

# Veterans of Foreign Wars Golden Gate All State Post 7721 & VFW Auxiliary

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Sunday, February 28th, we were honored to have a special guest, General Fred Franks, speak at our VFW Post 7721.

General Franks has transferred his membership over to our Post.

Below is the Thank you letter Command Sargent Major, sent to the General.

Good Evening General Franks,

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW,) would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to you, for today, speaking at the VFW Post-7721 Commemorative Tribute, "Liberation of Kuwait---Operation Desert Storm 1991".

When planning an event such as this, it is imperative to gain the participation of an expert who was actually in Operation Desert Storm. Not to mention, the actual General who led VII Corp in the Liberation of Kuwait.

Your willingness to share your time and expertise was critical to the success of this Commemorative Tribute.

The information you shared was very enlightening to our VFW Comrades, and they gained valuable insight into the Liberation of Kuwait---Operation Desert Storm.

We hope it was a positive experience for you as well, and hope the VFW Post-7721 met your expectations.

Again, our sincere thanks for supporting this important Commemorative Tribute awareness activity.

Please, keep in touch!

Respectfully,













Hello My Comrades and Friends,.

Is it just me or does time seem to be flying by at warp speed? Another busy month here at the Post. but first I want to thank Mike Lynch and Redneck for the sealer applied by Mickey Brutto on patio pavers. Well done!!

The Valentine Dinner was a huge success! Carolyn and Mattie decorated. Carolyn put together a great meal. Mattie's dessert was awesome. J,B, and Ronnie served. Couples pictures were taken by Mattie and were given back framed, as a complimentary gift for your support of the Post. All in all it was a great night by an awesome crew.

The new pool table light was installed thanks to your generous donations for its purchase. Southside Electric donated the new wiring and labor to hang it. Thank you to all who were involved.

Five new LED lights were installed this month as we strive to make our Post as energy efficient as possible, with just a few more left to complete this project.

A big shout out to Alice, who on her own, went out and procured 30 tons of limestone for the beautification project at the Post. She then went and talked to John Marker, who is the owner/operator of the Bobcat used on the project. That being done, she found Lee Haddix, who owns the dump trailer used to haul the stone from the quarry to the Post. Others who worked very hard to get the project completed include Theresa, Ron and Frank from Rolling Thunder, Sam, Fred, Rick, and Cmdr. JB from the Post. We also had a rep. from Llamas M.C., and can't forget Redneck, who's involved in most projects for the Post. Thank you ALL for caring and dedicating your time and backs to further this project. Please forgive me if I failed to mention somebody attending this project.

I'm sorry to say we will no longer be serving dinner on Wednesday night. I want to thank those that supported us, but the numbers were not favorable to continue. We will continue Friday night dinners as long as we have the support of the Post.

We will be having a special dinner on Friday, March 26<sup>th.</sup> Jason, April and his parents will be preparing Gyros wrapped in a pita, topped with onions, tomatoes and tzatziki sauce, served with a Greek salad and french fries. All this for just \$12.00. I've had these before and they're out of this world good. We will also be having live music by Lefty, so wear your dancing shoes and come for a great time. If you're still a little fearful of coming out, just call ahead 20 minutes before you plan to arrive and we will meet you at the door for take out.

We are still in need of volunteers to help around the Post. If you can give just a few hours a month it would be greatly appreciated.

I wish all God's blessings be upon you, your families, those serving this great nation and God Bless America.

Bob Miller Sr. Vice/House Chairman



# Member of Distinction February 2021

Commander JB Holmes presented, Veronica Gannon with this certificate for her outstanding work she contributes to our VFW Post 7721. Accompanied by Auxiliary President, Alice Kuskin.

# **Auxiliary Treasurer**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Our Auxiliary is now at 108.99 % membership! We now have 225 life members and 66 annual members for a total of 291 members. We are #1 in our District at his time. Congrats to all who made this happen

Based on the number of members we have, our auxiliary will have 21 Department Delegates this year (20+1 for the President.) Delegate votes will be used in the election of at least 2 offices during Convention in June.

All annual dues need to be paid by 6/30/21 or membership will cease and people will need to reapply and show proof of eligibility again.

I hope everyone is staying safe and staying health.

