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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, June 10, 2024, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

**AUXILIARY:** Monday, June 10, 2024, 1900 hrs. - Norman Murray Center

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### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades,

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, I attended BSA's Troop 7272's Court of Honor. Young ladies of the Boy Scouts of America gathered at the Amphitheater at Lake Rancho Santa Margarita to be presented with merit badges, awards, and advancements in rank. These young ladies earned 110 merit badges, 12 special awards, 24 rank advances, and 3 new members earned the rank of Eagle Scout. This covered the last six months of work by these enthused troop members.

Both RSM Mayor Pro Tempore, Bradley J. McGirr, and I gave inspirational speeches to the troops, parents, and guests. Several troops also told stories about some of the more adventurous badges they earned. The BSA offers over 134 merit badges that can be earned.



*Left: Troop 7272 with RSM Major Pro Tempore Brad McGirr*

Then on April 23, Post Scout Liaison Michelle Coppage and I attended the Rancho Santa Margarita BSA Troop 727's Court of Honor. The ceremony was held at the Amphitheater at Lake RSM on a crisp Spring evening. The troops received merit badges and promotions earned over the past six months. In all, 51 merit badges and 31 rank advancements were presented.

Several presentations and acknowledgments of troop staff and troop committees were announced. Inspiring speeches were given to the troops, parents, guests, and troop leaders by RSM Mayor Pro Tempore, Bradley J. McGirr, and myself on behalf of our Post as sponsor of Troop 727.

*Right: Troop 727 with Post 6024 Scouting Chmn, Michelle Coppage and Commander John Carson*

Nice receptions were held at the Lake following both Courts of Honor.

Congratulations to all troop members for these accomplishments.

*Commander,  
John Carson*



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**Po\$t \$cript Boo\$ter\$:** Thank you to Doug Sasso for renewing his booster for one year and to Dick Vaughn for his four year renewal.

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**New Members:** We welcomed two new members to our Post at our May 13 meeting.: Gary Shumaker USN Submarine Service and Ralph Ribeau US Army, Bronze Star, Vietnam.

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**Installation of Officers June 10:** New Officers for the 2024-25 term for both the Post and the Auxiliary will be installed at our June Post Meeting. Please come out and show your support for all of the incoming Officers.



#### US Flag Retirement Ceremony

**Flag Day Ceremony:** Flag Day is celebrated on the anniversary of the resolution by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1977 that approved the design of our national flag. This year will mark the **20th Anniversary** of the annual Flag Day ceremony by the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. This is an opportunity to honor the American Flag in partnership with City officials, VFW Post 6024, and local Scout units. The ceremony is held to properly destroy by burning, worn, damaged, or otherwise unserviceable American flags in a dignified manner.

Join us on Friday, June 14, at 19:30 on the lawn at the Bell Tower behind City Hall. Please bring lawn chairs for seating and any worn or damaged US Flags in need of disposal. After the scouts perform the ritual of cutting and burning the first flag, members of the audience are invited to join in the tribute of retiring a flag.

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**Memorial Day:** Our Post Honor Guard will participate in two Memorial Day programs on May 27. The **City of Mission Viejo** ceremony will be at 8:30 am in The Kershaw Garden at the Civic Center. Guest speakers will include Colonel Matthew D. Lundgren, Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division; and Jeffrey Andrade, Veteran's Administration, US Marine Corp, Retired. In addition, Commander William Leber, American Legion Post 281 will light the eternal flame of remembrance in honor of the fallen and in recognition of Vietnam POW/MIAs. The audience will receive a candle at the end of the ceremony and are encouraged to place it around the eternal flame memorial in remembrance of a fallen hero. Also, the American Heroes Tribute Banners honoring service members who have lost their lives in combat will be displayed throughout the Civic Center walkway and Kershaw Gardens through June 1.

**El Toro Memorial Park** will hold it's annual Memorial Day Program at 11:00 am. This year's keynote speaker has not been announced. Music will be provided by the Master Chorale of Saddleback Valley, a wreath presentation will be done by representatives from surrounding cities and participating patriotic and veteran organizations, and our Honor Guard will fire the three-volley salute. A very interesting World War I Historical Display provided by American Legion Chaplain Frank Cook will be available for all to visit before and after the program.

Please honor the purpose of the holiday and remember those who gave all by attending one of these commemorative programs or one in your local area.

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**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:

*"Every man has the right to be heard; but no man has the right to strangle democracy with a single set of vocal cords".* \_\_\_\_\_ Adlai Stevenson

*"Here in America we are descended in blood and in spirit from revolutionaries and rebels--men and women who dared to dissent from accepted doctrine. As their heirs, may we never confuse honest dissent with disloyal subversion".* \_\_\_\_\_ Dwight Eisenhower

*"The abuses of the press are notorious ...License of the press is no proof of liberty. When a people are corrupted, the press may be made an engine to complete their ruin".* \_\_\_\_\_ John Adams





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### UPCOMING AND HISTORICAL EVENTS

**May 27, 2024** ——— **Memorial Day**  
**June 6, 2024** ——— **80th Anniversary of D-Day**  
**June 10, 2024** ——— **Post Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center**  
**June 10, 2024** ——— **Auxiliary Meeting 1900 hrs., Norman Murray Center**  
**June 14, 2024** ——— **Flag Day**  
**June 19-23, 2024** ——— **VFW State Convention, Anaheim, CA**

**May 4, 1970** ——— *National Guardsmen open fire on a crowd of 1,000 Kent State students protesting President Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia*  
**May 25, 1994** ——— *Alexander Solzhenitsyn allowed to return to Russia after 20 yrs in exile for writing, "The Gulag Archipelago" exposing Soviet prison camp system.*  
**May 29, 1660** ——— *English monarchy restored with Charles II after several years of a Commonwealth under Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell.*