

VFW Post 12146 Commanders Newsletter

Comrades,

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This month we will be celebrating our post fourth anniversary. Since our inception we have set the bar for excellence achieving significant milestones. We continue to lead both the District and Department in membership and hold a top spot at the division level which places our post in the running for All State and All American for the fourth year in a row. Our recruiting and membership team continue to excel and make the difference. The dedication and commitment of our membership has been the driving force behind the successes we have enjoyed over the past 4 years.

I encourage each of you to come celebrate our post achievements at our fourth anniversary party that will be held on the 16th of February at Finnegan's Irish Pub & Restaurant. The theme for this year's celebration will be: "Post History Past and Present". There will be a cash bar starting at 1700 with a buffet style dinner starting at 1800. If you plan on attending, please ensure that you inform us as soon as possible due to limited seating arrangements. Attendance will be limited to our members and one guest.

As we enter the month of February our post will continue to support our local community. We will start a significant community service project this month at Sattahip Children's School Number 12 for Special Needs children. VFW National has just recently approved a grant that combined with post and local contributions will enable our post to support the effort which will include improvements to the food preparation area that is used to provide meals to these special needs children. The effort includes upgrades to associated plumbing fixtures, toilet facilities, lighting and electrical which will greatly improve quality of life for these children in need.

For planning purposes, Post Nominations and Elections for the upcoming VFW Term 2019 -2020 are quickly approaching. We will

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conduct nominations in March that will remain open until the April meeting at which time elections will be conducted. There will be several positions open to be filled. If you have an interest in one of the positions please see me or a member of the leadership team if you are looking for any additional detail.

Important dates for the month of February are:

1 February Community Service Project commences at Sattahip Children's School Number 12

9 February Post Membership meeting at 1300

16 February Post fourth anniversary celebration 1700

Of special note, there is a potential visit of a US Navy Aircraft Carrier to the area in February. I will keep you informed of the details as they develop. The visit will bring approximately 5000 active duty personnel to the area. I am working closely with the logistics personnel on coordination of potential events for the post and ships company. Presently, a MAP (Military Assistance Program) event is being planned for the ships visit. The event will entail a VFW/Post Sponsored event that will provide a Pier Side lunch to the ship's crew. Tentative timeframe will be about the second week of February.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our February meeting on 9 February.

Be safe out there!

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