



## VFW

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## NEWS

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### Commanders Message

First, congratulations to the officers elected to lead our Post for the VFW Year 2010-2011. A number of us remained in place, but there are some new faces in new places. Those elected are: Ed Fitzgerald, Commander; David Pender, Senior Vice Commander; John Pratt, Junior Vice Commander; Bob Whitaker, Quartermaster; J. O. Duncan, Chaplain; Chuck Gaede, Advocate; Tito Sabana, Post Surgeon; Charlie McKinney, Trustee 2-Year; and, Larry Brew, Trustee 3-Year.

May and June will close out the current VFW Year, but they will be very busy months. I am hopeful that each of you will be a part of these events. In way of a quick run down, we are looking forward to a VFW Loyalty Day Celebration on May 1<sup>st</sup>, our Chili Cookoff on May 8<sup>th</sup>, hosting a Family Day at the Post for our Adopted Unit, Weapons Company 1/23 both on May 15<sup>th</sup>, District 28 Convention on May 16<sup>th</sup>, placing of the flags on veteran's graves at Live Oak Cemetery on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Live Oak on May 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition to all of this, I will be presenting medals to Jr ROTC members at both Hays and Akins High Schools on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively. Please check the attached calendars for times and locations of these events. Oh yes, and one little thing I forgot is that prior to our General Membership Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have a joint installation of officers with our Ladies Auxiliary. As is tradition, the installation will be preceded with a meal.

With 2 new members and 1 reinstate accepted in April, we have finally achieved 100% of our Membership Goal. Bob Whitaker has led our membership effort this year, and Bob, the Post membership and I thank you for this, a job superbly done. I know many members have recruited and contributed, and for everyone's work in this very important area I extend my sincere appreciation. Even at the 100% mark, there are still some members who did not pay their 2010 Dues. Please don't allow yourself to be dropped from our rolls. Also, to those Continuous Members (pay annually), please remember that you will receive your 2011 Dues Notice sometime in July. Please pay promptly and save me from whining every month in this newsletter. This is also an excellent time to consider buying a Life Membership.

Tully Groteluschen has been elected to serve another year as President of our Ladies Auxiliary. I have enjoyed the support of our Ladies this year, and I look forward to working with Tully and the Ladies in the coming year.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events.

Yours in Comradeship,

Ed Fitzgerald  
Post Commander

**"Because we're Proud"**

## Americanism Quote

John F. Kennedy quote on citizenship:

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

(Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961)

## Auxiliary Presidents Message:

Hello Ladies!

I would like to thank each and every one of you who has helped make my year as President a wonderful experience. I look forward to serving you again this year and hope to reach out to those of you I have not met. I would like to congratulate our new incoming officers as well as the ladies who have agreed to maintain the office they held this past year.

We have several committees that need chairpersons; anyone interested in heading a committee, please let me know. It is a wonderful way to get involved and give back to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

We will be placing flags at the Live Oak Cemetery at 8 AM on May 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are not sure when to go, you can meet at the Post at 7:30 AM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Memorial Day Ceremony will take place Monday, May 31 at 10:00 AM at the Live oak cemetery. We will have an OPEN House at the Post following the ceremony. The Post will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages, we have been ask to provide the sides and desserts.

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> the Post will host Adopted unity Family Day at 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Please come out and meet the members of the Unit. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will have our District Meeting in Georgetown. Let's all try to attend and show our support for Glenna, who is running for District President.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> we will have a cover dish dinner at 6:30 PM at the Post. The Post is providing Fried Chicken with the Auxiliary providing sides and desserts. We want to congratulation Ed Fitzgerald on being elected for his second term as Commander. The Joint meeting will start with the Installation of officers with the regular meeting following.

I look forward to serving as your President another year. I am honored by your faith I me and I consider myself bless to work with such wonderful and dedicated ladies.

Tully Rogge-Groteluschen  
Auxiliary President/ Post 3377

## Post Notes

### Adopted Unit

On 15 May 2010, the Post and the Ladies Auxiliary will host a family day for our adopted unit, Weapons Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Marines. The time is to be determined. It is to be a family oriented event to facilitate interaction between family members and the command, to provide information and resources to assist families in such areas such as TriCare, VA education benefits, employment opportunities, and Texas Veteran's benefits, and to provide information on Key Volunteer participation. The Post will provide food, such as hamburgers, hot dogs, etc., and facilities, and organize the veterans benefits information. Members of the Post are needed to assist with the food preparation. All members of the Post are encouraged to come out, meet, and visit with the Marines and their families. Weapons Company is anticipating being deployed in late 2010.

Chuck Gaede

### Bingo

Bingo is doing very good and helping to raise funds so that we can "Honor the dead by helping the living." By law a member of the Post must be on duty for each Bingo session acting as the Bingo Operator. If you can spare one evening a month or every other month to help out, then contact Terry B. Burkett at 786-6661. Thanks to all of you that currently volunteer as a Bingo Operator...you are appreciated!

Terry B. Burkett — Bingo Chairman

### Fundraiser

Our semi-annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on May the 8<sup>th</sup>. This supports the Post Scholarship Fund and we usually do pretty well with the help from our members. The Booze Wagon brings in a considerable amount for the fund and we are asking for every Post Member to donate one bottle for the wagon. Since the last newsletter the Booze Wagon is filling up, however, we still need some more. For those of you who have already donated, a great big thanks. We will also have a silent auction; the donations for the auction are in. There is some really good stuff for you to bid on. We will need your help at the Cook-Off by judging the entries and just by being here to support the Post. Looking forward to seeing you there and having a lot of fun.

Bob Whitaker--Fundraising

### Webmaster

During the 79th Regular Session (2005) of the Texas Legislature, [House Concurrent Resolution 36](#) was approved "giving legislative authorization to a Vietnam War monument for the Capitol grounds, subject to state law and rules of the State Preservation Board." This monument expresses the racial diversity of those involved in the Vietnam War. It has experienced a delay in moving forward to conclusion because of the downturn in the economy. Now, however, new direction is underway to revive fund raising efforts to reach a goal of 1.5 million dollars by the end of 2011. This monument is about the Texas Vietnam War veteran. Please visit [www.buildthemonument.org](http://www.buildthemonument.org) and make a donation today.

Terry B. Burkett — Webmaster

## **Auxiliary Notes**

### **National Home for Children – Myrt Roberts**

National Home Support for Families During Deployment

The Military Family Program can help military families during deployment. Deployed military members children or their spouses with children can live at the National Home when an approved family plan isn't working out.

Myrt Roberts

# May 2010

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# June 2010

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