

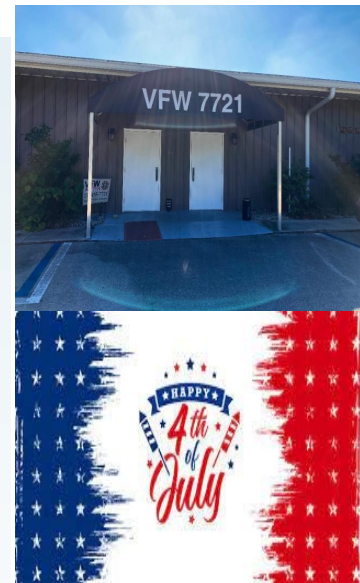


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**PLEASE, HAVE ALL
ENTRIES IN FOR THE
NEWSLETTER BY THE
25TH OF EVERY
MONTH!**

This newsletter will be my first as your new Post Commander. I am very humbled and gracious for this new challenging role I have assumed, and I am very appreciative of our membership who had faith in me to make this opportunity possible to represent our Post in the Naples community. I believe I can speak on behalf of our membership in expressing our gratitude to the outgoing Commander, Dr. JB Holmes, for his many years of leadership and service to our Post. JB has left a big footprint for me to fill and I will do my level best to carry forward into the future, building upon the foundation he has prepared for myself and the new leadership team.

We have two significant events happening in the forthcoming month of July. For the first event, the Post is participating in the annual Naples 4th of July Parade. We will be positioned at the front of the parade group carrying the colors of our nation in a 5 person Color Guard. We also will be towing a large trailer complete with bales of hay for any of our Post veterans who wish to ride in the parade. The Post Scout Troop will march with us carrying the 6 branch service flags. The extra Scouts and some of our Post volunteers will walk behind the float and pass out small American flags to the crowd.

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The second event will be a 4th of July celebration at the Post between the hours of 11:30 am and 2:00 pm. Standard picnic fare (hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, and baked beans) will be served buffet style. If you plan to attend, please remember to bring your Membership Id as they will be checked at the entrance to the Post. Non-members will be asked to make a \$5 donation. At 1:00 pm, the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club will conduct a special awards ceremony. Music will also be provided. So, plan to attend and enjoy the special holiday occasion.

The first District 13 planning meeting for the new VFW year will be held at the Lehigh Acres Post Saturday, July 1. This session is being held to plan all the joint activities between the District leadership and the new Post officers within the District. Randy Cash, Tony Reyes (New District Adjutant), Mike Ricci, and myself plan to participate.

The Collier County Commissioners have approved the new site location for a veteran's nursing home. The site will be located on the northeast corner of Golden Gate Parkway and Collier Boulevard. This is the location of the old Golden Gate Golf Course. The new building will be a 120 bed facility complete with outpatient facilities. It is anticipated a funding request will be sent to the Federal government by April 2024. The design effort could consume most of the year in 2026 with construction being completed in 2027 or 2028.

The Military Museum of Naples is giving away free military books and tapes. The various categories are WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Civil War and other associated categories. Some of the items are like new. Everyone is welcomed to the Museum location at 500 Terminal Drive Naples Florida 34104 (inside the North Road terminal near the control tower). The hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm and Sunday from noon to 3:00 pm.

Jack Fulmer
Commander
VFW Post 7721

Senior Vice



Greetings Comrades!

Hoping everyone is doing well. Now that we are into the raining/hurricane season, I hope everyone is preparing their checklist and home kits. The new Post leadership has taken their position. Whereas I, as Junior Vice, was mostly focused on Post Programs, planning several events/activities and learning overall about Post activities, as your Senior Vice Commander, I will be focused on Membership, House Chair Committee responsibilities, Supporting and Planning events, and occasional Honor Guard duties.

