

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Spring time in the desert! March will have a busy start for our VFW volunteers. The annual Flying Doctors event takes place March 7-8 at Yucca Valley High School. We will have a VFW table there to give away buddy poppies and sell t-shirts. In our monthly meeting on March 7 we anticipate having two special guests. First, Larry Bowden from the Simi Dabah Foundation will present us with a donation which will be used to remodel our kitchen! Second, SgtMaj Lopez, the Marine Corps Base's Senior Enlisted Marine, will visit to speak about his initiatives for reaching out to the Hi-Desert Veteran Community.

Also, nominations for Officers will be opened during this meeting. Our elections are in April. If you would like to nominate someone for a position, please attend. Nominations must be made and accepted in person with one exception: if the nominee will be absent, they may be nominated by a member BEFORE nominations open by presenting to the Post Adjutant a letter from the nominee indicating consent to be nominated. Adjutant email is Adj@vfw7264.org.

A frequent occurrence in the Joshua Tree area are power outages. I would like to give a shout out again to John Masterson who sent one of his guys to help put a surge protector on our mini splits so the interruption of power does not damage the inner workings of the system.

Remember the change for daylight savings time is March 8, so spring forward and don't be late. As always, I encourage you to join us for our dinners and lunches. Please show support for our volunteer cooks and kitchen crew, and remember that our meals are open to the public, so encourage friends to come. Thanks to Jeff Brummer we typically have hot dogs available now on Thursday and Sunday if you need a snack. Take a picture of the white board calendar to remind yourself about all our events.

— CDR sends
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COMMANDER

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AUXILIARY NEWS

DANIELLE TAYLOR, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

The Auxiliary had a busy February and expects more of the same as we head into March.

At our February meeting, the Auxiliary voted to make a sizable donation to one of our favorite concerns, Flying Doctors, in support of their upcoming two-day clinic in Yucca Valley. This amazing organization provides free medical, dental, and eye care to those in need, especially low-income, uninsured, and vulnerable residents. Our donation will help cover the cost of essential supplies needed for the event, which will be March 7-8 at Yucca Valley High School. See the Upcoming Events page in this issue for more details. If you have friends or neighbors in need of care, be sure to let them know about this free clinic.

We are also continuing our support of veterans at the Loma Linda VA by providing financial support for their St. Patty's Day Luncheon on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Here's wishing the luck of the Irish to all our vets.

Closer to home, we are pleased with the outcome of our Valentine's Day Tostada Lunch, which raised funds to benefit former Post Commander Roger Sherwin & former Auxiliary President Ellie Sherwin. Thanks to all who came out and supported this event.

We're looking forward to the District's Homecoming dinner event on March 28, 5-9pm, at VFW Post #9223 in Riverside, honoring Post #7264 Quartermaster and District 3 Commander John Pellior. Carpools from our Post to the Riverside Post can be coordinated, contact us at Auxiliary@vfw7264.org for details.

As always, we hope to grow our ranks. If you know someone who would be an asset to the Auxiliary, we hope you will encourage them to get in touch.

— Dani

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

MARK GRDEN, CHAPLAIN

No message from the Chaplain this month.

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



COMMITTEE UPDATES

House Committee

Jeff Brummer, Chairman

Well folks, it's been a busy month for the House Committee. After several years of hosting a vintage Ford Thunderbird in our yard, the big day arrived and it was moved to greener pastures. We'll miss seeing the old gal and hearing its engine roar every now and then. We are also working on installing a new TV in the dining room. If you noticed that the bar is a little brighter, you would be correct! Wonder Electric solved the case of a flickering light fixture above the bar. Additionally, our pizza oven is on the fritz and we have ordered a part to fix it. Our volunteer clean up crew has been a little thin lately, if you'd like to pitch in, stop by the Post any Monday morning around 9am. As always, help keep the Post shipshape by cleaning up after yourself and lending a hand when possible.

