



# September Newsletter

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Comrades,

Here comes fall! Kids are back to school, and weather is crazy! We completed a successful golf tournament on the 20th of August. We had 94 golfers and, despite the drizzle and chill, had a great time! The Auxiliary had a fantastic silent auction, and everything fell into place. I encourage you all to come out next year whether to golf or to help. That being said, I owe a huge thank you to all the Post members and Auxiliary members who took their time to make this tournament a success. We wouldn't be able to do the good things we do, without a great core team—and we have that. I have been encouraged by the increasing numbers attending Post meetings and Commanders Calls—please continue to invite those members you know who haven't been around in a while. If you're reading this and you haven't stepped into the Post

in a while---come join us for some events! We'd love to meet you! We've been doing really great with our membership. We recently had the Life Members added back to our count and are at 77.57% with 6 new members and 2 reinstated members, that's great news! We elected a new Jr. Vice Commander at the last meeting. Please welcome Wallace James the next time you see him. We'll do great things with the leadership team, and we are all excited to continue our journey the upcoming year.

Remember, if you have children or grandchildren in 6-12th grades, or even homeschooled, they qualify to participate in our annual youth scholarships. The winner then proceeds to District where they choose a winner and on to the Department of Missouri where a winner is chosen. That winner then has a chance for a \$30,000 scholarship for high school and \$5,000 scholarship for middle school. In short, it's worth their time to apply! The entries are due by October 31st to the Post. This is going to be a busy month, I look forward to seeing you soon!



Tara Arteaga

Post Commander

## 2018-2019 Post Officers

Commander	Tara Arteaga	816-726-7777	Judge Advocate	Larry Maher	816-587-2213
Sr. Vice Commander	Joe Wolfgeher Jr.	417-619-0731	Chaplain	John Bugg	816-741-8359
Jr. Vice Commander	Wallace James	785-477-8668	Surgeon	Mike Vogt	816-522-5944
Quartermaster	Robert Eckerle	816-741-8766	3-year Trustee	Jeff Fox	816-584-2688
Adjutant	Kevin Hutchison	816-507-4909	2-year Trustee	Rick Butler	816-739-0693
Post SO	Philip Duncan	816-587-1117	1-year Trustee	Jerry Felker	816-587-8026

## Auxiliary President Comments

### Around Our Auxiliary

The 2018 Annual VFW Golf Tournament is in the history books. We had 96 players participate in the tournament on Monday, August 20th at the National - Deuce. Auxiliary president, Anita Crowell, coordinated the Silent Auction. Many area business generously donated items for auction. Donations and sports memorabilia auctioned raised a profit of \$1,275. This will be donated to the President's 2018 – 2019 project, Battle Buddy Service Dogs (see article August Newsletter).

If you are not receiving emails from the VFW Action Corps Weekly, please use the link provided below. We invite you to sign up for this email publication that informs us of issues that affect our veterans and their families. To sign up, send an email to [vfwac@vfw.org](mailto:vfwac@vfw.org).

Plans are finalized for our Family Freedom Festival on Saturday, September 15th at the Post from 11 am to 3 pm. This event will be open to the public as an outreach to our community, focusing on family safety with first responders, face painting, food and terrific door prizes. Many volunteers have signed up to assist with festival. If you are still interested in helping, contact Cheryl Hainkel at 816.806.2796 or Jodi Kersten at 913.638.7734.

Don't forget we are collecting can tabs for Ronald McDonald House! Pull tabs that are on canned foods also count. Save your tabs and bring to the post each time you are there. Can't bring them – we'll pick them up. When you pop a top, please pull the tab for Ronald!

Reminder: 2018 – 2019 Membership Dues are now due. Notices for Annual Members have been mailed out! Annual members can go into MALTA to pay for their 2018 – 2019 dues. Please DO NOT wait until December 31st – we need your dues paid now! Don't forget - we will put the names of all annual members who paid dues by October 31st in the drawing for an Auxiliary Life Membership. We encourage you to log onto MALTA, set up your account and experience the Auxiliary's Membership Website. Any questions, please contact Mary Helbock, Membership Chair, at 816.729.0289.



VFW Auxiliary Secretary, Lorie Green, presents a POW MIA flag to veteran, Bob Parvin. The POW MIA flag was donated to the Auxiliary by VFW Post 7356 Comrade, Ivan Crowell.

Fly those Flags! We will recognize members and neighbors that fly the US or POW-MIA flags with certificates to award for flying their flags. If you fly your flag or know of a friend, neighbor or business that flies or displays their flag, inform Mary Helbock, Americanism Chair, at 816.729.0289 or Anita Crowell at 816.550.1049.

Hope to see everyone at the September meeting!

