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COMMANDERS CORNER



Gene E. Berbaum
Commander

LADIES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Monica Camargo
Ladies Auxiliary President

Dear Comrades:

As we reflect on the past holiday season, spent hopefully with close family members and friends, it is important that we set our goals and expectations on this new year 2012. Our Post had continued to operate at an even pace thanks to our hard working volunteers and House Committee. Please keep in mind that our Post can not and will not survive without the willing hours, graciously donated by our volunteers. If you do not volunteer and would like to contribute you time or talent, please ask a member of the House Committee what you can do. If you don't volunteer you are part of the problem, not the solution. We function only due to the support of our Cooties, Men's Auxiliary, Women's Auxiliary and some volunteers outside of the Post.

In this new year we are attempting to analyze our profit and loss statistics to determine what needs to be done to prevent our Post from running on a negative cash flow. We are by law, a non-profit corporation, however, this should not preclude us from operating on a nominal plus side of the ledger. Each time you attend a Post function, and we hope that your visits are frequent, stop and thank a volunteer. Our House Committee chairman and committee are working hard to plan and stage as many fun filled events each week to keep you active in our Post, please support them.

It's good to see former Commander Jim Rutan back home from his business trip. Relax and enjoy the family, Jim.

On behalf of the Post Officers we wish you a very happy and healthy New Year. Let's all endeavor to make our Post a relaxed and fun place to frequent in the spirit of comradeship, we are all veterans and we all want the best for 7041.

In comradeship,

Gene

Gene E. Berbaum
Commander

Dear Sisters and Comrades:

Happy New Year! Once again we can put another successful calendar year behind us. Thank you all for making it happen. We have taken honors for membership and have reached our goal of 100%. However, membership drive is never over, so if you have any friends or relatives who are eligible to join the Ladies Auxiliary, please encourage them to do so.

Dark, dreary, early nights have caused the Post to see a dramatic drop off in meal attendance. However, now that December 21 has passed, we are over the hump and our evenings will start getting longer. Our monthly Auxiliary dinner will be held on **Friday, January 13**. This will be a special fundraiser dinner with proceeds going to our Cancer Fund. Also on that evening we will honor the winners of our Voice of Democracy and Patriotic Pen essays. Meal special will be Nancy Rivera's recipe for Cherry Pork Chops. Please show your support and bring a friend or two. Dinners are served from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday morning breakfasts still continue to do well. January 29 (5th Sunday) will be hosted once again by the Auxiliary. Usually we feature corned beef special, but that can change. Full breakfast menu is also available.

Sisters, we Ladies have been asked to host a Valentine Dinner on Saturday, February 11th. Menu and entertainment will be voted on at the January 14 meeting. Your input and support of our events is most important, so please attend meeting at 10:00 a.m. (Saturday).

Please see the canteen calendar for a full view of all events and meals being offered. May the year 2012 be a healthy and prosperous year for us all!

Loyally yours,

Monica Camargo, President

The sisters of Ladies Auxiliary Post 7041 extend their deepest heartfelt sympathies to President Monica at the loss of her sister on December 11, 2011.

House Committee



Tim Soboleski
House Committee Chairman

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, & Brothers

Happy New Year!

The VFW House Committee is responsible for the operation of the canteen and the upkeep, repair and cleanliness of the Post and its equipment.

On Wednesday's, we schedule a working party made up of House members and other skilled Auxiliary members to perform maintenance tasks that have already reduced both our short- and long-term overhead expenses *substantially!* These "selfless" volunteer workers have made significant repairs saving money and providing necessary security and safety protection. We urge all members to participate on these days and to volunteer for other projects throughout the month.

If any of you have projects you would like to be addressed, please put a note in the box in the canteen and we will address it. We are proud to have the best veterans' facility in the area and invite you to help us keep it clean and comfortable for veterans and their guests to enjoy. The post kitchen crew volunteers continue to be front and center to provide quality meals for our members & guests. Hats off to all of you for all you do to keep us running. With all the positive things going on, I want to address some complaints I am receiving of late. I respectfully ask everyone to be vigilant and curtail the use of foul language. Swearing out loud and calling people names is NOT going to be tolerated. Deliberate vulgar comments will be addressed case by case and dealt with accordingly. This is an All American Post for a reason. It is all because of the Quality and Strength of Character of our members. As we start this New Year I ask everyone to support your post and our officers so we once again can reach All American Status. This is a great place and I truly appreciate everyone's support. We can't do it without a concerted team effort.

