



MILITARY VETS' LIFE

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

PURPOSE: Fraternal, Patriotic, Historical, Educational and Camaraderie



COMMANDER'S NOTES



The VFW National Convention in San Antonio, Texas this year was a lot better than last years in Indianapolis, IN. While the temperature was considerable HOT'R, everything about the Convention was Cool except for the Membership Side meeting. Like all conventions, it's impossible to get to half of the side meetings, if you to make it to one a

day your lucky. Of course extending the Convention to run 3 or 4 days longer, would help solve that problem, but I'm guessing at least 65% of us that are paying our own way, the extra expense would surly reduce the number of attendees.

Last month I went into some of the By-Laws and Resolutions that were going to be voted on. As we suspected, the By-Law change (B-26) which would have remove "Ladies" from "Ladies Auxiliary" in Article XI to "Auxiliary" which in turn would have merged the Ladies and Men's Auxiliary into a single Auxiliary. While there were some heated discussions on this subject, it was struck-down at the Council of Administration. I'm sure this will come up again in a year of two. There are both advantages and disadvantages to merging the two Auxiliary's. The Department of California voted against this By-Law Change.

The only Change that will affect our Post is related to New Members and their annual dues. As all of you know, currently all Annual Membership dues are required to be paid by the 1st of January each year. The By-Law change doesn't affect current Annual Members, but from now on, all new Members dues will be paid annually on the same date they joined the VFW. This will be a head-ache for the Quartermaster for a while, but National feels confident that everyone's (Quartermasters) adjustment period will be short, and that this change will benefit both the VFW and the new members.

For those of you that are interested in seeing what actually happened at the 112TH VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION go to this web address:<http://www.vfw.org/News-and-Events/Articles/Live-Stream-of-112th-VFW-National-Convention/>

Post Programs: Besides serving our Veterans and increasing our Membership, our Youth Programs are the third most important commitment to our organization and community. The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen competitions deadlines are rapidly approaching. As you know last year District 2, Santa

Ana Post 10694 Voice of Democracy entry, Miss Kelsey Woo was the National Winner. I would like to see our Post submit an entry this year. Below it the information about the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Programs.

Deadlines for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen submissions are quickly approaching

October 04, 2011

Only twenty-seven days remain for students, grades 6-12 to enter for their chance to win their share of the \$3.2 million in college scholarships and savings bonds awarded through the 2011 VFW Voice of Democracy and VFW Patriot's Pen essay contests.

VFW's annual scholarship contests were enacted to foster patriotism among America's youth by allowing students the opportunity to express their opinions on democracy based on an annual theme. Nearly 200,000 students participate in the contests annually.

"VFW scholarship programs provide more than \$3.2 million in scholarships and incentives each year. However, the deeper value and long term benefits of these programs is that America's youth learn the value of our system of government and its history; including the service and sacrifice of America's veterans," states Steve Van Buskirk, Director of VFW Programs.

This year marks the Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest's 65th year. Students in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories, are eligible to enter. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school.

This year also marks the 16th year for the Patriot's Pen program. This program is open to students in grades 6-8, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. The national first-place winner receives \$10,000 savings bond.

The deadline to enter either contest is November 1, 2011.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed these programs on the National Association of Student Councils, National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2010-2011.

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MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of September 27, 2011 Meeting
Ed Bond, Adjutant

The Commander called the meeting to order at 1913 hours, on the 27th of September, 2011. The Acting Officer of the Day verified that all Eleven (11) members present were found to be eligible to remain.

Quartermaster verified that those present dues were up to date and therefore to be in good standing.

The Chaplain gave the opening Prayer at 1914 hours. There was NO Distinguished Guest Present.

Roll call of Officers: held at 1916 hours.

Officers Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Commander Dan Schmaltz	X		
Senior Vice Dan Whitney			X
Junior Vice Jim Crowley		X	
Quartermaster Les Shobe	X		
Chaplain Bob Coronado		X	
Judge Advocate Pete Arnold	X		
Surgeon Bill Thomas	X		
Trustee 1 Michael Almasy			X
Trustee 2 Cliff Telasky	X		
Trustee 3 Rod Carpenter	X		
Officer of the Day Dan Whitney			X
Adjutant Ed Bond			X
Service Officer Michael Almasy			X

Applications for Membership: None

Report of Investigation Committee: None

Balloting of candidates: None

Reading of the Minutes by Commander: No changes/corrections were in order. Minutes were approved as written.

