

# JULY NEWSLETTER



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## Commander's Corner

Summer has begun, and with it, our 2017/2018 fiscal year. We accomplished a lot during our last year. Highlights included several awesome community involvement events, closer integration with Warriors' Ascent and continuation of long-standing programs like our breakfast, Patriots' Pen / Voice of Democracy and Buddy Poppy distribution. We experienced a net decrease in our membership, but the members we have today are more actively involved than in the past couple years. We had more volunteer hours than any year in the last three years in 2016/2017. In short, we did a lot well last year, and we have a chance to increase our community involvement during the upcoming campaign.

Congratulations and thank you to Ron Thiewes and his committee for planning our Vietnam Commemoration on June 25. Your team envisioned and created an amazing event that recognizes the sacrifices of a generation of warriors who received the "Welcome Home" or gratitude that they earned. Thanks also to Rick Butler for serving as the emcee for the event and speaking on behalf of a grateful nation in honor of these men and women and their service.

Rick also played a huge role in the success of our Independence Day efforts in collaboration with Jodi Kersten from the Auxiliary. Thanks also to John Bugg for the use of his trailer and garage this year in support of our parade operations. We gathered at the post at 8:00 and had the honor of following Mayor Nan Johnston in the #2 slot in the parade. Our contribution was a parade unto itself; our veterans, a really cool World War I Centennial display envisioned by Bob Eckerle, our recoilless rifle, and representatives from our youth organizations. Good stuff!

On July 9, we will host the District 3 School of Instruction at our post at 1:00 pm. The event will include a joint VFW / Auxiliary meeting followed by the standard district meeting and the SoI. The Department of Missouri Junior Vice Commander, Lance Kellogg, will represent the department. Robert Kirtley was installed as the District 3 Commander at the State Convention in June and will also be present. All VFW Post 7356 members are welcome to attend this meeting and speak their mind in this forum. This is one of the opportunities we have to shape state and national level discussions.

Late in July, VFW will host its national convention. Several amendments to our organization will be discussed and implemented, including a transition from paper to electronic record keeping, using the post, district and department websites as the official record of the organization and change in Paragraph 3 of our charter to reflect the care of "the dependents of our comrades" instead of "their widows and orphans." This is another step to acknowledge that today's force better reflects the population we once defended and that many of those left behind are actually widowers. We will begin using the new text in our July meeting.



Our next priority will be the execution of our Golf Tournament on August 21. This is the same day as the solar eclipse – what a great place to see history! Among the goodies provided in the goody bag this year will be the special glasses that allow participants to look at the sun during the event. We need members to continue to bring in golfers, donated items for the auction / raffles and sponsorships. Use your networks!

Bob Bennett, Commander

Photo: Photo from "Victory Over America" Palace in Baghdad, November 2009. The other fellow was from the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

### — 2017-2018 Post Officers —

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Post PSO	Philip Duncan	816-587-1117	1-year Trustee	Jerry Felker	816-587-8026

**SWING  
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**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017**

The Deuce at The Nationals  
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register online at <http://myvfw.org/mo/post7356> or call 816-863-3164  
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of Veterans Affairs

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**Spread the word!**

Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. we will serve our traditional breakfast at a new low price of \$6 for adults and **FREE** for children 10 and under. Please advertise at your churches, local businesses, with friends. Let's pack the house! Flyer attached to the newsletter for easy distribution.



**Thank you to all who helped to  
decorate the float, or rode in the  
parade this past weekend! We  
couldn't have won 1st place  
without you! Congratulations!**

**(see photos on next page)**



## South Platte Memorial Post 7356 Auxiliary

Auxiliary Members,

First, I want to join our auxiliary members in thanking outgoing president, Cheryl Hainkel, for serving as Post 7356 Auxiliary President for the past four years. We appreciate her dedication and leadership while putting in countless hours for the auxiliary to reach many goals during her term of office. Cheryl will now serve as President of Missouri Department District 3 VFW Auxiliary.

Our Post will host the District 3 meeting this upcoming Sunday, July 9 and 1 pm. There will be a School of Instruction where officers and those who have been appointed can learn all the job functions for all. If you're new or even if this isn't your first time, stop by! If anything you will learn what is happening in next year's membership program. You will be sure to come away with some great knowledge from our District leaders. Information will be given about MALTA and a new National Outreach Campaign. All members are welcome to attend. All Committee Chairs and Officers should attend. Auxiliary Awards will be given out at the meeting.

