

## Commander Notes

Comrades,

I would like to start off by thanking our members for keeping faith in me by voting me into office for a second term. We have faced many challenges during my first year. However, we are operating at 100% and under normal conditions. The only major difference between my start last year and this year is our canteen is operating a restaurant-style kitchen, with an extensive menu.

COVID kicked us around a bit this past year, but we navigated through it with the assistance from volunteers and support from our members, their families, and the community. Unfortunately, we lost 20+ members during the pandemic. They will be missed and we will continue to support their families.

Our membership goals are on track because of the efforts of our Membership Committee, the Canteen Manager, and our members. We should reach our quota of 100% + 1. This will contribute to our Post being recognized for All State. Remember, we are all recruiters and I thank you for that.

I hope to meet your expectations this term. We will continue to succeed because of the recently voted in Officer Corp ...

Sr. Vice Commander	Mel Yamamoto
Jr. Vice Commander	Dan Goodrich
Quartermaster	Bob Stone
Chaplain	Sherman Webster
1 yr. Trustee	Rob Henkel
2 yr. Trustee	Mike Garza
3 yr. Trustee	Gus Fernandez

Adjutant	Dave Crookham
Service Officer	Mike Mills
Judge Advocate	Jeff Jamison
Surgeon	Lloyd Owens
Guard	Alberto Mir

We look forward to working for you!

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

## Auxiliary President

I would like to thank everyone for voting me in for another year. I still want to focus on increasing membership.

Congratulations to all the new Officers:

Auxiliary President	Debbie Potter
Auxiliary Sr. VP	Jennifer Group
Auxiliary Jr. VP	Teresa Ramon
Secretary	Kathleen Henkel
Treasurer	Nancy Maloney
Trustee 3 year	Christine Pohlman
Trustee 2 year	Deana Hunt
Trustee 1 year	Melissa Strother

The Auxiliary Breakfast is the first Saturday of the month. We are increase the price in August to \$8:00. Auxiliary meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month @ 1900 hours. I hope to see you here.

Debbie Potter  
Auxiliary President

## Chaplain's Corner

Summer is here! Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Be safe and courteous to

others you meet while enjoying your summer. Have a great summer!

Sherman Webster  
Chaplain, VFW Post 4676

When you think about July 4th, what comes to mind? Perhaps you think about a day off from work with picnics, fireworks, and those red, white, and blue flags displayed in front yards along your neighborhood. Have you thought about the American flag and all that it stands for? This emblem of the greatest nation on earth is placed on graves of our honored dead who fought for us to remain a free nation, and it flies high during times of peace, as well as war. "Old Glory" is its name. As Ronald Reagan once said, "When we honor our flag, we honor what we stand for as a nation—freedom, equality, justice, and hope."

There is another real freedom we have. We can display it every day of the year, and that is our freedom "In Christ" to live a life to glorify Him, so that His banner of love, truth, and peace can be seen by all. Just like the flag that represents freedom, Jesus is a banner over us, protecting and shielding us. July 4th is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. While we look with gratitude to the past, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

Although we should show our gratitude every chance we get, the Fourth of July is also an especially profound time to thank the nation's military community for their sacrifices and for our freedom. Pray for our nation and those who serve to protect us. Pray for those who defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority or government the spirit of

wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. Pray that our nation may bring glory to God and blessings to all people. Let freedom ring out in your heart today

Chrystal Coble  
Auxiliary 4676 Chaplain



### Cootie Corner

Hey listen up bugs we still need a lot of help with our breakfast. We will increase our price for our breakfast in July the new price will be \$8.00 and we will monitor all to go orders due to a recent abuse. I sure would like to see all our new council at our next scratch. Stay lousy.

LD "Buck" Owens  
Seamless SQUIRREL

The MOCA Grand Convention was held May 28-30, 2021 in Leander TX. Newly elected officers included the following individuals from UCKISHE 55 MOCA: Chrystal Coble, Grand Treasurer; Bobbie Rollins, Grand Secretary; Elaine McNulty, Grand Trustee; Todd Brown, Grand Fun Officer; and David Bigham, Grand Banner Bearer. Our newly elected Grand President is Gloria Hargis, from Three Acres 36 MOCA in Abilene.

At the awards banquet, our auxiliary received several awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Membership for the most new and reinstated members, Supreme President's Special Project Donations to Semper K9 Assistance Dogs, and Scholarship Donations and the Most Original Fundraiser. In addition, Terrie Reyes was named Grand of Texas Chaplain of the Year. Thanks to everyone who participated in these programs and helped us achieve these honors!

Locally, COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted and the auxiliary will resume visits to Silver Tree Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, TruCare Living Center - Selma, and Northeast Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center – San Antonio in July. We believe our veterans deserve the best and our proud to serve with VFW Post 4676 and the VFW Auxiliary!

Chrystal Coble  
UCKISHE MOCA 55 President

### **Canteen News**

Happy Summer fellow members! Come to the Post canteen to enjoy daily drink specials to cool off.

Do we have any sports enthusiast amongst our members? If so, you will love this announcement. Joining our VFW national discounts through DirecTV we now have NFL, MLB, NHL, and NBA tickets. Ask your bartender if there is something that you would like to watch.

Stay cool and hydrated!!

Rhonda Reams  
Canteen Manager