



# **An All-State & All-American Post**

**VFW POST 7909  
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**March/April 2026  
"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

## **COMMANDERS' CORNER**

***The Post Membership is at just over 98%. For those members that are coming up or are past due on your annual dues are encouraged to support your post by coming in and paying your dues. Bring a friend, sign them up too.***

***Those of you unable to come to the post for any reason at all, reach out to the Aux Treasurer, the Post QM and pay over the phone with a charge card. If you are comfortable with calling the post and someone has time you can ask for assistance from one of our staff. Please be mindful of their time and work with them to find a convenient time to avoid errors & frustration for you and them.***

***If there is a financial issue that prevents you from paying your dues, reach out to your respective officers for assistance with exploring options.***

***If for any reason you have had an experience that has turned you away from the post or the VFW in general, please reach out to one of our appropriate VFW or Auxiliary officers and let us know. We would appreciate the opportunity to understand and if possible, correct the issue.***

***Please remember this is our post and it is what "WE" make of it.***

**JD Steichen, Commander**

## **CHAPLAIN**

***As we move through March and April, we pause to remember the service and sacrifice of those who answered our nation's call.***

***In March, we honor Vietnam War Veterans Day (March 29) — a time to say clearly to all who served: Welcome Home. We also reflect on the courage displayed at Iwo Jima in 1945, a lasting symbol of valor and determination.***

***April brings remembrance of America's entry into World War I on April 6, 1917, the bold Doolittle Raid of April 18, 1942, and the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.***

***April is also the Month of the Military Child. When we recognize the strength, resilience, and quiet sacrifices of the sons and daughters of those who serve; their service may not wear a uniform, but it is real and worthy of honor.***

## **A Call to Continued Service**

**While we remember the past, we are called to serve in the present. Our Post needs helping hands - whether preparing meals, assisting with upkeep, or supporting events.**

**Scripture reminds us: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."  
1 Peter 4:10**

**Even the smallest act of service strengthens our Post and supports our mission to care for veterans and their families. May we continue to serve with honor - together.**

**In comradeship and faith, Ty Strong, Chaplain**

## **R E M I N D E R S:**

**Only authorized personnel are to adjust the thermostats at the Post! All others please leave them alone.**

**Use of foul language will not be tolerated at the Post!**

**Outside beverages are not allowed inside the Post!**

**The Post Happenings can be found here: <https://vfw7909.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=155305>**

**The Post Calendar can be found here: <https://vfw7909.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=73416>**

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### **Post Officers**

Commander	J.D. Steichen
Sr. Vice	Joe Casey
Jr. Vice	Avalier (Hamm) Fowlkes
Quartermaster	Kemp (Lotto) Harris
Chaplain	Ty Strong
Surgeon	Hayden Faucett
Judge Advocate	John Cornish
Adjutant	Scott Sutherland
House Committee	Curtis Grady
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	John Daniels
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Terrica Gilliam
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Katrina Smalis

### **Auxiliary Officers**

President	Kathleen Danahoo
Sr. Vice	Donna Garrett
Jr. Vice	Machelle Leverock
Treasurer	Debbie Tilley
Chaplain	Kathy Wright
Conductor	Antoinette Heise
Guard	Leilani Jones
Secretary	Debbie Tillis
Patriotic Instructor	Debbie Jolley
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Margaret Latimer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Debbie Jolley
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Leilani Jones