

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy February to our VFW family. Good news! We have resumed our dinner meals and hope that everyone will come out to participate and enjoy the camaraderie. Our bartenders, Mark, Jeff and Stacey, are doing a terrific job. Our volunteer chefs, Dani, Mike, Troy, and Elton, continue to provide us with delicious meals. The volunteer cleaning crew is still hard at work 9-11am every Monday, so if you have a few hours to spare, swing by and lend a hand.

We are currently awaiting a response from the Simi Dabah Foundation who offered our Post a \$5000 grant. With this money we are hoping to renovate our kitchen cabinets and counter top. The cabinets are in desperate need of replacement. They are so bad you must be careful pulling out a drawer or it might drop on your toes.

There is a new business chapter in the Morongo Valley known as BNI Abundant Achievers, made up of local business personnel. As part of our goal to be a community resource, we have offered them our meeting room for a donation fee. They will be meeting at the VFW on a weekly basis, early Tuesday mornings when we are closed.

Also, I was recently invited to represent our Veteran community at Reach Out's monthly meeting. Reach Out is a new non-profit organization and community resource in Yucca Valley providing education, resources, and partnership in caring for our vulnerable population in the Morongo Basin. I was particularly happy to discuss and learn about the Veteran homeless population in the area.

As our VFW members are getting a little older, and in some cases a little more vulnerable as well, reach out to members and check in on them. Let them know we are here to help and support.

I'd like to remind everyone to look at our events calendar this month. Print it out, put it on the refrigerator as a reminder. See you at our monthly meeting February 7th.

— CDR sends  
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**COMMANDER**

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## AUXILIARY NEWS

DANIELLE TAYLOR, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

The Auxiliary has begun the year with a range of activities and charitable efforts — some reaching out across our region, and others focused right here at home.

At our January meeting, the Auxiliary voted to support two important concerns coordinated via the VA in Loma Linda. The Auxiliary is providing financial support for the VA's annual Spring "Baby Shower" — a drive to collect much-needed baby care items for distribution to military families as they welcome a new bundle of joy. We're also donating funds and coordinating volunteers/visitors in support of National Salute to Veteran Patients Week, February 9-13, focusing on support for long-term inpatients. If you would like to join us, please reach out and we will coordinate your contribution of financial or in-person support.

As detailed in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter, the Auxiliary and the Taco Belles will be hosting a fundraising lunch on Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14, 11:30am-1:30pm at the Post — a "build your own" Mexican tostada lunch, with lots of delicious sides available and a special margarita being served up in the Canteen (in addition to the adult beverages regularly offered). Plus a 50/50 raffle. The event is raising funds to benefit former Post Commander Roger Sherwin & former Auxiliary President Ellie Sherwin, who have been facing some health challenges of late. Please join us for a great time and a great meal to benefit great friends.

And we have the best news on the local front! Post #7264 Quartermaster and District 3 Commander John Pellior is being honored by the District at a special Homecoming dinner event on March 28, 5-9pm, at VFW Post #9223 in Riverside. The evening includes dinner (with entree options), a "no host" bar, and music by DJ Lucky. Tickets are \$20, and RSVPs are requested by February 28. See the listing on the Upcoming Events page for more details. We hope to see you there to help us honor one of our favorite people. — Dani

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

MARK GRDEN, CHAPLAIN

Greetings ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the new year....

We have a few members that are dealing with some medical situations. A few are recovering, a few are still fighting, and a few have some upcoming surgeries. Let's keep all of them in our prayers.

There is also some kind of cold and or flu bug going around. If you are coughing, sneezing, wheezing, it's best to stay out of the post. We have many members and guests who come into the post and some have compromised immune systems, plus we have many elderly Patrons that we need to look out for. If you're not feeling well, please stay home. If you need assistance, please reach out.

Thanks, God bless, and Godspeed to all. — Mark



**ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL.  
WE REMEMBER AND HONOR  
OUR KIA, POW, MIA,  
AND WOUNDED.**

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### FLAG COMMITTEE

#### ED SHIMKO, CHAIRMAN

Flags, Flags, and more Flags. Our Flag collection and maintenance activities continue. We appreciate our patriotic community, and all who take the time to put unserviceable flags into the flag boxes around the area for a respectful retirement. Keep Old Glory glorious, replace your unserviceable flag.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

#### JEFF BRUMMER, CHAIRMAN

The House Committee continues its mission to maintain and improve our facilities. We sprayed weed killer on all of the weeds around the Post and our property next door. We also made a minor repair to our new ice maker to ensure it drains properly. Weekly clean up has moved from Tuesdays to Mondays, 9-11am. Please help keep our Post clean. Lend a hand when able and if you make a mess, clean it up.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

#### T.J. CHARLES, CHAIRMAN

Thank you, Comrades, for your recruiting efforts this year! There is a pending membership drive February 21st aboard the local Marine base! Stay tuned for details which will be passed at the next meeting on February 7th.



