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VFW Post 9401 Lake Havasu City

Thank you for supporting your VFW Post.

BECAUSE OUR
STRENGTH COMES
FROM YOU...

The VFW was founded for one, single purpose: to assure those who've protected our country are protected in return. This protection comes in the form of programs, standing up for veterans rights in Washington, D.C., and reaching out with help in communities across America. The hard truth is, we can't do this without your membership and generosity. THANK YOU.



Post 9401 Commander Joan McDermott



FROM THE COMMANDER:

The holiday season is behind us! After the busy holiday activities, we can relax a bit and enjoy the remaining days of a Havasu winter.

Our Veterans Day Parade and the following ceremony were reported to have been attended by the largest number of people ever! We joined forces with Today's News Herald reporter, Zachary Matson, to honor our local WWII heroes. There were over 40 men and women in attendance who served in the war to assure that we could continue to live in a free world.

Every year VFW Post 9401 hosts a Flag Retirement Ceremony to "retire" flags with dignity and respect. Thousands of flags were properly honored. The Post has initiated a relationship with Boy Scout Troop 25. On December 7th, Jason Casado, a member of the Troop, held a Boy Scout flag retirement ceremony to complete his Eagle Scout project. I was his advisor, Brother Ken Conkey provided sound systems, and the bugler was Connie Meyers of the Combined Honor Guard. We hope to continue to support the troop with their fundraisers and other projects.

The Post enjoyed a monthly Monday Meatloaf Contest in October, November, and December. Comrade Shanon Frakes gets credit for organizing – and providing some amazing gastronomic submissions. Thank you to all who participated.

Once again, the Post and its members provided hundreds of outstanding Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for our families. Thank you to all those who spent countless hours making it happen. And thank you, Lynda Rodgers, bartenders, waiters and waitresses, and kitchen staff for coordinating outstanding Christmas and New Years Eve parties.



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In December VFW Post 9401 and our Ladies Auxiliary hosted the District 8 Voice of Democracy/Patriot Pen announcement of winning submissions. First place winners will compete at State level. The winners received cash prizes, pins, and certificates recognizing their efforts to articulate why veterans are important and to be appreciated.

On Thursday, December 18th, Comrades, Ladies Auxiliary, and Men's Auxiliary members gathered at the Vet Center to formally present the Center, led by Joe Little, with a TV for training and educational purposes and a refrigerator and a water cooler for staff and clients. The water cooler will be resupplied by the Post on a continuing basis. The Vet Center has become an essential part of the work being done in the community to assure that veterans receive the assistance they need.

Over the years the men and women of the Combined Honor Guard have faithfully served the community to honor veterans at literally hundreds of funerals as well as a variety of events. Our Post will be honoring those who have served and those who continue to serve in these capacities. See the note elsewhere in this newsletter.

VFW Post 9401 and Veterans United will be exploring an open house with the Vet Center for women veterans in our community. If anyone is aware of females who have served, please let me know so that that we can include them.

The Post will sponsor a car show this spring – date to be determined. Anyone interested in assisting with planning and executing the event can stop by the VFW office or call me to discuss plans.

The details of the Veterans Awareness Breakfast on February 5th & the Veterans Stand Down in Bullhead City on March 4, 5, and 6 can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Anyone who might be interested in participating in either event can contact me.

It is 'that time of the year' again! The Post will be electing new officers with nominations in March and nominations and elections in April. Now is the time to consider stepping up to support the Post with your time and skills! You can discuss positions that will be open with any of the officers.

“America without her Soldiers would be like God without His angels.”

– [Claudia Pemberton](#)

Commander Joan McDermott 2014-2015
VFW Post 9401

POST MEETING DATE CHANGES FOR JANUARY 2015

The Regular Business Meeting for the VFW Post 9401 has been rescheduled due to the holiday and will be held on:

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015, AT 6:00 pm



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH, 2015

EVENT PLANNED TO RECOGNIZE COMBINED HONOR GUARDS:

The "VFW / American Legion Combined Honor Guard" this event is tentatively planned for February 11th, 2015 at 3:00 PM. This dedicated group of men and women give generously of their own time to attend memorial services of veterans, who honorably served their Country, and provide Army regulation military honors. This group have brought both the VFW Post 9401, and American Legion Post 81 into close cooperation in supporting the veteran community in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

LEGENDS OF ROUTE 66, BIKE BUILD OFF, LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ

