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NOTE: All area codes not noted are (949)

NEXT MEETING

POST: Monday, June 12, 2023, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

AUXILIARY: Monday, June 12, 2023, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

Well, what a month this is. May 8 was my first day back running the meetings after being sidelined for over 3 months. I was busy at home though, behind the scenes, while Sr. Vice Commander Rene Macare held down the fort. I attended a car drive-by for 100-year-old WWII Navy veteran Frank Fontecchio's birthday, organized by Jr. Vice Commander Al Hicks. I attended two Scout's Courts of Honor and an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. I recruited Ned Costa to re-design and build from scratch a new website for our Post after the old website was shut down. Ned, who will be our new Webmaster and Adjutant as of July 1st, spent countless hours building it. He and I were constantly gathering all the

information we could so any questions about the VFW National, Department, District 2, or Post 6024, can be found on the new website. Ned Costa has built us a first-class website; please visit it at: **VFWpost6024.org**

There are three VFW Conventions coming up which you should make every effort to attend.

District 2 is holding its convention on May 20th, at the Anaheim VFW, 805 E. Sycamore St., Anaheim, from 09:00 to 12:00.

State of California Department Convention will be at the Doubletree Orange Hotel, at 100 City Drive, Orange. It starts Wednesday, June 7th through Sunday, June 11, from 09:00 to 17:00. Our District 2 is the host, and you will not get a state convention any closer. Even if you only attend some of the days, it is an experience you will remember. I encourage all to attend.

National VFW Convention is in July in Phoenix, AZ. Go on our website, click links, and National VFW and read all about it.

I also want to welcome three new members to our Post that were voted in at the May meeting:

Triston Burt - Army Combat Vet/Operation Inherent Resolve.

Paul Worley - Marine Combat Vet/OIF/Inherent Resolve/Afghanistan (SILVER STAR RECIPIENT)

Phil Pincus - Marine Combat Vet., Helo Pilot/ Beirut/Expeditionary Operations/ (Lt. Colonel ret.)

One last note, Memorial Day is the last weekend in May. That means the VFW will be out in force handing out Buddy Poppies. If you already are working with a team, have fun. If you are not part of a team yet, contact Jr. Vice Al Hicks, and he will get you paired up. His phone number is on the front page of the PostScript. Donations during our Buddy Poppy campaign is where we get our funds to help veterans in need.

As you can see, we are busy, and that's a good thing.

Commander, John Carson

Post \$cript Boo\$ter\$: Thank you to Dave Buck who renewed his Booster for another 20 months.

New Members: We are happy to welcome the three new members to our Post that are mentioned above in the Commanders Corner. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Taps: VFW National recently informed us that the following members of our Post, who we have not previously acknowledged in the Post Script, passed away during the last year:

- Barth Massey, 76, Mission Viejo
- Tom Miller, 76, San Dimas
- Michael Milligan, 75, San Clemente
- Donald Nacey, 84, Laguna Niguel
- Richard Otto, 91, Lake Forest
- Walter Shafer, 94, Fairfax, VA
- Roger Tierney, 73, Lake Forest

Rest in Peace, Comrades

Post Website: As the Commander mentioned above, our new Webmaster, Ned Costa, has been hard at work developing a new website and getting it up and running. This is still a work in progress so stay tuned for more content to be added. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. We are also hoping to have the weekly Friday E-Blast working again soon. The E-Blast is only as good as the input we get from our committees and members. Please contact the Webmaster or Commander if you have information to include.

Scout of the Year: Troop 7272 Eagle Scout, Olivia Freeman, named District 2 Scout of the Year.

Olivia Freeman is a Junior at Tesoro High School. She lives in Ladera Ranch, and she has been a part of Troop 7272 in Rancho Santa Margarita since 2020. Troop 7272 was the first All Girl Troop in Orange County, and it has proudly supported the growth of 8 of its members to Eagle Scout rank in just 4 years. Olivia spent the early years of her childhood in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she participated in the Girl Guides of Canada program as a Spark, a Brownie and a Girl Guide. Upon moving to California, Olivia spent a year in Girl Scouts before finding her fit in BSA. Her Eagle project was a water-wise demonstration garden in her community, giving residents ideas about how to incorporate drought-tolerant plants into their landscapes. Passionate about the environment, Olivia plans to attend a four-year university to study environmental science and pre-med.



May Post Meeting: Two 6th grade Patriot's Pen essay winners from Ladera Ranch Middle School came to our meeting with their families and their teacher to read their essays and receive their awards. The members in attendance listened intently to two very poised young ladies (left Mona Wojcik, right Vivian Murray) as they read their thoughts on "My Pledge to Our Veterans".

June Post Meeting: Our June 12 Meeting will be another busy one. We will hear one more Patriot's Pen winning essay and Installation of our new term of Officers will take place.

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:

"There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction."
 _____-- John F. Kennedy

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph."
 _____-- Haile Selassie

"Nothing strengthens authority so much as silence."
 _____-- Leonardo da Vinci



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UPCOMING AND HISTORICAL EVENTS

May 29, 2023 ———Memorial Day

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

June 12, 2023 ———Post Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center, Installation of Officers

June 12, 2023 ———Auxiliary Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center

June 14, 2023 ——— Flag Day Ceremony, RSM City Hall, 1930 hrs.

May 13, 1846 ——— Congress declares war on Mexico; the struggle cost the lives of 11,300 US soldiers and resulted in annexing lands that became OK, NM, AZ, CA, UT, CO and NV

May 22, 1972 ———Congress approves Truman Doctrine assuring US support for Greece and Turkey to prevent the spread of Communism

June 4, 1989 ——— Chinese government troops using tanks, machine guns, and clubs open fire on unarmed protestors in Tiananmen Square killing about 3,000 and jailing another 1,600