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## NEWS

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### Commanders Message

Comrades,

Prior to the September meeting we had our District 28 inspection, conducted by the District Senior and Junior Vice Commanders. They looked through our financial statements and other official records with no discrepancies noted. So a big thanks to Quartermaster Bob Whitaker; the man who keeps our records in inspection order. After the meeting, the Senior Vice told me "this is the best Post I've visited. I sure wish they could all be like your Post." Comrades, that is a Texas-sized compliment to our Post, our Officers, our Committee Chairmen, and the manner in which we conduct business. I'm sure it was also a compliment to the great covered dish meal provided by our Ladies Auxiliary prior to the meeting. My heart felt thanks to each and every one of you for keeping 3377 at the top.

I can pretty safely predict that we're not going to make the 100% paid membership by 30 September, but if we can get there in October, all is not lost. So please, if you have not yet paid your 2011 Dues, send in that \$30. Comrades, we are all recruiters and its time we beat the bushes and talk up VFW membership. So, our goals for October are to 1., pay your 2011 Dues, and 2., sign up at least one new member.

We had two great ceremonies last month. Our Patriot Day ceremony was put together by Comrade Tito Sabana, with guest speaker Battalion Chief Warren Weidler and Comrade Terry Burkett planned our POW/MIA Recognition ceremony, featuring the Hays High School Jr. ROTC. Both ceremonies were "top shelf productions" and I certainly appreciate Tito and Terry's involvement to make them happen.

Our Current Conflict Committee seems to be filled with energy and great ideas. They've already started a Facebook page and are looking for activities that we can host to bring in those current conflict veterans and their families. If you have any thoughts or ideas along those lines, please pass them along to Chuck Gaede.

October will be the month when we start hearing calls for VOD and Patriot Pen judges. Comrades, if you can spare just a little time, I promise you it will be time well-spent. Our young people today are simply amazing in what they say and write about veterans. If you are interested in being a part of these great programs, please contact Jim Linville for Patriots Pen and Gerry Kern for Voice of Democracy. You won't be disappointed!

Remember, our Canteen is running a Game of the Week with Happy Hour prices and usually some snacks. They are also having Monday Night Football specials, again with Happy Hour prices and food. Come out and support your Canteen while enjoying some good times with your fellow veterans. See you there!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Ed Fitzgerald  
Post Commander

**Faith – Fidelity - Fortitude**

## Americanism Quote

Here in America we are descended in blood and in spirit from revolutionists and rebels - men and women who dare to dissent from accepted doctrine. As their heirs, may we never confuse honest dissent with disloyal subversion.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

## Auxiliary Presidents Message:

Hello Ladies!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Patriot Day ceremony. I think it went very well and was enjoyed by all. I also wish to thank all of the ladies who brought food for the Potluck dinner and for making our special guests welcome. I think our inspection went well and I am proud of all of you and the work you do!!

I'd just like to remind everyone that the Post will be celebrating its birthday on 9-29-10; there will be a short cake cutting ceremony in the Canteen at 6pm.

We have a few ladies who are going through rough times, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Let us know if we, as an organization, can be of assistance.

Our year is picking up speed and I am excited about the direction our organization is headed. Thank you all for what you do!

Our next meeting will be 10-21-10, hope to see you all there.

Tully Rogge Groteluschen  
Auxiliary President

## Post Notes

### Adopted Unit News

Our Adopted Unit, Weapons Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Marines, is planning a Yellow Ribbon event on 6 November 2010 at Camp Mabry. Various speakers will update much of the information communicated to the Marines and their spouses at the Family Day we hosted last May. The actual deployment date is to be announced.

### Bingo

Bingo continues to do well and we are fully complying with the requirement to make charitable contributions to worthy organizations. Thanks to Comrade Charlie McKinney and Comrade Quartermaster Bob Whitaker for ensuring our donations are directed to the right places. We recently successfully completed an operations audit conducted by a representative of the Bingo Operations Division of the Texas Lottery Commission. We passed with no discrepancies noted thanks to the diligence of our Bingo Operators and staff. We welcome back as a Bingo Operator Comrade Tom Hall. We need your help as a Bingo Operator. If you could spare one night a month for about four hours it would help tremendously. Thanks! - Terry B. Burkett, Bingo Chairman

### Navy Birthday

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, our U. S. Navy will celebrate 235 years of service to our Nation. To all who have served in this, the greatest naval force in the world, our thanks and congratulations.

