

VFW Post 4676

Newsletter

July August 2024

Post Shirts

At the members appreciation luncheon, held this past Saturday, we presented 2 shirts for consideration for members to determine, 1st - if they would like to have it for our post and 2nd, which of the 2 shirts we should get. Unanimously, it was voted that our post will have both shirts. Currently we are working with the vendor for the logistics in the ordering process, price quotes and required quantity. Email cmdr4676@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Hibiscus



Polynesian

Commander: One year ago, my first newsletter (July/Aug 2023) as commander laid out my goals, talked about who I am and what I am about (<https://vfwpost4676.com/newsletter>). And since then, my newsletters have addressed my observations and interactions with members, their observations and interpretations of things going on. Your input, recommendations and opinion has shaped all that is happening at our post. I will continue to bring forth your voice using this medium...When entering a VFW property, especially VFW Post 4676, we shed race, politics, religion, vulgar language, hate and defamatory speech, racial jokes, personal attacks, discrimination, degrading or disparaging remarks and intolerant behavior at the property line. We enter as peaceful, respectful, tolerant, understanding, happy, relaxed, and considerate human beings. Each of us has a choice to enter or not enter. The Veterans of Foreign Wars have grown, since September 29, 1899, to what it is today with most VFW posts...a positive-therapeutic like environment, a solace of healing, camaraderie of like minds, stories of service understood without compromise, a place of relief, a safe place for veterans, their family and the community. We should always place the VFW's purpose before personal preference for our organization to continue its resolve. I am glad to be part of an organization where its purpose is continuously at the forefront of our existence. This past year, we have laid foundations of inclusiveness, cohesion and tolerance to accomplish our mission. Established means to work and socialize together without worry or concern about who we are, where we are from or our personal beliefs. Our actions and how we communicate speak volumes. Optimistic attitudes, encouragements and unwavering support have solidified my vector moving forward. I will continue to be the best version of a servant leader. To clarify, confirm or defunct...ask me.

Quartermaster: Please keep the Post updated with your mailing and email addresses. Annual members, pay attention to your renewal notices from National Headquarters. Contact me at qm4676@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Jr. Vice Commander: NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY | AUGUST 14: In 1982, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Navajo Code Talkers Day to recognize all the tribes for their contributions during the war. In his address, Reagan recognized other tribal nations for their contributions to war efforts, mentioning the Choctaw, Chippewa, Creek and Sioux by name. It is my hope that VFW Post 4676 leads the way towards making this day, 14 August, an approved nationwide VPR event. Upon approval, I will offer my personal collection of memorabilia and knowledge materials for display at our post on that day. We will hold a PPR (Post Participation Report) for Navajo Code Talkers Day on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, Time to be determined.

Announcements

- After 30 years of being the House Chairman, David Crookham will step down. Dave has facilitated, managed, and was a key agent for the many great things and changes in the post operations. He has worked under many post commanders, and all agree he would remain house chairman until *he* decided it was time. And in whole-heartedly in agreement, commander and Dave has selected Comrade Paul Yingst to fill the House Chairman position starting July 1, 2024. We wish Dave a well-earned rest and welcome Paul to the plate... We know he will do great things.
- Your servant leadership looks forward to this new year. Encouraged by your support. We urge members to continue to ask questions and visit our various media, our website and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1513705682228151> and website, <https://vfwpost4676.com> to be in the know.
- Your canteen, serving food and beverages continues to improve their services for our veterans and to the many individual preferences of our members.
- Post committees welcome all members to participate and help with the many facets of your VFW operations in serving veterans, family and the community. Sign up for a committee.

Auxiliary Chaplain: Our thoughts about July 4th often include picnics, fireworks, and those red, white, and blue flags displayed in front yards along your neighborhood. The American flag is the emblem of the greatest nation on earth. It is placed on the 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.

There is another real freedom we can 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). Please pray for our nation and those who serve to protect us. Let freedom ring out in your heart today.

Chrystal Coble

See What is Going On, at Our...

Post Website: <https://vfwpost4676.com>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1513705682228151>

Post Events Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=cmdr4676@gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

What's New and Upcoming at VFW Post 4676

- **50/50 Friday:** The proceeds each month is designated as follows:
 - Jul 24-MOCA
 - Aug 24-VFW
 - Sep 24-Food Bank
 - Oct 24-Children's Home
 - Nov 24-Auxiliary
 - Dec 24-MOCA
 - Jan 25-VFW
 - Feb 25-Cancer
 - Mar 25-MOC
 - Apr 25-Buddy Poppy
 - May 25-Auxiliary
 - Jun 25-MOC

*A member associated with the designated group will take charge of 50/50 Friday.

- **Never Say Never, Just Paint:** by Ann Strother. Next Session, Sunday, Aug 4, 3p-5p. Contact Ann at usaannie47@gmail.com
- **Book Club:** "The Grim Readers" is a military centric book club that will promote discussion about themes of leadership, morality, and tactics, among others. The first book will be Black Hearts: One Platoon's Descent into Madness in Iraq's Triangle of Death by Jim Frederick and will meet in August, day and time TBD. The meeting will be open to the public but will contain adult themes not suitable for all audiences.

Community Service Projects: If you know of any veteran or a family member of a veteran that may need assistance, please let us know. We also welcome you to report any community service you or your family participate in the service of veterans or the family of veterans. And lastly, if you belong to an organization that may need help in a community project let us know. We are an organization to serve veterans, families of veterans and the community we live in whenever needed.