

# September NEWSLETTER



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## Commander's Corner

After months and months of preparation and planning, Post 7356's annual golf tournament was held on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Despite a few clouds partially blocking the total eclipse and a torrential down pour during the post round festivities, the 2017 tournament was yet another great success! Nineteen teams competed for the title. Congratulations to the team of Jim Bray, Jason Lewis, Jim Ecten, and Joe Leluga for winning this year's competition with a round of -21 under par. Well done indeed. Those participating also had the privilege of playing alongside Olympic U.S. Men's Hockey 1980 Gold Medal winning team member, Ken Morrow. A sincere thank you to the numerous comrades who volunteered so much of their time, energy and talents in making sure the tournament went off without a hitch. A special thank you to Bob Eckerle for his extraordinary efforts in making the 2017<sup>th</sup> rendition of the tournament, a memorable one. As many of you know, this tournament is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Preliminary numbers indicate that the post netted roughly \$7,000. This money will be used to keep our post in good standing, as well as assisting many veterans in need.



Our monthly meeting was held last night, Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. Of note, one of the sailors missing after the USS John S. McCain collided with an oil tanker near Singapore, is a fellow Missourian, Electronics Technician 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Charles Nathan Findley. He has family in the area. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Furthermore, comrade Barney Hill was elected to the Junior Vice position. When you see him, please congratulate and wish him well. District Commander, Bob Kirtley paid us a visit and discussed the larger aspects of the VFW within our district. Lastly, members voted to send \$500 to the Missouri Voice of Democracy. Beginning in early October, for those who are interested, we would like to start getting together and watching football at the post. The third Saturday of the month for college football and/or Monday Night Football have been mentioned as possibilities. More to follow. Also, be on the lookout for information on a pig roast.

Jeff Fox, Commander

### 2017-2018 Post Officers

Commander	Jeff Fox	816-584-2688	Judge Advocate	Larry Maher	816-587-2213
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Quartermaster	Robert Eckerle	816-741-8766	3-year Trustee	Rick Butler	816-739-0693
Adjutant	Tara K. Arteaga	816-726-7777	2-year Trustee	John Hoffman	816-728-6760
Post PSO	Philip Duncan	816-587-1117	1-year Trustee	Jerry Felker	816-587-8026

**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.

## **VFW VICTORIES IN WASHINGTON** **FOREVER GI BILL NOW LAW**

The nearly 1.7 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and its Auxiliary is applauding President Trump for signing into law today the *Harry W. Colmer Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2017*. The new Forever GI Bill will have an unparalleled impact on America's service members, veterans and their families because it protects the benefits they've earned, expands access and eligibility, and properly recognizes the long service and sacrifice of the one percent of Americans who have voluntarily put their personal lives on hold to fight an unimaginable multi-front war for almost 16 years.



**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>



**MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE** The eleventh of September is a solemn day in our nation's history. In addition to the commemorative tributes we perform at Posts across the country, the National Headquarters is also issuing a three-day membership challenge.

The weekend before Patriot Day, starting on Saturday, September 9th and running through close-of-business on Monday, September 11th, all members and Posts who recruit a new and/or reinstated member will be entered into a raffle. Two winners will be drawn - one VFW member and one Post - to receive a \$250 gift certificate to the VFW Store.

To be eligible, applications must be received and processed during the challenge period. The quickest way to do this is through the Online Membership System or by using the Mobile Recruiter App. We encourage all our VFW members and Posts to take part in this Membership Challenge and to do your part to help increase VFW membership.

## South Platte Memorial Post 7356 Auxiliary

Hello Auxiliary Members,

A lot has been taking place at 7356, and a lot more is in store for 2017!

A new database has been created just for our organization called 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](http://vfwauxiliary.org).

Membership chairperson, Mary Helbock will send membership and auxiliary information to all members, along with dues notices to members who need to pay their dues for 2017 – 2018. Membership dues need to be paid by December 31, 2017. While you are paying your dues, please consider a Life Membership. In fact, as an incentive for renewing your 2017 – 2018 dues – anyone who pays their dues by **November 1<sup>st</sup>** will have their name in a raffle for a Life Membership. 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. What a great way to become a Life Member!

South Platte Memorial Post 7356 Auxiliary hosted District 3 and 5 auxiliary treasurers at a MALTA training class on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, led by Department Secretary-Treasurer, Jeri Sherwood. We were honored to have five Department officers attend: President Nelda Clifton, Secretary-Treasurer Jeri Sherwood, Chief of Staff Jackie Davis, Chaplain Ella Edwards, Membership Chair Celia Davis and Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chair Bob McCann.



Crystal Deshazer has graciously agreed to continue on as our Historian. A reminder that the Scholarship and Legislative committee chairs are still unfilled. If you are interested in serving as chair for either committee, please contact me at 816.550.1049.

We know it is difficult for some members to attend meetings for various reasons. 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. Again, I invite our members to contact me with any concerns or questions. I can be reached at 816.550.1049 or [anita.crowell@yahoo.com](mailto:anita.crowell@yahoo.com).

Hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend and a great end to the Summer of 2017!

Anita Crowell, President

### **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](http://vfwauxiliary.org).

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## Auxiliary Information

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** is Patriots Day, honoring those who sacrificed their lives in 2001.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** is POW MIA Day. Auxiliary members will gather at 7 pm at the Clay County Veterans Memorial located at the Southeast corner of Nork Oak Trafficway and NE Vivion Road to honor the more than 7,000 POWs that never came home.

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** is our next Auxiliary meeting at 7 pm.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** is our 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 to bake are needed. IF you can help, please contact Jodi Kersten at 913.638.7734. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 for a family (up to four – the poster states for 4 persons). The poster is included in this newsletter.

**October 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>** is the 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 15<sup>th</sup>** is the next District 3 (VFW and Auxiliary) meeting (Sunday) at 11 am at Post 5717, Kearney, MO.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** 5 pm in “Trunk or Treat” at Pathfinder Elementary School. We will be looking for volunteers.

**October 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>** is the 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 11<sup>th</sup>** will be our annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Post. More information is to come.

**December** will be the Christmas Party at the Cameron Veterans Home. Date and time TBD.



# Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

### Auxiliary Officers 2017-2018

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## Calendar

### September 2017



- 2— V-J Day (1945)
- 4— Labor Day
- 10 — Grandparents Day
- 11— Patriot Day
- 15— POW/MIA Day
- 17— US Constitution Approved (1787)
- 18—US Air Force Est. (1947)
- 22—Autumn begins
- 24—Gold Star Mother's Day
- 29—VFW Day (1899)
- 28 — **VFW Meeting**

### **Every Monday Night**

Civil Air Patrol  
7- 9 p.m.

### **Every Saturday Morning**

breakfast 8-10 a.m.

### October 2017



- 7— War in Afghanistan began
- 9— Columbus Day (observed)
- 13 — US Navy Est. 1775
- 16— National Boss Day
- 19 — **VFW Meeting**
- 23— Granada Campaign (1983)
- 24— UN Day
- 27—Navy Day
- 31—Halloween

# Hungry?



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

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

\$6.00 for Adults  
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