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**Commander Tony Reyes** 

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Greetings Comrades! Hoping everyone is doing great as we wish our seasonal members a safe trip back home and welcome in the rainy season. Although we've been having very nice weather at the start of the month. For those departing, we now have the capability of Zooming our monthly members' meetings, and those interested in connecting during the meeting let us know beforehand. While you'll be able to observe and listen, only members physically present at the meeting will be allowed to participate in voting.

On a special note, our March 29, National Vietnam Veterans War Day ceremony was well received as we recognized our Post Vietnam Veterans. Proclamations from the Florida Governor, State Senate President, Collier County Commissioners, and Naples City Mayor were read to the audience, and our Post Veterans were individually recognized and received a proclamation copy and dog tags. A special thanks to Randy Cash and Jack Fulmer for program development, J.B. Holmes for his successful efforts in reaching out to these elected offices for the proclamations, and our Guest Speaker Richard Lee for an inspiring message. We continuously thank Vietnam Veterans for their service and greet them with a "Welcome Home." We also appreciate all Post and Auxiliary volunteers who made this event special successful.

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PLEASE, HAVE ALL ENTRIES IN FOR THE NEWSLETTER BY THE 25TH OF EVERY MONTH! Our next members' meeting is scheduled for April 9 and will be an important one since we are holding leadership elections for the 2024-2025 year. Final nominations will take place and elections for leadership positions will commence thereafter. Let us know if you would be interested in taking on an appointed position. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated for our events and activities.

Starting in April, the Post will be having a once-a-month Friday or Saturday meal and entertainment gathering for all to enjoy. We start this month with the Naples Fishing Club Flea Market. See details below and continue with the following events:

- Monday Bingo: 1300-1600hrs.
- Lunch M-F. 1100-1400hrs.
- -- April 4, Thur., 0900-1200hrs., House Committee, Leadership/Staff, and Honor Guard Meetings.
- -- April 6: Sat, Naples Fishing Club Flea Market, 1000-1700 hrs., Hotdogs, Hamburgers and beverages will be available.
- -- April 9: Tues. 1900hrs. Post Members Meeting.
- -- April 13: District 13 Commander's Call with Post Commanders.
- -- April 21: 1600-1800hrs. Eddie Hartnack Appreciation Dinner at American Legion.
- -- April 27: Sat, 1100-1700 hrs., VFW District 13 Picnic at VFW Bonita Springs Post 4254.

House Status: I'm pleased to announce that we have received a county permit to install our VFW sign and the vendor is currently constructing a new sign to be placed on the outside Pavilion. The kitchen dish washer failed, and a part and service were needed. The Canteen is now hiring Part Time bartenders. Those interested please contact our Canteen Manager Carolyn for additional information.

As always, we appreciate Volunteers for their support and efforts during our events. Without their services, we would not be successful during our scheduled activities as was the case during our recent National Vietnam Veterans War Day ceremony. We thank you for your service.

Regards and Stay Safe!
Tony Reyes, VFW Post 7721 Commander



### **April 2024 - Auxiliary Newsletter**

Dear post members,

A special thanks to everyone who supported the Auxiliary St. Patrick's Day dinner, which was a huge success for our efforts to raise funds to support our programs. We served over 90 guests for this event. A special thank you to Randy Cash, Mike Ricci, Mike Dewitt and whoever else manned the kitchen getting dinner ready for auxiliary to serve. Randy Cash deserves a medal for his dishwashing efforts.

Thank you to post members who continue to attend our fundraising events throughout the year, our next event is in the planning process for a Soc Hop in May which you will hear more about, so start polishing those dancing shoes and practice your hula hoop.

In February our Auxiliary Hospital team visited over 150 veterans in local nursing homes, assisted living, bringing special Valentines treats, cards and making all veterans special. An additional event our Auxiliary celebrated the 101st WW2 veteran's birthday, by bringing cake, balloons, and cards.

Our auxiliary was happy to support the Friday night dinners during weeks before Easter, by attending, setting up and serving.

