

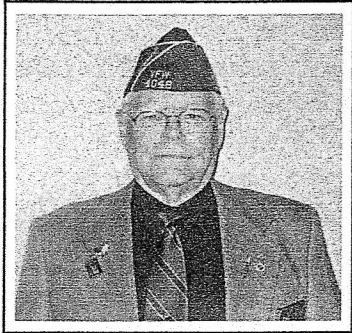


MILITARY VETS' LIFE

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COMMANDER'S NOTES



This is going to be a short section this month. I'm just going to cover a few things that need to be addressed.

□ **Volunteers:** This is first because we haven't really shouted out a public thank you to our Post's Comrades and Sisters that are representing Seal Beach Post 4048. These

individuals put in many volunteer hours at the helping our veterans and their families.

o The Lambach family – Paul and Marilyn. These two wonderful people have been volunteering at the Long Beach Medical Center for the last three years if not longer.

• Marilyn works in the Veterans Service Office area and assist our veterans and their families in filing claims with the VA. Marilyn supports at least five different Service Officers and hundreds of veterans and their family members.

• Paul drives a shuttle, and gets the Veterans to the various buildings they have to go to for their medical needs. Paul always has a smile on his face and a story to tell about his grand kids and hockey.

o Bert Fortin is our eyes and ears at the Long Beach Medical Center. She interfaces with the administration and volunteer services offices and passes on information to our Post and the District on the activities and needs of the Medical Center and the Patients.

o Dan and Virginia Whitney, Ed Bond, Les Shobe, Soula Thomas and Chris Schmaltz. These individuals, working with other District 2 Posts, every year have put in many hours in supporting the two annual Carnivals (BBQ, Games and gifts) at the Long Beach Medical Center.

o Evelyn Wilson and Jim Mueller volunteers at the Joint Forces Training Center in Los Alamitos.

o Our Ladies Auxiliary has donated money, lap blankets, books, and volunteer hours in support of VFW Programs. Every year along with our Post and District 2 Ladies Auxiliary Sisters gather up, Package and distribute Cards, Gifts, and Goodies for the Patients and their families at the hospital.

o Jerry Lingren still holds the record for Buddy Poppy Donations. Jerry is also putting in Volunteer hours at the Long Beach VA Medical Center.

These are just a few of the people that come to mind, who have put forth their time and dedication in support of our veterans. If I have missed anyone, please advise.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE –
PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE.**

□ **VFW Programs:** I'm proud to say that this year we have some dedicated Comrades who have volunteered to be Chairman on several Programs this year. The programs are covered in the July Minutes later in this newsletter, but here are the names of the individuals that have stepped up to the task: Les Shobe, Bill Thomas and Dan Whitney. With the help of these individuals we will better serve our veterans, their families and the Seal Beach Community as a whole.

□ **Membership:** As you all know, membership is the backbone of our organization. Like just about everything else, it's the numbers that count. It's our membership that give us a voice to support our veterans as a Post, District, Department and a National Organization. From the going's on in Washington D.C. these days, it has become more evident that our Voices Must Be Louder and Stronger. While many of us in the past (Korea and Vietnam Veterans) got lost in the shuffle of politics and power, it is our Responsibility to Ensure that our Current War Fighters and Protectors of our Great Nation are NOT LOST in the shuffle too. We owe them all the support we can possibly muster. So our marching orders are as follows:

- o Get new members
 - VFW, Ladies Auxiliary and for those who qualify, the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC)
- o Annual Members, Pay your dues and if possible convert to a Life Member
- o If you haven't been to a meeting, come...and bring a friend.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who attended our last meeting. While it went longer than I had ever intended, we truly got a lot done. Thank you everyone for your support, now let's "git'er done"...

Semper Fidelis, Dan

