



# THE POST SCRIPT



July 2025

*Next Meeting – July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.*

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## *Commander's Comments*

**Salutations to All,**

Thank you for your support in electing me as the next Commander of VFW Post 6873. It is truly an honor to serve, and I look forward to leading our Post with pride and purpose. Congratulations to all our newly elected and installed officers from the Post, Auxiliary, Cooties, and Motorcycle Group! I'm excited to work alongside each of you as one united team. Together, we'll continue building on the success that has made us the best VFW Post in Texas. Our Post remains a cornerstone of the community and a beacon for veterans' rights and benefits. That success is a direct result of the hard work and dedication each of you brings to the table. I'm proud to stand with you all as we carry that legacy forward.

This year, you can expect a few changes and some fresh new ideas—we're going to try some new things and most importantly, we're going to have fun while doing it! There's something for everyone this month so be sure to stay informed through our many communication channels: newsletters, emails, our website at [vfw6873.org](http://vfw6873.org), social media, and flyers posted in the canteen. Choose the method that works best for you and stay connected with all the great things happening at the Martin D. Denson Post 6873! Please consider volunteering or simply attending to help make every event a success.

Let's continue to serve our Post, our veterans, and our community with pride and passion.

**Yours in comradeship,**

*Gary Blake*

## *Senior Vice-Commander*

**Greetings,**

Information you may not know about can be found at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) such as:

Explore job and career opportunities on [www.vetjobs.com](http://www.vetjobs.com), a VFW-sponsored job board created just for military members, veterans and their spouses. • VFW's Facebook community is nearly 600,000 strong. Check it out, join the conversation and discover how our fast-growing group of patriotic friends can benefit you. • Learn about our educational programs like Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen which help educate the youth of America about the role of veterans in our history and our society. Find out more at [vfw.org/Youth](http://vfw.org/Youth). • Take advantage of the VFW's Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship and receive up to \$5,000 for continuing education. Learn more at [vfw.org/Scholarship](http://vfw.org/Scholarship). • Enjoy numerous exclusive membership benefits ranging from travel and financial services to supplemental insurance programs and military-civilian transition assistance programs, available to all VFW members.

*David Sabo*



**LAUNDRY CENTER  
SHOWERS & RESTROOM**

ACCEPTING ALL

- VFW- AUX MEMBERS
- ACTIVE DUTY
- RETIRED VETERANS
- SPONSORED VFW GUESTS
- NO RESERVATIONS

**BINGO SNACK BAR**

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

**CANTEEN OPEN**

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  
Bingo Chairman.....David Sabo  
House Chairman.....Rich Champagne  
Past Commander....Rodell Whitmore

**Junior Vice Commander**

We have a few things going on this month: July 4th (open house 11:00 AM) July 19<sup>th</sup> Trash Off 9:00 AM, July 26<sup>th</sup> Car Show 5 PM-9 PM, July 27<sup>th</sup> Signing of the Korean Armistice program 2:00 PM and our great Thursday night meals.

**Independence Day: OPEN HOUSE** Friday 4 at 1100  
**Korean Armistice: Sunday 27, 1400**

**Thursday Night Dinners:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Post Fish
- 10<sup>th</sup> Cootie Night Chicken Fried Steak
- 17<sup>th</sup> MG Rib and Sausage Night
- 24<sup>th</sup> Post Fish
- 31<sup>st</sup> May Post Spaghetti Night

*"Be the change you want to see"*

**Josh Baker**

**Auxiliary**

**Auxiliary Members**

It was an honor to represent the members of Post 6873 Auxiliary at the State Convention. Your accomplishments enabled us to receive 6 awards/recognition for our accomplishment. Congratulations to ALL the members who made this possible. Keep up the good work. Thank you, Darlene, for guiding our members, and making this possible.

- Hospital Programs
- Most Activity/Events collaborating with the VFW
  - Buddy Poppy
  - Legislative
- Anti-Suicide Donation Support
- Service Animal Program Support

Without active members, we could not do what we do.

**“Banding Together for Our Veterans”**

Our next function is our Post Open house on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 9am. We need all hands-on deck to make this a success.

***God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America!***

**Beverly Champagne**  
*Sr. Vice President*

**Service Officer/Chaplain**

The VA is in partnership with Orical Health. Beware of refinance scams. 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

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

**BINGO**

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



Post 6873 1049 Veterans Drive Abilene TX

\*Prices, menu, hours and bands may change\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6</p> <p><b>MG Unit 7 @ 1 PM</b> Pinochle 2 PM Shuffleboard 2:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cooties Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Cornhole 6:30 PM</p> <p>Life Member Meet 6:00 PM VFW &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GAME NIGHT 7PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>House Committee 6 PM Fish Dinner 6 PM Cornhole 6:30 PM</p> <p>10</p> <p><b>CFS Dinner 6 PM</b> Cornhole 6:30 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 11 AM Karaoke 7 PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>TBD</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Pinochle 2 PM Shuffleboard 2:30 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Cornhole 6:30 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>GAME NIGHT 7PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Rib Dinner 6 PM</b> Cornhole 6:30 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Karaoke 7 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Trash Off 9 AM <b>\$5 DJ Texas Heat</b></p>
<p>20</p> <p>Pinochle 2 PM Shuffleboard 2:30 PM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Cornhole 6:30 PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>GAME NIGHT 7PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Fish Dinner 6 PM</b> Cornhole 6:30 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Karaoke 7 PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Car Show 5PM – 9PM <b>\$10 Doghouse</b></p>
<p>27</p> <p><b>Korean Armistice 2PM</b> Pinochle 2 PM Shuffleboard 2:30 PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Buffalo Soldier Day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Cornhole 6:30 PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>GAME NIGHT 7PM</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Chicken Spaghetti Dinner 6 PM Cornhole 6:30 PM</p>		
	<p>We welcome everyone to come to our programs, events, lunch and dinners- kids are allowed until 8:00 PM</p> <p>Check out our new menu!</p>					

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## **Important Events**

**July 4:** Open House – Celebrate Independence Day with Burgers & Dogs from 1100 to 1400  
**July 8<sup>th</sup>** Meeting Night 8<sup>th</sup> at 1930 PM  
**July 10–13:** Officer Training (Texas VFW University) – Allen, TX  
**Every Thursday:** Dinners hosted by various Post groups  
**Every Friday:** Karaoke Night  
**July 12 & 19:** DJs and Live Music  
**July 19:** Trash Off – Meet at 0900  
**July 26:** **The Doghouse Band – Live at the Post Car Show – At the Pavilion**  
**July 27:** Korean Armistice Day VPR – 1400  
And don't forget... **Bingo!**



The VFW Post 6873 Bingo is on Facebook. Please "Like" our page to find out Specials and Door Prize announcements. Prices and game schedules are subject to change.

### MONTH OF JULY ALL SESSIONS 66 CARD MACHINES \$10 – PER SESSION

#### **Bingo Schedule:**

Monday – Friday 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

- Friday & Saturday Nite Time Bingo - Doors open at 7:30 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:**

**JULY 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10 – 66 CARD MACHINES PER SESSION.**

**FREE BIRTHDAY DAUBER & PAY A PENNY FOR A 45 CARD MACHINE PER SESSION (PHOTO ID WITH BIRTHDATE REQUIRED)**

**JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**

**FREE INDEPENDENCE DAY DAUBERS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

**Monday – Friday**

**OPEN 10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Session 11:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Session 1:00 PM**

**Saturday & Sunday**

**OPEN 12:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Session 2:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Session 3:30 PM**

**Friday & Saturday Nights**

**OPEN 8:30 PM Session starts 10:00 PM**

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