At our April meeting will be the time which auxiliary nominates and elects its officers for the 24/25-year, information on responsibilities has been shared to all who are interested.

March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for entry for our auxiliary to enter details for any national program awards. Our department of Florida awards will be finalized by April 15, with those awards handed out at our June 14-16 convention in Orlando.

Special thanks to our auxiliary members who volunteer to serve, Sunday morning breakfasts and other post dinners and events.

### Betty A. Bailey, President, 7721 Auxiliary

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### **Auxiliary Treasurer**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for making the 2023-2024 membership year a success. We have reached a milestone that makes us eligible for the Circle of Champions. Bravo all recruiters!!

There is still time to pay annual dues if you haven't yet done so without losing your membership.

If you have not received your annual or life membership card, please do not wait to let me know. If it has been 6 months or longer since you became a member, you will be responsible for paying for a new card. The cost is \$5.00 for annual members and \$10.00 for Life members. While you are waiting for your membership card to arrive in the mail, you can always sign into MALTA and download a paper copy to have with you. I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Sincerely, Theresa Mook- Treasurer

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**Sick Call** 

Savannah Lehnhard Sarah Jenkins Sue Brennan Michelle Facciolli John Rydzewski



**Taps** 





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## **April 2024**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM	Lunch 11-2 PM Lions 10:30 AM FF 7 PM FC Bass 7 PM	3 Lunch 11-2 PM	4 House Meet 9 AM Honor Guard Meet 11 AM Lunch 11-2 PM	5 Lunch 11-2 PM	6 Naples Fish Flea Market 10-2 PM Lost Riders 6 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM
7 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Happy Hour 1-5 PM	8 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Rolling Thunder 7 PM	9 Lunch 11-2 PM Naples Fish Board 6 PM Post/Aux Meet 7 PM	10 Lunch 11-2 PM	11 Lunch 11-2 PM UBass 7 PM	<b>12</b> Lunch 11-2 PM	Queen of Hearts 6 PM
<b>14</b> Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Happy Hour 3-8 PM	15 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM	16 Lunch 11-2 PM MOASWF 3-5 PM Naples Fish 7 PM Lions 7 PM	17 Lunch 11-2 PM BCFF 6:30-9 PM	18 Lunch 11-2 PM CC1013 7 PM	19 NDA 9 pm Lunch 11-2 PM	<b>20</b> Defenders F. Hall 10-3 PM
<b>21</b> Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Lama 10 AM Happy Hour 1-5 PM	22 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM	23 Lunch 11-2 PM Magicians Assoc. 7 PM	24 Lunch 11-2 PM	25 Lunch 11-2 PM	26 Lunch 11-2 PM	Queen of Hearts 6 PM
28 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM A.B.A.T.E 11 AM Happy Hour 1-5 PM	29 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM	30 Lunch 11-2 PM FC Bass 7 PM				BlankCalendarPages.com





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1000 HRS TO 1200HRS MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

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# Every Monday 1 PM Everyone is Welcome





**Bikes For Tykes** is looking for a few volunteers to repair bicycles. No experience needed, we will train you. No tools needed we will supply the tools needed....we just need your "bodies".....preferably breathing, but we do have an air compressor if needed:):)

Our shop is open only on Wednesdays and Thursdays from Noon until 5PM.....however you come when you can and leave when you gotta. You will like our crew. Come see the shop at 5950 Cope Ln, Naples, FL 34112 and I will give you the 'nickle' tour.

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The Southwest Florida Magicians
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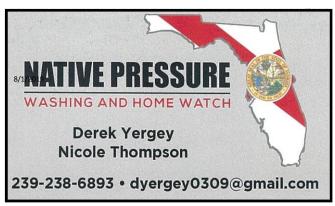












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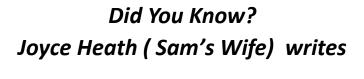


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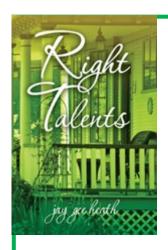
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House/Staff Meeting 1st Thursday 9:00 AM
Honor Guard 1st Thursday 11:00 AM
Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM
Post Meeting 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM