



# The Recorder



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ALL-STATE ALL-AMERICAN VFW POST 2015-2016



## Post Commander:

Comrades and Auxiliary members,

I would like to use this newsletter for just that, news. We as a Post may not be the largest post in the District or State, but in the 2015-2016 year our post members let people know who we are and what can be accomplished when we work together. Recently, we received the honor and title of All-State and All-American Post, in

recognition of this accomplishment the members of Don Diego VFW 7420 will be hosting a Post Recognition Day on Sept. 30, 2016 from 5pm-10pm. I would like to thank Comrade Juan Manuel Crespin and his committee for organizing and setting up this event for our membership.

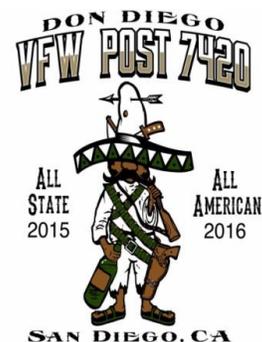
During these past few months we've been out in the community; participating in events, opening our doors and making our presence known once again. It's a good feeling to walk down the street and be recognized as Don Diego's Post Commander. There is a drastic change in our surrounding community and most importantly we are keeping up with the changes. Soon our newsletters will no longer be published and mailed out as they are currently updated monthly on our website. This action alone has saved our Post thousands of dollars which enable us to utilize that money on the building. Speaking on the building, during the upcoming House Committee meeting 3 to 4 roof proposals will be submitted for review and hopefully one will be approved. The Post Quartermaster has submitted a line of credit loan so that we can finally get this roof done. We have received and filed all the necessary tax documents and I am really pleased to announce that our Post is in good standings. Thanks in huge part to his hard work and dedication.

Our Auxiliary did not sit idly by these past few months either. They have been busy out in the District and community as well. They have begun to utilize the kitchen; serving meals during our various events in an effort to help them raise money for their programs. It is important that we as a Post support these events as it will help establish a great asset to our membership and its guests. Their next planned meal is set for Sunday Sept.11, 2016 from 8am-11am in tribute to Patriots Day, A scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage or bacon breakfast with toast will be served. It is such a great sight seeing them; so active and engaged in support of our post. The Auxiliary as a whole

unit is really working great together and its starting to show, I for one am truly thankful and grateful for their continued support.

In the upcoming months we have a variety of events planned for our members and friends. On Saturday Sept.17, 2016 our post will be hosting a band from Cuba; led by a young retired Purple Heart recipient and United States Marine. So all you salsa and cumbia dancers make sure to come out and support this young Marine as he begins his transition through music. On Saturday October 1, 2016, our Post will be hosting the Mexican Ancestry Dinner-Dance; I am asking for maximum participation and support of this yearly event hosted at our home. Tickets are now available at our post canteen or through Comrade Eddie Carrillo, music will be provided by Benny and the mix. Comrades the end of newsletters being mailed will soon come to an end, however they will be updated monthly on our website so that members can see and read what is going on at Don Diego anytime or place they please. I will soon begin working on the museum I so badly wish for. The community and its people need and want to learn about its community veterans. I for one will begin on this project soon, should any member be interested in loaning or donating any items for this project please let me know. Visitors come into our center hall and spend time just looking at pictures and asking questions, imagine the knowledge they would gain, the questions they would have should we have something in place to share our stories and experiences. Comrades my time as your Post Commander will come to an end shortly as time just seems to fly on by. But our Post is being setup to succeed and prosper long after I am replaced. We are visible, we are viable, and we are an important part of the community once again. Our brothers from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Color Guard have done a great job representing our Post and for that I thank them. The Marine Corps League is still active and an important part to the success of our Post, there are a lot of pieces that help keep our post working and its great to see them all come together and work towards the same goal in the service of veterans. We will continue to work hard and we will continue to play hard. For we are the brothers and sisters that make up Don Diego VFW 7420 and if we continue to work together can nothing bring us down. I would like to thank the bartenders, the cleanup crew and volunteers who constantly work at helping us stay operational. Once again, thank you comrades !!! It is truly an honor to be your Commander.

Miguel Alatorre  
Post 7420 Commander





## **Auxiliary President:**

Greetings,

I would like to start out my newsletter article with a heartfelt thank you to all of our members who come in and supported our events, those who put in the work, those who come in to enjoy. Always, in the spirit of service. A special “thank you” to Ray Fino, he is always fixing something at our beloved Don Diego Post, he gets the credit for cleaning the stove, fryer, oven and grill. We are now enjoying the use once again. I witnessed him clean a mess that was years of grease build up; our

stove is safe again because of him. A big “thank you” to Manuel Sanchez, always available to help. I want to thank my officers for their continued support, thank you Bonnie Boo for your work with Commander making our great flyers advertising our events.