Yours in Comradeship
House Committee Chairman
Tim Soboleski

House Committee

House Committee Chairman	Tim Soboleski
House Committee Member	Jerry Moore
House Committee Member	Memo Hernandez
House Committee Member	Bruce Mackamul
House Committee Member	Mo Motier
House Committee Member	Jeff Simmons
House Committee Member	Al Betancourt
Auxiliary House Committee Member	Monica Camargo
Auxiliary House Committee Member	Jim Sibble



Cootie Corner
Bruce Mackamul

Greetings from your Seam Squirrel!

Attention Cooties:

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. Your Cooties have been very busy. We authorized the following checks to be presented:

\$2,000.00 to the Veterans Home in Chula Vista.

\$2,000.00 to the Veterans Hospital in La Jolla.

\$2,000.00 for the Wounded Warriors out at Camp Pendleton.

These are our three organizations that we work all year to support.

Thanks to all of you who attended our Golf Tournament, Steak & Lobster and our Cootie Breakfasts.

As a result of your support, we were able to take care of these Outstanding Organizations.

Remember our Scratches are held every **fourth** Saturday at **11:00**.

The goal of your Cootie Pup Tent is to take care of our hospitalized Veterans.

Have a Happy New Year and don't forget to Thank a Veteran each and every day.

KEEP 'EM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE



"The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars"

**"You can always tell a COOTIE
You just can't tell them much"**

Bruce Mackamul
Seam Squirrel
Pup Tent 40

Dates to Remember



Every Wednesday Taco* Night (*varies in menu, depending on Chef)

1st & 3rd Wednesday – Jeanette's

Tacos* for National Home

2nd Wednesday – Monica's Tacos* for General Fund

4th Wednesday – Herlinda's Tacos* for General Fund

Friday, January 13 – Auxiliary Dinner at 5:30 (Cancer fundraiser; VOD and Patriotic Pen Awards)

Saturday, January 14 – Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 29 – 5th Sunday Auxiliary Breakfast 8:30 – noon

Sunday, Feb. 5th - Super bowl Sunday Party.

Friday, February 10 – Auxiliary Dinner at 5:30

Saturday, February 11 – Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 11 – Valentine's Dinner (cocktails at 5:00 p.m., sit down dinner at 6:00 p.m.)

MENS AUXILIARY



Brian Joyce
Men's Auxiliary President

Fellow Auxiliary Members:

The new year is upon us again too soon. Time to reflect upon the past, and to renew our efforts to improve the future. The Men's Auxiliary looks forward to serving the Post and the local charities that we have donated to in the Post. Again, I urge all Men's Auxiliary members to attend all meetings this year and to volunteer in the Post canteen.

Buddy Poppy

Our Buddy Poppy drive is in full bloom. Post Junior Vice Commander, Tim Corrigan, is in charge this year. Please contact Tim to volunteer for three hours on a weekend day at Camp Pendleton to help the cause. Donations help the Post, Men's and Women's Auxiliary, and veteran causes, so please sign up.

Men's Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, January 14th, at 10:00 am. Please attend and participate, and above all, volunteer at Post functions.

Honoring our Veterans,
Brian Joyce

NEWS FROM THE BUDDY POPPY CHAIRMAN



Tim Corrigan
Buddy Poppy Chairman

Comrades, the Buddy Poppy Drive is underway! This is what the VFW is all about: The relief of our veteran's. We remember our fallen comrades and families by displaying "the boards" in the canteen.

Please do what you can to support this Program.

We will be at the Country Store at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton on Saturday, 29 Oct & Sunday, 30 Oct. If you can spend a few hours, give me a call.

I wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the outstanding help in the mail-out of the letters to our members and friends. Further, I wish to thank Patti Berbaum, of the Ladies Auxiliary for all of her help in preparing "the boards" and her guidance to me.

Also, thanks to the Men's Auxiliary President, Brian Joyce for his support,

In comradeship,

Tim Corrigan
Junior Vice Commander
Buddy Poppy Chairman



VFW Post 7041 Comrades and Auxiliary Sisters wish to express our appreciation to all for their dedication, hard work, and support each and every one has given to help keep this post thriving.

Dorothy Callahan born Nov. 18, 1911 has recently joined our Ladies Auxiliary - and what an addition. Dorothy is the mother of 4, grandmother of 11, great grandmother of 11, and great great grandmother of 9 so far. She was a young widow with a 3 year old when she worked with the FBI in our capital and knew Herbert Hoover. She then joined the ranks of the post office and worked for many years, met several Presidents, was invited to the White House, and taught ballroom dancing. She was a show stopping dancer in the big band era. She is still amazing- as she crochets afghans (around 10 a month) for our veterans and wounded, doesn't miss Lawrence Welk, and loves her ice cream.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, DOROTHY.

