

## **Commander Notes**

Comrades,

This past year, we have joined with our local community, Universal City Park's Partners, on several occasions. We supported their Pumpkin Patch, Veterans Day Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony. I foresee our future with them continuing, as we remain involved with these and more projects upcoming in 2022.

Thank you for your membership. If your dues are coming due, please get them taken care of as soon as possible so we have another chance at All-State and All-American this year.

As a friendly reminder, our General Membership Meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. Also, during the month of January, we are hosting our Cub Scout Pack 338 on the 8<sup>th</sup>. They are doing their Annual Pine Box Derby at 0900 hrs. Afterward, they will help us perform our US Flag Retirement Ceremony at 1100 hrs. For lunch we will feed them pizza. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, we will be doing our Roadside Cleanup duties. Come out at 0900 hrs to join in.

Be sure to look at the attached calendar to keep up with what's going on over the next two months. In addition, keep an eye on our Website, Marquee and Facebook page for VPRs, fundraisers and other events that pop up post newsletter mailing.

Thank you for all you do!!

Alan K. Reams (Al)  
Commander, VFW Post 4676

## **Auxiliary President**

As the Auxiliary President my goals are to increase membership and serve our veterans.

It is time for membership renewal. All that have not paid are not in good standing. Please will need to by May to keep your years of service.

There will not be an Auxiliary Breakfast in January. We have the breakfast the first Saturday of the month. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful breakfast on February 5<sup>th</sup> served by our amazing Auxiliary Volunteers! Bring your sweetheart for a Valentine Breakfast. We serve from 8-11.

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

Debbie Potter  
Auxiliary President

## **Quartermaster**

Annual members; keep your renewals coming in. We are still short 35 members for quota. Help us get this done by the end of January.

Again, please keep your email addresses up to date. Notify the Post or myself (stonebob@msn.com).

Robert Stone  
Quartermaster

## **Chaplain's Corner**

Happy New Year! I believe everyone had a safe and great holiday season. I hope you all have very safe and prosperous year.

Try to remember to take it easy on your resolutions no matter what they may be. Start out slow and build yourself up to it. Make small obtainable goals that build into your ultimate objective.

May God, the Creator of all things, watch over us and keep us safe. My wish is for all of you to have a very great new year!

Sherman Webster  
Chaplain



As the calendar turns and we greet another year, remember to delight in God's goodness and grace. Pray not so much for answers to those questions that perplex us, but for confidence in God's never-failing care.

Some of us will make New Year's resolutions that seldom last for any length of time. I would encourage you to consider making **revelations** instead of resolutions.

Make the revelation that we cannot see, nor predict, what the year ahead might bring. We do, however, know how the story ends and where and in whom we find hope. He was born to lead and guide us into a future that belongs to Him.

Make the revelation that the phrase "under God" has been part of our nation from its very founding. We as a nation are accountable to Him and responsible to live according to His instructions. *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance."*—*Psalms 33:12.*

Make the revelation that the VFW and its auxiliary were founded to provide vital assistance and support to our service members, our veterans, and their families.

We are privileged to be members called and chosen by God to carry out the works of this organization. I ask that you lift up military families in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Unlike resolutions that are subject to failure; these revelations will guide us through 2022 and years to come. They will remind us to remain dedicated to our organization and committed to the programs we endorse.

It continues to be a joy to serve as your chaplain. Know that my prayers are with each of you. Join me as I pray for all who are ill and their caregivers; for those who are grieving; for our nation; for veterans who gave so much for our country; and for those who serve to protect us and preserve our freedoms.

May the new year bring you a refreshed spirit, inspiration and renewed energy to serve our VFW Post, veterans, and their families. Remember Benjamin Franklin's advice: "be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better person".

Wishing you a Happy New year filled with beautiful moments, treasured memories, and all the blessings a heart can know!

Chrystal Coble  
Auxiliary 4676 Chaplain

### Cootie Corner

Hey, Hey, Hey, Listen Up,

Happy New Year all you lousy bugs. Just to let ya know officer nominations will start in Jan with elections in Feb, it would be nice if you can bring yourself to attend the scratch and let your wishes be known. Staying in the theme of attendance at scratches what's

going on with y'all, attendance at the last 4 or 5 scratches have been dismal. In closing, let's start the new year off right by having a kick ass scratch in Jan and lots of help with the MOC Breakfast.

Yours in Lousiness

LD "Buck" Owens  
Seam Squirrel

Coronavirus pandemic challenges continue to limit our participation in hospital programs. However, one way we can assist is by collecting the following items for distribution by the Audie Murphy VA Voluntary Services Office: tumblers with handles and lids, blankets, and crossword puzzles. Please bring these items to our next meeting or call the hospital chairman to arrange pickup of your items.

Congratulations to Sylvia Bigham and Jennifer Group for receiving Membership Recruiter Recognition from the Supreme Auxiliary. In addition, the auxiliary received Supreme Awards for recruiting new male members and scholarship program donations of \$6.71/aux member. As a reminder; if your 2022 membership dues have not been paid, you are no longer a member in good standing. Dues can be paid to Treasurer, Bobbie Rollins or any MOCA officer. Our current membership is 33; quota is 42.

Let's share ideas on ways to accomplish our goals and show our veterans we are still here and care about them and their families.

MOCA 55 President  
Loyally, Chrystal Coble

## Canteen News

Happy New Year!! We are already off to a great 2022! We have booked the band "Modelo's" for our Sweetheart Dance on February 11, 2022. We are currently discussing entertainment options on Friday's since we have had low attendance. Feel free to make suggestions to myself on this matter.

I am thinking that we may need to form a couple of small committees to free me up a little bit to focus on canteen business. I would love to have some volunteers to step up and join either the entertainment or post decorating committee. Please inquire with myself or Kim.

Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success thanks to the volunteers that stepped up and cooked lunch for our Veterans and their families. Thank you Dave Crookham, Mary Crookham, Ruth Lunsford, Melissa Lunsford, Deana Hunt and Kim Goodrich for all of your hard work and dedication to our Veterans!

Let's talk about our Canteen Kitchen. I have been struggling to keep employees in our Kitchen. I am reaching out to all of you in helping fill these positions. There has been discussions about closing our kitchen. The kitchen is near and dear to my heart and I don't want to see it close. If you have any suggestions or ideas please let me know.

Canteen Manager  
Rhonda Reams