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Post - Ladies Auxiliary - Motorcycle Group Unit 1

# VFW POST 12024

The Woodlands Texas



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# Welcome

Hello,

Welcome to The Woodlands VFW Post 12024, Ladies Auxiliary and Motorcycle Group Unit 1 Magazine. VFW Post 12024 is a place where Veterans, their families and friends can go to be welcomed in a friendly and patriotic atmosphere. VFW Post 12024 has been aggressively supporting our service men, women and their families while they are deployed, or at home, along with contributing to The Michael DeBakey VA Hospital, Houston TX., Fisher House, plus, homeless veteran's organizations. Our Ladies Auxiliary provides school supplies to under privileged students, fireman appreciation days, nurse appreciating days. These are just a few of the community supported activities the VFW Post 12024 Ladies Auxiliary provides.

The purpose of our magazine is to promote the Post, Ladies Auxiliary, and Motorcycle Group Unit 1 to the Public with some of the activities we do as an organization to help and support our fellow veterans. But what is a "purpose"? The dictionary says: Purpose means the reason for which something is done'.

We as Americans, are a purpose driven people. We thrive on challenge. No better example than our founding fathers. Without leaders like George Washington, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere, or Ben Franklin, there is no telling where our country might be right now. We are always looking for avenues to voice our opinions or support our Guy or Gal. Whether you are a Tea Party supporter, or an Occupy whatever supporter, Republican, or Democrat, we become immersed in our passions for what we, as Americans, think is right or wrong. As an American Veteran, the purpose of groups like the VFW is not only good, but extremely necessary for us as a nation. To constantly hammer home the principles that our Republic was founded on. To champion patriotism, support our troops at any cost, whether you agree with the conflict or not. To support the families and children of our hero's who didn't make it home. Yes, we have a purpose and that is to always be proud you are an American and to help the Veterans that help keep our freedom!

## NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS



# CONGRATULATIONS

Greetings to my friends and Comrades in Post 12024,

Congratulations on this, the first issue of your Post magazine. It is a wonderful publication - well written and highly informative.

As I have traveled the Great State of Texas this year, I have had the opportunity to visit many VFW posts and I will tell you, Post 12024 is one of the exceptional ones. Your contributions to the VFW and the community are remarkable and much appreciated. More importantly, your spirit and eagerness to try new ideas to better serve are admirable. This magazine, put together by Strick Strickland, is a perfect example and I commend him (and his apparent limitless energy) for putting together a professional magazine for the members at 12024.

As we finish this year, I can only say thank you to all of you for your great efforts. I review all 354 Posts in Texas every morning and I can say, unequivocally, that I am extremely proud of the job you are doing. I urge each of you to keep our mission in mind - keep trying new ideas and stay true to the things that make this Post and our VFW great.

Best regards,

John T. Spahr

State Commander

Department of Texas

Veterans of Foreign Wars



Department of Texas VFW Commander John Spahr

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### VFW POST 12024 OFFICERS

- Commander** - Carl Smith
- Sr. Vice-Commander** - Norm Brawner
- Jr. Vice-Commander** - Strick Strickland
- Quartermaster** - Jim Bolin
- Adjutant** - Jim Bolin
- Adjutant Assistant** - Derrel "Hawk" Sims
- Judge Advocate** - Nick Catechis
- Surgeon** - Harry Machin
- Chaplain** - Ken Wells
- Service Officer** - Norm Brawner
- 1 Year Trustee** - James Taylor
- 2 Year Trustee** - Everett Ison
- 3 Year Trustee** - Lee Derby
- Officer-of-the-Day** - Harry Machin

### LADIES AUXILIARY 12024 OFFICERS

- President** - Paula Ison
- Sr. Vice-President** - Judy Brawner
- Jr. Vice-President** - Joyce Fuller
- Treasurer** - Linda Terbl
- Secretary** - Rosemary Wells
- Conductress** - Crystal Hipsher
- Chaplain** - Helen Ward
- Guard** - Mary Farr
- 1 Year Trustee** - Helen Ward
- 2 Year Trustee** - Judy Brawner
- 3 Year Trustee** - Emily Catechis

# VFW POST 12024

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## NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS



New Post Member sworn in



### WHY JOIN THE VFW

Today, it's even more important for the VFW to have a lot of members. With members of Congress cutting the benefits that the Veteran earned, we need to show them that our voice counts and to leave our benefits alone..

### WHAT CAN I DO?

By joining the VFW, you will be helping all Veterans. Every member counts in the VFW as the total membership represents our Voice at the Capital. The more members that we have, the stronger we are as an entity. What can you do to help? Join us to help our over all membership total to help us make sure that our benefits don't disappear. VFW POST 12024 is very active in helping veterans, but we need more people to help us. Come join us...

**THE WOODLANDS VFW POST 12024**

## A Successful VFW Year

The Woodlands VFW Post 12024 is winding down the 2011/2012 VFW Year as a successful Post. The Post has a rich history with State and National honors since it's inception in 2004 with being an All-American Post twice and an All-State Post 6 of 8 years. Although it's too early to tell if the Post will add another one of those titles for this VFW year, the help the Post and the members have provided to the community with over 60 community service entries, is more rewarding than any title, knowing that what we are doing is making a difference.

The biggest area of success for the Post is the increase of active members this year. At the beginning of the VFW year, the VFW set the goal for The Woodlands VFW Post at 66. With successful membership drives, we met that goal before Christmas and exceeded that number before the arrival of the new year. This has been quite noticeable at the Post meetings with a lot of the new members taking part in the ceremonies to become new members and they have been pitching in at events and taking office as new officers to the Post.

The Post exceeding the membership goal of 66 members with active members helped the Post become a top 20 Post in the State. Our current membership is at 76 and the Post rank in the Department of Texas is at number 18, but we need more members to stay there.



**VFW Post 12024  
Vietnam Veterans Roll Call**

The Woodlands VFW Post 12024 would like to extend a welcome home to all Vietnam Veterans. Post 12024 has several Vietnam Veterans as members. The Post would like to acknowledge those members via Roll Call.

