VFW Post 4676

May/Jun 2025 Newsletter

VFW Post Scholarship Application Deadline: May 1, 2025. Extended to: Friday, 9 May 2025 Presentation of Scholarships: Date/Time To Be Determined

https://vfwpost4676.com/scholarship-application

Scholarships of \$1000.00 are available for higher education. Click on the link above for more information...contact us for assistance at <u>cmdr4676@gmail.com</u>.

We will do our best to accommodate.

"The nicest veterans...the kindest and funniest ones, the ones who hated war the most, were the ones who'd really fought."
- Author Kurt Vonnegut, 1969, in "<u>Slaughterhouse-Five</u>,"
his novel about the Allied <u>firebombing of Dresden</u> during World War II.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."
- John F. Kennedy in his 1963 Thanksgiving proclamation, issued before his <u>death</u>.

Source: https://www.history.com/articles/veterans-day-quotes-wars

Commander: As we close this fiscal year, I review our achievements and consider improvements and encourage new ideas for 2025-2026 to enhance our visibility and value for members, their family and the community. I welcome positive engagement and discourage complaints without merit. When making a formal complaint or any type of complaint, it is important and prudent to have documentation, records, or evidence to support your claim (keep, records and documents: texts, emails, etc.). Accusations without "proof" is just grumbling. The spreading of rumors is often a variation of doubtful truths. People who start baseless rumors to elevate themselves while defaming others are gossipers or scandalmongers. Their "story" should be questioned and verified. These are just a few of the challenges we will continue to face from outside as well as from within our organization. We must continue and always remain focused on our mission of serving veterans, their family and the community. We raise and keep funds for that purpose...and to ensure the maintenance of our facility and post operations. We, VFW Post 4676, are doing very well, despite the increase in insurance premiums, recent roof renovations, purchase of kitchen appliances and repairs, facility beautification projects, members in need of financial assistance, donations to community organizations, VFW legacy incentives, scholarships, youth programs, officer training sessions and the list goes on. As a non-profit organization, we must use our funds for our stated purposes and justify the funds we have on hand (in the bank). You have voted for your leadership and trust that they will be truthful, transparent, available, accountable and most importantly, respectful. I will address any question, concern or other issues regarding our post or my actions, come see or contact me or any post officer. In my nomination speech at our meeting, I mentioned the Hawaiian term/word "Pono" which we use consistently as a reminder of who we are (our culture), where we are from (our heritage) and a state of being. "Pono" means: A state of righteousness, balance, harmony, and doing what is right, encompassing goodness, uprightness, and living in alignment with oneself, others and the environment. Growing up, it was instilled in me to...Be Pono, Live Pono. As always, if you have a question or need clarification, Ask Me!

Elections Results: Your 2025-2026 officers are as follows:

Commander: Melvin Yamamoto Sr. Vice Commander: Paul Yingst Jr. Vice Commander: Gilberto Romero Quartermaster: Robert Stone Chaplain: James John 1 Year Trustee: Timothy Bigham 2 Year Trustee: Claire Wells 3 Year Trustee: Keith Walters Adjutant: Joseph Berg Service Officer: Michael Mills Judge Advocate: Joshua Walters Surgeon: Lloyd Owens

House Committee: As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." That's very true within our great Canteen, and our Post overall. Whether volunteering at fundraising events, helping with inventory, or even post beautification/cleanup, I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to those that spend their valuable free time helping to keep our post flourishing. All events or tasks such as these all contribute to our overall success. Here's a little sneak peak of what's to come. In addition to our regular events, we have something new happening on Saturday, May 3rd. We're hosting a first-time tournament consisting of pool, darts, and cornhole. It's been named, "The Triple Crown." Two person teams will play all three games. Registration will start at noon at a cost of \$30 per person. We'll have a shotgun starting at 1300 hours or 1:00 pm. The official rules will be provided by the event organizer, Dave Yandon. Thank you, Dave, for stepping up to run this event. Pick your partner now, and practice up. It'll be a great time. THANK YOU ALL for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at our Canteen/Post. *Paul J. Yingst*

VFW Post 4676 Membership Stats: Current membership: 663 members, 32 new members since last newsletter, completing an "All American" category with 102.95%.

Auxiliary Chaplain: 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. The month of June is **National Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month and** is intended to raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD, reduce the stigma associated with PTSD, and help ensure that those suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment.

