



Auxiliary Chaplain: Galatians 5:1 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The summer season is a time of warmth, vacation, and rejuvenation. It is a time to enjoy the outdoors, indulge in fun activities, and reflect on the beauty of God's creation. It is also a time to celebrate and reflect on our freedoms and those who defend it. Take a moment between the parades and BBQs to remember those who made it possible and the people who defend our nation. Veterans, active service members, and their families deserve recognition for their sacrifice, service, and spirit. They are the heart of our nation, and we should let our gratitude echo louder than any fireworks.

As we enjoy our summer season, let us celebrate more than just national liberty. Let us honor the One who gave His life to set our souls free. Freedom in Christ is not just freedom from sin, shame, and fear—it is freedom for joy, purpose, and love. Use your liberty to bless others, walk in holiness, and glorify God. That is *true freedom*—and you have it in Christ.

Please pray for our nation and those who serve to protect us. Let freedom ring out in your heart today.

Chrystal Coble

Newly implemented daily drink specials: Sunday (\$2.50 Domestic Beers). Monday (\$2.50 Well Drinks). Tuesday (\$3 Imported Beers). Wednesday (\$1 Off Mixed Shooters). Thursday (\$2.75 Call Drinks). Friday (\$3.50 Jameson). Saturday (\$3.50 Top Shelf *excluding Jameson).

Post Gift Cards: VFW Post 4676 now offers gift cards available for purchase, which may be used exclusively for canteen transactions. Contact canteen for more information.

Military Order of Cooties: Cootie Courier...100 years of Crummy News that's Unfit to Print!

Link: <https://lotcs.org/newsletter/2025/2025%20JUL%20CC.pdf>

Live Life in Full Focus

Life

Is like a Camera

Focus

On what's Important

Capture

The Good Times

Develop

From the Negatives.

And if Things Don't Work Out, Just Take Another Shot.

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

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

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

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**For sale VFW Post 4676 T-shirt and Wyld Gear can coolers.
Purple Post Logo shirts are \$6. *49 shirts available in limited sizes.**

**Wyld Gear with post logo can cooler pre-order:
~\$27 with personalization (i.e., name on opposite side).**

~\$23 with post logo only.

***Available in camouflage also.**

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***Can coolers: 18/8 Stainless Steel, Durable Matte Coating, Holds 3 Can Sizes & Regular Bottle, Slider Lid Included, Easy Slide Gasket, copper Coated Core, Bottle Opener, Non-Slip Rubber Bottom. <https://wyldgear.us/collections/can-coolers>**

Commander: Our focus on serving veterans, their families, and the community remains our primary mission. Many members work quietly behind the scenes, consistently helping and serving. Our elder veterans and their family members who have been part of VFW Post 4676 for many years, some for decades, continue to serve and support our post events and operations. They deserve our gratitude and humble respect for their many years of service...Thank you!

This year your membership, volunteerism, and community service projects earned VFW Post 4676 All-American and All-State recognition, 2024-2025. Congratulations!

This year we will continue building and improving the way we do business, service to our veterans and maintaining positive communication with each other and sharing our “Mana’o” [mah-nah-oh] (Hawaiian word for thought, idea, belief, or opinion). *It can also refer to a suggestion, intention, or even the mind itself. In practice, gathering mana’o often involves deep listening and reflection to understand perspectives before forming conclusions*) with intentful respect.

I look forward to what we can accomplish collectively and continue the positive work. Our post operations and dedicated volunteers sustain our mission. These are the members who deserve our gratitude and support.

***Good of the Order Notice:** Rumors remain a concern. Rumors begin when someone initiates them for whatever self-absorbed reason. Rumors are often false, malicious, and lack purpose or meaning. Challenge it, report it or nip it in the bud. A post commander contacted me about a member's reported inappropriate behavior. Others, both within our post and from different posts, have also informed me of this negative conduct. Such conduct not only reflects poorly on the member(s) involved but may also result in the initiation of a formal complaint and the imposition of disciplinary measures. As highlighted at the 105th State Convention, “Keep the Drama Mamas Out of Our Post”. *There are so much better ways to live & enjoy life. As Always, Ask Me. *Mel*

Nominations and Voting Announcement: At this month’s 16 July 2025 meeting, we will be taking nominations and voting for the 2 Year Trustee position, as Comrade Claire Wells has resigned and will be appointed to the adjutant position. Comrade Joseph Berg is leaving the adjutant role.

2025-2026 All State Criteria: Department Commander has put forth the following criteria for All-State:

- 103% Membership
- Four VPRs conducted at a location other than your post
- An Auxiliary Appreciation Day at the Post
- The Commander, Senior Vice, Junior Vice, Quartermaster and Adjutant must attend Immersion Training (Formally known as OTS) 8-13 July in Allen TX.

