

# February Newsletter



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## Commander's Corner

Fellow Comrades,

As we say hello to February and face yet another Super Bowl without the Chiefs as a participant, a quick recap of what took place in January. A date has been set for the annual Post 7356 Golf Tournament. Mark your calendars, for Monday, August 20th. Once again, the tournament will be held at the Deuce at the National in Parkville. Note that it was decided that the primary sponsorship amount was reduced to \$3,000.00. If you know anyone who may be interested in a sponsorship, please have them contact me, Bob or Tara. Let's make this the best one yet!

January also saw the return of an old tradition - The Commander's Call. Going forward, the post will be open on the second Thursday of each month from 6 - 9pm. All are welcome. If you haven't seen someone at the post for a while, give them a call, invite them in, or bring a friend. This month's CC is February 8th. Hope to see you there!

Also, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 24th - breakfast will be served from 8 to 10 am at the Post. 14 comrades volunteered to assist on a rotating basis (excellent suggestion from John Hoffman!) If you would like to join a team and serve breakfast once or twice a month, please let Tara know.



Last, but certainly not least, thanks to Comrades Hoffman and Hainkel for representing us at the District Meeting in Plattsburg on January 14th.

All for now,

Jeff Fox  
Post Commander, 7356

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## Auxiliary Information

Hello everyone! Hope you all are enjoying the beautiful weather. Winter isn't over – so we need to enjoy it while we can.

Our next Auxiliary project is the Billy Clark Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7 pm at South Platte Memorial VFW Post 7356. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 10, and children under 5 eat free. Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread, Dessert and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. HyVee at 64<sup>th</sup> Street is once again generously donating towards the cost of our dinner supplies. A Constant Connect message will be sent out with information of when tickets will go on sale.

We are going to need a lot of help, so I am asking all Auxiliary members to please help us in any way you can. On Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, we will need three or four volunteers to cook the meat and do the prep work for everything else. On Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will need to have two or three volunteers in the kitchen that morning for cooking, and several more for set up and table decorating. We will need servers and clean up from 4 to 8 pm. It is a lot of fun, but a lot of hard work.

The VFW Post is hosting meals on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6 pm prior to their monthly meetings. All Auxiliary members are invited to attend. We have been treated to chili, chicken noodle soup and lasagna the past couple of months. A huge thank you to Post Senior Vice Commander, Tara Arteaga, for the wonderful dinners. Our Auxiliary will prepare the February dinner while Tara is on Baby Leave. Lucia Alma arrived two weeks early on 1/29/18 7lbs 4 ounces and 19".

We are once again providing items for ladies and gentlemen in the VA Hospital: tote bags for the ladies and socks for the men. Socks should be of the diabetic type. The Auxiliary will provide the tote bags. Donations of diabetic socks would be greatly appreciated. For any questions, please contact Linda Eckerle at 816.805.0741.

The Veterans Home in Cameron has requested Chapstick/Lip Balm, AA and AAA batteries, and gift cards that the Veterans can use to purchase items they need. These items will be taken to the Cameron home at our annual meeting in April. Please contact Linda Eckerle at 816.805.0741 for any questions.

**Our next Auxiliary meeting is Thursday, February 22<sup>h</sup> at 7 pm.** This is our regular meeting date I hope to see you at our next meeting. We would love to have you attend.

Sincerely,

Anita Crowell, President

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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>

Thursday (Feb. 1) copayments for prescription drugs at TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and retail pharmacies will increase. These changes are required by law and affect TRICARE beneficiaries who are not active duty service members.

While retail pharmacy and home delivery copayments will increase, prescriptions filled at military pharmacies remain available at no cost. You can save the most money by filling your prescriptions at military pharmacies.

"Military pharmacies and TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery will remain the lowest cost pharmacy option for TRICARE beneficiaries," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ann McManis, Pharmacy Operations Division at the Defense Health Agency.

Using home delivery, the copayments for a 90-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$0 to \$7. For brand-name formulary drugs, copayments will increase from \$20 to \$24, and copayments for non-formulary drugs without a medical necessity will increase from \$49 to \$53.