Quartermasters Report for the Month of August .
 Disbursements: \$90.72. . Receipts: \$ 43.00. . Balance: \$8,244

Motion was put forth to approve the Quartermasters Report pending audit. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Reading of the Bills:

QM directed to Pay District dues (\$90.00)

Service Officer Report: None

Comrade or Family of a Comrade in Distress: None

Committee Reports: Bill Thomas stated that he had contacted the local school about doing a Flag Day presentation, and that the school is thinking about it. They will contact us.

VFW National Home: Remembered at 1935 hours. \$ were donated to the National Home by the Comrades present.

Chaplain Bless our National Home: 2015 hours.

Unfinished Business:

Veterans Day Planning: Bill Thomas reported that Pastor Don is retiring but he still may be available for our Veterans Day Cermony. Eddy Montana will not be available so we have to make other arrangements. Bill also mentioned that we might have to use the PA system we bought a few years ago, but doesn't know where it is. The Commander stated that he believed that it was still at Eddy Montana's store. Bill will check into it. Commander stated that he had talked to the American Legion Commander about the Cermony and that the Legion Commander said she would look into possibly getting the young lady that sang at our combined Memorial Day Service. Bill Thomas stated that he would also look into getting another singer.

The Commander told Jim Mueller that he had to re-order his and Bob Coronado's Past Commanders Pins. Hope they will arrive before our November meeting, but they might end up being a Christmas present.

The Commander advised members present that he had not yet made contact with the company that makes Ornaments and Wreaths to be used as Fund-Raisers... Will work on it this month.

The Commander advised the members that the Official Visit Banquet and Meeting will most likely be at the Dana Point Double Tree Hotel this year. Arrangements are still ongoing. The Commander also gave a detailed briefing on the problems the District is having setting up the Official Visit and End of the Year Convention sites/banquets. The Commander went over the status of the Post Merger investigation committee's progress. The progress to date will be briefed at the upcoming District 2 meeting on Oct. 16th.

New Business: The next Post Breakfast will be at O'Malley's on the 2nd of November at 0900.

Good of the Order: The Commander reminded everyone about the following upcoming events:

- 1-Recognition Luncheon, Finbars Italian Kitchen, Noon, Oct. 8, 2011
- 2-District 2 BBQ at Long Beach Medical Center, Oct. 8, Start serving around NOON +/-30 Mins
- 3-D2 Cancer Fund Raiser - Bunco and Lunch, Anaheim Post 3173, Noon 15 Oct 2011
- 4-District 2 Meeting, Anaheim Post 3173, 0930 16 Oct 2011
- 5-Department Council of Administration, Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego, 21-23 Oct.
- 6-Fund Raiser for Earl and Renee Fulk, Anaheim Post 3173, 1830 28 Oct 2011
- 7-Post 4048 Breakfast, O'Mally's, 2nd November, 2011

Bill Thomas stated that he needs more inputs for the Veterans corner in the Sun Newspaper. Bill handed out

Auxiliary News

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 4048

Chris Schmaltz, President



Happy October Sisters!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. The holidays are quickly approaching and I know how busy we all can be during the next months. But I hope we all can find the time to remember our veterans and their families. I also hope

that you can attend a few of the Department and District events that are coming up.

Dan and I attended the National Convention in San Antonio. In spite of the fact that it was 100 degrees plus, we had a wonderful time! The Keynote speaker at the Joint Opening Session was Rick Perry, Governor of Texas. And our very own National Voice of Democracy winner, Kelsey Woo, read her winning essay. The comrades had the opportunity to hear Mitt Romney speak at one of their business sessions. The Patriotic Rally is always a fun time. This year we were entertained by the "Andrews Sisters" They were great! And by a Country Western singer who wrote a special Thank You song to the Vietnam War Vets. It was very moving. We were all teary-eyed when he was done.

I attended the Outstanding Presidents Luncheon. Our 2010/2011 Department President, Judy Jones, received the Runner-Up award in our department division. During the National Program Awards presentation, the Department of California won six (6) Outstanding Performance Awards and 3 Runner-Up awards.

There was a long discussion regarding the Auxiliary Uniform change. No decision has been made. National President, Gwen Rankin, has selected a new committee, consisting of her line officers, to continue investigating sources for a new, blue, uniform.

On the Comrades side of the house, there was a resolution to merge the Men's Auxiliary and the Ladies Auxiliary, thus becoming the VFW Auxiliary. This resolution was disapproved. There are many pros and cons for this consolidation and I'm sure it will be brought up again in the next few years.

It was VERY exciting to have Sister Gwen Rankin, from California, become the 2011/2012 National President. She is extremely devoted to our organization and to our veterans. We will have a terrific year with Gwen at the helm. When I introduced myself to her as President of Seal Beach 4048, she remembered that she instituted our Auxiliary!

The Ladies Auxiliary has updated their website. Please go to

www.ladiesauxvfw.org and check it out. There is lots of information and resources that can be used to work our programs.