**VIETNAM VETERAN ROLL CALL**

- Cam Cope - Army
- Carl Smith - Army
- Dale F. Ward - Navy
- Derrel Sims - Army
- Dutch Dettinger - Navy
- Emery Shurmann -
- Everett Ison - Navy
- Gilbert De Leon - Army
- Harry Machin - Air Force
- James Wooley - Marines
- Jim Bolin - Army
- John Franks - Army
- Kenneth Wells - Army
- Kenny Speight - Army
- Lee Derby - Air Force
- Norm Brawner - Army
- Ralph Lawrence - Army



Robert Fuller - Army

**Hempstead Welcomes Home Vietnam Veterans**

The signing of a Presidential Proclamation Welcoming home Vietnam Veterans kick started the ceremony two days before

President Barack Obama signed a proclamation on March 29th, 2012, making March 29th officially Vietnam Veteran's Day to be remembered and observed every year on the 29th of March.

"Our veterans answered our country's call and served with honor, and on March 29, 1973, the last of our troops left Vietnam. Yet, in one of the war's most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to be shunned or neglected -- to face treatment unbecoming their courage and a welcome unworthy of their example. We must never let this happen again. Today, we reaffirm one of our most fundamental obligations: to show all who have worn the uniform of the United States the respect and dignity they deserve, and to honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they served us. Half a century after those helicopters swept off the ground and into the annals of history, we pay tribute to the fallen, the missing, the wounded, the millions who served, and the millions more who awaited their return. Our Nation stands stronger for their service, and on Vietnam Veterans Day, we honor their proud legacy with our deepest gratitude." President Obama

Four members of The Woodlands VFW Post 12024 accepted the invitation from VFW Post 4007 Post Commander Scott

Duncan to attend a homecoming in Hempstead Texas. The invitation was extended to all Post and Vietnam Veterans.

VFW Post 12024 Commander Carl Smith, Sr. Vice Commander Norm Brawner, Jr. Vice Commander Strick Strickland and Department Jr. Vice Commander candidate Lee Derby attended the event to represent the Post. Norm Brawner and Lee Derby participated in the Parade that was held as they are also Vietnam Veterans. Brawner rode on his motorcycle with Texas VFW Motorcycle Group members from other units from the state. Lee rode on a trailer with other honored guests. The parade started at 10 a.m. It was at least a mile long and lasted for close to 45 minutes with the numerous participants welcoming home the Veterans.

Speeches were given by Commander Duncan and guest speakers after the parade, including Texas VFW Department Commander John Spahr from VFW Post 8587. Commander Spahr is also a Vietnam Veteran.

Post Commander Smith is also a Vietnam Veteran, but he chose to help Jr. Vice-Commander Strickland document the event with taking pictures and recording the speeches on video. The pictures and video can be seen on the Post Facebook page and the Post website at [www.vfw12024.org](http://www.vfw12024.org).

# WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS PARADE

March 31st, 2012 - Hempstead Texas - Hosted by VFW Post 4007



Texas VFW Commander John Spahr and The Woodlands VFW Post 12024 Commander Carl Smith



Several Vietnam Veterans participate in the Parade hosted by VFW Post 4007 in Hempstead, Texas



Texas VFW District 17 Commander Norman J. Macy III, Katy VFW Post 9182 Commander Michael Mastrangelo, Texas VFW Jr. Vice Commander Candidate Lee Derby and Commander Spahr



Marching Band helping the Vietnam Veterans enjoy their Homecoming in Hempstead Texas



Honoring the Vietnam Veterans Texas Style



The parade keeps going on

# March 31st, 2012

Hempstead Texas - Hosted by Waller County VFW Post 4007



Texas VFW Motorcycle Group Unit 1 Chairman, VFW Post 12024 Sr. Vice Commander Norm Brawner.



Texas VFW Motorcycle Group Unit 1 Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary 12024 Sr. Vice-President Judy Brawner.



The Parade with honors coming from the Fire Department, Law Enforcement and EMT teams from the Hempstead Texas area.



VFW Post 4007 Commander Scott Duncan host the Welcome Home for Vietnam Veterans. State Commander Spahr as the main guest speaker.



Members of Post 12024 in the crowd of honored Vietnam Veterans. Lee Derby, Norm Brawner and Carl Smith.



Members from District 17 and other Post in the Crowd, including District 17 Commander Norman Macy.



## Why I Joined and What it Means to Me - Gilbert de Leon

I joined The Woodlands Post 12024 of the VFW in March of 2012. I don't know why I waited so long, as I have been thinking about it off and on for some time. I really have no legitimate excuse, but now that I'm in it, I am very glad I joined and I am proud to be a part of this wonderful organization. After two meetings I can see that I did the right thing.

My military story begins even before I was born. My father is a World War II veteran. He served in the Army in the Pacific Front after Pearl Harbor. Although he was not injured, he caught malaria while overseas and was hospitalized for a period of time. He is 89 years old now and to this day still suffers from episodes of the disease. We are trying to get him some help through the VA Hospital system. His brother, my Uncle Alfredo, also served in the Army. He passed away many years ago and is buried at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Houston.

My mother's oldest brother was the same age as my father. He also served in the Army during WWII but was deployed to the European front where he was killed in action in France. My mother has three other brothers that also served in the Army. At an early age, I felt that I was destined to be in the military service of our country. During the

Viet Nam War, I had a low lottery number and was scheduled for my pre-induction physical as soon as I graduated college. I volunteered instead. I wanted to follow in the footsteps of my father and uncles. I really enjoyed my time in the military, and although many people say that their college years were the best times of their lives, for me, it was my years in the service. I spent four birthdays in four assignment locations and went overseas twice. Having grown up a small town boy, the service was quite an adventure. My experiences helped mold me into who I am today and made me appreciate the things I have. I am eternally grateful.

