

VFW Post 4676

November/December 2024

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Commander: The nexus of our organization is the “*veteran*” structured by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Our goal and mission are simple, serving veterans, their family and the community. This organization are made up of individuals who come with a variety and different spectrums of behavior, beliefs and skills. We also have varied cultural and ethnic diversities, upbringing and experiences which shape how we think, act and speak. What each individual contributes matter and in what manner, dictates its’ course and sets the foundation of who we are. If you come to the post and “grumble” about things because it is not to your liking, preference or feel entitled, I recommend you get involved, come to the meetings, voice your opinion, make a motion and get membership to vote. Key leadership have been subjected to harsh criticisms, disparagements and scorn on social media postings, first-person account, rumors and in person...but on the other side of that coin, extremely more accolades, praise, encouragement and support of our many volunteers in leadership positions, on post committees and our canteen staff. Team 4676 is having many discussions for improvement of operations, facility and grounds. I close with this...Strength and cohesiveness (working together) to do and be better are tolerance, humility, optimism and obligation, reinforcing our resolve to create a positive and relaxed atmosphere in and out of our post. As always, ask me.

VFW Chaplain: As this time of Thanksgiving and Christmas is upon us, always remember to be thankful for all you have. Always remember you are never tested with more than you can handle. December is the month to celebrate our creator and most high power, God Himself. You can't have Christmas without Christ. Remember to always hug your loved ones, tomorrow is never promised. *James Johns*



Auxiliary Chaplain: As this year draws to a close there are so many things to celebrate. November finds us celebrating and honoring our veterans and giving thanks for the bountiful gifts bestowed upon us. It is not always easy to give thanks, but this is the very thing we must do in order to see God's will accomplished in our lives. In December we celebrate Christmas, the annual holy festival of love, joy, and celebration. The Bible teaches that the marks of a Christian are “peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22). This holiday season, recognize the veterans in your life and make it a celebration of generosity, health, and love. Be mindful that our organization’s greatness is a reflection of your continued commitment to our objectives and assisting veterans whenever possible. We honor our veterans, but we worship our Commander in Chief. We owe our liberty to our veterans, but we owe our eternal lives to Jesus Christ. We salute our flag, but we kneel before the Christ of the cross. As this year draws to a close, fill your heart with cherished memories of the past and hope for a bright future. Please pray for those who are ill and their caregivers, pray for those who are grieving; pray for our nation, pray for those veterans who gave so much for our country, and pray for those who serve to protect us and preserve our freedoms. May you have a thankful heart and the Merriest Christmas! *Chrystal Coble*

House Committee: Leadership, dedication to duty, and doing what’s right/best for the organization (regardless of personal feelings/opinion) are just a few of the very important traits we are taught in the military. I can’t think of anyone that emulates that more than Dave Crookham. Dave has served in many capacities at our post over the years, but one very important role that is critical to our success is the House Committee Chairman. His leadership, professionalism, and unselfish approach has led our canteen to success for many years. With that being said, Dave relinquished that responsibility on June 30th of this year after 30+ years of service as your House Committee Chairman. I would like to thank Dave for his many contributions, his leadership, and mentorship to so many members at our post. “Thanks Dave, your legacy will have enduring effects.” I would also like to announce two other new House Committee members. Jennifer Hogue joined the House Committee in July replacing Melissa Strother when she took over as Auxiliary President. Phillip “Shad” Defenbach became a House Committee member this month (October) replacing Joe Berg. Joe took over as Adjutant of our General Membership, which was also filled by Dave Crookham for many years. Thank you all for your willingness to serve. With all that said, I would just like

to highlight a few more things. Our Canteen Manager and staff continue to explore new and creative ideas to improve our menu offerings from the kitchen. Please check out the board with daily/weekly specials. Homemade French Fries have also replaced frozen fries. Fresh cut potatoes are prepared daily. Feedback to date is very positive on all. There are also some fun events coming in the very near future. "Oktoberfest" will take place Saturday, 19 October 2024 and the "MASH BASH" is taking place the following Saturday, 26 October 2024. For more information, please check out our post Facebook and website. Sign-up sheets are at the post to get an accurate head count. We look forward to seeing you at the post and participating in the upcoming events. Let's continue to build on our already great post. *Paul Yingst*

MOC: Big changes are coming in January! Cootie breakfast and MOC scratch are moving. Beginning in January the breakfast and scratch are moving to the last Saturday of the month. In addition, all you can eat breakfast is going up to \$10.00. This all starts on January 27th, 2025. Thank you for your continued support. *Bob Stone*

Announcements and Information:

- Dave Crookham, Post Adjutant, has stepped down after serving ~30 years in that position. "No One Does More for Veterans" is an understatement when it comes to Dave. He has served the VFW organization and specifically our post beyond well. Joseph "Joe" Berg is appointed as the Post Adjutant.
- The canteen is introducing "new" drink chips, replacing the current chips starting 1 January 2025. All chips will expire...so, "Use it or Lose it" before canteen closing time on 31 December 2024.
- Volunteers are needed for our post committees that are "short": Community Service, POW/MIA, Scholarship Program and Adopt-A-Unit. Please consider serving on one of these committees.
- We post events on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1513705682228151>). For members who do not use Facebook, our post website (vfwpost4676.com) calendar has all the upcoming post events in real time.
- Due to increasing cost of mailing newsletter via USPS and contact information discrepancies, our post newsletter will be sent via email, posted to our website and available in hard copy at the post.
- Post Bylaws and Standing rules will be posted at the canteen and available by request via email. Send request to cmdr4676@gmail.com.
- Legacy Life Member Incentives: Elected and appointed officers will receive 50% off the cost for Bronze, Silver and Gold of their choice during each year of service. Members in good standing will receive 25% off the cost of Bronze, Silver and Gold of their choice. *Legacy Life Member incentive is based on availability of funds.

Highlighted Upcoming Events:

- Inviting all Purple Heart recipients: Universal City, Mayor Tom Maxwell and the City Council will be reading the proclamation to designate Universal City as a Purple Heart community. The meeting for City Council is on Wednesday, 06 November at 6:30 PM. The meeting will take place in Council Chambers, 2150 Universal City Blvd, Universal City, TX 78148. Please arrive by 6:15 p.m. if possible.
- Sign-up for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets at the post. Baskets are distributed to families in need.
- December's membership meeting in December will be an open-close meeting on December 21, at 4p., before our post's Christmas Party.

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Post Calendar of Events: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=cmdr4676@gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

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