At our Auxiliary meeting on Sept. 27, 2011 we again voted to support the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Center Food Bank with a donation of \$25.00 in non-perishable food and a \$25.00 gift card from Von's supermarket. We will again support military families through the Family Readiness Group at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Marilyn Jones, from the Family Readiness Group, joined us during our social hour and presented, both the Comrades and the Auxiliary, with framed Certificates of Appreciation for support and donations we made to them in 2010.

Please join us on Oct. 8, 2011 for the District 2 Recognition Luncheon at Finbars, Seal Beach. Nov. 2, 2011 is our next Post Breakfast at O'Malley's, Seal Beach. If you have not attended an auxiliary meeting in a while, this is a great way to ease back in.

Our next auxiliary meeting is Oct. 25, 2011 at the Naval Weapons Station, Bldg. #6. 800 Seal Beach Blvd. Social hour at 6:00 PM. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

Refreshments: N - Z. Bring a friend!!

Loyally, Chris Schmaltz
President, Aux. 4048

FUNDRAISER

For EARL FULK
DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

COME AND ENJOY A STEAK DINNER
WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

ANAHEIM POST 3173
1830 (6:30) ON 28 OCTOBER 2011 - \$15.00

CALL THE POST AT 714-533-3173 OR
E-MAIL vfw3173qm@yahoo.com
FOR RESERVATIONS



The Moving Wall

The original traveling
Vietnam Veterans
War Memorial

will be at Garden Grove Park
9301 Westminster Ave.

October 6 -10, 2011

Opening Ceremony - Oct. 6 at 5:30 PM
Closing Ceremony - Oct. 10 at 3:00 PM

• Wall open for viewing 24 hours a day •

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application forms to the members present and will also hand forms out at the upcoming District 2 Recognition Luncheon.

Chaplain Gave Closing Prayer: At 2012 hours.

Commander Closed the Meeting: at 2013.

Next Scheduled Meeting: 1900 hours on the 22nd of November, 2011 at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, Building #6. Social Hour with the Ladies Auxiliary will precede the meeting and will start at 1800 hours.

Submitted by:

Ed Bond

ADJUTANT

Dan Schmaltz

COMMANDER

Life in The US MILITARY

A picture book written by Dan Koffman
For Veterans with Memory Loss
Designed to stimulate and encourage
Moments of Connection

\$25.00 plus shipping
\$2.50 of every purchase goes to LAVFW

To purchase, go to
www.LifeInTheUSMILITARY.com
make sure you indicate you heard about it
from the LAVFW

*A Picture is worth a thousand words
This is especially true for
Veterans with Memory Loss!*

**VFW DISTRICT 2
CANCER AID & RESEARCH
FUNDRAISER**

**We're Playing
Bunco!**

**Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011
Anaheim VFW Post 3173**

**LUNCH: 12 PM - \$5.00
BUNCO: 1 PM to 3 PM - \$5.00**

Reservations - by Oct. 10, 2011

Make checks payable to LAVFW District 2

Mail to: Joyce Daniels
1940 Petra Lane, Suite C
Placentia, CA 92870
714-577-1157

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For complete information and contest rules, please visit www.vfw.org/Programs.

Friends of the VFW, you don't have to be a VFW member to assist us in accomplishing our goals for these programs. Everyone's help in supporting our Veterans, their Families and the Community will be appreciated. If you know of a student that would like to participate in one of these programs, please to the this link (www.vfw.org/Programs) and get them started. Once they have filled out the application and have completed their speech, have them mail everything to Commander VFW Post 4048 14622 Belmar Circle, Huntington Beach, CA. 92647 Any Questions: Email: commander@vfwpos4048.org or gunny@thegunnys.us Phone: 714-897-8018 Cell: 714-906-5025

Membership: Again, MEMBERSHIP, Membership, membership is the backbone of our organization. I know I'm repeating what I said last month but this is very important to our Veterans and our Organization. Like just about everything else, it's the numbers that count. It's our membership that gives 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. We owe them all the support we can possibly muster. So our marching orders are as follows:

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

Good of the Order: I want to thank everyone who attended the Breakfast at O'Malley's on the 7th of September. It was great seeing all of you. It was great seeing Walter Bandomir from Waukesha, Wisconsin once again. Walter makes it a point of visit us every time he gets to California. Walter and his wife got my first Membership Application Free Breakfast for bringing us a new member application. Thanks Walter....

Also, visit the Post Website at: <http://www.vfwpost4048.org>
And the District 2 Website at : <http://www.vfwcadistrict2.org>

Finally, I want to thank everyone who attended our last meeting. Thank you everyone for your support, now let's "git'er done"...