I am a veteran of foreign wars and very proud of it. I truly followed in the footsteps of my family before me. Being in the VFW gives me the chance to interface with fellow veterans who have similar experiences and allows me to participate in helping my fellow brothers and sisters and their families who are in need. I survived the war and have my health, so I'm glad to have this opportunity to help. Others have heard my story during casual conversation, but unless you serve or know someone close that has, it is hard to truly understand not only the sacrifice, but the feeling of pride and fulfillment that results from our service.

I know that my fellow Post members as well as all VFW participants worldwide have their own story. The one thing we all have in common, however is that we all remember our classmates, friends and relatives that made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives to preserve our nation and our freedom. The first time I visited the Viet Nam War Memorial in Washington D.C. I wasn't really ready for what happened. As soon as I stepped foot along the memorial and saw the thousands of names on the granite wall, I began to weep uncontrollably. I did not expect the enormous wave of emotion that went through me. It was then that I realized the toll that the war had taken on me and others that had lived through it. It made me so grateful for the sacrifices that others had made.

This is what makes the VFW special to me. It allows me the opportunity to meet and be involved with fellow veterans that share this and many of my experiences. I look forward to making good friends in the VFW and to being of service to those who need assistance. Being in this organization and participating in their benevolent activities allows me to honor my family and comrades that paid the ultimate price, a price which allows us the freedoms and opportunity to live in this great land of ours.

This is why I joined the VFW.



## What is Loyalty Day?

Loyalty Day originally began as "Americanization Day" in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began in 1950 on April 28 and climaxed May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America. In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar.



The Post will be participating in the Loyalty Day ceremony during the District 17 convention at the Floyd E Breedlove VFW Post 9182 in Katy Texas on April 28, 2012. Please come join us and represent the Post and show your Loyalty.

## Websites entered into National VFW Contest

The Post entered into the National VFW competition for best Post Website. Jr. Vice-Commander Strickland is also the Webmaster for the Post and made the site a one stop website for information for Post and Auxiliary members, but it also has information for any veterans or spouse to find the information they are needing at one location. The website offers many features with news links, photos, history, links to many veteran sites, a chat room, important dates, a newsletter, comics, links to jobs and information on the local community.

Strickland is also the Webmaster for the Texas VFW District 17 website and the Texas VFW Motorcycle Group Unit 1 website attached to the Post, those sites have also been placed into the website competition.

The three websites are all in direct competition with each other as the competition changed from last year as a District website and a Post website are now in the same category. The motorcycle group website may not be eligible for the competition as it's not a Post website, but it should gain recognition. Only two entries will be recognized as the winners in the contest at the national level, but sites can still be recognized in the website competition.

The websites have a lot of the same information as far as history and other information in an attempt to standardize the

information. The Post site has information for National, Department, District and Post levels. The District site covers 16 different VFW Post, 11 Ladies Auxiliaries, 2 Motorcycle Units, and 1 Men's Auxiliary. The Motorcycle Group Unit 1 attached to VFW Post 12024.

## Quartermaster Honored

Being the Quartermaster is a thankless job at many VFW Post. A job that many of us are glad not to have, but then there is Jim Bolin at Post 12024 who makes it look so easy.

Jim is always quick to answer Post Members questions about membership, Bills, fundraisers, and helping to provide information for the Post website and other areas.



Commander Carl Smith from Post 12024 has submitted Jim Bolin, to the Department of Texas VFW, to be recognized for all of his selfless volunteering and working for the Post. If anyone truly deserves to be recognized by the Department for this VFW year, it's Jim Bolin.

Jim has been the Quartermaster the last two years at the Post and will continue this role in the upcoming VFW Year.



## Uniforms Changing for VFW POST 12024

If you haven't noticed lately, the Post is undergoing a transition to a new Post Shirt. Although a new Post shirt hasn't been voted on by the Post at a meeting, somehow the new Texas Red has slowly been showing up at events and Post meetings.

If you are interested in ordering a new shirt, they can be found on the VFW Store website at [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org).

A quick search for Texas shirt will give you results, but make sure you select for Male or Female or you will find yourself ordering a New Shirt.

Name and VFW Post 12024 on the two lines for Name and Post is the standard.

## Election Night at VFW POST 12024

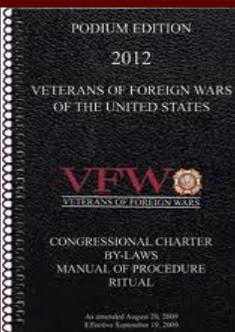
At the April Post meeting on April 5th, elections were held for The Woodlands VFW Post 12024 for the upcoming 2012/13 VFW year that will begin at the July Post meeting.

All of the officers ran unopposed, with Carl Smith retaining the office as Post Commander, for the second year. Strick Strickland moved up the ranks to the office of Sr. Vice-Commander. James Taylor was elected as the new Jr. Vice-Commander and entering his first year in the ranks. Jim Bolin retained the office of Quartermaster, but he stepped down as the Post Adjutant. Post member Derrel Sims stepped up and now holds office in two positions, Adjutant and Judge Advocate. Harry Machin remains the Post Surgeon and Officer of the Day. Norm Brawner took on the role as 3rd Year Trustee and retained office of Service Officer. Cam Cope became the 2nd Year Trustee and Everett Ison is the 1 year Trustee.

NOTE: To get a minor overview of what the duties of the Officers of the Post entail, please go to the Post website at [www.vfw12024.org](http://www.vfw12024.org) and go to the News and Information Section and select Officers Duties. It's best to order a book from the VFW Store and buy the Podium Edition of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States-Congressional Charter By-Laws Manual of Procedure Ritual. The new books are released in October, but it's important to start learning now to help with your duties of the Post. You can buy this in book or cd format on the [VFWstore.org](http://VFWstore.org) website.

The best way to help the veterans at the Post and to answer questions for the public is to study this book often. These have been tips passed down from officer to new officer throughout the VFW.

Congratulations to the new Officers of The Woodlands VFW Post 12024.



