

# May Newsletter



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## Commander's Corner

Greetings All,

Another busy month is in the books for our Post. A quick recap and look ahead:

District 3 meeting was held on April 22nd in Cameron. Congrats to Comrades Hoffman (elected Trustee, Appointed Chief of Staff and POW/MIA Chair), Hainkel (Chaplain) and Fox (Judge Advocate) for being elected to their respective offices. With six members in attendance, we took home the traveling trophy (a special thanks to Comrade Hoffman for replacing the damaged trophy). Comrade Karp successfully advocated for the first step in having the opening chaplain's prayer at Post meeting officially amended in the National Ritual's to include PTS. His amendment, if approved at National, would change the last sentence prior to the pause to read as follows: "We now have a moment of silent prayer for our departed comrades, *those suffering from PTS* and for those missing in action and those held as prisoners of war." **Great job Dan!!**

Buddy Poppies return again this Memorial Day weekend. We will be distributing these at the Hy-Vee's on Barry Road and Tom Watson Parkway and the Red-X in Riverside. If you are interested in participating please let us know, or you can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4da8af2ba13-memorial>.

The Civil Air Patrol will once again be setting up a firework stand in our parking lot. As a reminder, we receive a percentage of their proceeds. So, if you're wondering where to buy fireworks, the CAP stand would be a great place to start.

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Parkville – **we are still need someone interested in heading up this up as chair.**

The VFW Civil Air Patrol NCO of the year is Cadet/Chief Master Sergeant Justin Holt and the VFW Civil Air Patrol Officer of the year is Cadet 1st Lieutenant Michael Johnson. Both were recognized before our April meeting for their tremendous work. In addition, Comrade Hoffman recognized Marshall McDonald as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Patriot Pen winner for this past year.

The VFW National Convention is coming to town in July. If you wish to go and obtain entry please let Bob Eckerle know, as he will register you. Trace Atkins will be performing a free concert for all veterans on Sunday night, July 22nd at the Municipal Auditorium. If you would like to go, please see Barney Hill. We've been asked to host 50-75 VIP's at our Post on Monday, July 23rd. Slaps BBQ will be catering. A special thank you to Anita Crowell for her help!

### ———— 2017-2018 Post Officers ————

Commander	Jeff Fox	816-584-2688	Judge Advocate	Larry Maher	816-587-2213
Sr. Vice Commander	Tara Arteaga	816-726-7777	Chaplain	John Bugg	816-741-8359
Jr. Vice Commander	Barney Hill	334-475-5077	Surgeon	Mike Vogt	816-522-5944
Quartermaster	Robert Eckerle	816-741-8766	3-year Trustee	Rick Butler	816-739-0693
Adjutant	Tara K. Arteaga	816-726-7777	2-year Trustee	Jerry Felker	816-587-8026
Post PSO	Philip Duncan	816-587-1117	1-year Trustee	John Hoffman	816-728-6760

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## Commander's Corner Cont.

State Convention in June. We will be recognized as All-State for 2018. Thank you to everyone who helped make this honor possible!

All-America Post status update. We currently sit 93<sup>rd</sup> in our division. Top 50 our recognized as All-American. As many of you know, there is some gamesmanship in this process. In order for us to achieve this recognition, we need anywhere from 19-30 members to pay their dues by June 30<sup>th</sup> or attract new members. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining, please let Tara or I know. To help in this endeavor, we will be setting up a call party after breakfast to contact members at large. If you are interested in helping out, come on up to the post at 10 am on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual golf tournament is set for August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Deuce at the National. If you know of anyone who may wish to serve as a sponsor or sponsor a hole, please let us know and we will contact them.

Also at our April meeting, officers for 2018-2019 were elected. Please join me in congratulating the following: Tara Fajardo-Arteaga – Commander. Barney Hill, Jr. - Sr. Vice Commander, Joseph Wolfgeher, Jr. - Jr. Vice Commander, Robert Eckerle – Quartermaster, John Bugg - Chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> year Trustee – Jerry Felker, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Trustee - Rick Butler, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Trustee - Jeff Fox

For those of you on twitter, we now have an account: @VFWpost7356. Please follow for news, photographs and random musings.

A special shout out to St. Pius X graduate, Andrew Hipp as he leaves shortly to begin a new chapter in his life, attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Congratulations to him and his family.

Continued thoughts, prayers and best wishes to Calvin Campbell and Kevin Hutchison.

Hope to see you all at the next Commander's Call at the Post on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Our monthly meeting will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Jeff



## Auxiliary Presidents Comments

### South Platte Memorial Post 7356 Auxiliary

We hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the beautiful warmer weather!