Happenings





Veterans of Foreign Wars
Sgt Maj. Ralph E Gibbs Jr. Post 7041
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Vista, CA 92084-3410

Return Service Requested



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Commander
Sr. Vice Commander
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Adjutant
Quartermaster
Judge Advocate
Service Officer
Chaplain
Historian/Webmaster
Post Surgeon
1st Year Trustee
2nd Year Trustee
3rd Year Trustee

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Gene Berbaum
Dick Rowell
Tim Corrigan
Jerry Moore
Kevin Leahy
David Spensley
Stan Peiler
Bruce Degnan
Joe Flores
David Spensley
Howard Wooton
David Barr
Will Gubbins
Bob Poulin



Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President
Senior Vice President
Junior Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Conductress
Chaplain
Guard
Patriotic Instructor
1st Year Trustee
2nd Year Trustee
3rd Year Trustee

2011 • 2012

Monica Camargo
Patty Berbaum
Marilyn Haug
Jean Groneman
Karen Bowman
Mary Ann Marron
Jeanette Hernandez
Sharon Mayo
Irma Apodaca
Donna Sibble
Dorene Comerford
Rosemary Ogle



Men's Auxiliary Officers

President
Sr. Vice President
Jr. Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Chaplin
1st Year Trustee
2nd Year Trustee
3rd Year Trustee

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Brian Joyce
Chuck Potter
Jonathan Stewart
Richard Huff
Mike Temple
Doug Snow

Steve Ramos
John Sowers



Military Order of the Cooties Officers 2011 • 2012

Pup Tent 40
Seam Squirrel
Blanket Bum
High Gimlet
CCDB
Shyster
Sky Pilot
Pill Pusher
Keeper of the Crummy Records
Tightwad 1
Tightwad 2
Tightwad 3

Bruce Mackamul
Gene Berbaum
Daniel Humann
Bob Poulin
Gene Berbaum
Jeff Simmons
Roger Loiselle
Bob Poulin
Al Housewright
Dick Rowel
Stan Peiler



January - 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Specials Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon Plus Regular Menu	2	3 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:00 PM	4 JEANETTE'S SPECIAL 5:00 to 7:00PM	5	6 Dinner Special 5:30-7:00 PM	7 Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM
8 All Specials Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon Plus Regular Menu	9	10 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:00 PM	11 Taco Wednesday 5:00 to 7:00PM	12 6 PM House Com. 7 PM Officer's Mtg	13 Ladies Auxiliary Cherry Pork Chops Dinner Special 5:30-7:00 PMKARAOKE by Patrick	14 General Mtg. All groups 10 AM Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM
15 All Specials Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon Plus Regular Menu	16	17 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:00 PM	18 Taco Wednesday 5:00 to 7:00PM	19 .	20 Dinner Special Pot Roast 5:30-7:00 PM	21 Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM
22 Cootie Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon	23	24 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:00 PM	25 Taco Wednesday 5:00 to 7:00PM	26	27 Dinner Special Prime Rib 5:30-7:00 PM	28 Cootie Scratch 11 AM Burgers 11:30 to 2PM
29 Ladies Aux Breakfast 8:30AM - Noon	30	31 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:00 PM				

REMEMBER ALL KITCHEN CREWS ARE VOLUNTEERS AND WORK FOR TIPS ONLY.
PLEASE BE GENEROUS SO THEY CAN AFFORD A COUPLE OF DRINKS WHEN THEY ARE FINISHED.
Your Patronage and Support Keeps Our Organization Growing

February - 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 JEANETTE'S SPECIAL 5:00 to 7:00PM	2	3 Dinner Special 5:30-7:00 PM	4 Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM
5 All Specials Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon Plus Regular Menu SUPERBOWL PARTY Drink Specials Talegate Food	6	7 Tuesday Night Dinner Steak Special 5:30 to 7:00 PM	8 Taco Wednesday 5:00 to 7:00PM	9 6 PM House Com. 7 PM Officer's Mtg.	10 Ladies Auxiliary Fried Chicken Dinner 5:30-7:00 PM	11 General Mtg. All groups 10 AM Burgers 11:30 to 2 PM Valentines Day Dinner Special Details to follow
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Club hours: Mon - Thurs Noon-9 • Friday Noon-Midnight • Saturday Noon-9 • Sunday 8-8 • Phone 760-724-7041