Semper Fidelis
Gunny

**DON'T FORGET . . . BBQ at the VAMC
this Saturday, Oct. 8 - 1 PM**
Everyone is welcome to give a hand serving these veterans.

Ladies Auxiliary

Minutes of August 23, Meeting

This regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Post 4048 was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, Bldg. #6. 9 members were present. Sister Chris Schmaltz acted as pro-tem Secretary. Sister Juanita Townsend acted as Pro Tem Conductress.

Opening ceremonies were observed.

Minutes of August 23, 2011 meeting were approved as read

Treasurer's Report was read and showed a beginning balance of \$2342.17 and ending balance of \$2254.84. Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

Presentation of Bills: No Bills

Communications: President Chris read a letter from Dept. Sr. Vice President Renee Fulk requesting attendance at a fundraiser dinner at the Anaheim Post on Oct. 28, 2011. All monies raised will go into the Department Officer fund to defray costs associated with the President's Reception.

President Chris read an e-mail from Diane DeShields, District 2 Ways & Means, requesting items or \$5.00 to use in District 2 raffle baskets.

President Chris read a letter from VFW National Home thanking us for the donation of 875 Soup Labels. These labels were donated by Sister Virginia.

She also read a letter from VA Long Beach Healthcare system thanking our Auxiliary for our donation of \$43.00.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: President Chris reminded everyone that September is Suicide Awareness month and to wear the Tear Drop Sticker during the few remaining days of the month.

Historian Chair Dolores reported that the Historian book is a work in progress.

Membership: Sister Dolores reported that we received a check from National in the amount of \$112.00 for 32 life members. As of this meeting date we have 30 Life members and 15 annual members.

Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen: Sister Chris reported that Post Commander Dan sent a VOD application to Comrade Kevin Stevens who has two high school age daughters that are interested in participating.

Sister Soula will give a Patriot's Pen application to Sister Amalia's Jr. High daughter.

Youth Activities: Sister Audrey is waiting for a few more

pounds of pull tabs before sending them to Ronald McDonald House.

Unfinished Business: Sister Juanita made a motion to conduct a "Coin March" when the Conductress checks Membership Cards. Sister Soula seconded. Motion failed.

New Business: Draping of the Charter for Sister Norma Albright who when to her Heavenly Home in January 2011.

Sister Dolores moved that we donate \$25.00 in non-perishable food and a \$25.00 Gift Card from Von's Market to the Food Bank at Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Center. Sister Soula seconded. Motion carried. Sister Chris will make the purchase and deliver to the base.

Sister Ruth moved that we support military families through the Family Readiness Group at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sister Soula seconded. Motion carried. Sister Juanita will contact Marilyn Jones (FRG).

Good of the Order: President Chris reported that at the National Convention, the Council voted to increase National dues to \$5.00 per annum, per member.

No decision has been made in regards to the Uniform change. A new committee has been formed and will continue to investigate.

Author, Don Koffman has written a book called "Life in the U.S, Military" This is a picture book for veterans with memory loss.

The Ladies Auxiliary Logo has been changed slightly to give it a more updated look.



Dates to remember

Oct. 8, 2011 – District Recognition Luncheon — Finbars

Oct. 6-10, 2011 – Vietnam Moving Wall – Garden Grove Park

Oct. 15, 2011 — Bunco (Cancer Aid & Research fundraiser)

Oct. 21-23, 2011 –Dept. C of A and Dept. Commander's homecoming

Nov. 2, 2011 – Post Breakfast – O'Malley's, Seal Beach

\$14.00 donation was made to the National Home fund.

Next Auxiliary meeting Oct. 25, 2011 - Refreshments: N - Z

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Chris Schmaltz, Secy Pro-tem

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Adjutant	Ed Bond
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Trustee 2 Year Term	Cliff Telasky
Trustee 3 Year Term	Rod Carpenter
Officer of the Day	Dan Whitney

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Chaplain	Soula Thomas	(562) 431-7795

Our next meeting will be Tue., Nov. 2, 2011

Veterans of Foreign Wars
 District 2
RECOGNITION LUNCHEON
October 8, 2011
 Finbars Italian Kitchen
 620 Pacific Coast Highway, Seal Beach



**Next
 POST BREAKFAST**
 O'Malley's on Main Street
 Downtown Seal Beach
 November 2nd - 9:00 AM



POST MEETINGS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4048 members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station in Building 6, at 6:00 pm (1800). A "Social Hour" with the Ladies Auxiliary precedes the meeting and usually includes brief speeches, presentations, and/or entertainment along with tasty desserts.

NOTICE: Please notify the Quartermaster or Editor in the event of illness or death of a Post Member or family member.

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