## State Commanders Homecoming

The Department of Texas hosted a State Commander's Homecoming for Texas VFW Commander John Spahr the weekend of March 23rd/24th at VFW Post 8587 in Austin Texas.

A Golf Tournament, Steak Dinner, and a Banquet with full Roast of the Commander was on tap. The Commander fired the first volleys in the direction of State Adjutant Roy Grona.

The banquet had a floor show with many of the Texas VFW members participating as members of The Village People. You can see photos on the Post website at [www.vfw12024.org](http://www.vfw12024.org)

Lee Derby and Strick Strickland were on hand to enjoy the festivities while representing the Post. A council of Administration meeting was held with all of the Texas District Commanders and State Officers.



# History of the Texas VFW MG

The Ride - part 1 - Judy Brawner



## Texas VFW Motorcycle Group Unit 1

VFW Post 12024 is the sponsor for the very first VFW Motorcycle Group Unit in Texas, the second Unit in the VFW Nation. This is the story of how the Motorcycle Group of Texas began.

The VFW Department of Texas 2004-2005 State Commander John Fair, affectionately known as "Big John", wanted to do a special project for the Military Assistance Program (M.A.P.) during his term in office. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and rode a big beautiful Kawasaki Trike. Commander Fair asked if anyone would be interested in making a run with him across the state. The Department Sr. Vice Commander Duane Shriver and Jr. Vice Commander Russ Richards were also motorcycle enthusiasts and accepted the challenge. This set in motion the plan for the State Ride for this fundraiser.

Russ Richards took the lead on this project and began to put the plans for the state ride together, until he had an unfortunate motorcycle accident. Norm Brawner, the Area III Coordinator, was approached and asked by the Commander to take over the project, after learning that Brawner was also a motorcycle enthusiast since his teen years. The planning was now in the hands of Brawner.

Brawner put together a very ambitious motorcycle road trip, with two months of planning. The trip would begin on Saturday, September 25, 2004 at the VFW Post #3892 in Harker Heights, Texas. The trip would end 1,291 miles later on a Wednesday, after 20 stops at VFW Post across the

State. The final stop was October 5, 2004 at the VFW Post #6873 in Abilene, Texas, just in time for Big John's Homecoming that weekend.

An estimated 10 Texas VFW members rode the entire trip on motorcycles. Some people rode in trucks in support of the fundraiser and wanting to be a part of this ride. Along the route, VFW members throughout the state would join in and drop out along the route that Brawner had setup as part of this fundraiser for M.A.P.

The riders and supporters all arrived safely with motorcycle break downs. A motor home that was following in support lost it's breaks, but no accidents or injuries. This was a ride to remember as over \$25,000 was raised for this fundraiser. The people that were involved with this idea and plan, along with those that participated in this first ride are all still very proud of this accomplishment. This ride not only raised money for M.A.P., it was a time of camaraderie that will never be forgotten by any that participated.

Commander Fair's idea and Brawner's plans were a success. This was a time that made four VFW Members stop to say, "This is something that could be a great asset to our organization, as well as to our Veterans", "This could be a way to reach the younger generation of Veterans". From this ride, the idea was born to start a Veterans of Foreign Wars Motorcycle Group in Texas.

The VFW bike riding community is a close-knit family, brothers and sisters in Arms, that has a common bond in life.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Motorcycle Group Unit 1 is a family oriented organization that is dedicated to the ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the enjoyment of motorcycle riding, and the comradeship of its members.

The purpose of the VFW Motorcycle Group is to promote interest in various forms of motorcycle activities that will promote membership and any programs that are sponsored by the VFW. To encourage a better understanding of Motorcycle Riding as a constructive sport among members of the Public, Law Enforcement Agencies, and other Veterans Organizations.

Members must be of Good Character, meet all eligible requirements of and be a member in good standing of the VFW.

They meet at different locations throughout the Greater Houston Area in order to spread the word to veterans and assist VFW Posts and other Units with their activities.

Contact Norm or Judy Brawner for information on the activities of Motorcycle Unit 1.

Website: [www.vfwmgtx1.org](http://www.vfwmgtx1.org)

Phone: 936-647-8955

Email: [vfwnorm@consolidated.net](mailto:vfwnorm@consolidated.net)



# Lee Derby

## Candidate for Department of Texas Jr. Vice Commander

Lee Derby is running for office of Jr. Vice-Commander at the Department of Texas. Lee has been an All-American Post Commander, an All-State Commander, and as the District 17 Commander during his VFW Career. He has held numerous roles at the Post and district levels since he joined the VFW. Lee is also a Gold Legacy Life member of the VFW and VFW Post 12024.

Lee was born in San Antonio, Texas and graduated from Texas Military Institute also in San Antonio. Lee served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1973 with foreign service in Turkey and Vietnam where he received several military awards and citations. Lee has a BA Degree in English and a Masters in Sociology and History. Lee is now retired and devotes most of his time to community activities, especially those involving our veterans, the homeless and schools, i.e. speaking and scholarships.

Lee is a Gold Legacy Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and The Woodlands VFW Post 12024, and has held several positions at the National and The Department of Texas levels. Lee is also a Life Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, The Disabled American Veterans and a member of the American Legion. Lee enjoys traveling, fishing, woodworking, writing and research.

Lee has been traveling all over Texas to all the Districts since July campaigning. He has a handful of districts left before the State Convention in June.

Lee's achievements in the VFW include:

**National Aide-De-Camp 2006-2007**

**National Deputy Chief of Staff 2007-2008, 2009-2010.**

**Chairman State Community Activities 2006-2007**

**Deputy State Inspector – 2010-2011**

**District 17 Commander – -1998-1999, 2005-2006, 2009-2010**

**Post Commander Post 4709 - 1999-2000**

**All American Post Quartermaster Post 12024 - 2004-2005**

**All State Post Quartermaster Post 12024 – 2004-2006**

**All State Post Commander Post 12024 – 2006 -2009**

**All-American Post Commander - 2008-2009**

**As Post Commander, the Post received the VFW National Community Service Award in 2008-2009 and The Homeless Veterans Doug Bell Award 2008-2010**

**Recipient of the Danny R. Henry Award as Outstanding Post Commander in 2008-2009**

**Recipient of the prestigious J.T. Rutherford Award in 2008-2009.**

Lee is very active in his own Post and its Ladies Auxiliary and in the community by promoting and actively participating in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Education, Youth activities, Voter Registration, Buddy Poppy Drives as well as other VFW programs.

