



MILITARY VETS' LIFE

V.F.W. Post 4048 Newsletter - March 2011

PURPOSE: Fraternal, Patriotic, Historical, Educational and Camaraderie



COMMANDER'S COMMENTARY

Ed Bond



BASE EXERCISE: From the Orange County Register, Saturday, 2-19-2011. If you had a slow down in gaining entry to the base on Tuesday, February 22, this was the reason why. It was the first day of this training event.

The Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station will participate next week in the largest Navy security exercise of the year. From Tuesday through Friday, Exercise Solid Curtain 2011 will be conducted on naval bases and installations throughout the United States, Hawaii and Guam, the weapons station said this week.

Huntington Harbour residents are advised the boating access to the ocean may be restricted or completely shut down at times, said Gregg Smith, the station's public affairs officer.

"This is probably the most significant potential impact to the general public," Smith said. "We will do everything possible to minimize the amount of time that the waterway is closed." The four-day event is a regularly scheduled exercise, developed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy security personnel to respond to threats to installations and units," Smith said.

Disruptions are not expected, but there may be increased traffic around the weapons station or delays in base access, Smith said. Residents living in nearby Seal Beach neighborhoods - such as Heron Pointe, the Hill and Surfside - also may hear announcements through the "Giant Voice" mass-notification loud speaker system.

The Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station is the primary weapons station supporting the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

We were held up for about 10 minutes and being the first car to enter, explained about a dozen more were to come.

February 12-13, 2011 - Official Visit State Comm. Denis Wells and State President Judy Jones. Held at the Doubletree Hotel in Anaheim, six people from our Post and Auxiliary attended the meeting and dinner. On Saturday night, speakers included the State Senator for Veterans Affairs and winners from the District for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen. It was an entertaining and enjoyable program hosted by District Commander and Auxiliary President.

Jr. Vice Commander: Dan Whitney reported on "The Great Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942". It is an annual event held at the Fort MacArthur Museum in San Pedro. It was a fun time with a swing band, dancing, great food and more!

DONATIONS AND EVENTS: Commander Dan brought in a flyer by a Boy Scout regarding his project for the Eagle Scout rank. Building a new tack shed, this if for the farm behing the Westminster High School. Only about 3% of the boys who enter scouting stay and earn the Eagle Scout rank. MPA \$100 donation.

SEA CADETS: From the Seal Beach Weapons Station MPA \$200 donation. The Cadets do the Color Guard services at our Pier functions each year.

EVENTS: April Bar-B-Que at the Weapons Station Bunker 33 - Dates and information to follow!

May 1st at the VA Hospital on 7th Street. Bingo each month - they need volunteers to help at these functions.

THANK YOU to all members of Post 4048 and Auxiliary for attending and participating in the meetings.



Auxiliary News

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 4048
Chris Schmaltz, President

Hello again Sisters!

Hope this newsletter findseveryone doing well. Too many people I know have been bitten with the cold/flu bug that has been going around since Christmas.

I sincerely hope YOU were passed by.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Comrades for treating the Auxiliary to pizza at our last meeting. They were wishing us a Happy 7th birthday.

In January, I had the pleasure of attending the Voice of Democracy Banquet in Sacramento. All 23 District winners were in attendance. What a great group of young people. Of course, the "cream of the crop" was our District 2 winner, Kelsey

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