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&
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Commanders Letter

It gives me great pleasure to announce Sam Heath as a Golden Gate VFW Post 7721 Member of Distinction. Sam's contributions have been extensive over several years. Most recently encompassing the purchase of all new matching fans and down-rods for both dining rooms. Our special thanks go out to Auxiliary Member Jason Kataras for installing the fans and down-rods. Jason also created a special fan controller containment mechanism to prevent the fan controllers from disappearing.

Everyone please thank Mickey Brutto for completing the spreading of river rock in our newly constituted patio area. The patio area looks great and is a very compelling draw for people desiring to enter our Post. Special thanks to Auxiliary Members Roni Gannon for obtaining the picnic tables and Carolyn Newland for obtaining the umbrellas.

Our Post was honored to host Collier County Veterans Council (CCVC) September monthly meeting. After an active debate meeting all retired to the Canteen for an after-meeting evening of socialization. An outstanding repast was prepared by Post Member, Trustee Jessica Lee Dang, complimented by Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bob Miller's, always superb, chili. Thank you both for your contribution to the success of the CCVC Meeting. A great time was had by all. Thank you to all who participated.

The Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner was a great, all volunteer, success. Our special thanks to Auxiliary President Alice Kuskin for preparing the dinner. The sauce, my favorite part of spaghetti, was magnificent. Socializing with Post and Auxiliary Members during the meal added to the festive atmosphere created by the great table decorations. My personal thanks to all the Auxiliary Members who volunteered for the event.

The roof is our most important on-going project. The roof is part of the original construction of the building from 1979; thus, it is over 40 years old. We have been repairing the roof for several years and it is now getting beyond the point of reasonable repair. We had almost enough money in our reserves to cover the cost of replacing the roof; however, our reserves were nearly exhausted during the COVID-19 pandemic business closure.

We examined several proposals for a new roof and decided on the one proposal that covered us with the best possible roof at the most reasonable cost. The new roof will reduce our A/C electric expense significantly each month in the future. Roof recovering will begin in the first week of October.

Commanders Letter Continued

We were able to obtain a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan to cover the cost of replacing the roof, as replacement is needed immediately. The loan is at a very favorable interest rate for a period of 30 years. However, bottom line, the loan must be repaid. I encourage everyone to make every effort to obtain donations to cover the cost of the new roof.

We have already received several significant donations to assist with repayment of the new roof expense. However, use caution, personally make certain every donation goes directly to our Post. I have been advised there are unauthorized emails soliciting donations for our new roof. There is absolutely no guarantee money from these unauthorized donations will accrue to our VFW Post. If you hear about any solicitation for our Post, for any reason, contact one of your Post Officers immediately with all the information you can acquire.

Please note that VFW property is private property. Under Florida Statute and Florida Common Law, which are not mutually exclusive in this situation, taking pictures of individuals, without their permission, with the intent of identifying those individuals for exploitive purposes is a violation of your Reasonable Expectation of Privacy Rights. There is no requirement for this information to be posted on private property. However, out of respect for your privacy, this information has now been posted throughout the Post.

If you are taking pictures of individuals on any Post property please request their permission first. Photography of individuals may be permitted if photography has been authorized, e.g. for news coverage, and you happen to be in the background of a photo, with no intent of personal identification by the photographer.

Dr. JB Holmes, Commander
Golden Gate VFW Post 7721

Auxiliary Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank everyone for recruiting so many members this year! I am keeping a record of all recruitments. If any auxiliary member recruits at least 5 members, they will receive a recruitment award in the form of a pin from National headquarters.

Our current membership is at 97% for the 2020-2021 membership year! Two dues notices, phone calls and emails have been made to remind those of you who still have not paid your annual dues. Please try to do so ASAP. If dues are not received by 12/31/20, you will no longer be a member in good standing (which means that you cannot vote during meetings and ‘or during elections, you may be barred from the canteen and you will no longer be eligible for the cancer grant).

If dues are not paid by June 30, 2021, you will no longer be a member and you will have to reapply and show proof of eligibility.

I am proud to announce that our auxiliary will be donating a total of $1,000 to the President’s Special project this year!

Thank you so much for all your support.

