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ALL-STATE ALL-AMERICAN VFW POST 2015-2016



Post Commander:

Comrades and Auxilliary members, Another month has past on by and a lot of new memories and stories have been written within our post. We were honored to have hosted our State VFW Commander Dale Smith and Auxilliary VFW State President Tootsie Doughtery during their official state visit dinner. We

also shared and continued our traditional tequila night and sombrero presentation. It was a great opportunity for our post and its members to shine, and I am happy to say that we accomplished that. Thank you to all that helped and participated in making this another successful event.

Comrades we must continue to work on our membership, i have been able to recruit and welcome a couple of new members this month but we must all do more. I will start planning on events to help us reach our recruitment goals. If every member was able to recruit one single veteran than we would have no problem making our goals and work towards being an All-American post for the fiscal year. I welcome everyone to join us at the Post canteen and watch this years superbowl between the New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons with us, as we will be having a potluck once again.

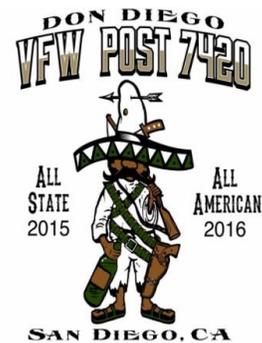
Comrades as I reflect on everything we have achieved together as your post commander it reminds me that I still have a lot of work ahead me in the upcoming months. I was able to purchase and donate a new wall display which is already up and setup as our Quartermasters corner. Where our finances will continue to be posted for members to always see. Transparency helps us remain clean and clear with the actions and operation of our post finances. I will be asking for volunteers at the next general membership meeting for a work detail. I have purchased and donated paint, to bring new life to the small hall. The Medal of Honor

display will be upgraded and updated with additional recipients added. This is a project I first did over 5 years ago as a new member. Comrades I have always led by example, I have never waited for others to decide when decisions need to be made. I promised you more than I should've when I first took over, yet I have delivered on those promises and more. I will not fail you, our membership or myself. Our post is starting to attract community members that want to learn and hear from its membership inside.

We have come along way together, yet there is a lot of work still ahead. We must start planning and organizing events that will not only attract new members, bring out the old ones, but events that can be family friendly where our children can attend and participate. Which brings me to Friday March 3, 2017 when we host live professional wrestling at our post. Events that are outside the box, such as this really excite me. I'm working on hosting another comedy night soon and it will be updated and added on our website once it has been confirmed. Make sure to use our website as a tool for information and to stay informed on upcoming events.

Comrades our post roof made it through the rain storms with flying colors and not one drop of water hit the floor as in the past. Finally, we lost two great bartenders in Melissa and Dora who have decided to move to bigger and better things and I for one wish them both nothing but the best. I thank them for the many laughs and joy they brought us and I look forward to seeing them succeed in their dreams. I want to thank Ray Fino for his continued dedication and hardwork at the post. Thank you to our hardworking staff members, bartenders, bar backs, security and volunteers. You help us maintain our doors open as we continue to serve our members.

Miguel Alatorre
Post 7420 Commander





Auxiliary President:

Greetings to all, can you believe we have already completed half of our fiscal year?

We keep moving right along participating in and giving to our National Programs. I am very proud to write that our Auxiliary was 100% in reporting, thank you to all the Chairman who report on time. We must continue to report on our programs, it is the only way Washington DC will take notice and be informed of how much we do to help our Veteran's.

Don Diego hosted the Official Visit Dinner on January 14th for State of CA Department President Tootsie Dougherty.

Thank you to Auxiliary, Comrades and friends of Don Diego who helped make the beautiful center pieces, Delina Ruiz, Angie Young, Sylvia Martinez, Louie Martinez, Larry Brown. The attendees took most of them home. Dinner went well however the highlight of the evening was the sharing our culture and hospitality with shots of Tequila and the Sombrero presentation. Would be remiss if I did not thank Don Diego friend Wicho Flores for donating his DJ talents. Music made the evening so much more enjoyable and thank you also to all the members who attended the dinner, Don Diego had a good showing of support, the compliments are still being voiced.

