

Changing of the Guard

In April we held Post Elections, the following individuals were nominated and were elected into their respective positions for the 2019-2020 VFW Year. All individuals will assume their roles upon the installation of the new Department Commander at the State Convention in June.

Commander: Josh Morgan
Sr Vice Cdr: Shane Fowler
Jr Vice Cdr: Noah Despain
QM/ADJ: Matthew West
Chaplain: Darryl Fontenot
3 Year Trustee: Chuck Allen
2 Year Trustee: Cliff Stonburner

1 Year Trustee: Ray Duginski
Service Officer: Ed White
Judge Advocate: Elizabeth Dawson
Surgeon: Donald Fontenot

The Auxiliary also conducted their elections and here are the results for the 2019-2020 VFW Year:

President: Sonja Lambert
Senior VP: Rhonda Bailey
Junior VP: Phyllis Blanton
Treasurer: Sara Lambricht
Secretary: Claudine Whiddon
Conductress: Diana Koponick

Chaplain: Barbi Gadley
3 Year Trustee: Cody Lauderback
2 Year Trustee: Phyllis Blanton
1 Year Trustee: Sabine Galvan
Patriotic Instructor: Barbara Perry
Guard: Jamie Kobylski

Installation is currently planned for 21 MAY 2019, 6:00 PM will be social half-hour, 6:30 Begin Installation, Dinner upon completion of Installation.

Congratulations and best of luck to each of you in the execution of your duties.

Special points of interest:

- Changing of the Guard
- Happenings in the Area and Post
- Commander
- President
- Riders Group
- Upcoming Events
- Membership
- March Events
- Flyers

Happenings in the Area

May 2: Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM

May 3: Super BINGO

May 14: Planning Session

May 18: Family Day at the Post; CVMA Meeting 10-12

May 20: Set up for Installation

May 21: Installation 6:30 Social; 7:00 Instal

May 25: Buddy Poppy Drive

May 27: Memorial Day Ceremony; Flags at Cemetery 0700; ceremony 1000 at Courthouse

May 30: VFW Riders Meeting 6:30 PM



From the Desk of the Commander

Thank you all for a very successful April. We elected new officers, Conducted a Safety Banquet, Celebrated Easter, attended a District meeting, conducted Buddy Poppy and Conducted a Post Clean-up! Wow, that was a lot of stuff in one month. But, it isn't over yet. We have some stuff

to get done this month as we head into June to close out the VFW Year. We have a Super BINGO 3 MAY, we need help running it, please come out and support the Post. We will conduct installation on the 21st, please join us and welcome in the new leadership. Most importantly, we will have our Memorial Day ceremony at the Court

House on 27 MAY, please attend as we pay tribute to those that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Thanks,
Commander
Ken Gresham

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From the Desk of the President



As the year is beginning to wind down and a new one fast approaching I want to take this time to thank everyone for making this once again a successful year.

Ken, once again it has been Great! Thank you Commander.

We, as members have the privilege of supporting one of our nation's greatest treasures, our Veterans. We need to always remember why we do the things we do, it's because of our Veterans and not for individual recognition.

Sonja

Membership

Team, we are currently at 77.49% on membership. We have 155 available unpaid (2018-2019) members and require 115 for 100%. This is the time of the year that we need to step up our game and get a hold of all of those annual members, and have them come in and pay their dues. Louisi-

ana is number 50 of 52 departments in the Nation. National VFW is over 99% and will achieve 100% for the first time in 27 years. We are part of that equation. If you an annual member, and you have not paid your dues for this year (2018-2019), please do so. Your due date will

not change, you will be just paid through either 2019 late, or early 2020. thanks for your consideration, let's make this a banner year for membership at the post level.

Safety Banquet



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Quilt of Honor




Special Events





MICHAEL ARTHUR FONTAINE

Specialist Fourth Class, U.S. Army
Company C, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 7th Cavalry Regiment,
3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division
Date of Action: January 10, 1969



It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle.
General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 4, 1950. He joined the Army and served as a medic while assigned to HHC, 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam. In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross, his other awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Combat Medical Badge. He was inducted into the State of Louisiana Military Hall of Fame in Abbeville, Louisiana.

SPC4 Michael Arthur Fontaine was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. SPC4 Fontaine distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions as a medic during a search and clear mission northeast of Quan Loi. His company made contact with an estimated reinforced company sized North Vietnamese Army force which was concealed in the underbrush and was armed with rockets, mortars, and both semiautomatic and automatic weapons. Repeatedly exposing himself to the hostile fire, SPC4 Fontaine treated the members of his platoon who were wounded and brought them to a central location where they could be evacuated. When the communist launched a massive ground assault, he fearlessly moved to the area of the fiercest fighting and continued to care for his suffering comrades. Despite the heavy concentration of hostile fire directed at the site, he rushed forward to aid the wounded. After he bandaged two of the men and was treating the third, the enemy's fire suddenly intensified. SPC4 Fontaine threw himself on the man to protect him and was mortally wounded by the enemy, but saved the life of his stricken comrade.

Specialist Four Fontaine's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty, at the cost of his life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, and the United States Army.



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MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				Monthly Meeting 6:30	Super Bingo	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
BINGO					BINGO	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
No Bingo		PLANNING SESSION			BINGO	family day CVMA 10-12
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
BINGO	set up for installation	installation 6:30 social 7:00 install			BINGO	Buddy Poppy Drive
26	27	28	29	30	31	
BINGO	Flags @ cemetery & set up at courthouse			1830 Riders Group	BINGO	
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