Need a ride to the Loma Linda VA?  
Contact Darrell Bush at 909-583-6116  
to make arrangements.

## POST PROGRAMS & FUNDRAISING REPORT

Folks, our Programs are looking good for this year. We are planning a day of service which will happen in the near future. The Commander has a great idea and we will be excited to share it when the details are finalized. Suffice to say, All American and All State might be in reach but we won't count those chickens until they hatch.

Our meal fundraiser has stalled and remains at 6% of its goal (\$755.00). If you know someone who would like to donate to our Post, please direct them to the homepage of our website [vfw7264.org](http://vfw7264.org). Scroll down to the donate button and click for details and donation.

We have a total of 336 volunteer hours which equals \$12,373.00 worth of time and money supporting Veteran causes in our community! Keep up the good work, Comrades.

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## SPONSORS

We are grateful to our sponsors for their support of our website and newsletter. Please visit the Post website (<https://www.vfw7264.org>) to read more about these fine companies.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **VALENTINE'S DAY TOSTADA LUNCH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 11:30AM-1:30PM @ THE POST**

The Auxiliary & The Taco Belles invite you join us for a delicious "build your own" Mexican tostada lunch on Saturday, February 14, 11:30am - 1:30pm at the Post. The lunch is a fundraiser to benefit former Post Commander Roger Sherwin & former Auxiliary President Ellie Sherwin, who have been facing some health challenges of late.

The menu will include: large beef & refried beans tostada, with the toppings of your choice (cheese, tomato, lettuce, onion, sour cream); basket of tortilla chips; nacho cheese and jalapeños sides available; two kinds of fresh salsa (roja/red & verde/green); and a Valentine's dessert — red velvet cupcake with cream cheese frosting. Stacey will be pouring a special Pomegranate margarita — plus all the usual adult beverages — in the Canteen, and the lunch will also feature a 50/50 raffle. Join us for a great lunch in support of great friends.

### **MEALS @ THE POST IN FEBRUARY (SEE CALENDAR PAGE FOR MORE INFO)**

Fish Dinner — 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 5-7pm

Valentine's Day Tostada Lunch — 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 11:30am-1:30pm

Amore Dinner — 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 5-7 pm

Burgers & Fries Lunch — 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, 11:30am-1:30pm

Karaoke & Pizza Night — 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 5-7pm

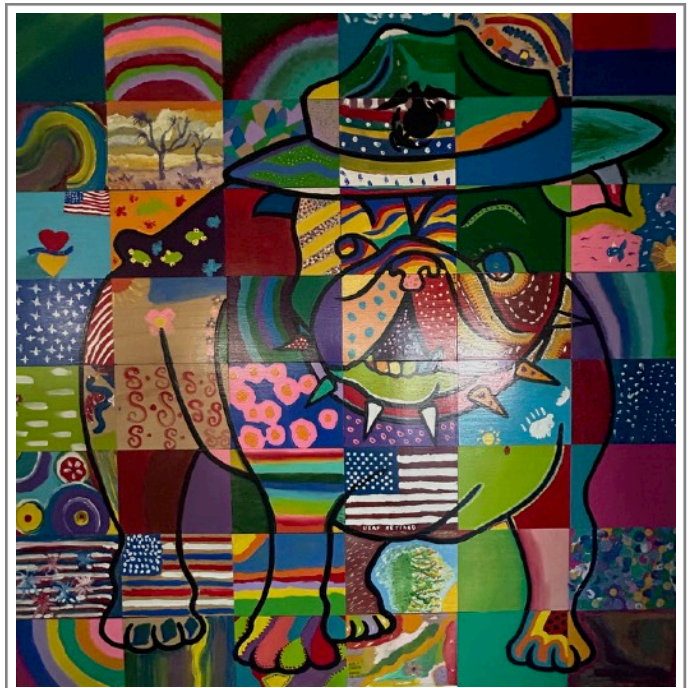
Taco Belles Taco Lunch — every Wednesday, 11am-1pm (chicken tacos available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

### **DISTRICT 3 HOMECOMING DINNER HONORING OUR OWN JOHN PELLIOR MARCH 28, 5-9PM @ VFW Post #9223 10303 ARLINGTON AVE. IN RIVERSIDE**

Post #7264 Quartermaster and District 3 Commander John Pellior is being honored by the District at a special Homecoming dinner event on March 28, 5-9pm, at VFW Post #9223 in Riverside. District Auxiliary President Brenda Wardrip will also be recognized. The evening includes dinner (with entree options), a "no host" bar, and music by DJ Lucky.