Lee and his wife Doris live in Conroe, Texas, where Doris is a Life member of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4709.

### Texas VFW State Convention June 13 - 17

The Texas VFW Department Convention for the upcoming VFW year will be held June 13th - 17th in Addison Texas.

If you are planning on attending, you will need to reserve hotel space where the convention is being held and mail in reservations for the Awards Banquet.

Lee Derby, Norm Brawner and Strick Strickland were voted as the Post representatives for the District 17, Department of Texas and National Conventions for Reno Nevada, during the Post meeting held on April 5th.

You can find links for reservations on the Texas VFW website at [www.texasvfw.org](http://www.texasvfw.org)

### Texas VFW District 17 Convention April 28th

The Annual Texas VFW District 17 Convention is approaching on April 28th. This years Convention is hosted at the Fred E. Breedlove VFW Post 9182 in Katy Texas, at 6206 George Bush Dr., Katy Tx.

Commander Norman J. Macy III from Porter's Piney Woods VFW Post 4816 is the Current District 17 Commander, with District Sr. Vice-Commander Peyton Lumpkin from the Katy Post taking over at the end of June.



Texas VFW District 17 Sr. Vice-Commander Peyton Lumpkin

# Norm Brawner

## Candidate for District 17

### Sr. Vice Commander



Norm Brawner served in the United States Navy as a MM4 on the USS Galveston, on which he served 1 term in Vietnam and completed 2 Mediterranean Cruises. While in Vietnam Norm also served with the Brown Water Navy on PPR's, going up and down the Macon Valley River.

Norm has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 18 years. While helping to Charter VFW Post 12024 in The Woodlands in 2004-2005, Norm served as the Post Commander and continued a second straight term in 2005-2006. Under his leadership, the Post was All American which earned him the All American Commander Award the first year. The Post also earned All State the two years in which earned him the All State Commander Awards.

In 2003-2004, Norm served as the Texas VFW District 17 Commander. Norm earned the award of All State District Commander during this tenure. While serving as The Woodlands VFW Post Commander, he also served as the District 17 Commander a second year. In 2004-2005, Norm not only earned the All-State District Commander Award, but he also earned the All American District Commander, and the prestigious All Honor Roll District Commander.

After completing the 2004-2005 VFW year

as District 17 Commander, Norm worked with the State Commander to form the VFW Motorcycle Group of Texas. As one of the founding members, he served as the Unit 1 President as well as the Department Chairman for 3 years.

Norm has held various VFW Positions for the Post and District at one time or another as well as served as Chairman and on various Committees on Post, District, State and the National level. He currently serves the Post as the Sr. Vice Commander, Post and District Service Officer as well as the District Homeless Veterans and POW/MIA Chairman and Post Motorcycle Group Unit 1 Chairman.

In 2008-2009, Norm served a third year term as District 17 Commander. He finished that year in sixth place as the District Commander in the state rankings, with just missing All State by finishing in 6th place.

Norm is a 3rd generation Houstonian but now resides in Willis, Texas where he and his wife have resided for 19 of their 23 years together. Norm is retired from Exxon after 23 years of service in Communications. He is also retired from Sprint after 12 years of service in Communications. Norm and his wife own a restoration business where they sell and restore antique coin operated equipment. He enjoys riding his motorcycle, fishing and working with his animals on their little farm.



#### Join VFW SHE Serves

Women are the fastest growing population of veterans and the fastest growing segment of the VFW's membership base.

You've served your country in time of conflict and in hostile territory.

You've sacrificed thousands of miles from home. Therefore, you're entitled to join the elite group of veterans belonging to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, you'll find friends who understand and:

**CAMARADERIE** that rivals your military experience.

**ADVOCACY** from the loudest veteran's voice on Capitol Hill.

**VA ENTITLEMENTS** from the best veterans service officer network in the nation.

**CONNECTIONS** that offer real value.

**SUPPORT** when you need it most.

**DISTINCTION** for all you've done.

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## A Life of Service - Military, Service, VFW

A life of leading by example: Honor, Commitment, and Family



One of The Woodlands VFW Post 12024's members has a military history serving in the United States Navy in three different wars. Dutch Dettinger began his military career towards the end of World War II, and also served tours in the Korean War and Vietnam. Dutch gave 30 years of service as a sailor when he retired as a Chief Petty Officer with duties as a Quartermaster and as a Port master. He served this country with great pride and distinction.

Dutch was born and raised in Wisconsin, in a small town called Etrick. He was raised by his Mother in this little farming community. Although they didn't live on a farm, Dutch's Mother kept him hired out on jobs at many farms in the area.

Dutch would put in long hot days in the fields on those farms until he was old enough to join the Navy.

In the 1940's and 50's, Dutch was assigned to work in areas of the Atomic Energy Commission. It was the only time in his life that he worried about what he was doing, seeing some of his friends die from cancer and wondering about his personal sacrifices for himself and his family. Not until he was 82 did he ever have any bouts with cancer.

When it was time for Dutch to retire from the Navy, he went into working for the California School System for twenty years, another way to help the community. During this time, he would join the many different Veteran organizations, but not until he was living in Arkansas, did he start getting really involved with the VFW.

Dutch has been a member of the VFW for a very long time. He rose thru the ranks in Arkansas and filled every officer position a Post has, then rising to the level of the Department of Arkansas Sr. Vice Commander before having to step down to relocate to California. Once in California, he served as the Legislative/PAC Chairman for his Post and District.

