

April Newsletter



Commander's Corner

Comrades, well spring has sprung but the weather certainly hasn't cooperated. Post 7356 certainly has sprung. March 24th was our first return to breakfast with 57 adults and children being served with a great crew. Speaking of the crew, please take a look at the beginning of each month at the sign up genius located at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4da8af2ba13-breakfast> check our staffing and if you can assist let us know.

Some upcoming events to mark on your calendars:

April 7th is our Scholarship Dinner night when we honor our "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot Pen" students along with a young lady as the "Scout of the Year" and a teacher from Staley High as our "Teacher of the Year".

Then April 22nd is the District 3 Convention located at the Cameron Veterans Home starting at 12:00 noon. We have been asked to bring goodies for the veteran residents like diabetic socks, gift cards, books, lip balm, AA and AAA batteries.



April 26th is our monthly meeting where we will elect our new officers for the 2018-19 program year. Our candidates currently are Commander Tara Arteaga, Sr. Vice Barney Hill, Jr. Vice Joseph Wolfgeher, Jr, Quartermaster Robert Eckerle, Chaplain John Bugg, 3-year Trustee Jeff Fox, 2-year Trustee Rick Butler, 1-year Trustee Jerry Felker. Elections are important to ensure our leadership into the future.

We need someone to step up and volunteer to be **Adjutant**. The dinner at the April meeting will be hamburgers and fix' ins, if you don't care for hamburger the grill will be available for your own entrée.

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— 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

Auxiliary Presidents Comments

We are very happy to report that 154 attended our Billy Clark Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner – a huge success. Pictures have been posted on the Auxiliary's Facebook page at South Platte Memorial VFW Post 7356 Auxiliary in Parkville MO. We had a lot of tremendous help with our dinner. An enormous THANK YOU to everyone who helped:

- Sharon Bugg and Anita Crowell for cooking, and Cheryl Hainkel and Linda Eckerle preparing vegetables on Friday and Saturday.
- Cheryl Hainkel, Tonya Addington and her sons, Conner and Anthony, for the beautiful decorating the main dining hall and private room for Jim Young's family of 30.
- Rosemary Karp, Cheryl Hainkel, Linda Eckerle, Mary Helbock, Lorie Green, Randy Green, and Judith Green for cooking, serving and cleaning.
- Six scouts and three adult leaders from BS Troop 393 for assisting with serving, beverages, dessert and clean up.
- An enormous thank you to Lee Wawiorka, Store Director at the 64th Street HyVee for generously donating \$350 towards the cost of our dinner and supplies. *Please be sure to patronize this HyVee as they have helped the Auxiliary and the Post a lot this year.

A reminder that we providing items for ladies and gentlemen in the VA Hospital: tote bags for the ladies for Mother's Day, and socks for the men for Father's Day. Socks should be of the diabetic type. The Auxiliary has tote bags for members to decorate. Donations of "diabetic socks" would be greatly appreciated. For any questions or if you are willing to help decorate tote bags, 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 on April 22nd. All auxiliary members are welcome to attend. Please contact Linda Eckerle at 816.805.0741 for any questions or if you can donate.

We are extremely pleased to report that we have three new members as of our March 22nd meeting: Tonya Addington, Jenny Rolales-Wolfgeher and Jennifer Loftis. Contact Membership Chair, Mary Helbock, or myself if you know of someone that would like to join the Auxiliary.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is Thursday, April 26th at 7 pm. This is our annual meeting and election of officers. The current slate of officers is as follows for 2018 – 2019. Please contact Anita if you know of anyone that is interested in an office or serving on a committee.

President – Anita Crowell	Senior Vice President – Mary Helbock
Junior Vice President – vacant	Treasurer – Judith Green
Secretary – Lorie Green	Chaplain – Rosemary Karp
Conductor – Randy Green	Guard – Vacant
3 Year Trustee – Rosemary Karp	2 Year Trustee – Cheryl Hainkel
1 Year Trustee – Linda Eckerle	

Don't forget – free dinner at 6 pm prior to the meeting. Hope to see you then! Feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions at 816.550.1049 or anita.crowell@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Anita Crowell, President
816.550.1049 – anita.crowell@yahoo.com



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>

Commander Corner (from page 1)

May 24th is our meeting where the new officers will be installed, come out and join the activity. Memorial Day weekend we will be distributing "Buddy" poppies.

June 14-17 is the Department (State) Convention to be held in Springfield, Missouri. All is invited to watch us be capped as Commander and Quartermaster of the "All State" team.

The June 28th meeting is when the new elected officers take command of our Post

July 4th we will again participate with a float at the Parkville Parade.

July 21-25 is the VFW National Convention, right here in Kansas City. We have been honored to host a special dinner on July 23rd for approximately 75 VFW members to include three past Commander-in-Chiefs. We are working on plans to provide a Kansas City Style Bar-b-que dinner. We will need help with this planning to include transportation for the group from downtown to the Post and back. If interested in helping contact Tara.

We have a great chance to achieving "All American" again this year but obtaining the "All America" Post honors will be tight. As we understand it, we have to achieve 100% plus 5% new or reinstate. Thus, we will need 23 current Annual members to pay their dues before the cut-off date of May 31st. If you're dues are due in May, June or July, renewing your dues a few months early would be greatly appreciated by all! Upgrading to Life Member eliminates this annual need. **Don't forget to recruit new members as well.**

Then August is our 7th Annual Golf Tournament. Plenty of things to do and become active.

See ya all at the Commanders Call on April 12th 6:00 p.m.

