



OREN DAVIS VFW POST 99 AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings to all,

August is upon us and we are all doing our best to enjoy the summer months as we should. Of course, it seems that the days past before us far too soon and we will wonder where summer went. I do want to share a quick update on your club, we have purchased a defibrillator which will be mounted to the wall by entry door. Last year a group of us completed CPR training renewal and were given instructions on Defib use. All our staff will soon be trained as well. Your safety and wellbeing are very important to all of us. Other initiatives are underway as well we are pouring a side walk from our backdoor to the cooler area in the next week or so. We will also be working with a contractor to begin our kitchen installation in the next few weeks.

I continue to ask that we all reach out to other veterans and encourage them to visit our Post. Our success depends on bringing new veterans on board. I constantly tell our younger members the future of the VFW is in their hands. I believe they can do great things as they are a generation of new ideas and possess energy to accomplish VFW goals. We just need to reach out and

find new ways to encourage veterans to join the VFW. If you have ideas, please let us know.

In the meantime, we will be planning a family day for members and guest for sometime in Sept. We will focus on assuring we provide information to guest on the VFW and of course make sure everyone has a good time that day. Please let us know if you need anything or have questions regarding benefits or other needs, we will do our best to get you answers and pointed in the right direction.

Joe May VFW Post 99 Commander



Auxiliary Happenings

Having presided over my first meeting, I am excited for the future of the Auxiliary! The Auxiliary has recently added several new members and we are awaiting the completion of several others. Our next major event will be in September jointly with the Post. Stay posted for the exciting details. We will also be organizing smaller (but Fun) events. We look forward to supporting Post 99 in whatever it needs. The future of the Auxiliary depends on the continued recruitment of younger members. There are flyers at the post to promote the Auxiliary. Our next step is the media: radio, newspaper, social media, etc. Please always reach out to any Veterans and/or their families.

Lisa May

VFW Post 99 Auxiliary President



Quartermasters Thoughts

We are still keeping our heads above water at VFW Post 99. We strive to cut monetary corners when possible, being very conservative when it comes to saving of funds., We also are looking for ways to increase veteran memberships. With the COVID19 still hanging around, we encourage mask wearing for those that are unvaccinated. This could actually save another person's life. Especially during this new strain now raising its ugly head. We pray that all veterans remain safe from harm. Anything that we can do to help, please asked. If any help needed to renew your membership., please call me at 217 972 0398 or 217 428 6811. God bless us all and God Bless our veterans, our National Home and our troops.

Fred Whobrey,

Quartermaster



For information on Cooties speak with

Bill Peveler Past Commander 92-93



COOTIES CORNER WE ARE ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO
JOIN. PLEASE CONSIDER
ATTENDING THE
COOTIE'S MEETING AUGUST 15TH
AT 2:00 PM AT POST 99

POST BUSINESS

If anyone knows of members or other veterans who reside in Nursing homes or assisted living communities could you please let us know so we can look in on them.

Be sure to take a look at the Commanders photos in the banquet room. Special Thanks to Ron and Rhonda Boomer, Lisa May, and Donna Brown for all your hard work. Also, a big Thank you to Bernard Timmer for donating and installing the glass.



AUGUST MEMBER RECOGNITION

Fred Whobrey

Within a couple weeks after boot camp, assigned to destroyer USS Stribling, DD867. My brother Larry was already aboard the Stribling, so he helped me get assigned to the Radio room on the Stribling. Little did I know anything about morse code or transmitters or receivers, but by the time I got off the ship in 1962, I could send 28 words a minute and operate both transmitters and receivers. My first venture out from the destroyer/submarine pier in Norfolk, VA. was dreadful, the sea was very rough and I experienced seasickness immediately. It was rough to handle, but got over it within a couple days and never had it again. We went on a Mediterranean Cruise within 6 weeks aboard the ship, we went to France, Italy, Spain and Turkey to name a few countries. Liberty on each of these places was wonderful. I became a Radioman Seaman during that time. After 6 months, the ship returned to the states. After a couple more months the ship headed toward Cuba to participate

in what is now known as Bay of Pigs. Luckily, we were off the coast only 5 days, then back to Norfolk, VA. I was on the ship's basketball team and we won the East Coast Navy Desflot 4 Championship. We beat a team that was from an aircraft carrier of around 3,000 sailors. Our ship had less than 300. Directly after our last game in 1962, President Kennedy order our fleet out once again to Cuba and that was during the missile crises when Russia was discovered transporting missiles to Cuba. Thank God, they stopped when they were ordered to do so by President Kennedy. It was scary for everyone. I sent my wife and young child home to Hammond, IL during this time. Directly after returning, I was then transferred to shore duty with Strategic Allied Command Atlantic Fleet (SACLANT). I became a Radioman 3rd class petty officer at this time. I was in a bomb proof building and President Kennedy came through in late 1962 to visit and make a tour of the NATO Command. We were not allowed to shake his hand due to time, but he waived at us Radiomen and thanked us for serving our country. After one year, my service to my country had come to an end in 1963. It was quite a whirlwind tour for a young man. But, I would do it all over again and be better at it and more efficient the next time. After returning to Decatur, IL. I got a job at the Herald & Review daily Newspaper. They needed someone that could read punched ticket tape, new how to work on transmitters and receivers and type. All this I could do because of my schooling on board the Stribling while in the Navy.