At a retail network pharmacy, copayments for a 30-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$10 to \$11 and from \$24 to \$28 for brand-name formulary drugs.

**Congratulations Tara and Fray:**

**Two Weeks early arrival January 29, 2018  
"Lucia Alma" 7lbs, 4 ounces, 19"**



#### **Upcoming Important Dates per Auxiliary:**

- April 7<sup>th</sup> – Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Scholarship Awards Dinner, 6:30 pm, Post 7356, Parkville MO
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – District 3 - Annual VFW and Auxiliary meeting, Veterans Home, Cameron MO
- May 2018 – Family Freedom Festival, date, time and location to be announced

And, we are very pleased that our membership ended the year at 100% with 68 members! We are always looking for new members. Please let Mary Helbock or myself know if you know of someone that would like to join our Auxiliary.

Please reach out to me or any other auxiliary member to let us know what we can do for you. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions at 816.550.1049 or [anita.crowell@yahoo.com](mailto:anita.crowell@yahoo.com).

# 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.



That's right, **"Get on the Bus!"** with your fellow VFW Post 7356 members and our Auxiliary. This is a special trip to visit the **VFW National Home for Children** with a side trip to the **"Holland Michigan Tulip Festival"**.

**5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS**

**May 7 - 11, 2018**

**\$ 529 per person (double occupancy) cash or check**  
**\$545 per person (double occupancy) using credit card**  
**\$778 per person, single occupancy, cash or check \$801 by credit card**

We must have 40 paying to qualify. We can accommodate 50.

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- 4 nights lodging, including overnights
- 2 Dinner, including "Church Supper"
- Veldheer's Tulip Gardens
- Reserved seats for the Volksparede
- VFW National Home for Children
- Luggage handling in Michigan
- 2 Breakfasts
- Dutch Village
- DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory
- Evening Revue Show
- Souvenir gift
- Taxes and meal gratuities

**Day 1** - We will depart from Post 7356 early morning of the 7th of May, traveling to our first overnight lodging (Dinner is on our own).

**Day 2** - After breakfast we depart for Holland, MI arriving early afternoon, lunch on our own and visit the Dutch Village, where we will see Dutch folk dancing, wooden shoe carving, Windmill Gardens & DeZwaan Windmill and Amsterdam street organs. Dinner at a local church for a "church supper".

**Day 3** - Visit the Veldheer Tulip Gardens and DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory, after lunch on our own reserved seats await for the Volksparede. After parade enjoy dinner and then a spectacular show.

**Day 4** - After breakfast checkout and head for **Eaton Rapid, MI and the VFW National Home for Children**. We will have a guided tour and then depart for our final overnight accommodation with dinner on our own.

**Day 5** - Following breakfast check out and depart for home.

Reservations can be made at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4da8af2ba13-get> a link is on this page to pay by credit card. For more information or questions call Jodi Kersten at (913) 638-7734 or email at [kerstenjodi@att.net](mailto:kerstenjodi@att.net)

**Deadline for reservations and full payment March 16th, 2018.**

Cancellation insurance can be obtain by calling 1-800-388-1470 with location #386097 or online at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com>





### Pay It Forward.....

**Come out and join us on February 12th at 6:00 p.m. with our monthly social with the veterans in residence at "The Gardens Barry Road".**

**Several are members of our Post.**

**They enjoy meeting us and socializing.**

### **Billy Clark Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

Saturday March 17th, 2018

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

\$10 Adults, \$5.00 Children Ages 5 to 10 and children under 5 eat free

(Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread, Dessert and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.)