Role/Responsibilities. The new fiscal year 2023-2024 VFW calendar starts on 1 July for tracking new Membership and Programs in our VFW Florida dashboard. It will be a challenge to improve upon last year's numbers, because our numbers and percentages will increase. That said, we are up to the challenge of beating those numbers. As of 28 Jun, we have 651 members, at 107.60 percent, with a cutoff this Friday, 30 June. Our Post came in 46th Place out of 331 in Division 3 at the National Level. We made All-American again. Thank you all for your efforts in making this happen.

Upcoming Events. In addition to upcoming Honor Guard memorials/ceremonies during July, the team will be participating in the annual 4th of July parade in downtown Naples. We will have a Color Guard detail followed by a decorated 26ft trailer transporting some of our Post members. Scouts troop 25 will accompany us by carrying our Armed Forces flags. This event will be followed up by our Post Lunch from 1130 to 1400hrs where food and entertainment will be available. Please bring your membership ID card. Non-members will be asked to provide a \$5.00 donation to the Post.

House Status.

Pavilion. Plans for electrical wiring and outlets were submitted for County permitting. Fans purchased and ready for pick up. Outdoor VFW Sign to be moved soon.

Outside. Our bushes along Collier Blvd have been cut and trimmed. Several estimates were obtained, and a landscaper service was given the contract. We can now see the Post from the Blvd. This is a good thing since new members and guests would often drive past the tight intersection into the Post driveway.

Inside. Two bids were submitted for handrails that would go along the hallway leading to the restrooms. Waiting for a third bid.

Regards,

Tony Reyes, Post 7721 Senior Vice Commander/House Chair

Junior Vice

Greetings Comrades,

I would like to begin by giving a brief introduction of myself. My name is Justin R. Baxter. I am a native of South Florida and a resident of Naples, FL, since 2004. I come from a family that has a proud heritage of both US Army and US Navy service. When you see me around ask me about them, they are my heroes.

I met my wonderful wife, Jessica Baxter, here in Southwest Florida after returning home from service in the US Army. We have two teenage sons named, James and John. My wife and sons are my anchor in the storm that is this crazy world we live in. I love to talk/brag about them so please, ask me about them also! Their love and support is right at the center of my life.

I served in the US Army as a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) in the Military Police Corps. My decade of service culminated in a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 with the 4th Infantry Division. When I returned home I began a career with the Collier County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). I have given the CCSO 18+ years of service, and counting. You may have seen me or met me at the post in a sheriff's office uniform. I'm that guy. I've heard I'm unrecognizable out of uniform so look carefully! I think that just means I work too much and my wife would probably agree.

By all accounts I am what most of you would consider the newest generation of veteran to join the ranks of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). My dad was a Vietnam Veteran if that gives you an idea of what I mean. We (my generation) are the vets with young active families and careers. Still in the rat race, working hard and raising kids. We look back in awe at the veterans that have preceded us and look forward to welcoming an even younger veteran that is to come. I believe it is our duty to keep the traditions and the work of the VFW alive and well. We would be remiss to not hold a special place of honor for the warriors that have come to represent the VFW before us.

I am especially interested in initiatives that combat veteran homelessness and veteran suicide. Protecting our brothers and sisters in the veteran community is what the VFW is and should remain to be long after even my generation is gone.

I consider it an honor to be counted among you as a VFW member and it is certainly a privilege to represent you as a Post Officer. I am thankful for the wise counsel that is available to me at our post. We have many comrades that have served for years and continue to serve Post 7721 with distinction. I will be leaning on them heavily as I learn the roles of officers and my responsibilities to you as Junior Vice Commander.

Commander J.B. Holmes set the bar extremely high for this new incoming administration. We have all watched as he has worked tirelessly for us and every veteran he meets in our community. A true role model and mentor for all of the new incoming officers at Post 7721!

I am excited for the challenges 2023-'24 presents us with and I am looking forward to working alongside you this coming year.

Justin R. Baxter

Junior Vice Commander, VFW Post 7721

Congratulations to our Quartermaster, Randy Cash, he is the new Department Surgeon.