SPONSORED BY: VETERANS UNITED ARIZONA

DATE: JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1, 2015

WHERE: WINDSOR 4

NON-STOP MUSIC, RAFFLES, PRIZES & AWARDS, ARM WRESSTLING, HOT WHEEL RACES, TATTOO CONTEST-

ENTERTAINMENT: CROSSCUTT, KEVIN JACKSON & Midnight SUN, CHUCK E BUMPS, LOCAL DJ'S

SCOTTSDALE H-D M.C. DRILL TEAM

LODGING: CAMPING AT WINDSOR 4-\$35.00

HOST HOTEL: LONDON BRIDGE RESORT-(928)-855-0888, DISCOUNT CODE-BIKE BUILD OFF

INFO CALL FRANKIE @928-302-9547 or SANDY @928-486-7780

FEBRUARY 5, 2015-VETERANS AWARENESS BREAKFAST

TIME: 8:00AM

WHERE: KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS HALL

SPONSORED BY VETERANS COURT & VETERANS RESOURCE TEAM

INFORMATION TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE

TRI-STATE VETERANS STAND DOWN

SPONSORED BY: JERRY AMBROSE VETERANS COUNCIL of MOHAVE COUNTY

DATES & TIME: MARCH 5, 1PM-4PM

MARCH 6, 8AM-4PM

MARCH 7, 8AM-2PM

WHERE: BULL HEAD CITY COMMUNITY PARK & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1251 ARIZONA HWY 95,

BULLHEAD CITY AZ 86429 (Pets Welcome)

Resources and Assistance will be available,

*Motor Vehicle Driver Training & Testing, FRIDAY MARCH 6 FROM 1-3PM

*AZ Food Handlers Certification Class, THURSDAY MARCH 5, FROM 1-3PM

Pick-up Times and location, march 6 & 7 2015

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Interagency, 1940 mesquite Avenue, 8:00am

LAKE HAVASU CITY, for Information call 928-453-8500

Resources & Assistance Available: Housing, Homeless Resources, VA information, Legal & Family assist., Family Services, Women's resources, Military Records, Voter Registration, Social Security, Showers & Haircuts, Clothing, Hygiene Supplies, Food, County Recorder, Spiritual Care.

Pet Supplies & Pet Shots (Sat. only 10-2)



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THE ANNUAL VFW GOLF TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 22, WITH THE ENTRY COST BEING \$65.00.

The site for this year's venue is the courses at London Bridge. The costs will include your green fees, cart, your lunch, drinks on the course (if wanted), and a goody bag. The format is a straight scramble with 4 drives per person, but anyone can hit the second shot at any time. Cash payback will be to at least 4th place and possibly more depending on the number of entries. All prizes will be awarded at the luncheon to be held at the VFW, immediately following the tournament. We have over \$3,000.00 of prizes in our famous booze basket raffle, including 5 wine baskets put together by the ladies auxiliary, in our \$20 raffle, we have 8 grand prizes for the golfers. We will be distributing prizes for closest to the PIN FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, ALSO FOR A LONNG DRIVE SILLY HOLE AND A LONG PUT SILLY HOLE. in years past, we have enjoyed great success with our tournament and in the process, have raised needed funds to help sustain our numerous programs, but without a doubt, the greatest enjoyment is the fun we all have!! so, if possible, please join us for a day of fun or possibly think of donating a tee sponsorship or a raffle prize. Either one will be warmly received. Thank you!

Pete fleck – Past Post Commander and Golf Chairman

SR. VICE COMMANDER NOTES!

The 2014 membership year will close on December 31, 2014. Annual Members with that date as anniversary date will be delinquent on the 1st January 2015. If you have already sent your dues in THANK YOU, if not you may stop by the Post and pay the 2015 DUES. Post Dues are \$40.00 a year.

I am hoping you have or have had a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE NEW YEAR!!!**

In the next several months the Post will be looking for members to step-up and think about taking a position for the Following: Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Quartermaster, Chaplain, 3 year Trustee, 3 year House Committee. The March 5, 2015 meeting will be the 1st nominations with nominations and Elections at the April 2, 2015 meeting. I know we have members out there that would do a great job. So if you are interested let the Commander or any of the Officers know and we will assist you in the Duties of the Positions.

“NOT FOR SELF-----BUT FOR THE POST”

Yours in Comradeship,

Stan Wilkinson
Sr. Vice Commander
VFW Post 9401



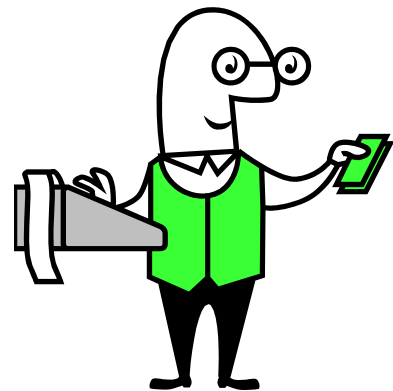
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Quartermaster's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your Post is busy, busy, busy with its on-going events and our winter visitors enjoying the Post. The Canteen Manager/Activities Chairman coordinating with the Post and Its' Auxiliaries keeps the Post active and revenue healthy. Our Bartenders all work for tips, and manage to keep our members and guests very pleased with their service. The Kitchen Manager continues to create the best meals and lunches in town and contributes highly to Post special events. Auxiliaries as usual, have their own programs and special events that enhance the cooperation throughout the Post lending to a very organized and healthful financial atmosphere. Bottom line—The VFW Post 9401 team is without exception the best group of Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. They all our the back bone of the Post creating revenue to allow us to perform above and beyond what is expected of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Just remember it is all of you that make your Post the best it can be. Our old Post Home is aging and continues to need repair and replacement maintenance that costs on the average of \$25,000.00 per year. We are currently financially stable. Our Quarterly Certified Public Account has personal health problems at home in Phoenix and can no longer provide our Post Quarterly Audit service. The Post has retained Metro Tax, our current tax service, to provide our quarterly audit functions.



