

## Commander

Accusations and complaints, disparaging and derogatory, dishonesty and falsehood, snide remarks and hate have one goal...to divide, cause dissention, and stir up rebellion. No member should feel intimidated or uncomfortable visiting our post. VFW Post 4676 has one mission, to serve Veterans of Foreign Wars. How we do it is a matter of preference. As the commander, it is my responsibility to set the example and lead: to listen, discuss, present options, and membership decide. All I ask is....Just Ask Me or Say Something and Nip It in The Bud.

Despite naysayers and distractors who believe and is certain failure is inevitable, members of VFW Post 4676 are doing the right things, for the right reasons, and continue to exceed VFW missions.

Our post is a sanctuary, a place of refuge to relax, reminisce and unite with kindred folks to “Be Happy” without any worries or concerns.

I will listen...I will not turn my back and walk away. I will bend over backwards and earnestly work to find a solution. There is nothing in this world that we cannot accomplish and make things “Pono” (right) in our actions, words, minds and in our hearts. *Life is Too Short.*

Melvin M. Yamamoto, Commander  
VFW Post 4676

## Auxiliary President

We are starting off strong and continue to strengthen as a team. We have an action-packed next couple of months approaching the holiday season.

This year's mission is to do more than ever for our veterans; however, this goal will be harder to achieve without your support and participation. We have tasks for every level of involvement.

We are getting close to reaching our membership goal. We have many new faces; if you do not recognize someone, please introduce yourself. If you have not paid your 2024 dues, please do so quickly.

We are looking for youth members in our community to participate in scholarship programs grades K-12<sup>th</sup>.

In October we take time to recognize our women veterans who have proudly served our country; please send your favorite female veteran a note of gratitude this month.

Please remember that Auxiliary business will not be discussed in the Cantina; all Auxiliary business is to be addressed in the meetings only. If you need assistance, have a concern, or need to know why, don't hesitate to contact a member of the Auxiliary Leadership team. We are happy to assist you.

Remember, we are here to work hard for our veterans, their families, and our community, and with many hands, we make light work and double the fun.

Jennifer Group, Auxiliary President



## **VFWA Chaplain's Corner (Sep/Oct 2023)**

Before His return to heaven, Jesus left us with The Great Commission: "*Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone*" (Mark 16:15). We are to start with our neighbors but not stop until we've crossed the sea, sharing the good news of salvation and heaven with anyone who will listen. Was sending Christopher Columbus God's way of reseeding Christianity to the New World? Whatever understanding we hold of our country's beginnings, this is an excellent day to give thanks for all the blessings and freedoms we have in this land.

May we also hold in special prayer each member of our Armed Forces, our veterans, their family members, and the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice that our country may remain strong, united, and without defeat. May we thank God and all those brave souls instilled with the courage to fight for this land and its people!

This is also the beginning of our new auxiliary programs and requirements. While some programs are added, modified, and/or deleted; our organizational objectives remain the same. Our leadership and membership strive to preserve an environment that belongs to all veterans; a place of refuge and comfort providing social opportunities and recreation that foster both emotional and physical benefits. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to reach these goals.

Please pray for all members who are ill and struggling with life's afflictions; pray for their caregivers and medical teams and pray for the families of our departed members: Joyce Carpenter, Sheila Jamison, Patricia Jackson, and Kathleen Roberson.

Peace and Blessings to All,

Chrystal Coble, VFW Auxiliary Chaplain

### **Canteen**

As interim Canteen Co-Managers, Jennifer Hamilton and I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we navigate changes. We are planning on scaling down the menu and would appreciate any feedback.

In other news, we are pleased to announce that we will be implementing a change to the happy hours to include our daytime patrons. The times will be Monday through Friday 12-2pm and 5-7 pm, and on Saturday and Sunday 12-4pm.

And lastly, for hall rental information and the reservation form, which is fillable online, visit our website at [vfwpost4676.com](http://vfwpost4676.com).

Thank you for your support! Kim Goodrich

# September 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke	2 8a Auxiliary Breakfast 6p VPR - Victory Over Japan
3	4 Labor Day 12p Labor Day Burger Burn 5p Bingo	5 11a Taco Tuesday 5p Pinochle Group 6p UC Bass Club	6	7 7p Pool & Dart League	8 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke	9 TOROS MSG Fish Fry
10 TBD Suicide Briefing 3p Ruff Ryders MCG	11 5p Bingo 6p VPR - Patriot Day	12 11a Taco Tuesday 5p Pinochle Group 6p SAPD Bass Club	13 12p Submarine Vets 6p House Committee Mtg	14 7p Pool & Dart League	15 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke 6p VPR - POW/MIA Day	16 12p Hall Rental
17 3p TOROS MCG	18 5p Bingo AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY	19 11a Taco Tuesday 5p Pinochle Group 6p Metro Bass Club	20 6p General Membership	21 7p Pool & Dart League	22 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke	23 TBD Auxiliary Fundraiser
24 8-11a MOC Breakfast TBD Gold Star Family Lunch	25 5p Bingo	26 11a Taco Tuesday 5p Pinochle Group	27 7p Auxiliary Meeting	28 7p Pool & Dart League	29 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke 6p VPR - VFW Birthday	30
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# October 2023

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<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11a Taco Tuesday 5p Pinochle Group 6p UC Bass Club	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Oct 5-7: State Commander Homecoming San Antonio	<b>6</b> 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke	<b>7</b> 8a Auxilliary Breakfast TBD UC Pumpkin Patch
<b>8</b> 3p Ruff Ryders MCG	<b>9</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> 5p Bingo 6p VPR-Operation Enduring Freedom	<b>10</b> 11a Taco Tuesday 5p Pinochle Group 6p SAPD Bass Club	<b>11</b> 12p Submarine Vets 6p House Committee Mtg	<b>12</b> Oct 12-15: JrVice, QM, & Adujant OTS  7p Pool & Dart League	<b>13</b> 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke	<b>14</b> 4p Hall Rental
<b>15</b> 3p TOROS MCG	<b>16</b> 5p Bingo	<b>17</b> 11a Taco Tuesday 5p Pinochle Group 6p Metro Bass Club	<b>18</b> 6p General Membership 6p VPR-Women in Military Service Day	<b>19</b> TBD Cub Scout Pack 338 Spaghetti Fundraiser  7p Pool & Dart League	<b>20</b> 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke 6p VPR - POW/MIA Day	<b>21</b> 9a Roadside Cleanup 5p To-Go Dinner Plate Fundraiser
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5p Bingo 6p VPR-Beirut Bombing	<b>24</b> 11a Taco Tuesday 5p Pinochle Group	<b>25</b> 7p Auxilliary Meeting	<b>26</b>   7p Pool & Dart League	<b>27</b> 11a Red Shirt Friday 5p Happy Hour & Karaoke	<b>28</b> 5p Post Halloween Party
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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	*TBD: Oct 7-31, Universal City Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser *TBD: Auxilliary Appreciation				