Dutch continued helping Veterans in other ways. He helped to create the Memorial



## Texas VFW District 17 Annual BBQ Cook-Off

The Annual District 17 BBQ will be held this year at the Brazos County VFW Post 4692 in Bryan Texas this year on the 21st of April.

The menu comprises of:

Beans, Open, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Brisket. The Desserts are being provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Contact Post 4692 Commander John Valesquez at 979-823-0550 for more information such as time of event.

Check the Texas VFW District 17 website for details for this event and others on the Bulletin Board.

[www.vfwdistrict17.org](http://www.vfwdistrict17.org)

Honor Guard at the Riverside National Cemetery in California in May '96. Dutch received much praise from the families that were present to witness the Honor Guard salute the soldiers with twenty one gun salutes, flag folding and presentation to the families, and Taps. Dutch received honors for being the Lead Dispatcher of the MHD. He was on the Executive Committee to make sure that the policies and procedures were created and then maintained and that there was plenty of practice for all of the Honor Guard teams, insuring that the ceremonies were performed correctly.



After retiring from the school system, he and his wife moved from California to Texas to be closer to their family. He joined the newly formed Post 12024 in The Woodlands and became the Post Legislative/Pac Chairman. He served as the Texas VFW District 17 Chairman under District Commander Lee Derby.

During his free time, Dutch was a Veterans Advocate to the Post and the Auxiliary with a publication he and his wife of 62 years, Betty, use to publish called "My Opinion". In this publication Dutch would make sure that all who read knew what issues were coming up before Congress and if they were of importance to the veterans and their benefits. They would make sure that all of the contacts numbers were in the report, no matter how small or big a contact was. If they could do anything for a Veteran or a veteran's issue, you knew just how to get a hold of that politician.

Dutch had to give up doing the publication when his wife became ill as he devoted all of his time to taking care of her. She has since passed on and he now fights his own health battles.

With the service in the Navy, the American Legion, the VFW, the school, and working

with other Veteran agencies, Dutch has spent his entire Adult life serving the community and has enjoyed helping anyone that needed it. Dutch is a man that you never have to ask for help more than one time as he is eager to help, even at his current age, 83.

Dutch has fought a lot of battles in a lot of wars and making sure Veterans have stayed educated on the changes happening on the Hill, but In the last few months, Dutch has been fighting another type of battle, this one against a hidden enemy called cancer. He was diagnosed in December with the doctors finding an enlarged lymph node in his neck and started chemotherapy and radiation treatments in January.

Dutch has spent a lot of time in reflection, thinking about all that he has done in his life while dealing with the stress of his illness and the treatments that are now completed. He is most grateful for his daughter Sandy for helping him and for his family to be so close, where he can see the pride and joy of his life, his family. He has 2 kids, and their families consist of 5 grand kids, and 5 great grand kids.

Dutch is glad to be finished with the treatments and hopes he doesn't have to go through them again. The waiting for results is his only frustration. He goes back for a follow up checkup soon and wants this all to be over.

He is looking forward to being able to have solid food again. When asked about what would probably be his first meal on solids, his daughter Sandra Jones relayed, "He keeps talking about hamburgers and how good they look and smell, so I would suspect that would be one of his first choices! He loves Fuddrucker's hamburgers, because he can fix them any way he wants to!"

Received notification on 4/16 that Dutch's test came back, he's Cancer Free.



Post Members were asked about their thoughts on Dutch, there was no delay with many wanting to offer their support and thoughts about Dutch for this article:

"I have known Dutch since he joined our post and he has always been an advocate for Veterans. Dutch has no problem getting up close and personal with any one at the VA or any politician about taking care of any Veterans health issues. If our Post needed someone to show up for any event or program, Dutch is there and willing to help." stated Carl Smith - Commander.

"Dutch has been a true friend to all at VFW Post 12024 and our prayers are always with him and his family.", "Dutch is a fighter, just ask some of the politicians on Capitol Hill." stated Norm Brawner - Sr. Vice Commander.

"I'm blessed to call Dutch friend as well as VFW Family. Dutch has set a high standard of involvement for our VFW and blazed the way for many of us to follow in his footsteps. He and his family have all dealt with health issues, personal loss and continue to stay involved in wanting to help others, donating books, magazines and blankets for our programs, attending meetings and flag raisings. With examples like this, how can I "not" step up and do my part for our Veterans and family. We are a better VFW family because he has helped to set the bar high.....Thank You.." Paula Ison, Friend first, Auxiliary President last!!

# The Why to Join the VFW - Lee Derby

As I travel throughout Texas, and yes, even in my own local area, I seek out individuals, both men and women who are currently serving in the military, or perhaps I'll see an individual who is wearing a ball cap that depicts a particular military branch of service or a specific era such as i.e. WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm etc. I like to talk to these individuals about their service and where they served. When they find out that I am a Vietnam Veteran I find that they are a little more relaxed talking to me. I explain to them that I am also a member of The Veterans of Foreign Wars and then I find that when I bring up the subject of joining the VFW, their comeback to me is always, 100% of the time, "What's in it for me?".

I explain that the answer to their question is threefold. First, to foster camaraderie among United State veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve veterans, the military, and our communities; Second, to advocate on Capitol Hill in congressional hearings on behalf of all veterans, and Third, ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for their sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

The VFW voice has been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI Bill for the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the development of the national cemetery system, and the fight for compensation for the Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, the VFW won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, giving expanded educational benefits to American active-duty service members and members of the Guard and Reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the VFW also has fought for improving medical centers services for women veterans.

The VFW appreciates your service and so patriotic business across the country That's why they have teamed up to offer you- as a VFW member and your family discounted pricing on valuable merchandise and services. It's just one more way the VFW is able to say 'thank you' for all you've done to protect our freedom!

These are just a few of the Benefits VFW Membership gives you savings on:

SAT/ACT College test preparation, Hotel, Motel, and Car rentals.

Financial services, cell phone services, satellite TV/computers

VFW Sponsored insurance programs, Health Care Services.

Veteran Employment Assistance, Dignity Memorial programs.