We’ve had a busy month, on August 10<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary participated in La Vuelta community event by serving up a delicious taco dinner thanks to sister Bea Mirelez, it was a fast sell out, we want to plan another soon. On August 24<sup>th</sup> we sold wings, nachos and Bea’s delicious chili beans for the same event, it was the last La Vuelta of the summer. Emma T. Lopez and I have been busy visiting other posts and attending their monthly meetings. We visited Coronado, La Mesa and Encanto and were treated with the kindest of hospitality. I encourage our members to visit other posts.

We are looking forward to two more planned events; mark your calendars for Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>, which is now called Patriot Day. It is a day to honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the attack on America on this date in 2001. We will celebrate our Patriotism with a breakfast serving eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage and toast all for \$7, proceeds will go the Auxiliary general fund which is used to support the Veteran’s programs. Breakfast will be served from 8-11 a.m. Also mark your calendars for Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. On that day we pay honor and remember POW-MIA’s with a candlelight vigil and The Missing Man Table Ceremony. We will be hosting small hors d’oeuvres afterwards. It is so important that we never forget about those brave service members still missing. Our promise to them is to keep the hope alive that one day they will be returned to their families.

A reminder to all annual Auxiliary members, it is time to pay those yearly dues, if you are an annual member please consider becoming a life member, life membership dues are going up 15% next year. If you have family and friends who

have the honor of having eligibility through a Veteran of Foreign War, encourage them to join. Bring them to our post when we are having an event or just to stop into the canteen for a cold one.

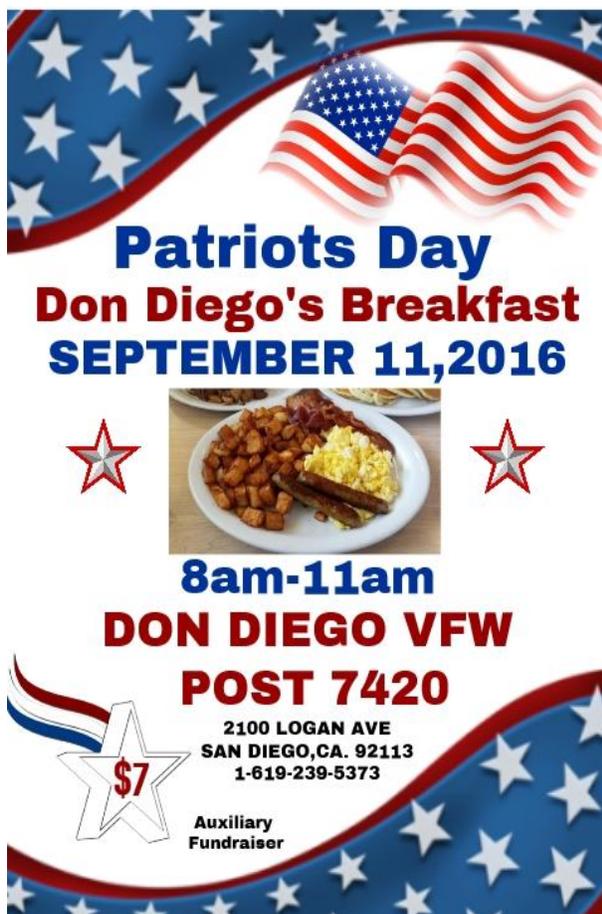
Please come to Don Diego and join us for our events, or just to stop in to say “hi”, catch up with friends. It is the friendliest post in town!! Check out Don Diego’s Facebook page and website; be informed as to what we have accomplished and future events.

As always a shout out to our canteen staff, hard working and friendly!

Let us be ever mindful of those who have served, of those who continue to serve, those who have given so much of themselves, those who gave all, our men and women in the military and our Veterans.

