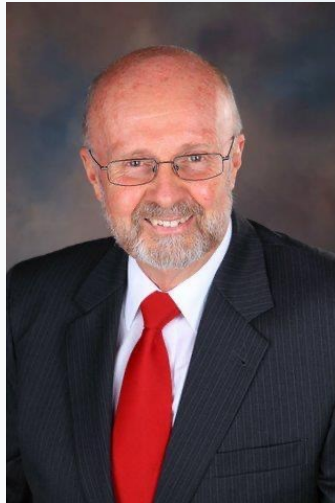




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My congratulations to our 2023/24 VFW leadership team; 'Capt.' Jack Fulmer, Commander, 'Tony' Reyes, Sr. Vice Cmdr., Justin Baxter, Jr. Vice Cmdr., Gary Asztalos, Chaplain and Randy Cash, Quartermaster. This is the best team we have ever elected.

We also congratulate the new VFW Auxiliary leadership team. Betty Baily, President, Alecia Craft, Sr. Vice President, Lois Bolin, Jr. Vice President, Theresa Mook, Treasurer, Mary Ellen Cash, Secretary, Colleen Walker, Chaplain. The Auxiliary has elected a wonderful team we can look forward to working with. Please join me as we enter a new and exciting future with our all-new VFW leadership. Leadership we totally support. Our all-new leadership team signifies a complete departure from the past with the old guard now replaced by all new, fresh faces, personalities, and philosophies. As this battle-worn and bedraggled administration reaches its sunset it is the sunrise of an all-new, exciting, forward-looking leadership team. Our administration has taken Golden Gate VFW Post 7721 from the 19th century, screaming and hollering, into the 20th century. We hope this new administration will take us, finally, into the 21st century. A movement long overdue. It should be a fast, exciting ride; so, hold on tight.

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**PLEASE, HAVE ALL
ENTRIES IN FOR THE
NEWSLETTER BY THE
25TH OF EVERY
MONTH!**

My administration took us through dark, challenging times, beginning with the loss of a long serving, beloved Quartermaster. This terrible loss was followed by a successful, but, long-term, battle with a community focused on COVID-19. Finally, we resolved the long overdue issue of bringing our VFW Post into a tobacco-free facility. In the meantime, we kept up a string of nine years of All-State achievements combined with three years of being an All-American Post, an accomplishment here-to-fore never achieved by Post 7721. These accomplishments were the achievement of an effective team of VFW Members working together. You can be proud of what you accomplished.

In closing let me say, once again: It has been the honor of my lifetime to serve as your Commander for the last four years. I was truly humbled by the gratitude you expressed for your leadership team, at the closing of the April Members' Meeting, with the presentation of a standing ovation. You guys and gals are the best comrades ever. To those who supported me: I thank you for your inspiration and encouragement. To those who opposed me: I thank you for making me a better person.

I intend to remain as active as ever in our Post. To my detractors and defenders alike and with the incoming Commander's permission; you can expect me to be in the Post seven days a week, as always, supporting all the VFW activities I have always been involved in. There are things left to do in our VFW and you can expect me to always be amidst the fray.

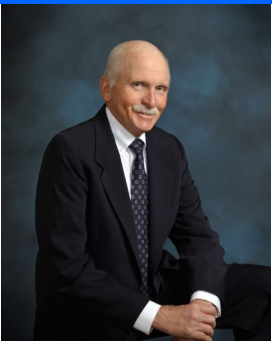
Thank you for all you have done for your VFW Post.

Dr. JB Holmes, Commander
Golden Gate VFW Post 7721.


Sick Call

Savannah Lehnhard
Sarah Jenkins
Sue Brennan
Michelle Faccioli


Taps



Senior Vice

Our membership rolls continue to increase as we reached the end of April. Our overall objective continues to be to grow our numbers, build a stronger Post, and make a larger impact within our local community. For the month of April, we have grown to having 492 Life Members, 24 new members, 3 member reinstatements, and 110 continuous annual members. This gives us a total of 629 members. This means that we have qualified on the membership portion of the VFW Florida State and National grading systems for both All State and All American status. This is a major accomplishment for our Post as we were the first Post in our District 13 to obtain this dual recognition status.

We need to continually strive to expand our membership base. Many of our potential members are our neighbors and friends. Most are easily recognizable with their hats and shirts reflecting their military affiliation. Reach out to them and extend an invitation to join our Post. Always carry a blank membership form or two with you. You might be pleasantly surprised because you are the only person who ever asked them to join. Based upon our 2023 success with membership, there is no reason we can't expand our membership base to an even higher level.

The Post Honor Guard team was less actively engaged in performing military and civic ceremonies. During April, we performed 2 military ceremonies. One event was a Memorial Service for US Navy Commander Richard Warren Murphy. This ceremony was held at The Naples Community Church. A second service was a Color Guard event where the Ritual Team presented the nations colors at the opening ceremony for the Toastmasters regional convention. This event was held at the Holiday Inn on Alico Road in Ft. Myers.

There were no Honor Guard Commemorative Readings during the month of April. We continued to acknowledge deceased veterans in the state of Florida by making an appropriate entry into their online Memorial Guestbooks. During April, we posted 7 entries.

Respectfully –
Jack Fulmer
Senior Vice Commander
VFW Post #7721



Junior Vice

Greetings Comrades!