Tickets are \$20, and RSVPs are requested by February 28. Please contact Laura Rodriguez at [vfwpost9223@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost9223@gmail.com) or by phone at 951-202-0173 to reserve your spot. Carpools from the Joshua Tree Post to the Riverside Post can be coordinated, contact Auxiliary President Dani Taylor at [Auxiliary@vfw7264.org](mailto:Auxiliary@vfw7264.org) for details.

We hope to see you there to help us honor one of our favorite people. Congratulations, John, on this tremendous and much-deserved honor.



# VFW Post #7264

## FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Groundhog Day</b>  Post CLOSED	<b>3</b>  Post CLOSED  Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am  Boy Scout Troop 77 Mtg. @6pm	<b>4</b>  <b>Taco Belles' Tacos</b> <b>11am-1pm</b> (open to public)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Post Mtg. @10am  <b>Fish Dinner 5-7pm</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Post CLOSED	<b>10</b>  Post CLOSED  Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am  Boy Scout Troop 77 Mrg. @6pm	<b>11</b>  <b>Taco Belles' Tacos</b> <b>11am-1pm</b> (open to public)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>Karaoke &amp; Pizza 5-7pm</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Valentine's Day</b>  Auxiliary Mtg. @10am  <b>Valentine's Day Tostada Lunch 11:30am-1:30pm</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Presidents' Day</b>  Post CLOSED	<b>17</b>  Post CLOSED  Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am  Boy Scout Troop 77 Mtg. @6pm	<b>18</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday First Night of Ramadan</b>  <b>Taco Belles' Tacos (this week w/ chicken)</b> <b>11am-1pm</b> (open to public)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Amore Dinner 5-7pm</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Post CLOSED	<b>24</b>  Post CLOSED  Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am  Boy Scout Troop 77 Mtg. @6pm	<b>25</b>  <b>Taco Belles' Tacos</b> <b>11am-1pm</b> (open to public)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Burgers &amp; Fries 11:30am-1:30pm</b>



## A LOOK BACK

Those were the days! A few photos to look back on, circa 1981.

(If you have old photos to share, please contact Ben Lawless via email at [Adj@vfw7264.org](mailto:Adj@vfw7264.org).)



# POST INFO & VETERAN RESOURCES

## POST #7264

**OPEN** 11am - Closing TBD  
Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**CLOSED** Mondays & Tuesdays

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All submissions will be reviewed with Post Commander, and the editor reserves the right to edit articles for space and content.

**Deadline is the 21st of the month**  
for the following month's newsletter.

### TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Need a ride to the Loma Linda VA?  
Contact Darrell Bush at 909-583-6116  
to make arrangements.

## AREA RESOURCES

**HELP FOR HOMELESS VETS**  
**1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838)**

### VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Dial 988 & select option #1  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing  
1-800-799-4889  
Or text 838255

### CMC VETERAN SERVICES

Lisa Infante  
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### VFW TALK RADIO

Mondays @ 5:30pm  
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Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm

VFW #7264 Auxiliary & The Taco Belles  
invite you to

**EL DÍA DEL AMOR  
(VALENTINE'S DAY)  
TOSTADA LUNCH**



**Saturday, February 14th  
11:30am — 1:30pm @ the Post**

A fundraiser to benefit **Roger Sherwin & Ellie Sherwin**  
(Former Post Commander & Former Auxiliary President)

Food ❤️ Fun ❤️ 50/50 Raffles ❤️ & More

The menu will include (all items available separately):

- **beef & refried beans tostada**, with the toppings (cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, sour cream) of your choice
- basket of **tortilla chips**; **nacho cheese** and **jalapeño** sides available
- **two kinds of fresh salsa** — a **Lover's Kiss salsa roja** and a **Green With Envy salsa verde**
- **Valentine's Day dessert** — **red velvet cupcake w/cream cheese frosting**
- a craft **Pomegranate margarita**, plus all the usual adult beverages, being served up in the Canteen

**Join us for a great lunch in support of great friends!**