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Don Diego V.F.W. Post 7420 Newsletter

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Post Commander

Comrades and Aux Members,

It's truly an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your Post Commander this up-coming year. I have a great group of elected and appointed members on my staff, and we're all anxious to lead our beloved Post to continued growth and success.

My goal is to continue in that direction and to have fun doing it! If our members and guests see that we're having fun, they'll want to be a part of what ever we're doing, and they'll jump in and help and contribute to the success of this Post.

The time has come to leave the pity issues and problems plaguing this post for so long in the past. I will move forward with an aggressive plan designated at recruiting new members, creating events, and establishing ourselves within the community. I've stood back observing and taking notes for awhile and have come up with a list which I will use during my first 90 days.

We will begin using the hall again to generate interest in the public and most importantly generate money. The first event is already planned for the 8th of August, The Fabulocos will be playing live along with "DJ Wicho, your neighborhood DJ" providing all those feel good sounds to dance and have a good time too. I am an aggressive yet patient person in nature, networking will be the key. Above all we must all respect one another and work towards our common goal.

The roof is my number one priority, and I will do everything within my means to make it happen. You have placed me in a position of great trust, so trust in me to do what must be done to fix our building. Transparency within my staff and myself will always be there, we will have nothing to hide. I look forward to seeing you all during our various functions, your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

Miguel Alatorre

Post 7420 Commander





Auxiliary President

Dear Sisters,

It is an honor and privilege to be your 2015-2016 President, I look forward to the challenge of learning my duties and carrying them out. I am so grateful for the support I have received from the 2015-2016 Officers: Sr. Vice President, Mercy Gastelum; Jr. Vice President, Marcella Smith; Treasurer, Alicia Ketcham; Chaplain, Olivia Solomon; Conductress, Grace Leyva; Guard, Hortensia Crespin; 1 - Year Trustee, Marcella Smith; 2 - Year trustee, Marie Kelly; 3 - Year Trustee, Honey Hawley and Secretary, Evie Holland.

Patriotic Instructor, Bonnie Alatorre; Veteran & Family Support, Emma T Lopez; Americanism, Evie Holland; Buddy Poppy Grace Leyva; Historian, Julia Cruz; Legislative/PAC, Honey Hawley; Membership, Alicia Ketcham; Voice of Democracy/Patriots' Pen, Alicia Ketcham and Grace Leyva; Youth Activity/Scholarship Marcella Smith.

We need a sister to step into the Hospital Chair position.

Auxiliary President,
Sara Sandoval

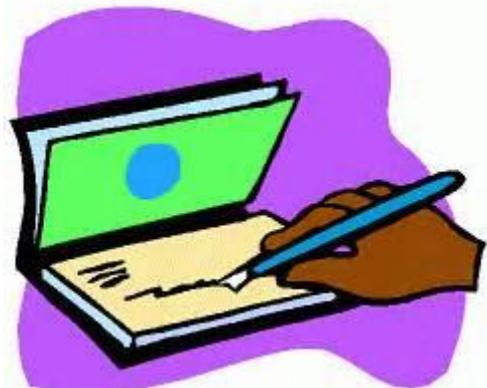


Survivors Fund

Comrades and Sisters,

It is time to renew your yearly dues for the Survivors Fund. The window to pay your dues is July, August and September.

Please earmark your checks Survivors Fund and mail them to Don Diego VFW #7420 2100 Logan Ave San Diego, 92113.



Fill out the form below:

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Bill Kelley,



Auxiliary Chaplain

Let's praise our "Women of the Year" many Auxiliary women have given so much in years and now have medical issues and are unable to be part of our meeting and celebrations; Sister's Pat Cook, Clem Esparza, Carmen Gomez, Marty Cota, Socorro Willis and many others. Our Sister Pat Cook has a hearing disorder and is unhappy with everything that has occurred in her life the last couple of years. And of course our, "Women of the Year" that have had so much input in our Auxiliary for many years and are hanging on by the threads of the American Flag with ailments and can barely attend the meetings; Past Department President Emma T. Lopez, Sue Hamilton, Marie Kelley, Mercy Gustelum, Marcella Smith, Maria Carrillo JoJo

Trujillo and Lorene Diaz . These Sisters are what built the Auxiliary from many moons ago. For seventeen years now. I have visited these Sisters on their hospital beds or at home.

We are now are striving to keep our Auxiliary in full speed ahead I am remembering how many members I helped install and where in heavens name did they go, or is it because the meetings are boring?

Well, I am here as Chaplain once again and hopefully we can try and build our Auxiliary as time goes on. As for one of our programs, the POW-MIA Remembrance Ceremony. We need, many of the members to come in from the Bar and be part of the program, as it will only last less then fifteen minutes and join us in singing the, Star Bangle Banner" "drowning out my voice" and our goodies that many Post and Auxiliary members bring. Have a Heart and join us.

Best Wishes of good Health to all and keep me posted on our ill and distressed Aux. Sisters.

Sincerely,

Chaplain Olivia J. Solomon

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Auxiliary Treasurer

Dear Sisters,

In June, we were able to take 34 “Early Birds” to the Department Convention in Bakersfield.

Since then one more sister has paid her dues, we are now at 84.26 % with 147 life members and 35 annual members. Two sisters are making payments towards a life membership and if you are one of our 25 annual dues paying members who haven’t paid dues for 2016 yet, you can too. The monthly amount you’d pay towards your life membership is small, if you’re interested, please contact me.

I’m also requesting all Don Diego Auxiliary sisters who have email, to please send it to me. Many of you say ‘I don’t do meetings but if you need something I’ll be glad to help.’ Well if we have your email

address, we can write you and tell you what we need. We can also do a group email for your help. My email is ketchme47@gmail.com.

Loyally

Alicia Ketcham, Treasurer/Membership Chairman

National Home

Please continue to save your Campbell soup labels or labels from any Campbell products. Remember the National Home uses them to purchase automobiles to transport the children.

Alicia Ketcham, National Home Chairman



Sunday Canteen Karaoke

From 4:00-9:00 p.m.



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San Diego, CA 92113
On Monday August 17 to
Friday August 21, 2015
From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