Joining the VFW can be and is truly an interesting experience. If you are a U.S. citizen who has served honorably in the Armed Forces and has served in an overseas conflict, you are eligible to become a member of the VFW. You can join even if you are still serving in the military, even if you are in the Reserves or National Guard. I also like to reiterate the saying displayed over many a Post door "It's not the price you pay to join the VFW – but the price you paid to join."

Finally in closing, I always thank them for their Service to our country and then to have them understand that they share a unique bond with other veterans of overseas conflicts and those who wear this country's uniform. Regardless of what conflict they've served in – from WWII to the present day Global War on Terror, they can join with others who feel the same and to join the VFW, because they've earned it. By the way, I now want to Thank You! for your service.



## VFW National Home

The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to America's veterans by helping our nation's veteran and military families.

Since its founding in 1925, the VFW National Home for Children has grown from an old frame farm house to a sprawling campus with playgrounds, park areas, and multiple buildings, including single-family homes, a community center and gymnasium, child care center, guest lodge, chapel and administrative offices.

The National Home's services have also evolved to meet the changing needs of America's military and veterans' families. Through our Helpline and our on-campus programs, we are able to help families and children through times of crisis, both here on our beautiful campus and in their own communities nationwide.

Helpline 800-313-4200

Website

[www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org)

## PLEASE DONATE

Your gift today gives love, care and support to the children and families of America's war heroes.

YOU can make a difference!

# DIFFERENCE MAKERS

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars live by the motto, "Honor the dead by helping the living." We set out to serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform.

Our Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 12024 are the wives, widows, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and sisters of those who have worn the uniform of our great country. We serve our community by working the programs of the VFW, Americanism, Veterans & Family Support, Youth, Cancer Aid & Research and many more.

Each month we strive to not only recognize the team efforts of our Auxiliary in our reports, but the individual recognition with our Auxiliary Member of the Month. We all work as a team, but each Auxiliary member deserves to be recognized for her selfless sacrifices of time and energy to ensure the success of our Auxiliary.

Our Auxiliaries special "VFW Pride" Vest program has been a great fund raiser for the VFW National Home for Children. This special VFW Pride fund has allowed us to provide 2 Life Memberships to the VFW National Home for Children this year!

Each month we clip/sort and mail thousands of dollars of manufacturer coupons to help our military families overseas feed their families. Did you know that a manufacturer coupon, at an overseas base is good for up to 6 months after expiration date! Get out those scissors!

Our ladies not only support our VFW programs, but you will find many hold full time jobs outside of the home, and also volunteer with Meals on Wheels, NAM, Girl Scouts, Hospital, Food Pantry, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Church and youth groups.

We recognize the sacrifices asked of our military families by honoring our Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers. We rejoice when they rejoice and we cry when they cry.

Our Ladies Auxiliary fully supports our Post and our Veterans. We are blessed to work as a TEAM with our Post and support each other. With our help, our VFW Post 12024 was honored to receive the 2009 National Community Service Award, and "Dare To Care" Award. Just think, we accomplish all this with less than 50 Auxiliary members and no Post home!!

Why do we sew those blankets, collect the socks for the VA Hospital, provide the Easter Egg Hunts, fill the empty food pantry, make the cooling neck wraps, send the care packages, and clothe our homeless Veterans? We do it, lovingly and willingly, because our Soldiers, Veteran's and Veteran families have given up the comforts of their home and family, they have missed anniversaries, birthdays, the births of their children, death of a loved one and some have made that ultimate sacrifice, we ask you....How could we not?

We know our Ladies Auxiliary exemplifies the "NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND" theme for this year and every year. I am honored to serve as their President! Paula Ison



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## Easter Bunny Makes Special Appearance with Egg Hunt

The Woodlands VFW Post 12024 and Ladies Auxiliary played escort to the Easter Bunny on April 5th at the Rainbow Edu-Care Daycare Center in Conroe. Members of the Post and Auxiliary spent several hours before hand placing candy, toys and stickers in the eggs with preparation for the big morning. The Easter Bunny had his picture taken with many of the kids while his helpers took pictures, hid the eggs, and helped with the younger kids. Three separate egg hunts took place for the different age groups. There was only one bunny tail being pulled. (No six foot two inch bunnies were hurt during this event).

Paula Ison, Annie Smith, Susan Huff, Judy Brawner and Linda Terbl pitched in for the Ladies Auxiliary, while the Post members were Norm Brawner, Everett Ison, Lee Derby and Strick Strickland.





## Ponderosa Firehouse # 3

Breakfast was on the menu at the Ponderosa Firehouse on 1960 as members of the VFW Post 12024 and Ladies Auxiliary stopped by to donate bagels, fruit trays, cream cheese, and orange juice in appreciation for the role they play in keeping the community safe.

Post and Auxiliary members in attendance for the morning Community Service: Everett Ison, Annie Smith, Ken Wells, Mary Farr and Paula Ison.

## Quilt Guild Flag Raising



The Woodlands Quilting Guild requested VFW Post 12024 to raise the American Flag for the start of the Quilts of Valor at the Legends Sports Complex, on April 13th, 2012.

Post members Derrel "Hawk" Sims, Everett Ison and Ken Wells had the honor to raise the Flag. Ladies Auxiliary 12024 President Paula Ison was also onsite to assist.

The sponsors of the show invited the Post and Auxiliary members to stay as their guests, to view the beautiful works of art. Several Armed Forces emblem quilts were earmarked for travel to Afghanistan, to be given to the troops.



## Ladies Auxiliary Spotlight April - Mary Machin

VFW Ladies Auxiliary 12024 appreciates the support of each member. We work as a Team within our Auxiliary and our Post, however it's also the goal to "Spotlight" and acknowledge each individual member. "I understand the time and support given to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and this is one small way to say THANK YOU to our members.". President Paula Ison

## Post and Auxiliary Donate to Boy Scouts



Everett Ison represents the Post and Auxiliary as he presents a check for 350.00 to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 407 for a Campership.