Department of Florida Officers 2023-2024





July 2023 Auxiliary Newsletter

Our Auxiliary June convention was the finalization of 2022/2023 efforts for our Department of Florida, which awards were given for reporting and events hosted by each auxiliary. Proud to announce Post 7721 Auxiliary was awarded the following:

Special Trophy Awards:

Dept President's Special Project – For donation of \$1000.00

Most Outstanding Event – How Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home Impact each other

Most Outstanding Partnership/Communication with Young Adult Civic or Political Group

Most Outstanding Activity/Event Supporting Veteran, Military and Family Caregivers

Certificates Awarded: 1st Place winner – Class B – Legislative

Other Award - Membership – 103% total Dog Tag 100%+3 and VFW Auxiliary Special Key Chain, (to date membership is **109%** 348 members)

Special Award

1st Place - Trophy Instrumental Member Fulfilling Role of Mentor/Leader – Betty Bailey Auxiliary 772, 2022/2023

National Award Certificate - Buddy Poppy & National Home Participation Award – Betty Bailey Chairman 2022/2023

A special thank you goes out to our auxiliary members and officers for supporting our department and president's programs.

Betty A. Bailey, President

VFW 7721 Auxiliary
Dept of Florida Chairperson – Hospital Program
District 13 Chaplain



Auxiliary Treasurer

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Our year has been filled with awesome milestones and awards. We now have 341 members and we finished the membership year at 109.29%! Congratulations to everyone who made it all possible.

In July, our Auxiliary will be paying for the Bond for the Office of the President and Treasurer. Our 990N tax form will be filed with the IRS. As part of a yearly obligation, our Auxiliary will pay Per Capita Dues to the District and "Health and Happiness" to Department.

Congratulations new trustees! They will be helping to conduct the 4th Quarter Audit for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year early in July.

It will be my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer for another year. Thank you for putting your faith in me to carry out the business of my office.

Sincerely,
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Sick Call

Savannah Lehnhard
Sarah Jenkins
Sue Brennan
Michelle Faccioli



Taps

Mike Galloway-March 2023





Friday, August 4th
Spaghetti Dinner
W/Salad & Roll

5-7 PM

Music By Lefty

5-8 PM

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July 2023



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Happy Hour 5-8 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM |
| 2 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Lost Riders 5 PM | 3 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM | 4 Independence Day BBQ 11:30-2 PM Music by John & Dorie | 5 Lunch 11-2 PM | 6 House 9AM Staff 11 AM Lunch 11-2 PM | 7 Lunch 11-2 PM | 8 Happy Hour 5-8 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM |
| 9 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM | 10 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM Rolling Thunder 7 PM | 11 Lunch 11-2 PM Post/Aux Meet 7 PM Naples Fish Board 6 PM | 12 Lunch 11-2 PM | 13 Lunch 11-2 PM | 14 Lunch 11-2 PM | 15 Defenders 10 AM Happy Hour 5-8 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM |
| 16 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM LAMA 10AM | 17 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Submarine 6 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM | 18 Lunch 11-2 PM Naples Fish 6:00 PM | 19 Lunch 11-2 PM | 20 Lunch 11-2 PM MOASWF 3-5 PM | 21 NDA 9 AM Lunch 11-2 PM | 22 Happy Hour 5-8 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM |
| 23 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM A.B.A.T.E. 11 AM | 24 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Shuffleboard 6 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM | 25 Lunch 11-2 PM Magic Flea Market 7 PM FC Bass 7 PM | 26 Lunch 11-2 PM Journey Home 5 PM | 27 Lunch 11-2 PM | 28 Lunch 11-2 PM Happy Hour 5-8 PM | 29 Happy Hour 5-8 PM Hall Rent 2-7 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM |
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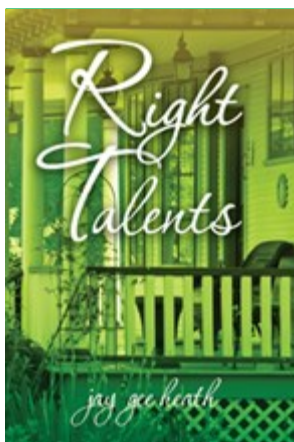
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| Post Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:00 PM |