Yours in service,

Sara Sandoval



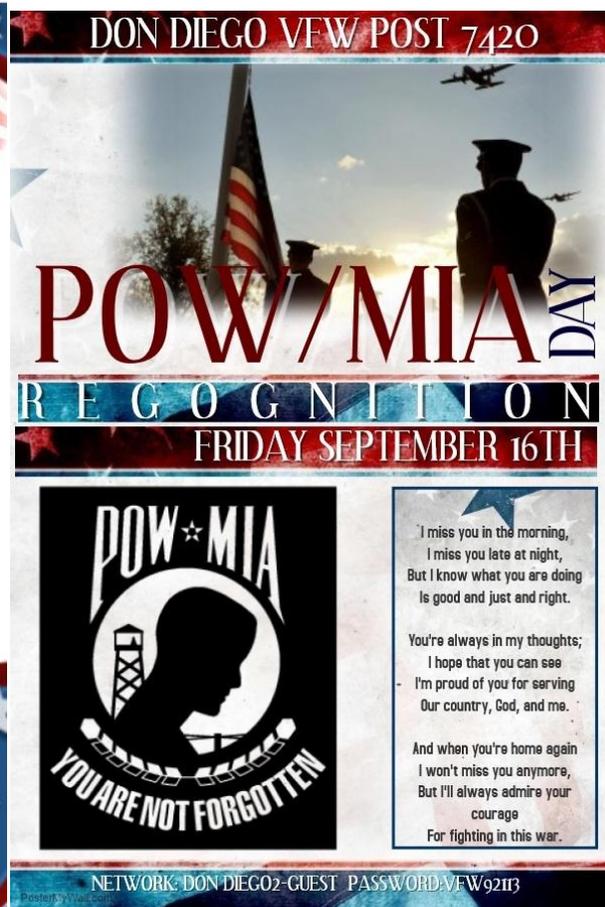
**Patriots Day**  
**Don Diego's Breakfast**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**



**8am-11am**  
**DON DIEGO VFW**  
**POST 7420**

2100 LOGAN AVE  
SAN DIEGO, CA. 92113  
1-619-239-5373

**\$7**  
Auxiliary  
Fundraiser



**DON DIEGO VFW POST 7420**

**POW/MIA DAY**  
**RECOGNITION**  
**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH**



I miss you in the morning,  
I miss you late at night,  
But I know what you are doing  
Is good and just and right.

You're always in my thoughts;  
I hope that you can see  
I'm proud of you for serving  
Our country, God, and me.

And when you're home again  
I won't miss you anymore,  
But I'll always admire your  
courage  
For fighting in this war.

NETWORK: DON DIEGO2-GUEST PASSWORD: VFW92113



### Auxiliary Chaplain

Well, as life goes on, it ends for some and I say some of the greatest people we know. We have lost three wonderful Auxiliary Sisters as follows:

Elizabeth”Betty Morales,  
Esther Urbanski,  
Jesse Negrete and the Beloved son of  
Aux. Sister Marcella Smith,David Paul.

My motto; Life's a gamble, there are no guarantees and we don't make decisions on Life, “God Does”.

Our Hearts go out to the families of our dearly departed.

Our Aux. Treasurer Alicia Ketcham seems to be getting better every day from back surgery. “Bravo”

On another note, the holidays are right around the corner so let's get our committees together for

The Military Families we are selecting for “Thanksgiving Baskets and Wal-Mart Visa Cards.

We will continue to discuss these issues at the meeting.

Lord be with you and in your spirit!

Sincerely, Chaplain Olivia J. Solomon

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### **Auxiliary Treasurer**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As of right now we are at 78.77% with 178 members. I have 7 members making life membership payments, which really gives us 185 members. This leaves us needing 41 more members to pay their dues for us to reach our goal of 226 for our 100% in membership. If you are one of our annual dues paying members who still haven't paid for 2017, please do so now.

Our goal each year is to reach our 100% as soon as possible. The National organization and the Department office give monetary incentives based on when an Auxiliary achieves 100%.

I'd also like to remind everyone to please keep me informed of your address, telephone number and email address if you have one. It's extremely important this information is kept current.

Loyally,  
Alicia Ketcham, Treasurer/Membership Chairman  
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### **National Home**

By now all of you should know the Campbell label program no longer exists. I will be selecting another National Home project we can work on as an Auxiliary. As soon as it is approved at our meeting, I will let everyone know.

Alicia Ketcham, National Home Chairman

**DON DIEGO UFW 7420  
PRESENTS:**



**WITH SPECIAL GUEST : DJ SONERO**

**SATURDAY  
17  
SEPT**

**BEST MUSIC EVENT IN SAN DIEGO**

BRINGING YOU THAT UNIQUE LATIN SOUND

FOUND ONLY IN

LA HAVANA, CINEFUEGOS AND GUANAVANCOVA, CUBA.

GET READY FOR A FUNFILLED NIGHT FULL OF GOOD MUSIC AND LOTS OF  
DANCING.

**STARTS AT 9PM - TICKET 15\$ - DRINK SPECIALS**

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**DON DIEGO  
VFW  
POST 7420**



**ALL-STATE  
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**POST RECOGNITION DAY  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016  
5:00PM - 10:00PM  
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7:00pm**





**Don Diego VFW Post 7420**

**MEXICAN ANCESTRY  
SCHOLARSHIP  
DINNER-DANCE**

**October 1, 2016 5:00pm - 11:00pm**

**Music by: Benny and The Mix**

**\$15.00 Donation per Person**

**Ticket Information: Eddie Carrillo 619-264-0386**

**Tickets now available at the Post Canteen**