Our annual meeting was held on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, as well as election and installation of officers. Please contact Anita if you know of anyone that is interested in serving as Youth chair or would like to help on a committee

#### 2018 – 2019 Officers:

President – Anita Crowell  
 Senior Vice President – Mary Helbock  
 Junior Vice President – Jodi Kersten  
 Treasurer – Judith Green  
 Secretary – Lorie Green  
 Chaplain – Rosemary Karp

Conductor – Randy Green  
 Guard – Mary Lou Wilkinson  
 3 Year Trustee – Rosemary Karp  
 2 Year Trustee – Cheryl Hainkel  
 1 Year Trustee – Linda Eckerle

#### Appointed Chairpersons:

Americanism – Mary Helbock  
 Events – Jodi Kersten  
 Historian – Crystal Deshazer  
 Hospital – Linda Eckerle  
 Legislative – Anita Crowell  
 Membership – Mary Helbock  
 Scholarship – Sharon Bugg  
 Veterans & Family Support – Cheryl Hainkel  
 Youth - *Open*

Four 7356 Auxiliary members joined other District 3 members at the Annual District 3 meeting in Cameron on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We delivered our decorated tote bags for the VA Ladies at the meeting. A reminder that it is not too late to donate (diabetic) socks for VA gentlemen for Father's Day. Questions - contact Linda Eckerle at 816.805.0741.

Election and Installation of Officers was held. Officers were installed by Nelda Clifton, Department of Missouri President. Pictured: (L to R) Judy Voiles (District 3 Secretary), Cheryl Hainkel (District 3 President), Nelda Clifton (Department of Missouri President), and Anita Crowell (District 3 Treasurer).

Cheryl Hainkel and myself had the distinct pleasure of attending the Tiny House presentation and luncheon honoring our National Auxiliary President, Dee Guillory. Later that evening we also attended a dinner held in her honor at the Jack Ray Auxiliary #5789 in Lee's Summit. Our meeting/dinner was led by our gracious Department President, Nelda Clifton.

Pictured is a four-generation president picture: (L to R) Dee Guillory (National Auxiliary President), Nelda Clifton (President, Department of Missouri), Cheryl Hainkel (President, Missouri District #3) and Anita Crowell (President, South Platte Memorial 7356).



Reminder – next meeting is Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm - free dinner at 6 pm prior to the meeting. Hope to see you then! Feel free to contact me with any concerns, questions, or regarding any of the upcoming events listed below.

Anita Crowell, President  
 816.550.1049 – [anita.crowell@yahoo.com](mailto:anita.crowell@yahoo.com)

#### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

June 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Department of Missouri Annual Convention, Springfield MO  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup> – School of Instruction, Jack Ray Auxiliary #5789, Lee's Summit, 9 am to 3 pm  
 July 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – National Auxiliary Convention, Bartle Hall, Kansas City MO





If you would like weekly updates on what the VFW Legislative Department is doing to make headway in Washington, sign up for the VFW Action Corps here:

<http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>



On Saturday April 7th, South Platte Memorial Post 7356, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Inc. located in Parkville, MO hosted 65 students, parents, friends and family members at the Post and Auxiliary's annual Scholarship Dinner. The Post awarded scholarship funds in the amount of \$3,300.

Awardees included our **"Scout of the Year"** to Chloe D. Rothery, a Senior at Liberty High School; **"Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year"** to Barbara Madden – Staley High School; **"Patriot's Pen"** Winners Lukas Pitman a 7th

grader at St. Therese, Joseph Guastello an 8th grader at St. Therese, Marshall McDonald an 8th grader at St. Therese. **"Voice of Democracy"** Winner Nathan Etheridge a Senior at Park Hill South, Adam Wilkins, a 10th Grader Home Schooled, and Cathenerinen (Cali) Gadd a Senior at Park Hill South.

Pictured: Barbara W. Madden, Chloe Rothery, Joseph Guastello, Nathan Etheridge, Lukas Pitman, Cathenerinen Gadd (not pictured Marshall McDonald and Adam Wilkins.)



Comrade John Hoffman was the Master of Ceremonies, with Auxiliary President Anita Crowell assisting with awards. Comrade Phil Farris assisted with the POW/MIA ceremony. A great big thanks goes to Sharon Bugg and her fellow Auxiliary members who help decorate the hall in a fabulous way.



**VA**



**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**

**Need help with VA  
Claims?**

Veteran Service Information Officer Philip Duncan is available to assist veterans with information on VA claims.