Sincerely,
Theresa Mook
Treasurer/Membership Chairperson
145 Teryl Rd #4
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(239)298-1648

House Committee Chairman

Hello My Comrades and Friends,

Before I say a,nything else, I want to thank all the wonderful people for their generous donations made to the Post. Your unselfish generosity has renewed my faith in mankind and surely God will bless you. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart !!

Things have really been slow since the start of this Covid Pandemic. We were shut down completely for months, when we did open it was 50%, but people were very hesitant about going out. Finally, last week we opened the canteen at a 100%. Business is still slow, people are still leary about going out and I don't blame them. We are adhereing to CDC guidelines and are constantly sanitizing the facility for your protection. Use common sense!!

The kitchen is open for daily lunches and take outs are available. Victor will be returning Monday, after taking a furlough for medical issues. I want to thank Mike for stepping up to fill the void, he has done a great job and has volunteered all his labor. The Post greatly appreciates your love. Thank You.

While we're talking kitchen, the House is considering nightly dinners & the entrees will be simple. Spaghetti and meat balls, beef stew, chili, meat loaf, etc. If you are interested in purchasing or participating, please give us your feedback. Victor also infomed me he will be starting our weekend dinner specials very soon.

The Post will be hosting a Halloween Party Saturday, October 31st beginning at 5pm until ? Please wear your best costume [optional] for judging and awards. Come in and have some much needed fun.

The House will be working on sprucing up the exterior of the building and grounds. Some of the areas will be the patio, flag pole, and flower beds. Neffs Way is over grown with weeds again and will be addressed. If you have a green thumb and want to work in one of these areas, we will purchase flowers, shrubs and mulch for you. Just let us know your game plan.

We will be starting our weeked games very shortly. We still do shuffle board on Mondays and pool on Wednesday. Come in and have some fun.

In closing, please stay safe and healthy. May Gods Blessings Be Upon You, your families. and all those serving our great nation.

Senior Vice/HouseChairman
Bob Miller

VFW Auxiliary President

Hi everyone,

Another month has gone by. First, I would like to thank all who helped in the Pow/MIA Ceremony; Joan Madonna, Jennifer Fisher, Linda Ramos , Betty Bailey, Mary Ellen Cash, Kim Reed, Daryl Davis, Red Neck, Jack Fulner, Carolyn Newland, and Roni Lee Gannon. Everyone did a great Job and the Ritual team rocked it!

Next, we had a great turn out on September 25th for our first Friday night dinner of the season. The dinner was spaghetti with meatballs, salad, and desert for $10. We served 40 plus dinners with the help of Tony Roupp, Theresa Mook, Mary Ellen Cash, and Kim Reed. Congratulations goes out to April Kataras for winning the 50/50 .

We continue to look for volunteers to help with the Sunday breakfasts. Thanks to the volunteers who continue to help out on Sundays; Mary Ellen, Betty, Kim and can't forget Randy. We served 38 breakfasts this past Sunday, yea! Get out and volunteer to help have fun and lets have another great month in October.

Our Auxiliary is currently number 1 in District 13 as we have met all required contributions and
exceeded requirements in most areas. We now need to focus on the National President's Special Project.

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarship applications and essays are due Oct 31st with the judging on Nov 7th.

We continue to work with the ritual team and Veterans in the Classroom to promote patriotism and awareness to how fortunate we are to live in the land of the brave and enjoy Liberty and Freedoms provided by the Constitution.

Thank You,
Alice Kuskin
7721 Auxiliary President

PATRONS: **You & your friends can help us in producing the monthly newsletter. A $10.00 donation will put a name in either of these column for 1 year. Mail your donation to Golden Gate Post 7721— 800 Neffs Way— Naples, FL 34119. Make check payable to VFW Post 7721.**

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November 2020
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January 2021
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Wayne Jenkins

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Brian Donovan

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Please visit our new Facebook Page!
VFW Post #7721 Golden Gate

Our previous page has been shut down, and will be deleted soon.

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Email: vfw@vfwpost7721.org

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Hello Fellow VFW's Post-7721 Members,

Your VFW's Post-7721 has assembled a formal, "Ritual Team," which will conduct ceremonial functions in a way, that will effectively dramatize the basic principles on which the VFW's is founded and Post-7721.

The Ritual Team is looking for Post-7721 volunteers to be members of the Ritual Team.

Some of the duties of the Ritual Team are: Color Guards, Parades, Folding Flag of the United States & Meaning of each 13 folds, Honors Rifle Team Salutes, Memorials, Funerals, Presentation of a Wreath, Retiring Colors, and Bugler Sounding of Taps to name a few.

