

JULY NEWSLETTER



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Commander's Corner

Greetings fellow comrades and friends! Once again, the month of September found our post and members doing great things. A special hail to Comrade Ben Windsor, who just returned from an overseas deployment, where he served as the FOIA NCOIC to USAFRICOM. Welcome back! On a sad note, post member and last surviving umpire of the Negro Leagues, Comrade Bob Motley passed away at the age of 94. In November, there will be an unveiling of his statue at the Negro Leagues Hall of Fame if you are interested in attending <http://www.kansascity.com/sports/mlb/article173530016.html>.

Other points of interest: at the September meeting, we adopted two currently deployed units. One located in Qatar, the other near Syria. We will have more information as it becomes available.

The traditional Saturday morning breakfast will close starting on November 11th and will reopen on March 3, 2017. If it's been awhile since you've been at the Post, join us for breakfast! We'd love to have you. Moreover, please try to contact at least one person you haven't seen in a while to check up on them. We're chugging along with our membership goals—but we need to keep all of our members in the loop. If you do find out that someone needs something, let me know so we can help.

Saturday, October 7th, the auxiliary is hosting a Bird show, at 2:30 pm at the post. Please attend if you can.

Lastly, October 28th is "A Day to Change Direction" Comrade Dan Karp has volunteered to chair this event for our post. More info to come: <https://www.vfw.org/news-and-publications/press-room/archives/2017/9/vfw-gah-host-second-annual-a-day-to-change-direction>.

We will also be moving our monthly meetings to the third Thursday for October, November, and December.

Hope to see you soon!

Best Regards,

Jeff Fox, Commander



2017-2018 Post Officers

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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>



Oct. 28 campaign focuses on service and action to change the dialog on mental health



KANSAS CITY, Mo. –

Leading the national effort to change the barrier surrounding mental health, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and Give an Hour (GAH) are pleased to host their second annual “A Day to Change Direction” on Oct. 28, 2017.

As our national day of service and action, October 28 will focus on educating the public on the [Five Signs of Emotional Suffering](#) and the [Healthy Habits of Emotional Well-being](#).

VA



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

Need help with VA Claims?

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

South Platte Memorial Post 7356 Auxiliary

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Fall has arrived at Auxiliary 7356, and it sure is nice to see the cooler temperatures come our way!

A reminder to all members that the new MALTA database is up and running. If you have not had a chance to log into MATLA be sure to do so. All auxiliary members can access MALTA to pay dues or update personal information. More information about MALTA and instructions for logging in can be found at vfwauxiliary.org.

Mary Helbock, Auxiliary 7356 Membership Chair, recently sent out membership and auxiliary information to all members, along with dues notices to members with dues to pay for 2017 – 2018. Membership dues need to be paid by December 31, 2017. Don't forget we are giving away a Life Membership. Anyone who pays their 2017 – 2018 dues by **November 1st** will have their name in a raffle for a Life Membership. Again, that means – if your name is drawn – your annual membership will be converted to a Life Membership free! The auxiliary will pay the difference in cost for you. A terrific way to become a Life Member!

South Platte Memorial Post 7356 Auxiliary members gathered at the Clay County Veterans Memorial on Friday, September 15th in remembrance of POW MIA. A wreath made of poppies and POW MIA ornaments was laid at the memorial by President Anita Crowell and District #3 President Cheryl Hainkel. If you cannot attend our meetings, 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.

Anita Crowell, President

October 7th – Auxiliary community outreach event – “Birds of Prey”. Beautiful trained birds will perform a very entertaining “Patriotic” program and we will provide cookies, brownies, ice cream and beverages. Volunteers are needed to bake, set up, serve and replenish food tables and clean up. If you are interested in helping with one of these positions, please contact Jodi Kersten at 913.638.7734 or kerstenjodi@att.net.

October 6th thru 8th – Council of Administration and Department Homecoming at Camden on the Lake, Lake of the Ozarks. Hotel reservations are limited if anyone is interested in attending. The overflow hotel is the Lodge of the Four Seasons. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at 816.550.1049.