“Not for Self.....but for the Post”

Owen Johnston
Quartermaster



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FROM OUR CANTEEN MANAGER:



Greetings and Happy New Year. Regretfully, our Views Editor Mary Stray has resigned but am happy to announce someone has stepped up and volunteered for this difficult, important, and very much appreciated position. Jo Burson will be our new Editor, and Mary has offered her help to Jo during this transition. Mary is still sending out our Views for this issue. You will be notified as to when and where to e-mail article for next issue of Views.

Want to give special thanks to our Sunday A. M. Cashiers this past year: Joani Goll, Patti Holley, Sally McClure and Carol Batt. They are such an asset and help our staff so very much by volunteering for this position. And, our Midge....don't know what I personally would do without her on Friday nights. Thank you Midge! (Plus we miss you hanging out at the Post working with DAV.) Also, special thank you to our Friday night and Sunday morning Greeters....they are such a tremendous help to our Post and to our bartenders.

Our Veteran's Day Parade went smoothly and the turnout was great. Thanks to Commander Joan and everyone who participated in the parade and to those who helped behind the scene. Couldn't do it without you. Our Flag Retirement went well also thanks to all of the help received.

Our once a month Meat Loaf competition is going quite well. We've had quite a few bringing in their favorite recipes and I understand they're very good. Plus, we're raising monies for our Veteran's Programs.

Our District VOD/Patriot Pen Awards Function was well attended and, in addition, the District winner going to Department is from our Post. His name is Austin Burkholder and we wish him well. Is third winner from our Post a "hat trick"?

Our chili cook-off was a lot of fun – thanks MAVFW and Traci and to our "chili tasters" Russ, Gary and Charlie. Lots of good food and the winners were: 1st Place Kath, 2nd Place Marlene, and 3rd Place Hilde. Congratulations!

The Decembers' Birthday Party was a lot of fun too. Thanks Jo for putting this together on short notice. This article will be submitted before our Post Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Gala so will mention them next issue.

And, PLEASE remember, all of your bartenders are volunteers!

God Bless America and God Bless our troops!!

Lynda Rodgers, Canteen Manager





KITCHEN KOOKER!

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who gave a helping hand in the kitchen: Bussers, dishwashers, fry cooks, and waitresses. What a year we had and thanks to all our great customers.

Thanks for all the support from the Comrades, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary, House Committee members. You are great!

Keep an eye and ear open for future dinner and breakfast events during January and February. Don't forget that we serve lunches from 11:30AM to 1:00PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and tacos on Thursdays.

**Kitchen Manager
Luke Peterson**

Our upcoming functions include:

- ◆ Monday, 1/5/15 Post Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, 1/14/15 January Birthdays' Party 5:30PM
- ◆ 1/19/15 thru 1/22/15 Our LAVFW National President's visit/President's Banquet will be Tuesday, 1/20/15
- ◆ Wednesday, 1/28/15 House Committee Meeting 2PM/Activities Meeting 3PM
- ◆ Sunday, 2/1/15 Super Bowl Party 4PM – Pizza and Chicken Wings
- ◆ Wednesday, 2/11/15 February Birthdays' Party 5:30PM
- ◆ Saturday, 2/21/15 LAVFW Rummage Sale – time tba
- ◆ Wednesday, 2/25/15 House Committee Meeting 2PM
- ◆ Saturday, 2/28/15 Young Marines Pancake Breakfast 8AM-11AM
- ◆ Saturday, 2/28/15 LAVFW Cigar Night 4PM

And, we're still playing 3-ball pool on Saturdays when we don't have special functions at Post. Just show up at 6PM and join the fun. Actual dates will be posted on board behind bar.

Check at Post for additions and/or changes.

Please note that Post monthly meeting (1ST Thursday) has been moved to Monday, 1/5/15.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



*LAVFW 9401 President
Darlene Salazar*

Sisters,

Happy New Year!!!!!! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Our sister have been busy bee's this holiday season. We gave out 15 Thanksgiving Baskets and 15 Christmas Basket plus children gifts to needy families of Lake Havasu.

Thank you to all the sisters that helped with this program.

Our Hospital Chairmen Joanie and Department Hospital Chairmen Hilde did a terrific job in their efforts on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary in the contributions of a refrigerator to the Veterans Resource Center in Lake Havasu.

January is going to be a very busy month for our Auxiliary. We have the National Ladies Auxiliary President visiting our post and district. Our Auxiliary will be hosting a banquet in honor of our National President on Tuesday, January 20th. Tickets are available at our post.

There are plenty of seats available at our auxiliary meetings, we would enjoy having any and all sisters and the input from those sisters. Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.

As always, I am looking forward to working with all my sisters.

With Sisterly love,

Darlene Salazar
2014-2015 LAVFW 9401 President

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