First, I wish all a safe and relaxed environment as we now enter into the rainy season. Most importantly, I wish to congratulate our new Post Commander Jack Fulmer and thank current Commander J.B. Holmes for his leadership and great contributions during the past four years, especially mentoring me during the past couple of years. I also wish to thank my fellow Comrades for your vote of confidence during last month's members' meeting as your new Senior Vice Commander.

During the past VFW Calendar year, TOGETHER, we've accomplished great goals and objectives, and while I was asked to lead and organize some of these activities, it's been through the collective efforts of our members, VOLUNTEERING, that has brought us to a successful VFW calendar year. In this capacity and as a TEAM, we can accomplish even greater goals this coming year. Having had the opportunity to serve as your Junior Vice, I had the chance to sit back, observe, and learn the day-to-day activities of the Post. I've made contributions where I could, and I stand ready to transition to the next level of Post management. Many of you have seen some characteristics of my leadership style in action, seeking your advice and asking for your inputs has always been part of the process, and I am always available if you wish to discuss any topics. As a leader, I bring this style to the table as I hope to be the best in serving and advising our new Commander.

I look forward to our upcoming meetings and activities and will support all leaders elected to their positions. I will also honor all decisions previously made by our members at our monthly meetings. I wish you all well, and again, thank you for your vote of confidence as your Senior Vice Commander.

Regards,

Tony Reyes



Auxiliary & Post Members

Our elections were held in April for 2023/2024 Officers, a summary of our new officers who all have a heart to serve:

**Betty A. Bailey – President
Sue Craft – Sr. Vice
Lois Bolin – Jr. Vice
Mary Ellen Cash – Secretary & Patriotic Instructor
Colleen Walker – Chaplain
Theresa Mook – Treasurer
Margaret Finnerty – Conductress
Linda Ramos – Guard
Darlene Izzo – Trustee
Georgia Pinto – Trustee
Donna Keating Sylvester - Trustee**

Every month the Auxiliary reports work completed on all programs to the Dept of Florida, ending April 15, which chairpersons will judge for winners and awards at the June 19-22, 2023, convention in Orlando. Our auxiliary has worked hard all year on various programs and hope to be recognized by their efforts with awards this year.

Memorial Day – This is one of the dates on which we distribute the official Buddy Poppy at various locations and encourage all members to be involved. Poppy distributions are not sold but given as remembrance of Veterans we encourage all Veterans to support and volunteer at locations.

Sunday Morning Breakfast – We encourage you to take advantage of the great menu available every week from 9am-11:30; regulars have returned North, come out for breakfast or help volunteering.

All the officers look forward to the new year and will be meeting to discuss ideas for future events all year long and coordinating with Post officers to assure success.

Betty A. Bailey, President, 7721 Auxiliary

Dept of Florida Chairperson – Buddy Poppy & National Home
District 13 Chaplain



Auxiliary Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our auxiliary is now at 107.37 paid membership! Congratulations!! We have 335 members. That means we have recruited 23 members this membership year! Thank you to all the recruiters!

There are a few annual members who have not paid their dues. There is still time become "members in good standing" again. Please pay your dues before June 30, 2023. If dues are not paid by then, you will have to reapply and show proof of eligibility.

If you have any questions about membership or auxiliary finances, please feel free to call or email me and I will be happy to assist you the best I can.

I want to thank you for nominating me to be your Treasurer for another year. It has been my honor to serve you. Looking forward to working for our veterans in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,
Theresa Mook

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Randy Baum**

Patrons

July 2023

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Annette Faccioli**

August 2023

**Sarah Jenkins
Wayne Jenkins**

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7 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM LAMA 10AM Lost Riders 5 PM	8 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM Rolling Thunder 7 PM	9 Lunch 11-2 PM Post/Aux Meet 7 PM Naples Fish Board 6 PM	10 Lunch 11-2 PM Scouts 7 PM	11 Lunch 11-2 PM	12 Lunch 11-2 PM Happy Hour 5-8 PM	13 Happy Hour 5-8 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM
14 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM	15 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Submarines 6 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM	16 Lunch 11-2 PM Naples Fish 6:00 PM Lions 6:30 PM	17 Lunch 11-2 PM Scouts 7 PM	18 JWV 11 AM Lunch 11-2 PM MOASWF Board Meet 3-5 PM CC1013 7 PM	19 NDA 9 AM Lunch 11-2 PM Happy Hour 5-8 PM	20 Defenders 10 AM Happy Hour 5-8 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM
21 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM	22 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Bikes for Tykes	23 Lunch 11-2 PM Magic Flea Market 7 PM	24 Lunch 11-2 PM Journey Home 5 PM Scouts 7 PM	25 Lunch 11-2 PM	26 Lunch 11-2 PM Happy Hour 5-8 PM	27 Happy Hour 5-8 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM
28 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM A.B.A.T.E. 11 AM	29 Memorial Day BBQ 12-4 PM	30 Lunch 11-2 PM FC Bass 7 PM	31 Lunch 11-2 PM Scouts 7 PM			



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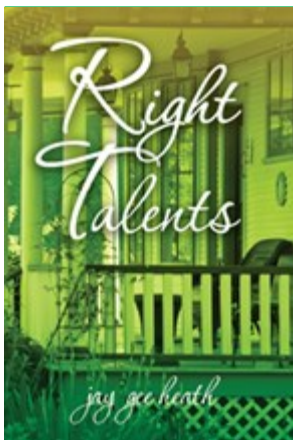
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Staff Meeting	1st Tuesday	11:00 AM
Auxiliary Meeting	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM
Post Meeting	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM

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