

Commander Notes

Comrades,

Another year has come and gone, and I believe you can agree with me in saying, "Goodbye 2020!" We have faced many challenges with COVID-19 restrictions; shut down, open as a restaurant, 50% capacity, purchase food in order to have a drink, social distance, wear a mask, etc. ... not to mention while continuing to fulfill normal VFW requirements; VPRs, community service, meetings, inspections, audits, etc. I can state, as a fact, that without the support of our members and the local community, we would not be operating in the capacity that we are, pretty dang efficient!

As we start the new year, I would like to continue thanking those who work hard for our post. When you see them helping out, thank them. It feels good when our members thank others for assisting with the many projects the boss (Canteen Manager) throws at us. That was just a little humor there Rha Rha. I enjoy the camaraderie we share during breakfasts, roadside cleanups, post enhancements, decorating, un decorating, fundraisers, donations, VPRs and meetings. Thank you, volunteers, for all you do. I solicit your continued support and the support of even more members this year.

May 2021 find us more profitable, with an increased membership pool. Pray for our future and remember our past. Stay safe!

Alan K. Reams (AI)
Commander, VFW Post 4676
Auxiliary President

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

It is time for membership renewal. There will be a free Membership Appreciation dinner for those who have renewed and Life Members in the Spring. Please let us know if any of your information has changed, address, email address, or phone number. We are not sure when the Auxiliary breakfast will start back, but we will keep you informed. The Auxiliary meeting night has changed to the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Fundraiser February 13th Chicken Fried Steak \$10.00 a plate while supplies last 4:00PM to 7:00PM followed by the band Bandura from 7:00-11:00 PM.

Debbie Potter Auxiliary
President

Post Quartermaster

Just a reminder to all our annual members. Please pay attention to your dues renewal notice from National. They come up in every month except July for the 2020/2021 membership year. If you pay early, your renewal date will show the date on your card plus 1 (one) year.

Robert Stone, QM stonebob@msn.com

Chaplain's Corner Greetings

The first time I have been able to do my Chaplain Corner with no sad departures from our ranks. This is noteworthy due to the pandemic; I am pleased that all my brothers & sisters are being adult about safeguarding the health and well-being of our comrades. Till the next time we meet again may peace be with y'all and God shine his love on you. Amen

and Adios.

Lloyd Owens
Chaplain

Auxiliary Chaplain

VFWA Chaplain's Corner – January 2021

This past year has been one like no other in our shared history. As the year 2021 begins, some of us will make infamous 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 into our world more than 2000 years ago to save the world and is still with us to lead and guide us into a future that belongs to Him. Make the revelation to seek, lead, and give to God.

Make the revelation that the phrase "under God" has been part of our nation's DNA from its very founding. Throughout our history our liberties were derived from God's laws. 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."*—Psalm 33:12.** Americans should share this message of hope and encouragement with all those who desperately need to hear it.

Make the revelation that our military has many missions. While their primary mission is to defend the United States and our interests,

they also provide rescue operations, medical assistance in impoverished areas, security for embassies, policing at volatile areas, natural disaster relief, law enforcement, and piracy and drug interdiction. Our military is America's biggest group of international ambassadors. They shoulder great responsibility and are deserving of our outmost respect. Now is the time for us to live each day by faith, to trust in what God has accomplished, and to give thanks to those in our armed forces who have fought to preserve the right to do so.

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. Thank you for persevering in what has been a challenging year to see that the needs of our veterans and their families were met.

These revelations will guide us through 2021 and years to come. Let us be bold in our dedication to our organization and confident in the programs we endorse.

It continues to be a joy and an honor to serve as your chaplain. Know that my prayers are with each of you. I ask that you lift up our military families in your thoughts, pray for all who are ill, and assist those struggling with life's afflictions. Pray for all who are grieving, our nation, and those who serve to protect us.

Chrystal Coble
Auxiliary 4676 Chaplain



Cootie Corner

Hey Bugs

We are finally making strides toward our lousy scratches and breakfast (no kidding). Starting in Jan 2021 regular schedule breakfast and scratch will continue. All cooties are encouraged to attend this month's scratch as we have fair amount of degree work to go through. We will observe CDC guidelines during the scratch. I wish all you bugs stay healthy so you can withstand the rigors of the MOC.

To our annual members, please get your dues in!

Scratch and stay lousy.

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Seamless Squirrel Lloyd

"Buck" Owens

MOCA

We continue to face challenging times due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, we will not let this stop us and remain determined to carry out our programs safely. While we weather this crisis, veterans and VA facilities seek our assistance. One way we can assist is by providing male and female clothing kits. These kits consist of sweatpants and tops, under clothing, and slippers.

A reminder: if 2021 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 34; quota is 41.

With dedication and determination, we can carry out our Supreme President's motto, "Working Hand-n-Hand with our Veterans". Let us share ideas on ways to accomplish our goals and show our veterans we are still here and care about them and their families.

Chrystal Coble,
MOCA 55 President

Canteen News

Happy New Year fellow members! I would like to thank all the General Membership and Auxiliary members that assisted the Post with all the Holiday parties that we traditionally hold. We were able to support our community even with the restrictions of Covid-19. We still disbursed food baskets, threw Christmas party for Boysville, gave gifts to patients at Autumn Winds, had a Toy/Gift drive, and serve Christmas dinner to our Veteran's and their families. It was a beautiful display of Veteran's helping their community!

The canteen along with the Auxiliary will be holding a Sweetheart dinner and dance on February 13th. Auxiliary will be selling Chicken Fried Steak dinner from 4-7. The six-piece band "Bandura" will be performing from 7-11. Come out and join us for great food and music!

Rhonda Reams
Canteen Manager