According to [AARP's Fraud Watch Network](#), bogus charities that claim to benefit Veterans are a proven strategy for scammers, especially when targeting patriotic older donors. Scammers often use names that sound like authentic organizations when soliciting contributions. The criminals behind these fake charities know Veterans share a bond of honor, and they use that bond to manipulate and defraud. One such scammer, convicted and currently under appeal, operated two fake charities, pocketing the donations his victims *thought* were going to Veterans. Then he stooped even lower and used the personal information on the checks to steal donors' identities and take even more cash.

Whether you're a Veteran (active or retired), a family member of a Veteran, or a civilian who simply appreciates what Veterans have done serving their country, keep your guard up when encountering solicitations for charities with the word "Veterans" in the organization's name or mission statement. Before donating, verify the charity's name and their reputation. Use sites such as the [Wise Giving Alliance](#), operated by the Better Business Bureau, or [Charity Navigator](#). You can also contact the state agency that regulates charities where you live.

Donors also should have a clear understanding of how their donations will be used. Just because the word "Veterans" is in the name of a charity doesn't mean Veterans or their families will get any benefit. For example, telemarketers' consulting fees are often counted as "program" services. Look closely at the amounts a charity actually spends on programs that directly benefit its intended recipients. Reputable and effective nonprofits spend at least 75 percent of their expenses on program services and no more than 25 percent on fundraising and overhead, according to charity watchdogs. You can research charities at sites like [CharityWatch](#), a nonprofit that analyzes the financial statements of charitable organizations and uses a scale from A+ to F to rate nonprofits based on their financial transparency and spending habits.



**All American is within reach if the following current annual members will renew by  
May 31st**

Robert F Bennett, Corrie L Bowser, Peter W Bowser, Nathan L Brewer, Matthew D Churchill, Calvin Cloud, Michael O Dungan, David Futch, Joshua L Glee, Robert Jones, Richard W Lanning, Charles M Lillich, David Lindow, Jim Mc Call, Daniel M Miller, Michael P Munoz, John K Pham-Ta, William G Rogers, Lawrence St Amand, Dale M Vaccaro, and Robert J Wagner.

**VFW 118th NATIONAL CONVENTION  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JULY 21ST TO JULY 25TH, 2018**

**If you are going to the convention in July, consider giving a helping hand for a few hours? Volunteers are needed. If you could take part for 4 hours or 4-days. The following is need:**

**Medical Services: Chairperson Kathy Lee (816-204-4015) needs up to 20 volunteers for 4-hour shifts. Does not require a lot of walking.**

**Transportation: Chairperson Richard Dukovich (816-286-6061) needs a few good men to drive for National Officers, Staff Members and Distinguished Guests to and from the airport or where ever they need to go. Vehicles are provided.**

**Meeting & Signs: Co-Chairperson John Hoffman (816-728-6760) can use help with meeting room signs and give directions to various locations. Could be lots of walking involved. Shifts are available.**

**Commander's Call: Thursday, May 10, at the Post starting at 6:00 p.m.****The 2018 Department Convention will be held at the Oasis Hotel, Springfield, Missouri, June 14 – June 17, 2018.**

Currently, sleeping room reservations are restricted to a three (3) day stay and may be made by calling the hotel direct at 1-888-532-4338. Be sure to let them know you are with the VFW. Persons reserving three (3) days and later cancelling one (1) or two (2) will have the entire three (3) days cancelled.

We do have an Overflow Hotel for anyone wanting to make a reservation for LESS than three (3) days, the hotel is: Holiday Inn & Suites of Springfield and can be reached at 417-865-8600.

**4th of July**

We are starting planning for the 2018 4th of July parade in downtown Parkville. Let's see if we can win again! Hopefully, it won't be raining this year. Stay tuned for information related to decorating our float and participating on the 4th. This is a great way to show who and what we are



to the public. NOTE: We are looking for a chairman for the committee. If you're interested, contact the Commander

**The 119th VFW National Convention****Kansas City, MO., has been selected as the host city, July 21 - 25, 2018.**

If you wish to be a delegate, alternate delegate or just an attendee you must advise the Quartermaster at [vfwpost7356@kc.rr.com](mailto:vfwpost7356@kc.rr.com) so he can register you. Also all Post in District 3 are requested to obtain volunteers that would like to help work the convention. We will need drivers (vehicles provided) to chauffeur V.I.P.'s around town and registration help. If you are interested contact Comrade John Hoffman at [uj@mudpiepond.com](mailto:uj@mudpiepond.com) or 816-728-6760

**VFW Golf Tournament**

The VFW 7th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, August 20th, 2018** at the "Deuce" at the National Golf Club of Kansas City. It will be a "Four Person Scramble" format. A box lunch will be provided with awards following with a silent auction. We encourage golfers of all skill levels to join us. We are looking forward to a great day of fun in the sun, to honor the service of our Nation's Veterans! Single Entry Player \$125 donation, Team of Four Players \$400 donation.