October 15th – District 3 (VFW and Auxiliary) meeting (Sunday) at 11 am at Post 5717, Kearney, MO. There will be a joint VFW/Auxiliary meeting at 11 am. Lunch will be available for purchase after the joint meeting. The Auxiliary meeting will follow lunch around 1 pm.

October 18th – “Trunk or Treat” at Pathfinder Elementary School at 5 pm. We need volunteers to donate candy and help with this event. Please contact Cheryl Hainkel at 816.806.2796 if you can help.

October 26th – our next Auxiliary meeting at 7 pm. The post will meet one week earlier on October 19th. We decided to not to change our regular October meeting date.

October 27th thru 29th – National Home Trip. The cost is \$195 for the bus transportation and two nights lodging. Rooms are two persons to a room. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Hainkel at 816.806.2796.

November 11th – annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Post. A traditional Spaghetti dinner will be served from 5 to 7 pm. The free dinner is a thank you for Veterans Service and to those who ensure our safety. Please join us for fellowship and to learn what the VFW and Auxiliary do for Veterans and the community. For more information contact Anita Crowell, Auxiliary President, at 816.550.1049 or anita.crowell@yahoo.com.

November 16th – meeting date changed to Thursday, November 16th due to Thanksgiving falling on our regular meeting date.

December 10th – tentative for our Christmas Party at the Cameron Veterans Home.

Auxiliary Information



REMINDER: Auxiliary Dues Now Payable for 2017 – 2018

Continuous auxiliary members may now pay their 2017 – 2018 dues of \$25 (due by December 31, 2017). Please submit your dues to Mary Helbock, Membership Chairperson. All members will receive a packet from Mary. You may also submit your dues electronically through the new national auxiliary database “MALTA” – Membership & Auxiliary Leadership Technology Access. All auxiliary members can access MALTA to pay dues or update personal information. More information about MALTA and instructions for logging in can be found at vfwauxiliary.org.

Anyone who pays their dues by **November 1st** will have their name in a raffle for a Life Membership. If your name is drawn – your annual membership will be converted to a Life Membership free! The auxiliary will pay the difference in cost for you. What a great way to become a Life Member!

Auxiliary Officers 2017-2018

President:	Anita Crowell	816-550-1049	or	Anita.crowell@yahoo.com
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<http://myvfw.org/mo/post7356/>



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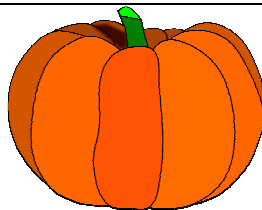


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Calendar

October 2017



- 7— War in Afghanistan began
- 9— Columbus Day (observed)
[Veterans Social at the Gardens](#)
- 13 — US Navy Est. 1775
- 16— National Boss Day
- 19— [VFW Meeting](#)
- 23— Granada Campaign (1983)
- 24— UN Day
- 26 — [VFW Auxiliary Meeting](#)
- 27— Navy Day
- 31— Halloween

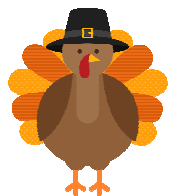
Every Monday Night

Civil Air Patrol
7- 9 p.m.

Every Saturday Morning breakfast 8-10 a.m.

NOTE: Breakfast will be closed starting November 11— February 24, 2018

November 2017



- 5— Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7— Election Day
- 10 — U.S. Marine Corps Est. (1775)
- 11— Veterans Day
- 11 — Veterans Day Dinner @Post 7356
- 16— [VFW Meeting](#)
- 21— Grenada Campaign Ends (1983)
- 23— Thanksgiving Day

Hungry?



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7356

10125 Tom Watson Pkwy Parkville, Missouri 64151

\$6.00 for Adults
Children under 10 **FREE**

Open for breakfast every Saturday 8 a.m.— 10 a.m.

Stop by to support **Veterans Helping Veterans.**

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Bring the family & enjoy a home cooked meal by your Local VFW Post.
Let us do the cooking for you! We are located across from The National
Golf Club, on the East side of the roundabout.

VFW Post 7356
Auxiliary Presents

\$5 per person
\$10 for 4 people

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of
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Oct. 7th @ 2:30

10125 NW Highway 45
Parkville, MO 64152



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