Advance Tickets will be available, when is still pending



**Saturday, March 24th Saturday morning breakfast slated to start 0800 to 1000 a.m.**



### **Annual Youth Scholarship Dinner**

Recognizing our Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year

Saturday, April 7th, 2018

Social Gathering at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

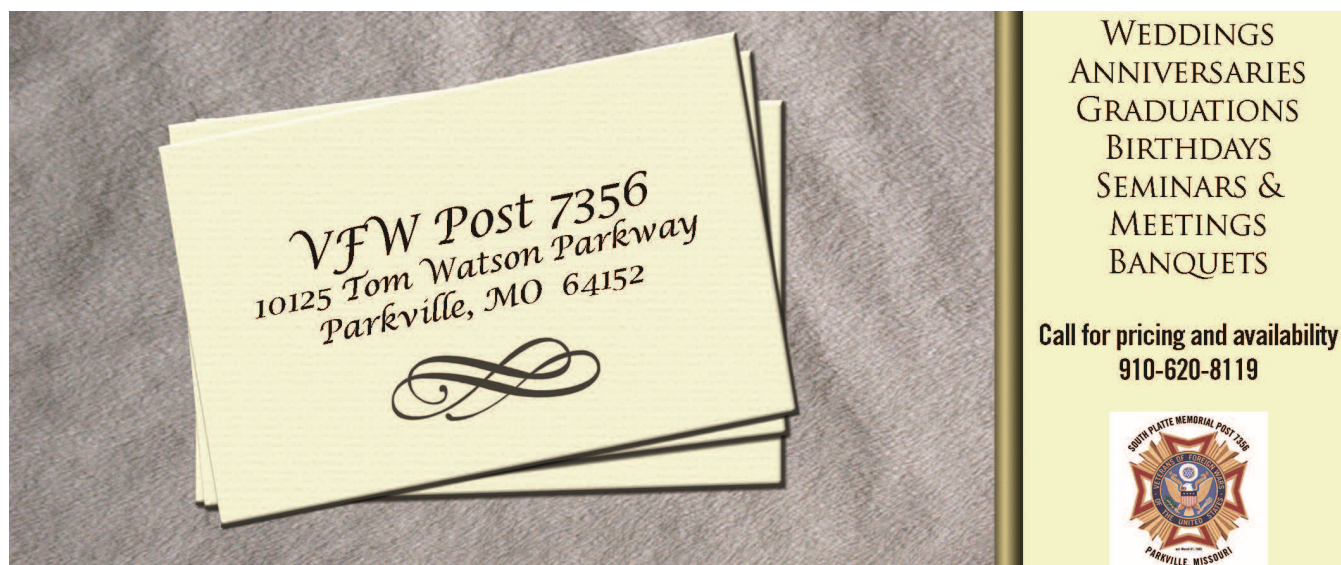
FREE for all students and families, \$10 donation requested by not required.

While a RSVP no later than April 2nd is requested only if you plan to attend, the event is open to the public so feel free to invite your friends and family members to attend. You may also email Robert Eckerle at [vfwpost7356@kc.rr.com](mailto:vfwpost7356@kc.rr.com) or call 816-863-3164. Click Here for your RSVP <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4da8af2ba13-youth1>

## 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

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## Calendar

### February 2018



- 1 - National Freedom Day
- 2 - Department CofA Jefferson City
- 2 - Ground Hog Day
- 8 - Boy Scouts Founded (1910)
- 8 - Commander Call 6 p.m.
- 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
- 12 - Social at Gardens
- 13 - Shrove Tuesday
- 14 - St. Valentine's Day
- 14 - Ash Wednesday
- 19 - President's Day
- 22 - Washington's Birthday
- 22 - VFW/Auxiliary Business Meeting 7 p.m.

### Every Monday Night

Civil Air Patrol  
6- 9 p.m.

### Every Saturday Morning

breakfast 8-10 a.m.

**NOTE:**  
**Breakfast will**  
**be closed**  
**starting**  
**November 11**  
**to**  
**March 24,**  
**2018**

### March 2018



- 1 - Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day
- 3 - Star Spangled Banner Day
- 8 - Commander Call 6 p.m.
- 11 - Daylight Savings Begins
- 12 - Social at Gardens 6 p.m.
- 12 - Girl Scouts of USA Founded
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 19 - Iraq War Began
- 20 - First Day of Spring
- 22 - VFW/Auxiliary Business Meeting 7 p.m.
- 24 - Kosovo Campaign Began
- 24 - Breakfast Served
- 31 - Somalia Campaign Ended.