Quarter Master: Another great membership year. Final count is 670 members or 104%. Please keep me up to date with address, email, or phone number changes. Qm4676@gmail.com

Robert “Bob” Stone

Jr. Vice Commander: The future has always been a source of both hope and apprehension, a realm of possibility and challenge. Progress is born from our relentless drive to achieve—whether it’s personal growth, professional excellence, or collective success. As leaders, it is our duty to set ambitious, clear goals that inspire and guide our teams. VFW Post 4676 is more than capable of rising to meet new challenges, demonstrating our true potential for excellence. While obstacles are inevitable, they are not setbacks but opportunities—moments that build resilience and fill our victories with true meaning. I believe that fostering positive motivation is crucial for leaving a legacy that resonates with each member and the local community. We now stand at the edge of what’s yet to come, poised to embrace the unknown, while also remaining aware of the challenges that lie ahead.

Our approach to these challenges, and the attitude with which we confront them, will determine not just our success, but the very shape of our journey. This is why I call upon you to join me in setting and achieving the goals that will elevate our post to unprecedented heights.

Every future endeavor is a steppingstone toward growth, fulfillment, and purpose. The unknown, far from being something to fear, often sparks innovation, creativity, and discovery.

Having experienced stagnant posts in the past, I understand the value of momentum, of pushing forward with determination. But we must also honor the power of personal legacy, which roots us in tradition, strengthens our bonds, and leaves a lasting influence on both our comrades and the local community.

Hurdles, though they may test us, ultimately give depth and meaning to our triumphs. The road ahead may indeed be demanding, but I am steadfast in my commitment to serving the membership of our post with integrity, passion, and purpose. God bless you, our post, and the United States of America.

Giberto “Gil” Romero

Service Officer: As your Post Service Officer, I want to remind everyone that I’m here to assist with your VA claims or help connect you with the right resources to get the support you need. Whether you’re just getting started, need help gathering documentation, or are looking to file an appeal, I’m happy to walk you through the process, step by step.

If you know a friend, family member, neighbor, or fellow Veteran who’s unsure where to begin with their VA claim, please pass along my contact information. I’m more than happy to set up a time to meet and help them get started.

I volunteer my time for this, so there is *never* a cost to the Veteran. They do *not* have to be a VFW member—or even eligible for membership—to receive assistance. That said, if they are eligible, I’ll gladly share the benefits of becoming a Comrade in our great organization.

I recently came across a helpful VA Public Health site that provides information on military-related exposures. If you’re dealing with a medical condition that may be linked to your service, this site is a great place to start:

👉 <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp>

Thank you to everyone who continues to spread the word that *we’re here to support all Veterans*. I truly believe that Veterans helping Veterans is one of the most powerful ways we can serve.

Michael “Mike” Mills

House Chairman: Hello Comrades, very successful/great businesses regularly assess themselves by looking at their overall performance, products sold, and events conducted, appearance of facilities, and the list goes on. Even though we are non-profit, it’s important that we don’t get stagnant. What I mean by that is, coming up with new events (like “The Triple Crown”) or activities that bring variety and fun. That motivates more members to come more often to participate in new things. We welcome ideas for such activities, but please keep in mind, with every idea comes the need for someone to take lead for that event, “Many hands make light work”, as the saying goes, so don’t be afraid to step up and volunteer. You’ll be supported.

On a more serious note, we have to do a much better job of signing in guests/non-members. Just because you regularly bring the same guest(s), it’s still your responsibility (the first thing you do upon arrival) is sign them in. It’s not only in the by-laws, but you are responsible for the behavior of any guest you sign in. Guests are welcome to our great Post, just don’t put yourself or the post in a bad position by skipping this simple requirement. We’ll be checking this closer from now on, so please take care of it each visit you bring in a guest(s).

I would also like to remind everyone of what I pointed out in a previous newsletter. Our Canteen/Post is a place for Veterans to gather, share camaraderie and laughs, look out for one another, and serve the mission we are charged with. It’s not about the TV remote, what time/type of music can or can’t be played, seating, etc. We have house rules posted on the bulletin board, so refresh yourself as needed. Please remember, it’s not your living room, so be courteous and understand your preference may not be that of others.

The last thing I would like to do is recognize our Canteen Staff. From the Canteen Manager to the Bartenders, the Cooks, and of course our Cleaner. There’s been a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work done by all of them, so I want to acknowledge that in this newsletter. You’ll also see them hustling to ensure everyone is served as quickly and efficiently as possible, so please treat them with respect at all times. Also, a big thanks to those who volunteer to help with other tasks in the Canteen and around the post.

Thank you for your support and as always, I look forward to seeing you around the Post.

Paul Yingst