Anita

Anita Crowell, President  
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### — 2018-2019 Auxiliary Officers —

President	Anita Crowell	816-550-1049	Guard	Mary Lou Wilkinson	816-769-1157
Sr. Vice President	Mary Helbock	816-741-9676	Chaplain	Rosemary Karp	816-587-5313
Jr. Vice President	Jodi Kersten	913-638-7734	3-year Trustee	Rosemary Karp	816-587-5313
Secretary	Lori Green	816-663-2194	2-year Trustee	Cheryl Hainkel	816-806-2796
Treasurer	Judith Green	816-741-9489	1-year Trustee	Linda Eckerle	816-741-8766
Conductor	Randy Green	816-663-2236	Patriotic Instructor	Cheryl Hainkel	816-806-2796
			Historian	Tonya Crowell	816-651-6012

# THIS MONTH AT THE POST

## Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament was a hit. Make sure you're prepared to join us next year and support your post! A HUGE thanks goes to the Auxiliary who put on an amazing silent auction, the volunteers who make this event run smoothly, and the companies who sponsored this event. Please check the Facebook page for more pictures.



# Upcoming Events

**Commander's Call: Thursday, September 13th, at the post starting at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Hangout, drink a beverage and get to know your fellow post members. Families welcome!**



**Commanders Call September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Freedom Festival September 15<sup>th</sup>**

*See updated flier in this newsletter for more information*

**Parkville Veterans Memorial Ground Breaking September 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**VFW Post & Auxiliary Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>**



Saturday, Sept 15th—Red, White, and 'Que—A Salute to the military at the American Royal BBQ Competition.



Discount Code: ThankQue  
 \$23 ticket for \$15

<http://www.americanroyal.com/bbq/festival-information/weekend-events-activities/>

## Online Veteran Discounts



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Tons of sites offer military discounts through ID.me. ID.me takes a few minutes to verify your eligibility and then you'll have access.

<https://shop.id.me/military>



## From the Hill

**Historic Defense Bill Signed Into Law:** On Monday, President Donald Trump signed the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019. The final bill does not include the misguided proposal, but does include several provisions to improve the financial viability of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, such as authorizing the home to accept financial gifts, and expanding eligibility to disabled veterans and spouses who are not currently eligible. The bill will postpone the fee increase that was scheduled to be implemented in October 2018, but applies only to those who were residents as of April 9, 2018, and authorizes gradual fee increases over the next three years.

**Forever GI Bill 1-year Anniversary:** This week the VFW celebrated the 1-year anniversary of the Forever GI Bill which brought much needed changes to the education benefits provided to veterans, service members, and their families.

**VA Updates Skin Conditions Disability Rating:** VA is currently updating multiple categories of the Schedule for Rating Disabilities, including conditions related to the skin. No conditions have been removed from the skin rating, though several were restructured. Claims that were pending before Aug. 13 will be considered under both the new and old rating criteria.

## Medal of Honor

**TSgt John Chapman, Combat Controller receive the Medal of Honor Posthumously.** The White House announced that an Air Force combat controller killed in a battle with al-Qaida militants in the early months of the war in Afghanistan will be awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions during that 2002 fight. The president will present the nation's highest military honor to Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman's spouse, Valerie Nessel, in a ceremony on Aug. 22.



## POW/MIA Update:

**MIA Update:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced four new identifications. Returning home with full military honors are :

- Navy Aviation Chief Ordnanceman Otis E. Ingram was a turret gunner aboard a torpedo bomber from U.S. Navy Torpedo Squadron Fifty One
- Army Pfc. Leo J. Duquette was a member of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.
- Army Pfc. Mathis O. Ball, Jr. was a member of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division
- Army Pfc. George L. Spangenberg was a member of Company E, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division

**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>

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## Calendar

September 2018	<p><b>Every Monday Night</b> Civil Air Patrol 6- 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Every Saturday Morning</b> Breakfast 8-10 a.m.</p>	October
11 Patriot Day 13 Commanders Call 6PM 15 Family Freedom Festival 18 Air Force Birthday 21 POW/MIA Recognition Day 27 VFW/Auxiliary Business Meeting 6PM Free Dinner 7PM Post Meetings 30 Gold Star Mother's and Fathers Day		11 Commanders Call 6PM 13 U.S. Navy Birthday 25 VFW/Auxiliary Business Meeting 6PM Free Dinner 7PM Post Meetings

# Family Freedom Festival

**South Platte Memorial VFW Post 7356 Auxiliary  
10125 Tom Watson Parkway | Parkville MO 64152**

**Saturday, September 15, 2018 – 11 am to 3 pm**

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**Games!  
Door Prizes!**

**Free Kids Hair  
Cuts Ages 10 &  
Under**

- Hot Dogs – Chips
- Face Painting
- VFW and Auxiliary Displays
- Battle Buddy Service Dogs
- Tiny House Project

- First Responder Vehicles
- Child Seat Inspections
- Child ID Protection
- Platte County Mobile Command Center