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August 2025

Next Meeting – August 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

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Commander's Comments

Comrades,

Those who joined us for our Open House on Independence Day were treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, cake, and watermelon—courtesy of the Post. We want to thank all the volunteers who made this veteran and community event a success. I, along with our other Post and Auxiliary officers, recently attended member training presented by the Texas VFW University in Allen, Texas. It was a valuable learning experience that will help us strengthen and improve our Post. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who donated toward the flood relief efforts in the Concho Valley. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to contribute \$1,750 to support those in need. We are proud to host the District 8 meeting on Saturday, the 2nd. Additionally, the National Convention will take place from July 9–14 in Columbus, Ohio. There's a lot of work ahead of us, and I truly appreciate everyone's continued support in making sure we enjoy ourselves while fulfilling our duties. Keep your calendar handy so you can stay involved and help your Post thrive. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our officers—we're here for you. I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and around the Post!

"Together Everyone Achieves More"

Gary Blake

Senior Vice-Commander

FAQ:

I'm active duty. Am I eligible for membership in the VFW?

Whether you're active duty or retired from the military, you are eligible to join if you meet our eligibility requirements. Ask us for list of qualifying campaign medals.

How do I get copies of my military records, such as a DD-214?

You can contact the National Personnel Records Center at 314.801.0800 or (vetrecs.archives.gov/s/). In addition to providing copies of military records, they can update records to correct errors or reflect awards that may have been issued retroactively.

I think that I may have been issued Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay, but I don't have copies of my pay records. How can I obtain them?

You can contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (dfas.mil) for copies of your Leave and Earnings Statements (LES) or they can direct you to your service-specific finance office for those records.

The strength of the Veterans of Foreign Wars lies within our membership. We must continue to build a strong membership base to ensure our voices are heard and our programs remain effective and viable.

David Sabo





We have 40 full hook-up RV sites (water, electricity, and sewer) and 5 temporary spots for rent (no sewer). Laundry Center, Showers and Restroom. *NO RESERVATIONS*

BINGO SNACK BAR

Monday-Friday 10:00 AM -2:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CANTEEN OPEN

Everyday

11:00 AM – Close Lunch Served Monday – Friday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Kitchen Open Friday Nights

> Canteen Manager Linda Westerman

at 7:00 PM – Closing.

POST OFFICERS

Commander Gary Blake
Senior Vice David Sabo
Junior ViceJosh Baker
Quartermaster Richard Marshall
Judge AdvocateJulio Martinez
SurgeonKeith Quinn
ChaplainCharlie Bowen
3 Year Trustee Richard Nunley
2 Year Trustee Aivars Jurkis
1 Year Trustee Mike Reilly
AdjutantRichard Marshall
Service OfficerCharlie Bowen
House ChairmanRich Champagne
Bingo ChairmanDavid Sabo
Past CommanderRodell Whitmore

Junior Vice Commander

Thank you, to all who came and helped with trash off, we removed 30 bags from the side of the road!

We have the Iraqi Freedom program on the 31st at 1400 (2 PM).

Fish Dinner on the 7th 6 PM Chicken Fried Steak 14th at 5 PM Rib Dinner 21st at 6 PM Spaghetti Dinner 28th at 6 PM

"Be the change you want to see"

Josh Baker

Auxiliary

We are One Team

Our officers and program members that attended training in Allen TX in July, learned a lot about the programs and operation of the Auxiliary.

The VFW Auxiliary is an essential part of the VFW Post, supporting its mission to serve veterans, service members, and their families. It's not just a separate entity, but rather an organization created by and sponsored by a specific VFW Post.

By working together, we can support veterans and their families more effectively. Partnership is essential, promoting a sense of teamwork and mutual support.

Together, we create a stronger network of support, addressing the diverse needs of veterans and our communities. This partnership not only strengthens our individual missions, but also raises solidarity and a shared purpose, leading to a greater overall impact.

I would like to thank Marianne Dolores Sabo, for presenting our donation of \$500 from the Auxiliary to Concho Valley Turning Point, San Angelo.

August 12th is our next meeting, please bring a side dish to go with our meal that will be a taco bar.

Our District 8 meeting will be in Abilene on 2 August. Let's make this a success.

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America!

Sincerely,

Beverly Champagne

Service Officer/Chaplain

VA is doing phone town hall meetings every quarter, call VA to check how to get on these meetings, also get reminders.

Please let us know about members in the hospital or who have passed on.

Leave a lot of happy tracks as you go down life's road.

Charlie Bowen

Pinochle 2 PM Shuffleboard 2:30 PM

Dominoes 12 PM Iraqi 2PM

National Convention 9th - 14th

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KITCHEN HOURS

Snack Bar inside Bingo

Monday – Friday 10:00 AM -2:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Friday Night 7:00 PM till Closing

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

BINGO

Monday – Friday 10:00 AM 3:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM Friday & Saturday 8:00 PM – 11:30 PM

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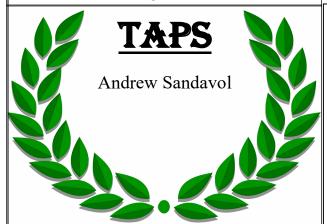
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Important Events

District 8 Meets the 2nd National Convention 9th – 14th Post meetings 12th Iraqi Program 31st



The VFW Post 6873 Bingo is on Facebook. Please "Like" our page to find out Specials and Door Prize announcements.

MONTH OF AUGUST ALL SESSIONS 66 CARD MACHINES \$10 – PER SESSION **Bingo Schedule:**

Monday – Friday 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

- Friday & Saturday Nite Time Bingo Doors open at 7:30 PM, the first game starts at 10 PM. \$10 66card machines.
- Paper packs are \$4.00, Specials are \$2.00, and Double Actions are \$1.00.

Reminder:

Kitchen will be open on Friday Nights (No outside food or drinks on Friday Nights Sessions). Please, bring your own food and drink on Saturday nights.

No children *under 10 years old* allowed in the bingo hall. Children 10 thru 18 must be with their parents or guardians and must be playing bingo. Parents will be responsible for their children's behavior. No unattended children allowed in the parking lot and/or sitting in cars.

Specials:

August 1st - 31th \$10 – 66 CARD MACHINES PER SESSION.

> FREE BIRTHDAY DAUBER & PAY A PENNY FOR A 45 CARD MACHINE PER SESSION (PHOTO ID WITH BIRTHDATE **REQUIRED**)

OPEN 10:00 AM 1st Session 11:30 AM 2nd Session 1:00 PM Monday – Friday OPEN 12:00 PM 1st Session 2:00 PM 2nd Session 3:30 PM Saturday & Sunday

Friday & Saturday Nights OPEN 8:30 PM Session starts 10:00 PM