



MILITARY VETS' LIFE

V.F.W. Post 4048 Newsletter - Dec. 2010/January 2011

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTARY

Ed Bond



December, the last month of the year! Time for reflection and projection on the year just closing and the new year ahead.

Admission to the Base seems to go along more smoothly the last couple of months. Keep all of your credentials handy - license, insurance card and vehicle registration - to speed up entry at the gate.

2010 - Expenses exceeded income this year and our final fund raisers didn't produce enough revenue to break even for the year.

2011 - I feel confident we can do better with a little more effort as a group as we start out in the new year.

The poppy program has been successful for the VFW since 1922. Remember, we don't "sell" poppies but offer them for donations only at Memorial Day and Veterans Day

Celebrations. In World War II the Navy Construction Battalions had a motto "CAN DO" and so can we.

We have an obligation to fund \$1600 to various duty stations this Christmas season, plus rent, newsletter, postage and small miscellaneous expenses.

I wondered about the \$300 to the Camp Pendleton Base as it was kind of far for our Post, but I keep reading in the newspaper about the young Marines who are making the ultimate sacrifice in the middle East on an almost daily basis. Over 50 young veterans from Orange County have done so.

God bless you all, Post and Auxiliary members, keep you safe as you and yours travel this holiday season.

Thank you to all members of Post 4048 and the Auxiliary for attending and participating in the meetings.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Auxiliary News

**VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 4048 -
December 2010/January 2011
Chris Schmaltz, President**

Hello Sisters,

Gosh! It's almost impossible to believe that December is here. Where has 2010 gone? We have been quite busy and have added some new members to our Auxiliary. 2011 promises to be another good year.

In November we celebrated Veteran's Day. The ceremony at Eisenhower Park at the Seal Beach Pier was inspiring. We were all proud to call ourselves Americans and celebrate our Nation's true heroes, Our Military. We distributed our Buddy Poppies. We had quite a few spectators that joined in our celebration and very generously donated to our Buddy Poppy Program.

The Holidays are upon us again and our Auxiliary has already been filled with the Holiday Spirit. We provided some of our Military Families with Gift Cards to Stater

Brothers to help them purchase their Thanksgiving feasts. We are now in the process of getting Christmas Gifts for these families, so that they may have a happy Christmas Day. As a District, we will be attending the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital Christmas Giveaway, where we provide the patients with items that they can "shop" from for their families and friends. We will also give each patient a "goody bag" filled with, well, goodies. If you can, please join us on Dec. 11, 2010 at the V.A. to help with distributing these items. Aux. 4048 will be providing lap blankets, crocheted by Sister Ruth Bell's friend.

As we lead our very busy lives during this Christmas Season, let's try to stop every once in awhile and remember our deployed troops and their families. Being away from family is never easy, but even more so during the Holidays. Let's keep them all in our hearts and minds and pray for their safe return home.

On a personal note, I wish you all a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I hope to see many more of you at our Jan. 25th Auxiliary meeting. WE do GOOD things. You can help.

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