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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



My continued Mantra every meeting is Recruit, Retain and Support our Veterans' Programs. Our next big Fund Raiser to replenish our funds, to support our donations, is the Veteran's Day Week End Poppy Campaign. We need to do all four (4) Stores this November 8th and 9th. That requires 32 members to do one 4 hour shift. The more members who volunteer would bring a possibility of shorter shifts. Our Naval Sea Cadets will also be supporting us this Veteran's Day Week end. Please check your calendars and let me know your availability for a shift Saturday or Sunday as soon as possible.

Speaking of members, if each of you would recruit one new member, it would share the workload, increase revenue, and continue our status as All State Post. If we have a total of 9 new or restated members by December, we will make All American Post, which we missed last year by 5 recruits. George E. Smith VFW Post 7142 is little but mighty and the Post to Watch in District 2. Membership does not only affect the functioning and health of our Post, but it also increases the Political Strength for positive legislation at both the State and Federal Level for Veterans. Our National VFW is the watchdog for maintaining the following of the Constitution and Rights of the People.

For those not doing the Poppy Tables on Saturday 8 November at 1300 hours, please join me representing out Post at Heritage Park, Semper Fi for the Veteran's Day Program. Our own Comrade Fred Dungan will be speaking about his time in WWII. Our Post is going to be more involved with programs at the Heritage Park with the Foundation.

As we approach the mid-term election cycle and upcoming Presidential campaign season, the National VFW shared the Do's and Don'ts of VFW involvement in Election and Political Activities. I did share this piece in an online email. For those that missed it here is a recap.

DON'T - Endorse candidate on behalf of the VFW as a Post, District , Department or National Leader.

DO'S

- Do attend candidate Town Hall Meetings and other events and push our Issues**
- Do set up voter registration drives/ Get out the Vote Campaigns on the local level**
- Do provide carpool service on Election Day to help elderly and disabled get to the voting booth**
- Do support and work for you favorite candidate as a voting constituent. As an individual and VFW member you can work and campaign on behalf of your favorite candidate and are encouraged to do so.**
- Do wear your VFW Cap.**
- Do Stay informed on issues and use your influences to urge new candidates and those up for reelection to support VFW and Veterans issues.**
- Do Host Candidate functions and Town Hall Meetings**

I was confused as Commander and member of VFW as what was my part in Election activities and when I could wear the VFW Cap. I hope this helps those of you interested in the Political direction of our Great Country.

Blessings and Semper Fi Dee



B-Day: 6/14/1775



B-Day: 11/10/1775



B-Day: 10/13/1775



B-Day: 9/18/1947



B-Day: 8/4/1790



In Memorium: Charles H. Gullett, USMC, WWII, Korea and Vietnam veteran. Chuck was a true gentleman and loved by all his comrades; he will be truly missed.



Now Hear This

WASHINGTON — The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is calling for a nationwide boycott of Mexican products and travel until Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi is released from a Mexican jail.

“This combat Marine has been languishing away since he was arrested March 31 for allegedly crossing the border accidentally with three personal firearms that were legally registered in the States but not in Mexico,” said VFW National Commander William A. Thien. “It was a mistake, but so is the Mexican government’s reluctance to release him unharmed back to the U.S.”

As America’s oldest and largest major combat veterans’ organization, the VFW wants to apply economic pressure to the Mexican government because Tahmooressi’s arrest and captivity is mirroring that of former Marine Jon Hammer, who was arrested for carrying an antique shotgun across the border in August 2012, despite having proper American paperwork. He wasn’t released until four months later.

Thien said the VFW tried the politically polite route by twice asking President Obama to contact Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, but a phone call specifically about the Marine sergeant never took place. Now that Tahmooressi is approaching his fifth full month in jail, the VFW national commander said it’s time to take the gloves off.

“This is about politics, and if my government won’t do anything, then I guess we need to let the power of the purse take over. No products, no travel, a total boycott ... then maybe a dialogue will start.”



VFW POST #7142 has it’s very own celebrity. Mike Chamberlin will be performing in two Christmas concerts at the historic Cabrillo Playhouse in San Clemente on Friday, December 19th. There will be a 3PM matinee and a 7PM concert. Mike will pay tribute to veterans, especially WWII vets, and some of the Christmas songs that came out of the war years. This sounds like some wonderful entertainment, so let’s plan on supporting our Comrade while he entertains us. There’s a group discount (\$10 tickets) to groups of 10 or more.



The Patriot’s Day (9-11-14) Buddy Poppy event came off a little less than expected. The net revenues that will increase the Post’s Relief Fund totaled \$812; which was better than the previous years. The Post volunteers worked three different markets: Ralphs’ on So. El Camino Real (\$190), Ralphs’ on Camino de los Mares (\$327) and Albertsons on Pico, near the high school (\$295). Comrades Kaleta and Neil took top honors for a four-hour shift with \$185. The Post was dealt an unfortunate blow when they were unable to secure Stater Bros. Market as an additional station due to scheduling problems. A big **THANK YOU to the Comrades who worked so hard on this event.**