As we elect new officers for the ensuing year, it is an opportune time to stop and reflect on what the bible says about working together. Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better off than one; for they can help each other succeed". Teamwork is the key to living life in harmony, so that we can do God's will.

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. We can make a big difference if we work together, each one of us doing only our small part. In keeping with this tradition, I encourage you to make a difference in the lives of our post and auxiliary members and their families. Lift up our VFW family in your thoughts and prayers. Pray for all who are ill and struggling. Pray for those who are grieving; and continue to pray for our nation and those who serve to protect us. *Chrystal Coble*

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UCKISHE 55 Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary: Congratulations to our newly elected officers: Debbie Potter, Sr. Vice Pres; Kim Goodrich, Jr Vice Pres; Robin Spalding, Chaplain; Bobbie Rollins, Treasurer; Sylvia Bigham, Conductress; Charles Wells, Guard; and Trustees David Bigham, Jennifer Hogue, and Ann Strother. 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. Our meetings are being held on the last Saturday of each month at 12:30pm. We would like to recognize and thank VFW Post 4676, auxiliary, and canteen staff for their support with our fundraising events. These funds support hospital and nursing home programs for our veterans and their families. The latest, "Keep'em Vertical, Operation Big Boot" was developed to reduce the veteran suicide rate commonly referred to as "22 a day". The boot is a symbol used to show veterans they are not alone; we will walk with them through their journey to recovery. The monies raised for this project will be kept local and given to agencies that help veterans with mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Shout Out: Hello Comrades, 2024-2025 has been filled with new friends, and memory making events at VFW Post. Thank you all for your service and making the world a little better. May 2025-2026 be filled with more memories with friends. *Joe Berg, Adjutant*

Day of Service: The VFW Day of Service has been scheduled for 10 May at 9a...Roadside Clean-up and 31 May 8a-11a, serving breakfast for First Responders, Universal City on-duty Fire and Police Department personnel. Come join us for either or both events...cleaning roadside or prepping and delivering the breakfast meals.

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.

May-25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6p VPR-Loyalty Day Lake View College Recruitment TTBD 7p Dart league Scholarship Deadline	2 RED Shirt Fri. Dist 20 Convention 50/50 Friday (MOCA)	3 Dist 20 Convention 8a Auxiliary BF 12p Triple Crown Tournament 6p Live Band
4 Dist 20 Convention	5 Cinco de Mayo 5p Bingo	6 5p Pinochle Group 6p UC Bass Club	7 11a Quest Troop 7p Submarine Mtg	8 6p House Meeting 6p VPR-Victory in Europe 7p Dart league	9 RED Shirt Fri. 50/50 Friday (MOCA) 5p Happy Hour 6p DJ Music/Karaoke	10 9a Buddy Poppy 9a VFW Day of Service Road Cleanup
11 Mother's Day 9a Buddy Poppy 3p Ruff Ryders MCG	12 5p Bingo	5p Pinochle Group 6p SAPD Bass Club	14 11a Quest Troop 6p Officers Huddle	15 7p Dart league	5p Happy Hour	17 9a Live Oak Armed Forces Day Parade
18 3p TOROS MCG	19 5p Bingo	20 11:30a Hangar Doors 5p Pinochle Group 6p Metro Bass Club	21 11a Quest Troop 6p Gen Mbr Mtg	22 7p Dart league	23 RED Shirt Fri. 50/50 Friday (MOCA) 5p Happy Hour 6p DJ Music/Karaoke	24 12p Scholarship Presentation 4p Commanders Fundraiser
25	26 Memorial Day 12p VPR-Memorial Day 12p Burger Burn 5p Bingo	27 5p Pinochle Group	28 11a Quest Troop 7p Auxiliary Mtg	29 7p Dart league	30 RED Shirt Fri. 50/50 Friday (MOCA) 5p Happy Hour 6p DJ Music/Karaoke	31 8a VFW Day of Srvc 1st Responder BF 8a MOC Breakfast 12:30 MOC Scratch 6p Dist 20 Raffle
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1	2 5p Bingo	3 5p Pinochle Group 6p UC Bass Club	4 11a Quest Troop	5 State Convention 7p Dart league	6 State Convention 50/50 Friday (MOC) 6p VPR-D-Day 5p Happy Hour 6p DJ Music/Karaoke	7 State Convention 8a Auxiliary BF
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