

VFW Post 4676

March/April 2025 Newsletter

**Nomination for Officers
March 19, 2025 @ 6p**

**Election of Officers
April 16, 2025 @ 6p**

Positions up for elections are:

**Post Commander
Sr. Vice Commander
Jr. Vice Commander
Quarter Master
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Year Trustees**

****Any member in good standing is eligible to run for office.***

Commander: “If you only knew...” you would not talk ill about a person to others, Accuse people of things of which the facts are unknown, Dislike, or even worse, hate a person because of misunderstandings or rumors, Criticize or demean someone on social media just to be or show superiority, Think unfavorably of individuals and verbally call them names, Speak untruths deliberately in a dishonest and deceitful manner to gain likes, and lastly, grumble and be miserable of things not to your liking and offer no solution or help. Many have faced these types of annoying situations, leading to a level of tolerance that may seem to make a person appear weak. However, humility or humbleness should not be mistaken for weakness. The authenticity of an encouraging and supporting character is built with positive application of actions, speech, and caring thoughts toward others. Basically, it comes down to how we treat another human being. It becomes very obvious to all when one’s self-interest is at the forefront and pursued without respect for others, our objectives or the morality involved. This becomes incompatible with our Veteran of Foreign Wars purpose and mission. Given the benefit of the doubt in a situation, means choosing to trust, is a positive thing...until it is not. Judge if you must be the judge, not by the cover, but by the actions observed and words used. Here at VFW Post 4676, we strive to improve our relationship with every member, their family, veterans and non-veterans within our community. Boasting and entitlement do not belong here. We are here to serve, not to be served. As Always, Ask Me.

Nominations: 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 Wednesday, 19 March 2025, at 6p. 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.

Elections: Will be conducted at our general membership meeting Wednesday, 16 April 2025 at 6p. Prior to the election vote, a second opportunity for officer nominations will be conducted. *If you are interested in serving as an Adjutant, Chaplain, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Surgeon or Officer of the Day, contact any post officer.

VFW Post 4676 Membership Stats: Current membership: 631 members.

*Need 26 new members to attain “All American” post recognition by June 2025.

We currently have 15 Gold Legacy Life Members and 2 Bronze Legacy Life members.

Legacy Life Member Incentive: Elected and appointed officers will receive 50% off the cost for Bronze, Silver and Gold of their choice during each year of service. Members in good standing will receive 25% off the cost of Bronze, Silver and Gold of their choice. *Legacy Life Member incentive is based on availability of funds.

Auxiliary: If your spouse, Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, Children and Grandchildren who are at least 16 years old may join the Auxiliary based on your eligible membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Established in 1914, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary set out to serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform. The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation’s oldest veterans’ service organizations and our members are the relatives of those who served in a location of foreign conflict. VFW Post 4676 Auxiliary is an integral partnership with VFW with a common purpose: to improve the lives of veterans, service members, their families and our community.

M.O.C. (Military Order of the Cooties): The prerequisite for being a member of the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) is to be a member in good standing of the VFW, having served as a Post officer, either elected or appointed, or holding a position contributing to the VFW. MOC has their Scratch (meeting) on the last Saturday of the Month at 12:30pm. Prior to their scratch, MOC serves an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 8a-11a for \$10. Contact any Cootie member to become a member of Pup Tent 55, MOC or see Quarter Master, Bob Stone.

VFW Post 4676 Facebook Pages: Media Relations Committee, in addition to our current private Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1513705682228151>, has added a *VFW Post 4676 (Public Group)* Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1019221236898085>. Anyone can see and find this group. This Facebook page was set up to reach more veterans, their families, the community and others who have an interest in veterans' benefits and what is going on at VFW Post 4676. This public Facebook page is for information only purposes and viewers will not be able to comment. Each posting will have a POC (Point of Contact) information for any questions viewers may have.

Ceiling Tiles: Our first member ceiling tile went up in February which was approved by membership vote and the fee to put it up is \$100. A ceiling tile guide is in the process of being finalized. Contact commander at cmdr4676@gmail.com if you are interested in having your ceiling tile put up at the post (in the game room only).

Recruitment Event: We will have a booth at the *Aloha Fiestaval* on Saturday & Sunday, 26-27 April, held at Trader's Village, SA. <https://tradersvillage.com/category/events/28th-tx-alamo-aloha-fiestaval/>. We have participated for the last 4 years, spoke to many veterans and their families of their benefits and the assistance we provide. We will also be selling post items (baseball hats, shirts, other military items). If you'd like to participate, contact commander at cmdr4676@gmail.com.

Day of Service: The VFW Day of Service in 2025 will start May 3rd. This day kicks off a month of community service projects led by veterans. We will be participating in a community service project for this event sometime during the month of May. We are still in the planning phase. If you have any ideas, let us know. More information about the Day of Service can be found at <https://todaysvfw.org/day-of-service/>.

Post Committees: The purpose of a committee is to support the leadership team by handling specific tasks or areas that require dedicated attention. Committees often take on detailed work, such as research, planning, coordinating, executing or problem-solving, and bring recommendations to the membership for consideration. We welcome all members in good standing, both VFW and Auxiliary, to join any of our post committees, so we may continue to reach as many veterans as possible, in a variety of ways to serve them. Committees can be located on our website at <https://vfwpost4676.com/post-committees>.

Check out our social media:

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

Post Calendar of Events:

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

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

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