Volunteers will be trained, before performing in any ceremony, by skilled VFW's Post-7721 Trainers, who have been taught formally, by their different military services according to FM 3-21.5 Military Drill & Ceremony and within the VFW's Congressional Charter By-Laws Manual of Procedure Ritual.

The Post-7721 Ritual Team Captain is: Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) James Burch [Special Forces Group (AIRBORNE)]. The NCOIC's are J.B. Holmes (Air Force) for Folding Flag of the United States, and Bob Alasevich (Air Force & Marine) for Honors Rifle Team Salutes.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of Post-7721 Ritual Team, please inform myself or any of the Post-7721 Leadership. Remember, you do not have to attend all ceremonies.

My Home Phone: (239) 348-8641, and Home Email: CSMskyjumper1@yahoo.com.

Remember, Ritual Team, "Service is the essence of greatness. All great men and women became great because they gave their talent, ability, and time in the service of others."

Respectfully,

Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) James R. Burch, MBA
19th Special Forces Group (AIRBORNE)
Ritual Team Captain & Trustee
VFW's Post-7721
Naples, FL 34119

Funeral support for families, from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, (VFW) Post-7721, Golden Gate, Ritual Team Honor Guard.

The VFW Post-7721, Golden Gate, Ritual Team Honor Guard provides military honors at all veteran funerals, memorial services, and celebrations of life, as requested by the families.

Public law, Title 10, United States Code, section 1491, provides: That all veterans who served their country in military service, under conditions not dishonorable, are entitled to military funeral honors.

The Department of Defense and the Veteran's Administration, have authorized veteran's organizations, such as the VFW, to conduct military funeral honors, at a veteran's funeral service.

The ceremony exemplifies, "Ceremonial paying of respect, and the final demonstration, of the country's gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our nation."

This includes; an Honor Guard's 3-Rifle Volley, the Sounding of Taps, and the Ceremonial Folding and Presenting the Nation's Flag, with 3-Expended Rounds, signifying the deceased veteran's sacrifice to Duty, Honor, and Country, to the family of the deceased.

While the VFW does not charge for these services, we do accept donations, the proceeds of which go to the support of our fellow veterans, families, and the community.

If our services are needed, please contact us, and we will be honored to support you.

Please contact:

J.B. Holmes, Commander, Post-7721: (239) 304-5258.
James Burch, Command Sergeant Major (Ret.), Honor Guard Captain: (239) 348-8641.
VFW Post-7721, Golden Gate, Naples, FL (239) 455-7721.

The VFW Post-7721, Golden Gate, Ritual Team Honor Guard, is very proud of its service, in presenting and displaying our nation's colors and associated unit flags at patriotic events and meetings.

The Ritual Team Honor Guard is comprised of volunteer members of VFW Post-7721, Golden Gate, and is distinguished by black and white uniforms, with black & yellow Aiguillette, black Ascot, Honor Guard Tab, and white Parade Belt. The Guard participates in many parades, events, and ceremonies honoring current active duty service members, veterans, and fallen comrades.

We stand ready to perform our last duty in conveying our gratitude and paying our final respects to a fallen comrade and take great pride in what we do!

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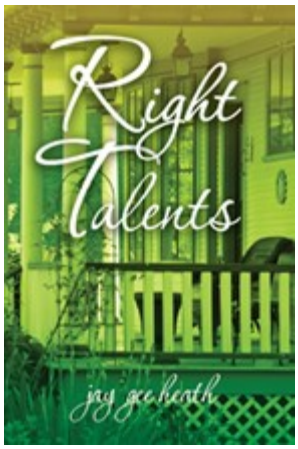

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4 *Breakfast 9-11:30 AM*	*5* *Lunch 11-2 PM* *Bingo 1 PM* *Lost Riders 7 PM*	*6* *House Meet 10 AM* *Lunch 11-2 PM* *Ret. Firefighters 7 PM* *Staff Meet 7 PM*	*7* *Lunch 11-2 PM* *Boyscouts 7 PM* *Troop 25*	*8* *Lunch 11-2 PM* *Boyscouts 7 PM* *Troop 52*	*9* *Lunch 11-2 PM*	*10*
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Staff Meeting	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM
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Post Meeting	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM

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