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# MEETINGS

# MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Post House Meeting convenes at 6:00 p.m. Post and Auxiliary Meetings convene at 7:00 p.m.



### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings, Comrades!

Once again, I thank you for electing me as your Commander. I am humbled by your trust in me. I will be busy the last week in June getting the Fireworks Stand ready to receive fireworks the morning (0700-0900) of the 27th. Sales will start at 10:00 am the 28th and run through the 4th of July. I encourage all Post and Auxiliary members who can spare a little time to help by staffing the Stand. This is the Post's single biggest fundraiser for the year and your help is essential to keeping the Post healthy.

I want to say Thank You to the other Officers who stepped up accepted positions this year:

Sr. Vice Commander - Ruben Venegas Jr. Vice Commander - Greg Bouffard Quartermaster - Roger Morrissey Chaplain - Al Collins Surgeon - Roy Peters 1st Year Trustee - Keith Touzin 2nd Year - Anabela Moreno 3rd Year - Stephen Nellman Roger Morrissey will still be our Service Officer.

I ask anyone wanting to know more about these positions to contact me or one of the other Officers and inquire. We would be happy to have you "shadow" us and help you learn. Our meetings will remain at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month. Our informal House meeting will continue to be held at 6:00 pm jointly with the Auxiliary. Their attendance and contributions have been invaluable.

All of us owe huge thanks to Roger and Steve for their outstanding efforts in upgrading, remodeling and repairing our Post. Just stop by and admire the new look – you'll appreciate the effort that went into getting it done. But this isn't completed yet and we will need to push forward!

I look forward to the next year!

### Barry Colston; Commander Post 2075

### **CHAPLAIN MESSAGE**

As I enter my tenth consecutive year as VFW Chaplain this message is also for the USS Frank E. Evans Association. Veterans know the words "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS." These words are the character of America and is measured by communities and the people who work to improve them. Whether at a national level or in their own backyards, our members dedicate millions of hours each year working to spread patriotism and honor our nation's heroes. For decades, we've understood that the youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. That's why the VFW remains dedicated to establishing programs designed for young people and educators - offering everything from college scholarships to classroom resources for teachers.

As the nation's largest organization of combat veterans, we're dedicated to providing our troops and their families with the support they need during all phases of deployment. Our members understand first-hand the burdens of deployment, and that's why we have troop support programs ready to assist.

Since 1899, we've fought to preserve the values that make America great because we know how important community service is to America. With volunteerism benefiting education, the environment, health sciences and civic projects, join by getting involved in your community and honoring America's veterans.

In summation, it has given me great joy to text the Daily Bible Verse and prayer to Veterans, community, and family. It's in those entity's that I became a servant to many and my life has spread in loving friendship to so many. I thank the Lord, my God for all of you.

# By His Grace, Al Collins Post Chaplain Post 2075



# POST SURGEON MESSAGE

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Facilities Covid-19 Update 06/14/2021 06:36 PM EDT

COVID-19: Updated Operational Status

The following information updates the current operating status across all VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System locations:

Inside Buildings

- COVID screening questions upon entry no longer required if you have COVID-19 symptoms, tell your healthcare provider immediately or do not enter.
- Face coverings (nose and mouth) are required of all personnel in patient care buildings, indoor public areas and Veteran-facing locations.
- Face coverings are required of all unvaccinated personnel in all indoor areas.
- COVID-19 unvaccinated personnel are encouraged to maintain 6 ft. of physical distancing indoors and outdoors.
- Minors must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
- Canteens at the WLA, Sepulveda, and Downtown LA campuses have seating available, but seating remains limited.

Hospital and Community Living Center Visitation

Visitation is allowed and all visitors must check-in at the nursing station:

- Visitors will be asked COVID screening questions
- Hospital visitation is limited to 2 visitors per patient from 10am-8pm.
- CLC visitation is limited to 2 visitors per resident from 8am-4pm.
- Visitors to the critical care unit and COVID wards is limited to 12 years and older.

Campus Activities

- Masks are not required outdoors.
- COVID-19 unvaccinated personnel are encouraged to maintain 6 ft. of physical distancing indoors and outdoors.
- No smoking/vaping allowed all VA property is smoke-free.

Please remember that these policies are in place to keep our Veterans and staff safe. Visit us on Facebook or Twitter for updates. For more information on VA's response to COVID-19, please visit www.va.gov/coronavirus.

# Roy E (Pete) Peters; Post Surgeon Post 2075

## **CANTEEN CAPERS**

The Canteen will once again start having a monthly dinner on the 1st Sunday of each month from 3pm to 6pm. The first dinner will be August 1st, we will be serving Spaghetti with Salad, Garlic Bread and dessert for \$10.00. On September 5th we will be serving Bar B Qued Pork sandwiches with Cole Slaw, Baked Beans and dessert for \$10.00. We are hoping to see our past dinner supporters as this helps to support not only the Canteen but the Post.

We are making plans for the 1st Sunday in October, November and December so please mark those dates on your calendar's as well.

There will be lots of Canteen Capers in the coming months like Monday Night Football where we will be selling food during the game. Please try to stop in on the special events even if you can't stay long this is one way you can help our Post recover from the last year.

The Canteen will be serving dinner prior to the Meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month from 5 pm to 7pm at a cost of \$7.00.

Come to the Canteen to purchase all your Lottery Tickets and Scratchers. We have no lines for the big jackpots. This helps to support your Post.

# **BREAKFAST**

Not open at this time, please stay tuned for additional information.

The committee, is always looking for volunteers to help, either in the kitchen or dining room. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any POST 2075 OFFICERS, see below for contacts.

#### HALL RENTAL

Due to COVID 19, rentals are available with a maximum of 50 people. For more information call Susie after 4 pm Thursday thru Monday at 310 679-7472.

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