

VFW Post 4676

March/April 2024

Post Newsletter

General Membership (VFW Post 4676)

March 20, 2024, Post Nominations: Membership Meeting at 6p.

(Candidates must be present to accept a nomination or the member making the nomination for an absentee for any office shall present to the Adjutant, in writing, the consent of the member being nominated prior to the opening of the nominations.)

April 17, 2024, Post Elections: Membership Meeting at 6p.

(Members must be present to vote. Absentee Ballots & Proxy Votes are PROHIBITED.)

Auxiliary (VFW Post 4676)

March 28, 2024, Nominations: Meeting at 7p.

April 24, 2024, Elections: Meeting at 7p.

Commander: Dang if you do and dang if you don't...you can't please everyone...it's practically, a no-win situation. And unfortunately, causes extreme displeasure, animosity, and bitterness amongst individuals, which leads to condescending comments and falsehoods. Basically, the adult version of grade school behavior. Thank goodness we have this thing called the "Majority Rule". In its basic principle, "Majority Rule is the principle that the group which has the most supporters get to decide the rules that all (including any opposing minority) will be compelled to abide by." *Wikipedia*. But this only works if we are tolerant and respectful of others...and of course, it starts with oneself. Therefore, how we communicate or act out our thoughts have consequences. Whether it be via emails, texts messages, social media posts, verbally or conduct toward an individual or broadcasted in a crowd of members, can be callous and hateful, or it can be in kindness and compassion. Most prefer and embrace the latter, but unfortunately it has been the former. Despite the obstacles and with your support, I will continue to do my utmost and remain constant in achieving VFW and membership goals. As always, ask me.

Auxiliary President: Spring is here! We are starting to wrap up the last of our programs this year. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our programs successful. We are gearing up for our Buddy Poppy Drives, Youth Activities, and Scholarship programs. Look for sign-up information to come as our activities are planned and look at our Facebook page for dates. Many hands make light work and twice the fun. Please continue to send in your coupons for our troops. During spring cleaning this year, please remember our veterans in need and bring your gently used clothing to our March and April meetings. Lastly, I want to remind everyone how important you are to the organization and me; without you and your support, our programs would not be successful. It is your creativity and passion that keep our programs new and exciting. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Happy Easter! Love Jenn



VFWA Chaplain's Corner:

The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace. Psalm 29:11

Spring is a wonderful season in which we celebrate birth and new life. It reminds us that winters are temporary, and that cold winds will always give way to warm air and summer breezes. It is a time for hope and the promise of new beginnings. It is also a time with many military celebrations; K-9 Veterans Day, Medal of Honor Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Purple Up Day, Gold Star Spouses, and former Prisoners of War, etc. As VFW Auxiliary members, we lift-up our military families and children in thought and prayer. We have several members and families in need of our support and assistance. Pray for all auxiliary members who are ill and struggling with life's afflictions. Pray for those who are grieving, our nation, and those who serve to protect us. Strive to have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses hope.

Chrystal Coble, Auxiliary 4676 Chaplain

Listen Up Cooties: Our Seam Squirrel is at home healing up after being sliced up in surgery. That being said, I as Past Seam squirrel have little to offer except this: The March Breakfast and scratch date has been moved to the 24th as Easter celebration falls on the 31st. The Grand of Texas scratch will be held in Copperas Cove, May 30 to June 2, 2024. Information on the hotel: Quality Suites, 1816 Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Ph 254-518-8838. \$ 98,00 plus tax room rate. If you intend to go, call the hotel between 0800-1500 to make your reservation. The group rate is under "COOTIES MOC 2023". I hope you all are having a Lousy day & please come to the Cootie breakfast to help out. The funds from the breakfast help with our hospital work and that's our mission...To Keep-em Smilin in beds of White. *T. Earl Bigham, Supreme Inspector*

Canteen: Thank You!!...to all who remained understanding and patient with our POS system credit card issue when we discovered, navigated, and took corrective action to resolve the issue. We changed our POS system vendor and the program itself. So far it is working as should. Your continued support for our canteen staff is appreciated. Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1513705682228151> and website at <https://vfwpost4676.com> for upcoming post activities, events and membership information.

Texas VFW PROGRAMS

The VFW was founded for one single purpose: to ensure those who've protected our freedom are protected in return. This protection comes in the form of programs, standing up for veterans' rights in Washington, D.C., and reaching out to help communities across America.

Buddy Poppy: Among all the flowers that evoke the memories and emotions of war is the red poppy. The VFW "Buddy"® Poppy program provides compensation to those who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home. **VFW Post 4676 performs 2 Buddy Poppy events per year led by the Buddy Poppy committee.*

VFW Youth Scholarships: Each year, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the VFW's Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot's Pen audio-essay competitions. Created to foster patriotism among our nation's youth, VFW scholarship programs award winners millions in scholarships and incentives. **VFW Post 4676 support this program via our Scholarship Program Committee.*

Community Service Activity: The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is not only dedicated to its members, but its impact to local communities across the United States. Our Posts, Members and Auxiliaries work together to support local activities within schools, community and city leaders, media outreach and fellow veterans. **VFW Post 4676 Community Service Committee takes lead for our participation.*

Teacher of the Year: Founded in 1899, the VFW highly supports the education of America's youth. VFW and its Auxiliary have developed a slate of programs dedicated to helping America's educators. VFW Citizenship Education programs stimulate interest in America's history, traditions, Americanism, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism. **VFW Post 4676 supports this program via our Scholarship Program Committee.*

Veteran Service Officer: Veterans, please do not be fooled by claim sharks. Handling VA claims and understanding benefits should be completed by accredited veteran service officers. These services are free of any charges or fees. **See VFW Post 4676 Service Officer, Michael Mills, to get your started.*

VFW Post 4676 Support & Commitments

Use of Facility: Allows military, veterans and other organizations or clubs, with a veterans' nexus, use of our post hall free of charge for their meetings and gatherings.

Community Dart and Pool Leagues: Sponsorship of 1 dart team and 1 pool team who plays every Thursday evenings.

VPR (Veteran Participation Reports): A VFW requirement to honor and remember our veterans and their service on specific military dates in history of significant military events through presentations.

Membership Drive: A requirement to ensure the Veteran of Foreign Wars remain relevant and representative of all veterans; past, present and future. Without a continuous and strong presence (members) the VFW will disappear.

Visit VFW Post 4676 Social Media

Website: vfwpost4676.com

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

Commander: cmdr4676@gmail.com

Thank you for your Support

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