Also: please note a schedule change. The bar will now open at 12noon on Sundays instead of 11am.

V.A. SHUTTLE



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

POST PROGRAMS & FUNDRAISING REPORT

Comrades! Good News on the program front. We are green across the board with the exception of our Day of Service scheduled in May. A current plan is being explored for what our Day of Service will be, but rest assured, the Commander has a plan! Our chances of being an All American Post are looking good.

Our fundraising efforts to off-set meal costs at the Post has slowed considerably. A recent donation brought us to 7% of our goal, or \$800.00. If you know anyone who would like to donate to this worthy cause, please direct them to our homepage at VFW7264.org. All donations are tax deductible.

Our support to the community includes 395 volunteer hours to date, which totals over \$14,000.00 of time and money invested in supporting Veterans. Keep up the good work, Post 7264!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**FLYING DOCTORS FREE MEDICAL CLINIC
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 7-8, 8AM-3PM (LINES FORM AT 6AM)
@ YUCCA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
7600 SAGE AVE. IN YUCCA VALLEY**

The Flying Doctors are returning to the Morongo Basin March 7-8 to host another two-day free medical clinic, with services to include dental care (cleanings, fillings, extractions) and vision care (eye exams, glasses).

The event this year will be held in the Yucca Valley High School Gymnasium, 7600 Sage Ave in Yucca Valley. All services are "first come, first served," with lines typically starting at 6:00 a.m. for clinic sessions running 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note: there are limits to the number of patients who can be seen each day, so it is recommended to arrive as early as possible. The event is open to patients of all ages (including children), and no payment or insurance is required.



VFW Post #7264 has a long and thriving relationship with the Flying Doctors. In the past, we have hosted the event, helped coordinate patient lists, provided volunteers to check patient vital signs, helped set up and take down medical equipment, secured generators and air compressors, managed logistics, and coordinated patient flow. Also, Post member Jeff Grabow was on the Flying Doctors Board of Directors for several years and helped unite the community around this important event.

This year, VFW Post #7264 will have a booth at the event (both days) for membership recruitment, buddy poppy distribution, and fundraising. The Auxiliary has made a sizable donation to help cover the cost of essential supplies for the event. If you have friends or neighbors in need of care, be sure to let them know about this free clinic.

We thank the Flying Doctors for their generous contribution of their time, talents, and expertise in service to our community.

**DISTRICT 3 HOMECOMING DINNER
HONORING OUR OWN JOHN PELLIOR
SATURDAY 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. Carpools from the Joshua Tree Post to the Riverside Post can be coordinated, contact Auxiliary President Dani Taylor at Auxiliary@vfw7264.org for details. We are excited to join with others in the District to honor John Pellior.

VFW Post #7264

MARCH 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Post CLOSED	3 Post CLOSED Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am Boy Scout Troop 77 Mtg. @6pm	4 Taco Belles' Tacos Lunch 11am-1pm (open to public)	5	6	7 Flying Doctors Clinic @ YVHS 8am-3pm Post Mtg. @10am Fish Dinner 5-7pm
8 "Spring forward" time change Flying Doctors Clinic @ YVHS 8am-3pm	9 Post CLOSED	10 Post CLOSED Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am Boy Scout Troop 77 Mtg. @6pm	11 Taco Belles' Tacos Lunch 11am-1pm (open to public)	12	13 Karaoke & Pizza 5-7pm	14 Auxiliary Mtg. @10am Burgers & Fries 11:30am- 1:30pm
15	16 Post CLOSED	17 St. Patrick's Day Post CLOSED Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am Boy Scout Troop 77 Mtg. @6pm	18 Taco Belles' Tacos Lunch (this week w/ chicken) 11am-1pm (open to public)	19	20	21 Amore Lasagna Dinner 5-7pm
22	23 Post CLOSED	24 Post CLOSED Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am Boy Scout Troop 77 Mtg. @6pm	25 Taco Belles' Tacos Lunch 11am-1pm (open to public)	26	27	28 Steak Hoagies 11:30am- 1:30pm District 3 Homecoming Dinner 5-9pm @ VFW #9223 Riverside
29 Boy Scouts' Chili Lunch 11:30am- 1:30pm	30 Post CLOSED	31 Post CLOSED Volunteer Post Cleanup @9am Boy Scout Troop 77 Mtg. @6pm	1 April Fool's Day Passover Begins	2	3 Good Friday	4