**NOTE: We will be closed for breakfast on May 26th in observation of Memorial Day.**





# Hall Rental

Weddings  
Anniversaries  
Graduations  
Birthdays  
Seminars  
Meetings  
Banquets

Call for pricing and availability:  
910-620-8119

VFW Post 7356  
10125 Tom Watson Parkway  
Parkville, MO 64152

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P.O. Box 12121  
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816-746-8010

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## Calendar



### May 2018

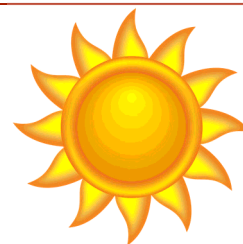
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- 1 - Law Day
  - 5 - Cinco de Mayo
  - 10 - Commanders Call 6:00 p.m.
  - 13 - Mother's Day (Fly Flag)
  - 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day  
(Fly Flag half staff until sunset)
  - 19 - Armed Forces Day (Fly Flag)
  - 24 - VFW/Auxiliary Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. with Free Dinner  
starting at 6:00 p.m.
  - 26 - Buddy Poppy Distribution
  - 27 - Buddy Poppy Distribution
  - 28 - Memorial Day (Fly Flag half staff  
until Noon)
  - 28 - Buddy Poppy Distribution

**Every Monday**  
**Night**

Civil Air Patrol  
6- 9 p.m.

**Every Saturday**  
**Morning**  
breakfast 8-10 a.m.

### June 2018



- 8 - Commanders Call 6 pm
- 14 - Flag Day (Fly Flag)
- 14 - US Army Founded 1775
- 14 - 17 Department Convention
- 17 - Fathers Day (Fly Flag)
- 25 - Korean War Began 1950
- 26 - VFW/Auxiliary Business Meeting  
7:00 pm with Free Dinner  
Starting at 6:00 pm



**South Platte Memorial Post 7356  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.**

**SIGN-UP AND PAY ON LINE VISIT <http://myvfw.org/mo/post7356>**



***"Swing for Veterans" Annual Golf Tournament***

**The Deuce at "The Nationals"**

National Golf Club of Kansas City, 10316 Tom Watson Parkway, Parkville MO 64152

Golfers will Tee it Up for A Great Cause! On **Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Sponsorship Opportunities (select items)**

☐ **\*Presenting Sponsor - \$5,000\***

Two 4-player teams, logo on all Carts, recognition in program brochure, 18 hole sponsorships

☐ **\*Commanders Challenge - \$3,000\***

One 4-player team, recognition in program brochure, 9 hole sponsorships

☐ **\*Quartermaster Challenge - \$2,000\***

One 4-player team, recognition in program brochure, 6 hole sponsorships

☐ **\*Stars & Stripes - \$1,000\***

One 4-player team, recognition in program brochure, 2 hole sponsorships

☐ **\*Cart Sponsor - \$500\***

Name on Every Cart, recognition in program brochure

☐ **\*Hole Sponsor - \$100\***

Sign on One Hole, recognition in program brochure

☐ **\*In Kind Donation\***

Product or Gift Certificate for Silent Auction, recognition in program brochure

Name of Company/Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Donations to:**

**VFW Post 7356**

**P.O. Box 12121**

**Parkville, MO 64152**

For more information or request donation be picked up, please contact:  
Robert Eckerle, Quartermaster at 816-863-3164 or [vfwpost7356@kc.rr.com](mailto:vfwpost7356@kc.rr.com)





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***Tee It Up For A Great Cause!***

Four-Person Scramble **Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

8:00 am – Registration \*\*\* 9:00 am Shotgun Start

Individual Player \$125 \*\*\* Team of Four \$400

Entry includes:

Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Beverages, Access to Practice Range

**\*\*Note Shirt Deadline is August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Awards to 2 flights based on 36 teams.

Bubba Watson Hole, Closest to Pin, Longest Drive, Longest Putt

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***"Swing for Veterans" Registration Form***

Send Entry Form and check to VFW Post 7356, P O Box 12121, Parkville MO 64152

Player #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (Indicate men's or women's)

Player #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (Indicate men's or women's)

Player #3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (Indicate men's or women's)

Player #4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (Indicate men's or women's)