Sincerely,

Theresa Mook- Treasurer 145 Teryl Rd. #4 Naples, FL 341112 (239)298-1648 March 2021
Dinner By Victor
Fridays
5-7 PM
Dine in or Take out
\$12.00

Friday-March 5th-Seafood Pasta

Friday-March 12th-Fried Fish & Greens

Friday-March 19th-Manicotti

Friday-March 26th-Gyros Music by Lefty

# District Picnic Saturday, March 20th 12:00—5:00 PM

Adult Bracelets \$12.00 Children Bracelets \$7.00

(This includes your lunch and an Outdoor beverages)

**Vender Tables Available for \$20** 

Cornhole



**Turkey Shoot** 



Horseshoes



Music By Dori & John



Muscle Cars & Monster Trucks on Display

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Raffles & Games W/Prizes



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# **IN LOVING MEMORY**

### **PATRONS**

December 2021
Mary Moroz-Grove
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March 2021 Sarah Jenkins Wayne Jenkins

<u>July 2021</u> Brian Donovan

August 2021

Cadillac

October 2021 Michelle & Randy

<u>December 2021</u> Duncan Grove

February 2022 Sam Heath Joyce Heath







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Where \*\* VFW Post 7721
When \*\* Every Monday Year Round
Time \*\* 1:00 PM
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"COME ONE COME ALL"
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# **Taps**

## Sick Keep in our Prayers

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8/1/2019

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Naples Museum of Military History 3561 Canopy Cir, Naples, FL 34120 www. naplesmuseummilitaryhistory.org 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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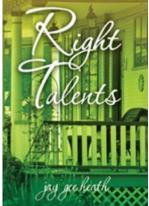








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# March 2021



VFW Post 7721 800 Neff's Way Naples, FL 34119

			Boy scouts 7 PM Troop 25			Show Me The Money 2-4 PM
			31 Lunch 11-2 PM Basket Weaving 10:30	30 Lunch II-2 PM	29 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM	28 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM A.B.A.T.E 11 AM
27 Bar Poker 4-6 PM	26 Lunch 11-2 PM Master Networks 7:45 AM Dinner 5-7 PM Music by Lefty	25 Lunch 11-2 PM Boy scouts 7 PM Troop 52 Barbershop 7 PM CCI013 7 PM	24 Lunch 11-2 PM Basket Weaving 10:30 Boy scouts 7 PM Troop 25	23 Lunch 11-2 PM	22 Lunch II-2 PM Bingo I PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Master Network 4:30-7 PM	21 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM LAMA 10 AM Show Me The Money 2-4 PM
20 Defenders Club 10 AM District Picnic 12 PM-5 PM Music by John & Dori 1-4 PM	19 Lunch 11-2 PM Master Networks 7:45 AM Dinner 5-7 PM	18 Lunch 11-2 PM Boy scouts 7 PM Troop 52 Barbershop 7 PM	17 Lunch 11-2 PM Basket Weaving 10:30 Boy scouts 7 PM Troop 25	16 Lunch 11-2 PM	15 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM	14 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Show Me The Money 2-4 PM
13 Bar Poker 4-6 PM	12 Lunch 11-2 PM Master Networks 7:45 AM Dinner 5-7 PM Hall Rental 7-12AM	11 Lunch 11-2 PM Boy scouts 7 PM Troop 52 Barbershop 7 PM	10 Lunch 11-2 PM Basket Weaving 10:30 V.I.P Event 6:30 PM	9 Lunch II-2 PM Post/Aux Meet 7 PM	8 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Rolling Thunder 7 PM	7 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Lost Riders 6 PM
6 Garage Sale 7 AM—2 PM Bar Poker 4-6 PM	5 Lunch 11-2 PM Master Networks 7:45 AM Dinner 5-7 PM	4 Lunch 11-2 PM U Bass 7 PM Boy scouts 7 PM Troop 52 Barbershop 7 PM	3 Lunch 11-2 PM Basket Weaving 10:30 Boy scouts 7 PM Troop 25	2 Lunch 11-2 PM House Meet 10 AM Staff Meeting 7 PM FF 7 PM FC Bass 7 PM	1 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM	

# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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<b>House Meeting</b>	1st Tuesday	10:00 AM
Staff Meeting	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM
<b>Post Meeting</b>	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM



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