Jeff Fox
Post Commander, 7356

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.

Customers' protests bring high-capacity ammo magazines back to AAFES shelves

After a vocal response from customers, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will begin restocking its shelves with high-capacity ammunition magazines — reversing a policy to stop selling magazines that hold 11 or more rounds. Exchange officials reversed their firearm policy based on input from customers, according to a statement from AAFES.

“Feedback from active-duty, Guard and Reserve soldiers and airmen highlighted the criticality of high-capacity magazines as it relates to readiness and proficiency,” officials stated. The stores — including the online store — stopped selling high-capacity magazines at the beginning of March. In less than 10 days, AAFES had reversed the decision and began making plans to get the products back on the shelves.

Volunteer Help Wanted:

Adjutant. Among the duties of the Post Adjutant, the Adjutant shall:

- A. Be the official corresponding officer for the Post and shall attest to all official communications and reports with their signature.
- B. Under the direction of the Commander, prepare all reports and returns required of the Adjutant.
- C. Maintain the books and records in a legible and uniform format. Record keeping by electronic means may be used, provided a back-up is maintained. Books and records shall be available for inspection by authorized officers and Post members at all reasonable times. Unless specifically authorized by the Post to remove such books and records from its facilities, they will be kept at the Post facilities.
- D. The Post Adjutant shall maintain the following records:
 1. A copy of the original application of every member admitted to the Post.
 2. Minutes of each Post meeting after correction and approval.
 3. All current orders or circulars issued by the Commander-in-Chief, the National Council of Administration, the Department Commander, the District and/ and the Post Commander.
 4. A correspondence file.
 5. A file containing a copy of the proof of eligibility submitted by officers pursuant to Section 216.
- E. Maintain a current copy of the By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and copies of the By-Laws of the Post, Department, and District.
- F. Transfer to their successor, without delay, all books, papers, records, monies and other records and property of the Post in their possession or under their control.
- G. Comply with and perform all duties required of the Adjutant by the laws and usages of this organization, applicable By-Laws and orders from lawful authority and perform such other duties as are incident to such office.

If interested please advise the Commander.

Commander's Call: Thursday, April 12th, at the Post starting at 6:00 p.m.**Annual Youth Scholarship Dinner**

Recognizing our Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Scout of Year 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 or

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.

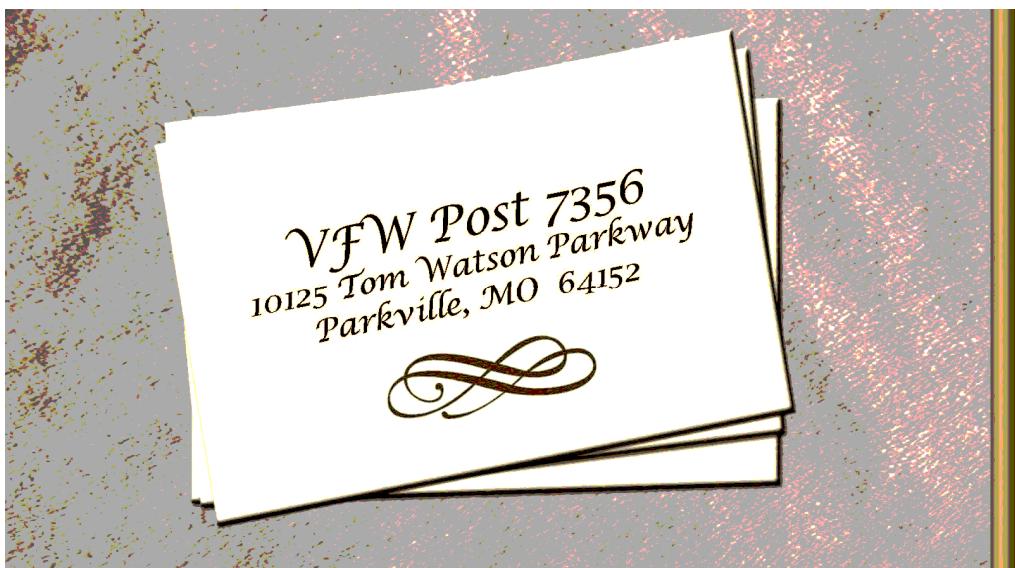
We do have an Overflow Hotel for anyone wanting to make a reservation for LESS than three (3) days, the hotel is: Holiday Inn & Suites of Springfield and can be reached at 417-865-8600.

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 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 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.



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Call for pricing and availability
910-620-8119



South Platte Memorial Post 7356

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Parkville, MO 64152

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<http://myvfw.org/mo/post7356/>



<https://www.facebook.com/ParkvilleVFW7356>



Calendar

April 2018

- 1 - April Fools Day
- 1 - Easter Sunday (fly flag)
- 6 - Army Day
- 11 - Persian Gulf Cease Fire
- 12 - Commanders Call 6:00 p.m.
- 17 - Income Tax Day
- 22 - Earth Day
- 22 - District 3 Meeting Cameron Home
- 26 - VFW/Auxiliary Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. Free Dinner starts at
6:00 p.m.
- 26 - Administrative Professionals Day
- 28 - Arbor Day



Every Monday

Night

Civil Air Patrol
6- 9 p.m.

Every Saturday

Morning

breakfast 8-10 a.m.

**We will reopen
March 24,
2018**

May 2018



- 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



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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 20th, 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



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Four-Person Scramble Monday, August 20th, 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 10th, 2018**

Awards to 2 flights based on 36 teams.

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

“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)