Each month we will recognize an active member of Post 99. The commander will provide one free drink at the Post for the member recognized. So be sure to share your information with us, and get in on the fun.

**IN MEMORY OF COMRADE
ROBERT EDWARD TICHENOR**

Dec. 29, 1928 - July 25, 2021



On January 3, 1947, just five days after his 18th birthday, he joined the U.S. Army and served in Germany for four years as a member of the post-World War II Constabulary Forces 101st Artillery Battalion. Robert was a member of Post 99.

Whenever you are asked about what the VFW does share the following.

The purpose of the VFW is to speed rehabilitation of the nation's disabled and needy veterans, assist veterans' widows and orphans and the dependents of needy or disabled veterans, and promote Americanism by means of education in patriotism and by constructive service to local community.



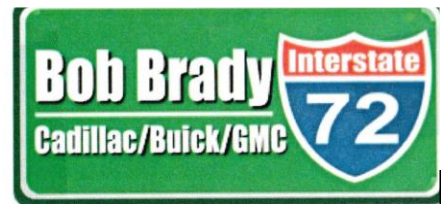
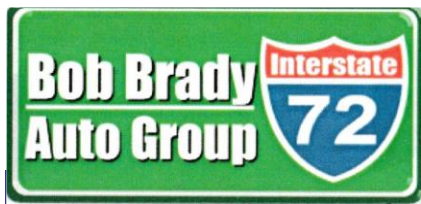
The VFW's #StillServing campaign honors the continued commitment and sacrifice of America's veterans. For some of those men and women, dogs have played — or continue to play — a crucial role. The VFW wants to share their stories.

As 'man's best friend,' dogs often have a special bond with humans. For many veterans, that bond is uniquely important whether it's working with a dog as a service member or a dog's assistance in the workplace or their personal lives after leaving the military.

The VFW is collecting a wide range of stories including, but not limited to:

- Service dogs or therapy dogs aiding veterans with physical or mental injuries.
- Veterans who benefit from emotional support dogs.
- Veterans involved in training service dogs, working dogs or therapy dogs.
- Dogs who assisted service members during a military operation.
- Veterans employed with a police department K-9 unit.

IT MAYBE TIME TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP? PLEASE CHECK
WITH US AT THE OFFICE OR CALL
TO CHECK ON YOUR STATUS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 MEMBERS MTNG 6 PM	3	4 QUEEN OF HEARTS KARAOKE 7 PM	5 SHADES OF GRAY 7PM - 11PM	6 KARAOKE 8 PM - 11 PM	7 WEST END BOOGIE 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM
8	9	10	11 QUEEN OF HEARTS KARAOKE 7 PM	12 MIDNIGHT EXPRESS 7PM - 11PM	13 KARAOKE 8 PM - 11 PM	14 RISKY ROOSTER BAND 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM
15	16	17	18 QUEEN OF HEARTS KARAOKE 7 PM	19 E FLAT JAM BAND 7PM - 11PM	20 KARAOKE 8 PM - 11 PM	21 SKEETER CREEK 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM
22 COOTIES MTNG 2 PM AT POST 99	23	24	25 QUEEN OF HEARTS KARAOKE 7 PM	26 ELDERLY BROTHERS 7PM - 11PM	27 KARAOKE 8 PM - 11 PM	28 GREEN EYED LADY 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM AUXILIARY MTNG 1 PM AT POST 99
29 MEMORIAL CONCERT 4 PM TO 8 PM	30	31	Notes:			

Your Monthly events Calendar Brought to you by

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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR AUGUST 2021

House Committee - July 31st at 11 am at Post 99

Members Meeting - August 2nd @ 6 pm at Post 99

Cooties Meeting –August 15th @ 2 pm at Post 99

Auxiliary Meeting –August 28th @ 1 pm at Post 99

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VFW ACTION ITEMS

VFW Testifies Before House: On Wednesday, VFW National Legislative Service Deputy Director Tammy Barlet testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health regarding several pieces of pending legislation. Barlet spoke about the Green Alert system, expanded eligibility for student veterans at VA Vet Centers, clarification and improvement of the caregiver program, and increased flexibility for VA's leasing process. "Phase II veterans and their caregivers have been patiently waiting their turn for far too long," Barlet said on the importance of holding VA accountable to open the Caregiver Program Phase II application process.

