



## VFW

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## NEWS

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### Commanders Message

Comrades, the end of the VFW Year 2009-2010 is closing in on us, but let me assure you, the last few months will be extremely busy. We're going to need the help and participation of all of our members to finish the year strong.

First, last, and always, is membership. We need members who have not yet paid their 2010 Dues, to please do so **today**. We need to recruit new members. I would like very much to get at least 3 new member applications for April's meeting. As a member of the VFW, you are a recruiter, and as such, please remember that membership is the life blood of this organization.

The annual Safety presentation will take place prior to our April meeting, so mark your calendar. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm we'll have a potluck dinner, followed at 7ish by a Safety presentation, and then at 7:30 we go into our regular general membership meeting.

Other than getting to eat, what's special about our April meeting? It's election night! Nominations were opened at our March meeting, and we currently have the following nominations for VFW Year 2010-2011. Commander, Ed Fitzgerald; Sr Vice Commander, David Pender; Jr Vice Commander, John Pratt; Quartermaster, Bob Whitaker; Chaplain, J. O. Duncan; Post Surgeon, Tito Sabana; Advocate, Chuck Gaede; and Trustee 3-Year, Larry Brew. Nominations will be reopened at our April meeting, followed immediately by our elections. The membership present at our April meeting will elect our Post's leadership for the coming year, so be present and have a voice in our future. As stated, nominations will again be opened, so it's not too late to "get your hat in the ring."

April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a fun-filled day at the Post. Our Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt and I hear that Bonzo Crunch will be present to make the children laugh, but the highlight of the day is always the treats the children gather and the sweet snacks that our Ladies prepare for them. C'mon out and be a part of the happenings.

Looking down the road, we have a District meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We're sponsoring our adopted Marine Corps unit at the Post home on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We will place flags on veteran's graves at Live Oak cemetery on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have our annual Memorial Day service at Live Oak cemetery on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please pencil in these events on your "to do" list.

Yours in Comradeship,

Ed Fitzgerald  
Post Commander

**"Because we're Proud"**

## Americanism Quote

*"I believe that when America is willing to use her influence abroad, the American people are safer and the world is more secure. I believe that wealth does not come from government. It comes from the hard work of America's workers, entrepreneurs and small businesses. I believe government closest to the people is more responsive and accountable. I believe government plays an important role in helping those who can't help themselves. Yet we must always remember that when people are hurting, they need a caring person, not a government bureaucracy."*

**President George W. Bush**  
**The Wall Street Journal, January 3, 2007**

## Auxiliary Presidents Message:

Hello Ladies!

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in our Community Awards Night. A special thanks to Sandra Deel and Teen Reesman for keeping us well fed.

The Easter Egg Hunt is fast approaching. Thank to Myrt Roberts for securing our entertainment and refreshments. We will be stuffing the eggs on Wednesday, March 31 at 1:00PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in the fun. Should you wish to help out on Saturday, April 3 please be at the Post at 8:00 AM.

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues on time. We won a Membership Award at the last District Meeting for being 100%. Remember the awards belong to you ladies, so congratulations!

Year End Reports are due to me by April 5. Please send them to me so I can be sure that I get them in on time. Thank you for all your hard work.

We will have a Pot Luck Dinner for our Safety Program on April 15(Tax Day). The Auxiliary has been asked to provide cover dish and dessert for this event. Hope to see everyone there; our general meeting will follow the program.

Election will also be held at next month's meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should let me or one of our sister know. I encourage everyone to get involved. This is YOUR organization, ladies! Now is your opportunity to get involved and show your support for our Veterans and their families.

Our next District meeting is in Georgetown on May 16<sup>th</sup> and we are doing a basket for that meeting. The theme for the Basket is RED, WHITE AND BLUE. Please bring items for the basket to our April meeting. We will be having District Election at the May meeting and Glenna Alexander is running for District President; this would be a great way to show her our support.

Our May meeting will be a Dinner before installation of officers on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary has been asked to provide side dishes and dessert. We will be presenting our Membership Service pins at this time. We would love to present these pins to you in person, but if you are unable to attend please contact Glenna Alexander so she can send them to you.

We are still open to suggestion on how we may better serve our members and promote new membership; all ideas are welcome.

