in cold, dirty, dark, rat infested aircraft hangars with broken windows. Despite having to deal with difficult working and living conditions as well as discrimination, the 6888th produced great results. With a new tracking system they created, the women processed an average of 65,000 pieces of mail per shift and cleared the six-month backlog of mail in just three months. Unfortunately, as it too often happens, official national recognition of their service and accomplishments didn’t come until almost 80 years later when, in March 2022, they were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

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:

“A strict observance of the written laws is doubtless one of the high virtues of a good citizen, but it is not the highest. The laws of necessity, of self-preservation, of saving our country when in danger, are of higher obligation.” _____-- Thomas Jefferson

“When you stop a dictator there are always risks. But there are greater risks in not stopping a dictator.” _____-- Margaret Thatcher

“The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.” _____-- John F. Kennedy

“The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.” _____-- Winston Churchill



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UPCOMING AND HISTORICAL EVENTS

- July 4, 2023 ——— Independence Day
- July 10, 2023 ——— Post Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center
- July 10, 2023 ——— Auxiliary Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center
- July 22-27, 2023 ——— VFW National Convention, Phoenix, AZ

- June 17, 1971 ——— Treaty between US and Japan returns Okinawa to Japanese rule, with US retaining rights to major military base on the island*
- June 25 1942 ——— Major General Dwight Eisenhower arrives in London and takes command of US Forces in Europe*
- July 1, 1939 ——— President Roosevelt transfers control of the Lighthouse Service from the Department of Commerce to the US Coast Guard*