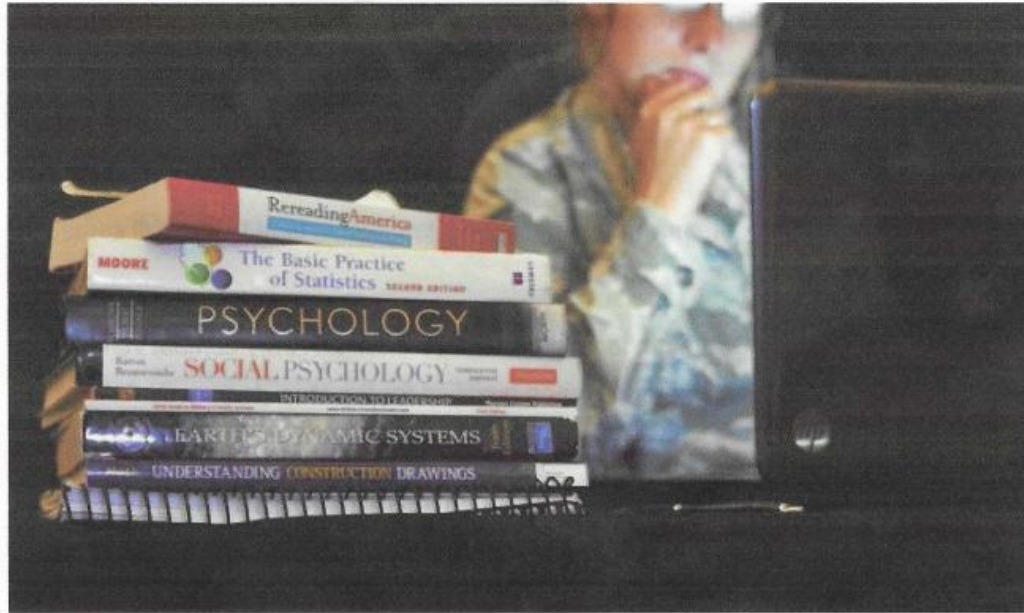
House Hearing on VA Appeals: This week, the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing on the VA Appeals Program and the state of modernization efforts. Issues discussed included the Board of Veterans Appeals' increase in virtual hearings, efforts to reduce the appeals backlog, and IT improvements. The Government Accountability Office recommended that VA take measures to monitor timeliness, quality, and accuracy of appeals decisions, as well as take into consideration veteran satisfaction.

MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and Korea:

-- Army Pfc. Louis N. Crosby, 18, of Orangeburg, South Carolina, was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 1, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Crosby will be buried Aug. 18, 2021, in his hometown.

-- Army Pvt. Warren G.H. DeVault, 24, of Rhea, Tennessee, was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Hürtgen, Germany, when he was reportedly killed in action on Nov. 20, 1944. DeVault could not be recovered because of the ongoing fighting, and his remains were not recovered or identified. DeVault will be buried Aug. 14, 2021, in Dayton, Tennessee.

-- Navy Metalsmith 1st Class Leonard F. Smith, 29, of Albany, New York, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Smith. He will be cremated on Sept. 1, 2021. The family has elected to not hold a funeral service.



Court decides millions of veterans are eligible for more GI Bill benefits

A new court decision, if it holds, would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide billions of dollars in education benefits to more than 1 million post-9/11 veterans.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit decided Thursday that veterans who qualify for both the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill for multiple periods of military service should be allowed to draw benefits from each. Since the newer Post-9/11 GI Bill became effective in 2009, the VA has limited veterans to benefits from one program, not both.

Under the ruling, veterans who qualify for both programs would be eligible to use one year of benefits from the Montgomery GI Bill program on top of the three years of tuition and housing assistance available through the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

"We are extremely pleased with the outcome of this case and what it means for our country's veterans," said Timothy L. McHugh, the attorney on the case. "An estimated 1.7 million post-9/11 era veterans could benefit from this ruling, so it is truly an impactful

decision for those who have bravely served.”

The court upheld the ruling from the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, which also ruled against the VA's interpretation of the law. The VA could next try to take the case to the Supreme Court. It was uncertain Monday whether the department would continue to appeal.

If the VA doesn't appeal, the new ruling could go into effect in time for the fall semester.

The case, Rudisill v. McDonough, focused on Jim Rudisill, an Army combat veteran. Rudisill served in Iraq and Afghanistan and qualified for the Montgomery GI Bill and the newer Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Rudisill wanted to use his education benefits in 2015 to attend Yale Divinity School and become an Army chaplain. The VA restricted Rudisill to three years total of educational benefits, and he was not permitted to use the extra year he could get from using both GI Bill programs.

Rudisill was unable to attend divinity school and has since aged out of the Army. He's now a special agent with the FBI.

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