Please remember, Ladies, Our work is not complete. As long as our service men and women are sacrificing their lives and families for our country, we have work to do.

Tully Rogge-Groteluschen  
Auxiliary President/ Post 3377

## Post Notes

### Adopted Unit

On 16 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

The Bingo operation is an important revenue generator for our Post. It has always been successful and will continue to be so with your help. We are required by state law to have a member of the Post present during each bingo session (Weds and Fri) serving as the Bingo Operator. So, how can you help...if you can volunteer one Weds or Fri a month to serve as the Bingo Operator it would go a long way in helping. No classes are involved and OJT will be provided by the Bingo Chairman. Please contact Terry B. Burkett at 512-786-6661 or email [terryburkett2003@yahoo.com](mailto:terryburkett2003@yahoo.com). Thanks to those of you that already volunteer.

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 good 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. We will also have a silent auction, and the donations for the auction are beginning to come in. There will be 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, Quartermaster

### Safety

We will have our annual Safety Presentation prior to our April General membership meeting. This year we are scheduled to have a presentation by Special Agent David Hall with the FBI. SA Hall will speak to us on current scams in the Austin area. So, remember, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 we'll enjoy a potluck meal, and SA Hall will begin his presentation at approximately 6:50pm.

Bob Meny, Post Surgeon/Safety Officer

### Web Site

The Post web site address is [www.vfwpost3377.org](http://www.vfwpost3377.org). The site contains information on VFW Programs, POW/MIA, The Post, Ladies Auxiliary, Bingo, and the Canteen. There are useful links to web sites of interest to veterans, a Current Events listing, photos and videos, and much more. Check out the web site today.

Terry B. Burkett, Post Webmaster

## Auxiliary Notes

### Community Service

I would like to thank each of you for your help with you Community Service reports and with our membership this year. As our year is ending and we start to plan for next year we want to remember the Auxiliary members for their years of Service.

50 Years	Catherine Kern
45 Years	Jane DoJutrek and Dorothy Ross
40 Years	Deane Jewel, Mary Glosson, and Margaret Pinto
35 Years	Joyce Gaddis
30 Years	Marjorie M Baker
25 Years	Hannah Brassil
20 Years	Sue Bergan, Vivian Brown, Rosalie Davis, Tully Groteluschen, Myrt Roberts, and Margaret Seidl
15 Years	Katherine Bankhead, Sandra Deel, Kathleen Green, Juanita Hannusch, Deane Harris, Laura Raymond and Dorothy Shubert
10 Years	Patricia Jackson and Jean Wicks

We will be presenting these pins at our May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting after the Installation of the 2010-2011 Officers. If you wish to receive your Service Pin and are unable to attend this meeting please contact me and I will sent it to you. If I am not contacted the Auxiliary will have the Service Pins in the Office at the Post.

Glenna Alexander, gaqa@aol.com, or PO Box 231, Manchaca, TX, 78652

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 3 at 10:00 AM. Please come out and enjoy the event and share in the fun.

Glenna Alexander

### National Home for Children – Myrt Roberts

VFW National Home for Children

Thank you to everyone who saved Campbell Soup labels this past year. I was able to send in 190 labels. Please remember this is an ongoing project so do continue to save those labels.

Myrt Roberts

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				April 1	2	3
				April Fools ScoutOfTheYear (To Dept.)	Good Friday 7:00pm Bingo 7:00pm Solverson	9:30am Easter Egg Hunt
4 Easter	5	6	7 7:00pm Bingo 7:00pm McKinney	8 6:00pm House Committee Meet 7:00pm Executive Meet	9 POW/MIA Day 7:00pm Bingo 7:00pm Blasczyk	10
11	12	13	14 7:00pm Bingo 7:00pm Limville	15 6:30pm Pot Luck Dinner 7:00pm Safety Program 7:30pm VFW/A Gen. Mtg 8:00pm Elections (2010-2011)	16 7:00pm Bingo 7:00pm Burkett	17 Newsletter Deadline
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# May 2010

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29 8:00am Flags at Live Oak
			1:30pm M.S.C 7:00pm Bingo 7:00pm Solverson		7:00pm Bingo 7:00pm Burkett	
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	10:00am Memorial Day (Live Oak Cem.) 11:00am Open House					