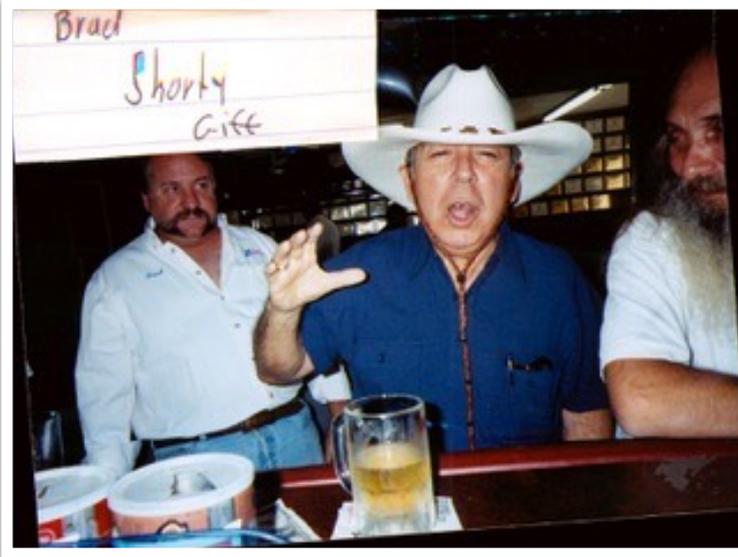
A LOOK BACK

How much fun were we having about twenty-five years ago? Take a look — you might recognize a few faces who are still making our Post a fun place to hang out!

According to one of our members, Shorty served in the Army and was quite a colorful character! What's that, Shorty? Come down to the Post and have a drink? See you there.



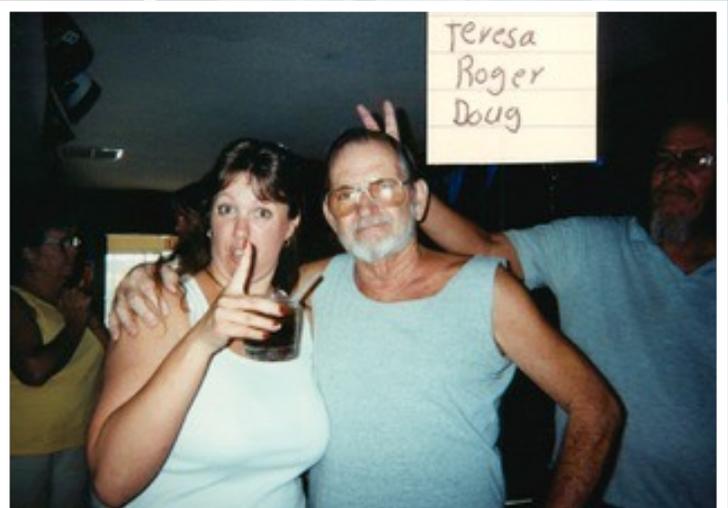
Above: Good looking Jack looking good at the bar!



Below: Cheers from the ladies of the Post!



These lovely ladies haven't aged a day!
Cindy Leonard and Ellie Sherwin having fun!



Teresa and Past Commander Roger Sherwin at a Post pool tournament.

POST INFO & VETERAN RESOURCES

POST #7264

OPEN 11am - Closing TBD
Wednesdays thru Saturdays
12noon - Closing TBD on 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.

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AREA RESOURCES

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VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Dial 988 & select option #1
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