A campership is financial assistance awarded to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout that may not have been able to have the opportunity to attend a summer camp program.

This is just another way that VFW Post 12024 and the Ladies Auxiliary keep giving to the community.



**VFW POST 12024  
COMMANDER**

**CARL SMITH**

## Commanders Corner - April

Comrades,

This has been a very productive and busy year, we are closing in on the finish line of this VFW year, but there is still a lot that we need to do. At the last Post meeting, we held elections for officers for the upcoming year and now we have new faces filling positions.

During this past month, we had Post members attend the Department Commanders Homecoming in Austin, and several members participated in a Parade to Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans. This month, we had the Easter egg hunt and we have the District 17 meeting in Katy at the Fred E. Breedlove VFW Post 9182. We will also be busy doing paper work to wind down this current VFW year.

In March, we started a new monthly meeting for the Post Officers to make sure that we are completing all activities in the Standard Operating Procedures for the Department. This meeting was very productive and it was decided to start having an Officers meeting the week before each Post meeting from now on. For the new Officers elected please let me know what is a good day and time for you to be able to attend these meetings, as it's important that all attend. These meetings are to discuss items of interest and planning how to complete the programs in the upcoming year, such as membership drives and planning social events for the entire Post. These meetings will also help the Post meetings be more informative to the members.

During this first meeting, we discussed having a membership drive the first weekend in May, although we are in the top 20 in the Department, we need to sign up new members to stay in the top 20 to be considered an All-State post. If you know of any eligible members, please try your best to have them join us. With our goal to find a permanent Post, we need more members to make this happen. If talking to eligible veterans, give them our web site address as it's a great Public Relations tool, as it can help inform the prospect with the information they may be looking for.

I would like to thank each member of VFW Post 12024 and the Ladies Auxiliary for the contributions of attending the meetings, helping at events, donating your time to help Veterans. The VFW has a new tagline: No one does more for Veterans. The members of this Post and Auxiliary, are proof of that.

Carl Smith

Commander

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## Presidents Corner - April

Spring has Sprung !

We have been super busy this past month finishing up our programs before end of year reports go out. If you were out and about, you may have seen us at US Vets, dropping off kitchen supplies for our Veterans moving into apartment life. Maybe you were at the VA Hospital, did you see those 250 pairs of socks we delivered for the recovering Veterans? If you were one of the family members staying at Fischer House, maybe you needed some of those forgotten items left at home, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, no problem, because we delivered a good supply to Fischer House in Houston too!

We dropped by the Ponderosa Fire Dept. to deliver Breakfast trays as our way of saying THANK YOU. Who better than a Veteran knows about the sacrifices and dangers these brave men and women face daily.

There will be a new face at Boy Scout camp this year, with the support of our Post & Auxiliary, we were able to provide a Campership for a well deserving young man, who wouldn't have been able to attend otherwise!

Easter is approaching, you'll catch us at Rainbow Edu Care, check out those smiling faces with the multi colored candy filled eggs, special prizes and you can even have your picture taken with Mr. Easter Bunny! I'll bet you didn't know Mr. Easter Bunny is a Veteran too!!

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS parade in Hempstead. We had our Auxiliary member Judy B riding her motorcycle in the Welcome Home Parade. A long overdue THANK YOU to our Vietnam Veterans!

Wow, does our group ever slow down? The answer is no, as long as there is a need, as long as there is a Veteran, you will find us there!

God Bless You

Paula Ison

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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2011/2012 VFW year is quickly slipping away. The below pictures highlight some of the accomplishments of The Woodlands VFW Post 12024 and Ladies Auxiliary activities. The Post has been very active since the opening days of this VFW year. There wasn't enough room to show all of the achievements of the Post in this magazine, but the pictures below show how active The Woodlands VFW Post 12024 and Ladies Auxiliary have been in the community.



**Fourth of July Post Float**



**Flag Etiquette Training**



**Care Packages to Afghanistan**



**National Night Out**



**Veteran's Appreciation**



**Voice of Democracy**



## Upcoming Events

**April 21st** - District 17 BBQ at VFW Post 4692 794 N. Harvey Mitchell Parkway Bryan, Texas 77803

**April 25th** - Monthly Veterans' Breakfast - Join us for our monthly Veterans' Breakfast, with special guest hosts and speakers. Gather with fellow veterans and The Forum team for a wonderful morning and a fabulous breakfast! Kindly RSVP to 281-367-3170. 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Lakeside Restaurant, The Forum at The Woodlands - 5055 West Panther Creek Drive • The Woodlands, TX 77381

**April 27th** - Deadline to receive Post Community Service Record Book at Texas VFW HQ.

**April 28th** - District 17 Convention at Floyd E. Breedlove VFW Post 9182, 6206 George Bush Dr. Katy, Texas 77492. Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Loyalty Day will also be observed.

**April 30th** - Deadline to receive 3rd Quarter Post Audit at Texas VFW HQ.

**May 3rd** - VFW Post 12024 and Ladies Auxiliary 12024 Post Meeting - South County Community Center, 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands TX 77380. 7 p.m., best to show up 15 to 20 minutes early.

**May 4th** - Post Election Report deadline to quality for Honor Roll Post.

**May 4th** - Deadline for ALL AWARDS with deadlines not specified otherwise to Texas VFW HQ.

**May 8th**—VE Day: German unconditional surrender signed, 1945.

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Chris Vige' Edens	Lee Derby
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## How can I join the Post?

Please go to our Post web site at [www.vfw12024.org](http://www.vfw12024.org) and look for the download page. There is a pdf file that you can fill out online and print. It is an application with the information needed by the Post to enter your information into the National VFW database.

After filling it out, you can mail it to the address on the form located at the bottom, or you can bring it with you to a Post Meeting.

Post meetings are held the first Thursday of each month with a scheduled meeting time of 7:00 p.m., but we ask that you show up early to talk to the Quartermaster.

Come join us and help us help Veterans in the Community. Every member counts, the more members we have, the more we can do.



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