

VFW Post 4676

January/February 2025 Newsletter

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Commander: Every new year brings reflections of the good or bad things done and said, the right or wrong acts toward self and others, the selfish or selfless behavior within our post, and the decision to love or hate another human being. We either have respect and tolerance for each other or believe we are superior. Change of mind, heart and spirit for the overall good comes with losing negative thoughts, behavior and acts.

For the last couple of years, VFW and Auxiliary has built a positive relationship in working toward our mission along with our post committees, canteen staff and volunteers who work harmoniously together and are committed to the improvement of post operations, facility and service to our members, their family, veterans and the community as a whole.

We do things for the benefit of the post, not for personal gain or self-accolades. We are far from being the best, but every day we strive to be the finest.

I invite all members to sign-up for a committee, attend our monthly membership meeting, and volunteer or coordinate and take charge of a post activity, event or project.

If you have a concern about the way things are going let any officer know and we will do our best to fix it. "Grumbling" about something without a solution or unwillingness to help fix the issue cause delays.

From today, January 1, 2025, and beyond, I wish you and your family a great and prosperous New Year. Stay positive and humble. As Always, Ask Me.



Auxiliary Chaplain: Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and hope." As the New Year unfolds, put your trust in God and He will guide your every step. Embrace the new opportunities and adventures you encounter in 2025.

Don't hold back; rise up and join our efforts in fulfilling our organization's purpose: improving the lives of veterans, promoting patriotism, and helping veterans in need. Working together we can accomplish something extraordinary.

May your spirit be refreshed and bring you inspiration and happiness this New Year. May you discover renewed energy and commitment to serve our VFW Post, veterans, and their families. Remember Benjamin Franklin's advice: "Let each New Year find you a better person".

Wishing you a Happy New year filled with beautiful moments, unforgettable experiences, treasured memories, and all the blessings a heart can know. **Blessings to all! Chrystal Coble**

Nominations and Elections: We will have nominations for the Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Quarter Master, and the 3 Trustee positions at our general membership meeting in March 2025. All other positions will be appointed by the commander elect. All positions are open to members in good standing. I encourage any member to consider pursuing a position with the sole purpose and benefit of our post and its members.

M.O.C. (Military Order of the Cooties): Big changes for the MOC. Last Sunday breakfast and scratch are moving. Next breakfast and scratch will be **Saturday, January 25th** and the price will go up to \$10.00 for an all you can eat breakfast.

Listen up Cooties; elections are looming so we will be having nominations at our scratch this month, 25 Jan 2025 at 12:30p. *Bob Stone*

Post Website Support: Calling any interested member/family who is willing to help keep our post website current and updated as necessary. Currently there is only one person who has been managing our post website for the last ~4 years. Contact commander at cmdr4676@gmail.com

Adjutant: Wish everyone a Happy New Year and see you at the VFW in 2025. Come visit old friends, make new ones and complete some new Years resolutions. *Joe Berg*

House Committee: What a whirlwind the last couple of months have been (the good kind) in our Canteen. We've held several fun events (Veteran's Day, Texas/Texas A&M game, and the Army/Navy game) and raised a little money for all of our entities in the process. A BIG Thank You to all who led the events and all those that volunteered to support it. As always, none of our events would be a success without the support of our members' participation; purchasing tickets/auction items and having a few cold beverages in the process. The last couple of days in 2024 and into the new year will bring more new and exciting things.

On December 27th we received our first wave of new V-Sweep machines. The software that runs the current machines is being discontinued, so this is a necessary change. This upgrade will allow for an easier payout process by having a payout machine. When finish playing on a machine, you'll receive a ticket printout that you'll scan at the payout machine, and your winnings will appear. This will allow more people to receive their winnings without having to wait. Throughout the transition, we'll still have some of the old machines, pending the arrival of our remaining new machines or the software being discontinued. We understand that change can be scary, but please give it a chance and you just might like them.

A few other items that have already taken place or will in the near future are as follows: Our pool table was re-covered and leveled. What a difference that made! We also have a hotdog machine now. It was tested on December 27th during our Friday evening events, and it was a big hit. The updated House Rules are posted on the Canteen bulletin board for your reading pleasure as well. Finally, the drink chips we've had for many years are being discontinued at closing time on December 31, 2024. Any unused chips will no longer be redeemable starting January 1, 2025, when the new chips go into effect.

I will leave you with one final item that I wish I did not have to add. However, if we're going to continue to have a thriving Post, I feel it's my duty to reach as many members as possible with this message. I'm talking about behavior in the Canteen and the Post in general. I've been approached by different people reporting incidents of harsh and rude behavior toward employees, racial comments, extreme political consequences, and offensive remarks. Although we have earned the right to be members of our great Post, the easiest way I can say it is, "It's not your living room, so don't treat it as such." A little Common Courtesy goes a long way. As I stated above, we have a GREAT Post, so don't hurt or tarnish it through negative comments/behaviors or allowing it to continue. THANK YOU ALL for your continued support and I look forward to a very successful and productive 2025. "HAPPY NEW YEAR"! *Paul Yingst*

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Post Calendar of Events:

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