It is a new year and a new term. I am honored to now be our auxiliary President. I joined in March and was installed as President at the April meeting; talk about "fast tracking" a new member. I do believe in stepping up where there is a need, so I was glad to volunteer for the office. I am pleased to serve alongside Senior Vice-president Mary Helbock, Junior Vice-president Jodi Kersten, Treasurer Judith Green, Secretary Lorie Green, Chaplain Rosemary Karp, Guard Mary Lou Wilkinson, and Conductor Randy Green. Trustees are Cheryl Hainkel, Linda Eckerle and Ricki Butler. Committee chairs are: Veterans and Family Support Cheryl Hainkel, Hospital Linda Eckerle, Membership Mary Helbock, Youth Activities Julianna Eckerle, Event Coordinator Jodi Kersten, Americanism Stephanie Skinner, Standing Rules Lori Green. Scholarship, Legislative and Historian remain to be filled. If you are interested in serving as chair for these three committees, please contact me at 816.550.1049.

Anita Crowell, President



## Auxiliary Information

### Auxiliary Dues are Now Payable for 2017-2018

Continuous members of the auxiliary may now remit their dues of \$25 for the Auxiliary Year, 2017-2018. Dues may be submitted to Judith Green by cash, check or money order. A receipt will be given to you. You may also submit your dues electronically through the National VFW Auxiliary after July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a change this year. There is also a change in how membership cards are issued. They will now be sent by National VFW Auxiliary. This change allows you to request a replacement card online if you should misplace it. If you have questions about this process, please let Judith Green know. She may not have the answers right away, but will get them for you. She is waiting for her training to be scheduled on the new MALTA system.



#### Child Care During Meetings!

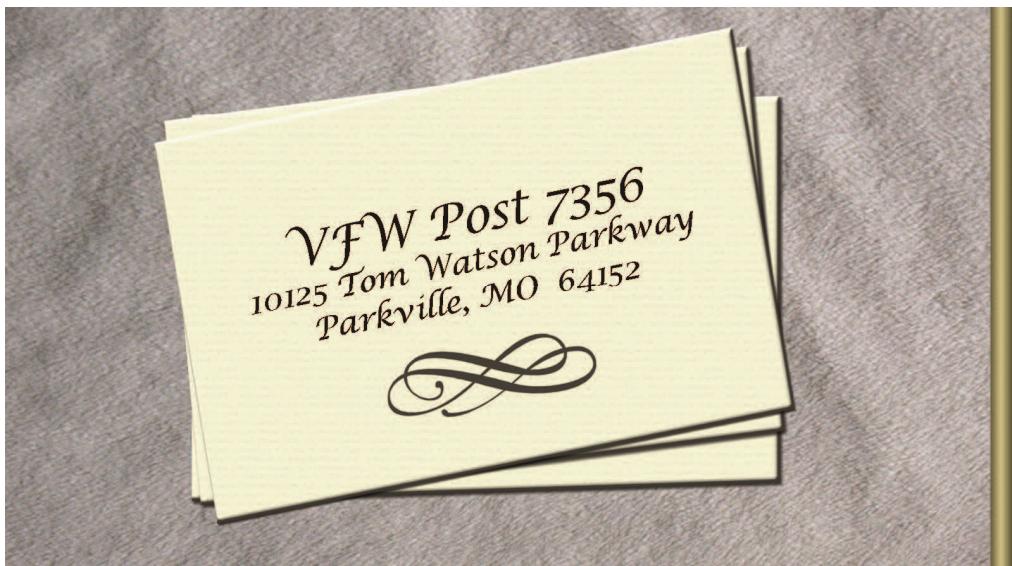
The Auxiliary wants all Veterans and Auxiliary Members with small children to know that we are offering child care during meetings. If you are interested in bringing your child, please email the Auxiliary at [southplattevfwla@gmail.com](mailto:southplattevfwla@gmail.com). Please give your name, the first name of your child, age of your child, any special needs and a contact phone number.



## Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

#### Auxiliary Officers 2017-2018

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## Calendar

### July 2017

- 4— Independence Day
- 9— District 3 SOI
- 21— Department of VA Created
- 27— VFW Meeting



#### Every Monday

#### Night

Civil Air Patrol  
7- 9 p.m.

#### Every Saturday

#### Morning

breakfast 8-10 a.m.

### August 2017

- 4— Coast Guard Birthday
- 7— Purple Heart Day
- 21— Annual Golf Tournament
- 24— VFW Meeting



# Hungry?



## **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7356**

**10125 Tom Watson Pkwy Parkville, Missouri 64151**

**\$6.00 for Adults**  
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Open for breakfast every Saturday 8 a.m.— 10 a.m.

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