## **Quartermaster's 2 Cents**

We are now at 88% membership, even though we did not get to 100% by September 30, it is still important to get your dues paid as early as possible. We still have 52 unpaid members for 2011. The Post is judged on our participation in membership, both by renewing current members and recruiting new members. Your help is appreciated in both these endeavors. If you know of a member who has attained the age of 80 years young or they are in a nursing home or otherwise unable to pay their dues, the Post is happy to pay their dues. Just get in touch with the post Quartermaster or Commander so we can take care of it.

The Homeless Veterans Stand down is coming up on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held at Post 856 on Alpine St. They expect a lot of Veterans there and could use your help. Everybody can do something, so donate a little of your time to help these Vets. If you show up at Post 856 and see Red Towers or Tex. Kennedy they will find a job for you.

Bob Whitaker, Post Quartermaster

## **Safety**

School recently started and as we settle into the new school year, I thought we should talk about some general back to school safety tips:

Obey the school zones-pay attention to the flashing lights reminding you to slow down and go 20 miles per hour.

No talking or texting on your cell phones-in school zones you are not allowed to be on your cell phone.

Be aware of stop signs and buses stopping-since more children will be on the road with us, make sure you watching out for all the stop signs and making a complete stop. The same goes for the buses when they stop-stop at least 20 feet behind them-do not try to pass them up especially when the red lights are flashing!

Those are just a few safety tips to keep you and your loved ones safe as the new school year starts! Remember if you get a ticket in the school zone area for any reason you will be paying a pretty penny-so instead follow the law so your wallet will have more money instead of less!

Tito Sabana, Post Safety Officer

## **Webmaster**

The membership recently approved the opening of a Post Facebook page on the Internet. The page will be used to supplement news and information posted via this newsletter, sent out via email, and the Post website. You can find the Post Facebook page by searching for "VFW Post 3377" in your Facebook account.

The website is going to be ported to new development and display software. This software is free and fully supported by those that have developed the system. During the transition, which will take several months to complete, I am looking for anyone that would be interested in assisting with the website and eventually taking over as Webmaster on approval of the Post Commander. Please contact me if you are interested. Thanks. -  
Terry B. Burkett, Post Webmaster

## **Auxiliary Notes**

### **Membership:**

As we start September we need to get our membership in. Remember any membership received after December 31 in department will have to have an added \$1.00. This means that you will be paying \$12.00 a year. Please get you membership and help us to reach our 100% by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

Mail your membership dues to Glenna Alexander, PO Box 786, Manchaca, TX 78652.

### **Gold Star Mother**

This year we honored our Gold Star Mother, Mary Blackmon by putting Flowers in the Manchaca Baptist Church and sending her a card and her membership card. She has been our Gold Star Mother for the Auxiliary for many years, if you would like to send her a card please contact me and I will get you her address. Thanks to Myrt Roberts and Iris Bishop for helping make this a Special Day.

Glenna Alexander

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

A 2010 Grand Caravan was delivered to National Home in August earned with more than 1.6 million Campbell Soup Labels submitted by supporters across the country. The van will help National Home transport families and children to school and church activities, sports practices, dance and music lessons and doctor appointments. In addition to receiving the van National Home has redeemed labels for educational materials including musical instruments, gym equipment, educational toys for child care program and nutrition education material for National Home staff nurse.

You can easily see why it is so important to keep saving these Campbell Soup Labels.

Myrt Roberts  
Auxiliary Chairman

## **Canteen Corner**

Remember to join us for our Game of the Week. For October 2<sup>nd</sup> it is UT and Oklahoma in the Red River Rivalry. Game starts at 2:30pm. Come early, stay late, and make a lot of noise. Check the board in Canteen for other scheduled events. Thank you for all your support and hope to see you.

Peggy Ballard-Canteen Manager

# October 2010

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3 National COA	4	5	6 6:30pm Linville 7:00pm Bingo 7:00pm Current Conflict Committee	7	8 6:30pm Solverson 7:00pm Bingo	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12 USS Cole Mem.	13 Navy B'Day 6:30pm Hall 7:00pm Bingo	14 6:00pm House Committee Meet 7:00pm Executive Meet	15 6:30pm Burkett 7:00pm Bingo	16 Newsletter Deadline
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		Halloween				