

Commander Notes

Comrades,

As my term comes to a close, I want to once again thank our members, their families and our community for the support of our post and its operations. I don't believe we could have survived profitably without the countless volunteer hours, many donations and great customers this past year has offered.

I feel blessed to have been your representative at District, here at the Post and within the community. We have accomplished some pretty amazing things. We performed two Flag Retirement Ceremonies, held several fundraisers, completed all of our VPRs and accomplished many renovations to the Post, to name a few.

We're not done yet. May and June will be a couple of busy months. Cootie and Auxiliary Breakfasts are back in full swing. Bingo and Pinochle operate every Monday and Tuesday, respectively. The Motorcycle and Bass Clubs are coming back. We've welcomed a golf club to hold their meeting and assigned them their very own table. We will celebrate our birthday on 2 May. Our Installation of Officers and Scholarship Dinner is scheduled for 15 May. The Post Spring Cleanup will be on 16 May. Our 19th Hole Golf Club is sponsoring a fundraiser on the 19th of June. And, we host a Golf Tournament on 20 June.

Come out and support our General Membership Meetings on the fourth Monday of every month and our VPRs (scheduled for the 1st and 31st of May and the 7th and 14th of June). Finally, let us not forget that every Tuesday is Taco Tuesday

and every Thursday is Cheesesteak Thursday.

May the rest of this year continue to find us profitable, and increase our membership pool. Pray for our future and remember our past. Stay safe!

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

Auxiliary President

As the Auxiliary President my goals are to increase membership and serve our veterans.

Our membership has increased to 274 from last total 239.

Happy Mother's Day! Happy Father's Day! We are looking for volunteers for the Post golf tournament June 20, 2021 to help serve the meal. We will be serving fried chicken and spiral ham with mashed potatoes and brown gravy, green beans, and dessert.

Debbie Potter
President, Auxiliary

Post Quartermaster

We're still 24 members short of quota. You know who you are! Please send your dues in. If you have updated your email address, please notify me at stonebob@msn.com

Chaplain's Corner

It is beginning to look like we might be on the back end of the COVID problem, might want to let the man upstairs know how thankful you are. We still have a couple of comrades who are battling illness. They are Joe Barry and George Smoot. So, if you can, take a couple minutes out of your day to send them a little pray.

In closing I will remind you that if you know of a veteran who is ill or in a bad way, please let me know by using the following:

TEXT: 210-218-6616/EMAIL:
sockmau@att.net, or contact the post.

Lloyd Owens
General Membership Chaplain

Memorial Day – to some it's merely the beginning of summer and to others it's a solemn day to remember those who have passed from this life. However, to the war veteran, the families of fallen soldiers, and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, Memorial Day carries significance so deep that words cannot express their hearts.

What should we say to those who sincerely honor this day? "Happy Memorial Day" doesn't seem fitting. Perhaps Oliver Wendell Holmes said it best in a speech given in 1884. *"Our dead brothers still live for us, and bid us think of life, not death -- of life to which in their youth they lent the passion and joy of the spring"*. The American soldier who gave his or her life for U.S. citizens to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness follows the example of Jesus laying down His life for our freedom. It's a selfless love for others – not so others can mourn forever, but so others can live!

We are blessed to be living in a free society. May we honor our American soldiers for the liberty we have in this country. May we also give thanks to God for the freedom we have to spend eternity with Him because of His gift of forgiveness through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This Memorial Day I encourage you to lift up our military families in your thoughts and prayers. Pray for all who are ill and struggling with life's afflictions. Pray for those who are grieving, our nation, and those who serve to protect us. Rededicate your membership and loyalty to our organization and the programs which support our veterans and their families.

Chrystal Coble
VFWA Chaplain

Cootie Corner

Hey bugs listen up. Breakfast is coming along just as crummy as it always has. We would like to get more bugs involved in helping out with the breakfasts. New positions have been elected and appointed I look forward to spending another year with the lousy bugs that I have come to know and somewhat like.

That's all this crummy squirrel has for now stay lousy and go forth and multiply,

PUP TENT 55-SEAM SQUIRREL

LD "Buck" Owens

Congratulations to our newly elected officers: Jennifer Group, Sr. Vice Pres; Debbie Potter, Jr Vice Pres; Terrie Reyes, Chaplain; Bobbie Rollins, Treasurer; Sylvia Bigham, Conductress; Noel Group, Guard; and Trustees Robin Spalding, Todd Brown, and Debbie Potter. As Covid-19 restrictions are lifting; the auxiliary is poised to assist the MOC in promoting hospital work, programs and social activities; to keep alive the spirit of optimism and humor; and to promote the wellbeing of our parent organization.

We would like to recognize and thank VFW Post 4676, post and auxiliary members, and canteen manager for their support with our fish fry fundraiser. \$1,540.43 was raised to support our hospital and nursing home programs, the Semper K9 Assistance Dog program, and the Sarah Ducharme Scholarship Program.

Chrystal Coble
Uckishe 55 MOCA President

Canteen News

Good day fellow members! We had a successful first quarter. We managed to operate a fabulous kitchen without burning the building down. Our food sales continue to grow requiring more than one staff member in the kitchen. Please be patient with our staff as our Post continues to grow exponentially.

There are many people that were the reason we were able to operate during the Covid-19 Pandemic profitably. I would like to show my gratitude to Al Reams, Dave Crookham, Jennifer Hamilton, Debra Seals, Kim Goodrich, Kat Henkel, Ryan Ferguson, Chrissy Pohlman, Karen Day, Anna & Belle Johns, Bonita Johnson, the house committee and all of the volunteers (and don't forget about my favorite employee Daniel). My heart goes out to each of you! If it was not for your hard work and dedication, I'm not sure how I could've kept the Post open over the past year.

Come to the Post and check out the expanded Beer and Liquor choices. Get with our mixologist and try something new. Check the calendar for upcoming events. Make everyday a great day!!

Canteen Manager
Rhonda Reams