The weekend of January 20th myself and other Auxiliary traveled to Sacramento to attend the Mid-Year Conference and Council of Administration meeting. We attended the grand opening of the Heroes Honor Garden. For a \$5 donation, you can have a rock placed into the Heroes Honor Garden with your heroes' name, branch of service and a special message. I will have the form with me this Thursday Feb. 2 at our Auxiliary monthly meeting. I hope to see many of you at our monthly meeting, 7 pm sharp.

On Saturday Feb. 4 Don Diego, will host the National President and Commander and guess what...they want sombrero's also. They plan on arriving by 7 pm, they must earn their sombrero's by taking shots of Tequila. Please join us for this event, it will take place in our Canteen and it will be very informal. The State President and Commander will be accompanying the National visitors.

Keep an eye on Don Diego's Facebook for events and other happenings at our Post, the link to the newsletter can be found on the Facebook page as well as on the Don Diego website.

Remember that elections are just around the corner in April. It's time for me to step down as President of our wonderful Auxiliary so that another Auxiliary member can have the same opportunity. If you have questions as to the responsibilities, duties, etc., please approach me anytime and ask. My job is to help and share.

Thank you and a big shout to the friendliest bar staff in town! If you have not come into our Canteen you are missing out on the camaraderie, the welcoming atmosphere and fun events. Blanca and staff do a wonderful job decorating and making Canteen events so much fun. Come in and support our Post Canteen.

My dear Auxiliary members please keep in your prayers those members who are ill and the families of those who have passed on to greater glory.

In my prayers, I ask that all of us who are more recent members continue to recognize the importance of our organization and strive to learn what it is we must do to continue to help our Veterans who did so much and do so much. As long as there is a war going on some place in this world where we have our troops in harm's way, we must exist as an organization, being responsible for the wellbeing of those who make themselves responsible for the lives of others. God Bless our Veteran's, God Bless our Troops, God Bless America.

Yours in service,

Sara I Sandoval,

Don Diego Post 7420 Auxiliary President

SAN DIEGO, CA



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

There are 7 annual members who still haven't paid dues for 2017. Currently we are at 96.90% with 219 paid up members, our 100% is 226. I have mailed you reminders, no response from you. It will be too bad if you fail to pay your dues, you lose your VFW Auxiliary benefits along with your continuous eligibility and you will have to reapply, showing proof of eligibility again. Some of you have been members over 10 years. Please contact me so that we can work together to have your dues paid.

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SAN DIEGO, CA



Past Post Commander Larry Brown (All State Commander 2005-2006) was born in San Francisco, CA. on June 4, 1951. In March 1971, our Comrade received a draft notice to be inducted into military service. So, he walked down the hall and joined the United States Navy. Comrade Brown completed 21 years in the Navy and rose thru the ranks of E-2 to Chief Warrant Officer Three (3). Comrade Brown completed five major deployments and served in two major conflicts (Vietnam and Desert Storm) during his service to our country. He served in the following commands: USS Ticonderoga CVS-14 (ship's company), NAS Cubi PT (OMD), NAS Meridian (AIMD), USS Okinawa LPH-3 (AIMD), NAS Barber Point (VC-1), Hawaii, NAS North Island (HC-11) and NAS

Alameda (HM-15). From being a fueler on the deck of a carrier, pump room operator, jet engine repair, oil analysis technician, test cell operator to maintenance control senior chief he was always willing to learn and improve his knowledge as he worked to move up the ranks.

As a Chief Warrant Officer, he was the maintenance officer to three detachments and material control officer in mine counter measures in mine sweeping operations. He served as a Maintenance Officer during Desert Storm: flying into Kuwait with supplies and material for the troops. For his service, our Comrade received the Navy Commendation/ Achievement, Vietnam, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Navy/ American Expeditionary, Humanitarian, Southeast, and Rifle / Pistol. His warfare specialty is: Air and Surface Warfare and Naval Air crewman. Comrade Brown enjoys working with veterans and traveling with the wife on the Harley and going on nice cruises under the California sunshine.

Comrade Brown joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1993 at Antioch, CA and transferred to Don Diego Post 7420 in 2003 and started working on the chairs, till achieving Post Commander. Together with his wife of 15 years Linda Brown (Post 7420 Aux member), they have five (5) kids and seven (7) grandkids. During his time with the VFW he has received All American District One Commander 2009-2010, National Aide-De Camp 2009-2010, All State District Commander 2009-2010, All State Post Commander 2005-2006 and District One Community Service/Safety Recognition 2012-2013.

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