

VFW Post 4676

September/October 2024

Newsletter

Membership Mission: To recruit, retain and mentor a stable membership base including all generations of veterans. To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization and in the local community. To establish Posts with an established vision of service, leadership, and community outreach. *Commander-in-Chief*

Membership: 1. Build a strong organization through recruiting new members while retaining our current membership, creating a solid baseline for the future. 2. Work together to achieve VFW's goals. The VFW National Headquarters staff is available to assist in coordinating programs, developing membership initiatives, and building awareness among our membership and the entire veteran community *Commander-in-Chief*

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: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1513705682228151>

Commander: As we continue to serve veterans, their families and our community, we sometimes forget the reason, purpose and effort it takes. We start thinking about self, we start talking about self and we start to behave in a selfish manner which diminishes our promise and commitment to each other as veterans and to the family of veterans. This occurs often, not only in organizations, but also in friendships, families, relations and marriages. We begin to “do” things for accolades, we begin to “say” things to impress, and we begin to “act” entitled. We see it, hear it, and we experience it, and we should all know and be aware of its’ harmfulness. We are a membership owned entity who dictates actions, behavior, speech, language, and all things fair and reasonable within our organization. No individual has the right to act to the contrary. Attend our monthly meetings or join a committee where your voice will be heard and acted upon. If you care, good...if you don’t care, good too. People who care will get it done. People who don't care will let the individuals who care get it done without criticism or ridicule. As Always, Ask Me.

Auxiliary Chaplain: Galatians 5:13-14: Dear brothers and sisters, you have been called to live in freedom. But do not use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

September and October are filled with several opportunities to celebrate, recognize, remember, and assist our veterans and their families. Special dates include Patriot Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day, and of course Columbus Day.

As we observe these holidays and all that they represent—we honor the value of life, those we loved and lost, our country’s resilience, and the strength of the American spirit. Let us remember that America was not built on fear, but on courage. This is an excellent time 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! *Chrystal Coble, VFW Auxiliary Chaplain*

From the Canteen: Again, thank you all for your kind support and understanding as we continue to provide improved services for our members, their family and guests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact canteen manager or the house committee chairman, Paul Yingst.

All incidents or unacceptable behavior/actions occurring on post property should be immediately reported and an incident form filled out completely and submitted.

For the health of our members, the post does not allow smoking of tobacco/cigarettes inside of the facility. In the interim electronic cigarettes and vaping in the canteen will not be allowed until further review and clarification of Universal City's smoking ordinances, House Committee review and presentation to members for approval.

Post Standing Rules: Establishment of VFW Post 4676 Standing Rules. It will consist of explicit items not covered in bylaws. It will be reviewed and approved by membership each year.

Standing Rules will be drafted and presented at the next general membership meeting for review and discussion.

All American Post 4676: Congratulations! 2023-2024 has been a bit rough, but you all persevered and continued to do what we do, and the results speak for itself...post-mission fortitude, despite the circumstances. Serving our veterans, their family will continue to be the main focus and goal for 2024-2025.

With this recognition, members are authorized to purchase an All American, Team Member Cap.

Price breakdown:

Team Member: \$85.90 (add \$2 for life member)

- If you are a legacy member, you will get a discount: Bronze-5%, Silver-10%, and Gold-15%
- If you are a gold legacy member you will also get the gold legacy patch...free of charge.

If you would like to purchase an All American, Team Member cap submit name, membership #, and cap size to cmdr4676@gmail.com. In addition, at our next general membership meeting, we will discuss options to off-set cap cost.

Legacy Life Members: VFW Post 4676 has 13 legacy life members; 11 Gold and 2 Bronze.

For more legacy information: <https://www.vfw.org/join/legacy-life>
The commander's goal is to increase life members to legacy status.

Post Shirt: Last call to order the newest rendition of VFW Post 4676 Aloha and Polynesian design shirts.



Aloha



Polynesian

Cost: Small to X-Large \$30.00

2X-Large \$31.00

3X-Large \$32.00

*Orders will be submitted September 1, 2024.

Community Service Projects: We continue to seek volunteers to plan and coordinate community projects, youth activities, elderly services, or any endeavor which our community needs assistance.

Alfred J. "Al" Lipphardt was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Aug. 1, 2024, at the 125th VFW National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

[Read his official biography.](#)

Commander-in-Chief's "Operation: All In"...

"Believe in what you do, do what you believe in."

<https://vfwid.org/uploads/documents/VFWNationalMembershipProgram2024-2025.pdf>