

Commander Notes

Comrades,

Another year has come and gone, and it's been pretty busy. Since May of 2021, we have; held a Luau to commemorate our 50th Birthday, presented 9 scholarships, sponsored a Golf Tournament, ran the Greater Randolph Area Veterans Day Parade, volunteered to work both Universal City Holiday Fests (Pumpkin Patch and Christmas events), held 3 Membership Drives, performed 4 Roadside Cleanups, held 21 VPRs, and hosted and/or conducted numerous Fundraisers, Dinners, Luncheons, and Burger Burns. We have a great working relationship with our Cub Scout Troop #338. They assist us with many endeavors. I want to thank them, our members, their families and our community for making all this happen.

I feel blessed to have been your representative at District, Department and National here at the Post and within the community. I look forward to leading our Post into many more wonderful endeavors. With our crew this year (Sr Vice Yamamoto, Jr Vice Goodrich, Adjutant Crookham, Quartermaster Stone, Chaplain Henkel, Surgeon Owens, Judge Advocate Jamison and Service Officer Mills, I'm sure it will be great.

Open - close meeting at 3:00 PM, May 22nd. Officer Installation to follow.

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 (Al)
Commander, VFW Post 4676

Auxiliary President

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

We will have an open and close meeting on May 22, 2022. **Installation to follow.**

Happy Mother's Day! Happy Father's Day!
I want to thank all the volunteers for helping throughout the year.

I would like to introduce our new officers:

President: Jennifer Group
Senior Vice: Melissa Strother
Junior Vice: Linda Hougum
Treasurer: Rafael Rodriguez
Chaplain: Chrystal Coble
Conductress: Peggy Torres
Guard: Daniel Poole
Secretary: Chrys Baier
Three Year: Trustee Elizabeth Wells
Two Year Trustee: Crissy Pohlman
One Year Trustee: Nancy Maloney

Debbie Potter
President, Auxiliary

Post Quartermaster

If you have updated your email address, please notify me at stonebob@msn.com

Chaplain's Corner

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

While we, as members of the VFW Auxiliary, believe in honoring our veterans and service members every day; we acknowledge the observances set aside specifically to recognize military members and their families. The month of May is **National Military Appreciation Month**, a month to recognize and show appreciation to the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

May 1st – Loyalty Day, a day set aside for Americans to reaffirm their loyalty to the US.

May 5th – National Day of Prayer, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation and our military communities.

May 6th – Military Spouse Appreciation Day acknowledges the contributions and sacrifices of the spouses of the US Armed Forces.

May 13th – Children of Fallen Patriots Day honors the families of our fallen heroes and is a reminder that we have an obligation to support the families of our fallen patriots.

The month-long celebration ends with two important days: Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. These days are set aside to pay tribute to the men and women who serve in the US Armed Forces as well as to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedoms.

Since 1914, the VFW Auxiliary has united Americans from all walks of life with a common purpose: to improve the lives of veterans, service members, their families, and our communities. I encourage you to make a difference in the lives of our post and auxiliary members and their families. Lift up all 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.

Chrystal Coble
VFWA Chaplain

Cootie Corner

Hey bugs listen up.

Our breakfasts are picking up. Still need workers at our breakfasts, come on bugs get out and help, we really do have a lot of fun.

Pup Tent officers have been duly installed and the PT is in lousy working order. Please keep your contact information up to date (address, email, etc.) Updated info to stonebob@msn.com.

We are still not able to resume our monthly visits to Audie Murphy. Please report if you have done any hospital work or attended any veteran's funeral lately. Also, blood donations if you're able.

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. President, Chrystal Coble; Sr Vice Pres, Jennifer Group; Jr Vice Pres, Debbie Potter; Treasurer, Bobbie Rollins; Assist Treasurer, Elizabeth Wells; Chaplain, Terrie Reyes; Secretary, Elaine McNulty; Hospital Chairman, Phyllis Stensgaard; Conductress, Sylvia Bigham; Guard, David Bigham; Ways and Means Chairman, Rhonda Reams; Fun Officer, Daniel Poole. Their term of office begins immediately following the Grand Convention in Leander TX, May 20th – May 22nd.

The MOCA was created on the principals of good humor and fun; recognizing the need to entertain hospitalized troops and veterans during their confinement and rehabilitation at Veterans Administration facilities throughout the country. Today, we continue to bring smiles and laughter during what is normally a difficult time. Our monthly visits include: Silver Tree Nursing and Rehabilitation, the first Friday of every month; and Northeast Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, the fourth Thursday of every month. Both visits are at 2:30pm and typically last 1 hour.

The auxiliary is actively seeking others to join and help support our motto, "Keep Them 'Smilin' in Beds of White". If you have been a VFWA member for at least six months, you are eligible to join the MOCA. We meet the last Sunday of each month at 12:30pm. If you are interested in learning more about our programs, please contact one of our officers.

Chrystal Coble
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Canteen News

Happy Spring Everyone!! Happy Hour on Fridays has been a success so we are going to continue with extended hours from 4-6. \$.50 off all drinks to exclude shots, free food, and open Jukebox to play your favorite tunes.

We will be having a family style picnic for our Memorial Day Celebration May 30th @ noon. Join us at the Air Force Pavilion at the Veteran's Park on East Aviation Blvd., Universal City. Please bring a blanket, chairs, side dish, and drink of choice. Please adhere to the Parks rules of "No Glass bottles". Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided by the Post. Please bring games to play outside. Stay Safe and Thank a Veteran!

Canteen Manager
Rhonda Reams