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December 2025

Next Meeting – December 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

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Commander's Comments

Comrades,

Seasons greetings to all! Please take time for yourself to recharge and enjoy this holiday. I hope everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends over Thanksgiving. We had a great time riding in the Veterans Day parade and handing out flags and Buddy Poppies at Lowes. I want to thank all the officers, auxiliary, committees and staff for helping make the first half of this year successful, without you we would struggle, your dedication is seen and appreciated.

We will have our Christmas party on Thursday the 18th at 6:00 PM, I hope to see you all there and remember to wear your ugly sweaters! The Post will close early on Christmas Eve, so our employees can get ready for Santa! Come out for New Years Eve, we will be celebrating with the Outlaw band for \$20 per person.

Come out and enjoy your Post!

"I hope the magic of Christmas fills every corner of your heart and home with joy — now and always."

Gary Blake

Senior Vice-Commander

For 126 years, the VFW has been a voice for veterans and a force for good in communities across America. From advocating for quality health care and stronger benefits to offering direct support through our programs and services, the VFW continues to live out its founding promise: to honor and serve those who have served.

Over the decades, the VFW has made historic contributions to veterans' legislation, including the creation of the Veterans Administration, the GI Bill and expanded VA health care benefits. Today, the organization remains committed to ensuring veterans transition successfully into civilian life, receive timely access to VA care, and are never left behind.

With your membership, you make all this possible, please renew your dues to continue helping veterans.

"May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter."

David Sabo





We have 40 full hook-up RV sites (water, electricity, and sewer) and 5 temporary spots for rent (no sewer). Laundry Center, Showers and Restroom. *NO RESERVATIONS*

Post Opens at 11 AM

Everyday

Kitchen Hours

Monday-Friday 10:00 AM -2:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bar Hours

Monday - Friday
11:00 AM — Close
Saturday & Sunday
11:00 AM — Close
Kitchen Open Friday Nights
at 7:00 PM — Closing.

Canteen Manager Linda Westerman

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gary Blake
Senior Vice	David Sabo
Junior Vice	Josh Baker
Quartermaster	. Richard Marshall
Judge Advocate	Julio Martinez
Surgeon	Keith Quinn
Chaplain	Charlie Bowen
3 Year Trustee	Richard Nunley
2 Year Trustee	Aivars Jurkis
1 Year Trustee	Mike Reilly
Adjutant	.Richard Marshall
Service Officer	Charlie Bowen
House Chairman	.Rich Champagne
Bingo Chairman	David Sabo
Past Commander	Rodell Whitmore

Junior Vice Commander

We have one program this month, Pearl Harbor on the 7th at 11:00 AM and our quarterly meeting is on Sunday the 14th at 2:00 PM.

Remember we have Shuffleboard on Sundays, potluck for Monday night football games, cornhole on Tuesdays and Thursdays, free Karaoke Fridays and live entertainment on Saturdays.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"Be the change you want to see."

Josh Baker



Auxiliary President

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. As a reminder, mid-year reports are due to the district by December 10th; please submit all reports to me by December 3rd. Auxiliary annual members, kindly ensure your dues are paid before December 31, 2025, to maintain membership in good standing. As voted in October, we will not have a formal meeting in December, and the Auxiliary will provide all food for the December meeting night; your contribution is not required.

I would like to extend my gratitude to each Auxiliary member for their continued support. May the Christmas season bring pleasure, love, and laughter to your home and heart.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2026.

Anna Martinez

Service Officer/Chaplain

As the holidays are here check on our fellow Veterans who may have trouble with the season. Need help call 988 ex 1 or VA ex 7. Government shut down over still need until this settles down. VA may still have cuts in personnel money goes to help Veterans.

Please let us know about members in the hospital or who have passed on.

Leave a lot of happy tracks as you go down life's road.

Charlie Bowen

KITCHEN HOURS

BINGO SNACK BAR

Saturday & Sunday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday 10:00 AM -2:00 PM Friday Night 7:00 PM till Closing



Prices, menu, hours and bands may change

Saturday & Sunday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Friday & Saturday 8:30 PM - 11:30 PM Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday



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Important Events

Parade of Lights 2nd at 6:30 PM Pearl Harbor 7th at 11 AM Membership Meetings 9th at 7:30 PM Quarterly Meeting 14th at 2 PM Christmas Party 18th at 6 PM New Year's Eve Party 31st 8 PM



The VFW Post 6873 Bingo is on Facebook. Please "Like" our page to find out Specials and Door Prize announcements.

MONTH OF DECEMBER ALL SESSIONS 66 CARD MACHINES \$10 – PER SESSION Bingo Schedule:

Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Friday & Saturday Nite Time Bingo Doors open at 8:00 PM, the first game starts at 10 PM. \$10 66 card machines.
- Paper packs are \$4.00, Specials are \$2.00, and Double Actions are \$1.00.

Reminder:

Kitchen will be open on Friday Nights (No outside food or drinks on Friday Nights Sessions). Please, bring your own food and drink on Saturday nights.

No children *under 10 years old* allowed in the bingo hall. Children 10 thru 18 must be with their parents or guardians and must be playing bingo. Parents will be responsible for their children's behavior. No unattended children allowed in the parking lot and/or sitting in cars.

Specials:

December 1st – 31th \$10 – 66 CARD MACHINES PER SESSION.

FREE BIRTHDAY DAUBER & PAY A DOLLAR FOR A 66 CARD MACHINE PER SESSION (PHOTO ID WITH

BIRTHDATE REQUIRED)

December 23rd FREE CHRISTMAS DAUBERS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

December 24th -25th BINGO WILL BE CLOSED

Monday – Friday OPEN 10:00 AM 1st Session 11:30 AM 2nd Session 1:00 PM Saturday & Sunday OPEN 12:00 PM 1st Session 2:00 PM 2nd Session 3:30 PM

Friday & Saturday Nights OPEN 8:30 PM Session starts 10:00 PM