COMRADE PROFILES



Robert B. Mayo: Bob is a recently new member to the Post. He enlisted in the Navy in February 1945. Upon completion of Boot Camp he was assigned to the USS Lesuth (AK-125), based in San Pedro at the time. He soon departed to the Caroline Islands in June 1945 and on to the Philippines. The Lesuth ended the war in Tokyo Bay. After unloading he returned to Leyte/Samar to deactivate the Naval Supply Depot. Christmas day found him in Okinawa, until March 1946, whereupon he returned to the U.S. and was discharged in July 1946. He then joined the Reserves as a SKG2. During the summer of 1950 he was recalled to active duty and sent to Yokosuka, Japan and discharged one year later. Bob returned to college and completed his BA in 1953; then on to Stanford where he completed his MBA program in March 1957. During the 50's he accepted a position as a GS9 with the Naval Supply Depot in Guam. In 1959 he transferred to the Air Force as Budget Officer of Anderson AFB. In 1960 he moved to Tachikawa AB, Japan; spending fifteen years in the Air Force in the fields of comm/electronics and Office of Inspector General (USAFE) in Germany. He attended the Air War College in 1969 and at the same time he earned his second Masters Degree in the field of Political Science from Auburn Univ. In 1974 he declined a position in the Pentagon and moved to the M1A1 tank program and was promoted to GS15. After a tour in the tank program he was sent back to Germany as L.N.O. to the German Government. He retired from civil service in 1987 and after retirement he taught classes for Central Texas College.

(SEE ADDITIONAL PROFILE ON PAGE #5)

A GUARDIAN FOREVER



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword never encountered automatic weapons .. General Douglas McArthur.

{ Three simple rules in life }

1. If you do not GO after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not ASK, the answer will always be NO.
3. If you do not step forward, you'll always be in the same place.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert C. Hayden, Army, WWII, recruited by Geo. Key, past Commander. This young trooper is only 97 years old.

Donald B. Prideaux, Navy, Korean era, recruited by Commander Padgett. Don jumped right in and joined as a Life Member.

The Post is gunning for “All State” status once again this year and we need everyone’s help. We must recruit at least 9 new or reinstated members for the year. More would give us a shot at “All American” status; so do your part in recruiting for the Post. It would be great if each member could bring in just one new member. Let’s give it our best,

Redistricting of District #2

The California VFW Department had proposed consolidation of the Districts, and which Posts would be assigned to each District. Our District (District #2), heretofore made up of 14 Posts within Orange County, will see an expansion to 18 Posts under this proposal. Reduction in membership has caused a decline in our District from 20 Posts, a few years ago, to 14 Posts, currently. The following breakdown is what will make up District #2 after the re-districting:

Post #	City	Members
2085	Ontario	135
3173	Anaheim	328
3670	Garden Grove	77
3801	San Juan Capistrano	67
4048	Seal Beach	90
5384	Brea	199
5868	Laguna Beach	74
6024	Mission Viejo	277
6563	Fontana	196
7142	San Clemente	122
8954	Buena Park	241
9030	Yorba Linda	57
9557	Westminster	356
9847	Cypress	101
9934	Dana Point	428
10489	Upland	87
10694	Santa Ana	419
11546	Chino Hills	128

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 8th—Annual Post Inspection

Oct. 13th— US Navy birthday (10/13/1775)

Oct. 25th—Service Officer Training

Nov. 10th—US Marine Corps birthday (11/10/1775)

Nov. 10th—Post 7142 filed Notice of Incorporation with Calif. State (11/1/1948)

Nov. 11th—Veterans Day (BUDDY POPPY DRIVE ON THE 8TH & 9TH)

Dec. 13th—2nd District #2 Meeting

COMRADE PROFILES

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Lloyd F. Carter, C.W.O.-3. Gunner Frank Carter enlisted in the Marines in March 1990 and took his recruit training at Parris Island, S.C. He completed combat training at Camp Lejeune, N.C. and was transferred to Camp Pendleton to attend the LAV Basic Crewman Course. Upon graduation, he was transferred back to Camp Lejeune. He was assigned as a Scout and deployed to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Storm. Upon return he attended Marine Security Guard School in Quantico, VA. He completed the course and was assigned the American Embassy, Republic of South Africa, serving as a Watch Stander. He was later transferred to the American Embassy in

La Paz, Bolivia, then returned to the 2nd Marine Division as a Platoon Sgt. and Master Gunner. He later had a Mediterranean deployment under Operation Silver Star in Albania. In June 2003 he deployed to Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and was assigned to Combined Task Force—Fervent Archer. During his third tenure Frank was deployed in support of Iraqi Freedom and after returning he was deployed again to Iraq in support of OIF. He then returned to Quantico to serve as Company Gunnery Sgt for Training and Education in March 2007. In Jan 2008 Gunner Carter reported as a student attending the Warrant Officer Basic Course and the Infantry Weapons Officer courses. After graduation he was assigned overseas to the 3rd Marine Division, in Okinawa, Japan. He was promoted to his current rank in Feb. 2011. This earned him a deployment to Afghanistan with the Battalion. Upon return he was sent stateside to San Diego and transferred to Alpha Range which was reorganized under Field Company, where he serves as the Company Executive Officer.

Gunner Carter's personal awards include the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy/Marine Corps. Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and 2 Gold Stars, the Navy/Marine Achievement Medal with Gold Star and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Gunner Carter is married to the former Marcy Hartman of Springfield, OH. Together they have three children: Caroline-12, Wyatt-9 and John-7.

Gunner Carter brings enthusiasm to the Post and always available to jump in and lend a hand in support of the Post. Welcome aboard Gunner Frank.

Interested in sharing your military profile?? Contact the Newsletter Editor, Alex Neil by phone at 366-8477 or e-mail: ajneil@cox.net



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Trustee #2:	Barry Trauger
Trustee #1:	Terrell DeVoe
Officer of the Day:	James Ferguson
Service Officer:	Michael Wiechman

