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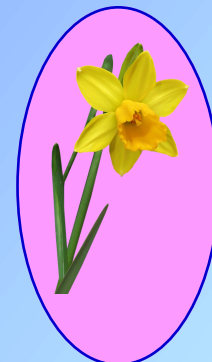
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**Read your Newsletter.**

**It's all Good !**

(P.S. — There is an application inside so you can help rebuild our programs when this COVID thing is all over. Thank you !



**APRIL 2020**



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**THINK  
MEMBERSHIP!**



**COMMANDER's COLUMN..... "Principles Above Personalities" ...SCOTT NUSZ, Commander**

Comrades — Man! What a chaotic month this has been. Who would have known that this would have gotten to this point. At least there are no zombies yet!

Remember, stay in your homes unless you need to make that trip for essential things. If you get stir crazy, take a walk around your neighborhood. If you know any healthcare people, thank them for taking care of everyone, we would appreciate it.

There will be no meeting this month. VFW HQ sent me a letter stating that there will be no voting for new officers, and current officers will remain until we get the all clear. I'm guessing in May or June.

Remain calm and strong! **...SCOTT NUSZ, Post Commander**

**FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...**

**...LAURA GULLEY, President**

Greetings... I hope you are all staying safe. To help keep us safe, our monthly meeting for April will be cancelled. We will wait to see what the authorities are saying before scheduling our May meeting. Our District 2 meeting will be held via ZOOM Cloud Meeting at the original date and time, April 18 @10 AM. Anyone can download this app on your smart phone, tablet or computer. If you are wanting to be nominated for a District office and are unable to download this app, please just send a letter to the District President indicating you will accept the office if nominated. If you have any questions please contact me. Please stay safe, connect with someone and watch your newsletter and Facebook pages for updates.

**..Loyally, President LAURA**



**Comrades, here is the next segment of the National VFW Legislative Priorities.**

**To review the entries submitted in previous 846 newsletters, go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).**

**Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs:**

- Consider treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.
- Extend Persian Gulf War disability compensation eligibility beyond 2021 and to Afghanistan-theater veterans, and reform the relevant Disability Benefits Questionnaire.
- Establish presumptive disability compensation benefits for hearing loss, tinnitus, TBI, blast survivors, and for health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- Require VA to accept private medical evidence in lieu of VA examinations.
- Increase burial allowances to account for inflation and include spouses' information on all headstones.
- Authorize more than one adaptive automotive grant for disabled veterans.
- Make the VA National Service Life Insurance competitive with private health insurance policies.
- Update regulations and laws governing claims to account for digital claims processing.
- Improve accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma.
- Expand VA wartime benefits to early Vietnam veterans.
- Transfer control of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery to the National Cemetery Administration.



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**CLOSED UNTIL  
THIS VIRUS BLOWS  
OVER.**

AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 370

**“The strength of a family,  
like the strength of an  
army, lies in its loyalty to  
each other.”**

**— Mario Puzo**

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...**

**LANE SMITH**



In these uncertain times, it wouldn't hurt to say a few extra prayers for a quick resolution of the COVID-19 problem. Include our hospital workers, first responders, and those folks who are at a higher level of risk. And by all means, take care of yourself and your family.

If you have information about a comrade in distress, please call me at (913) 207-7591 so I can offer my assistance as your chaplain. Thank you, and Go Royals.

**...Chaplain LANE**

**DAY 2 WITHOUT SPORTS :**

**Found a pretty lady sitting  
on my couch yesterday.  
Apparently she is my wife.  
She seems nice.**



**POW/MIA REPORT...**

**RAY CALORE, Chairman**



After being cooped up for the past few weeks in a nice home, I can only imagine what it must be like to be confined in a filthy prison cell, a cave in Laos, or a bamboo cage. Imprisoned by a brutal enemy for years, much of that time locked in solitary confinement. Wouldn't you hope, and pray, that someone would come to rescue you? Former POW Eugene "Red" McDaniel said *"I was prepared to fight, to be wounded, to be captured, and even prepared to die. But I was never prepared to be abandoned."* It was unthinkable.

The saying goes ***"You Are Not Forgotten."*** Those are not empty words or hollow promises. Please give it some thought and we'll continue our mission of uncovering the Truth.

**SPECIAL FROM VFW NATIONAL HQ, March 19, 2020:**



**KANSAS CITY, MO. -** As a new wave of scams surface in an attempt to exploit coronavirus fears, the VFW would like to remind all of its members to exercise extreme caution in providing personal information during any unsolicited call. Most recently, a VFW member reported receiving a call from an individual identifying himself as a VFW representative and was asked to provide credit card information in exchange for a \$100 gift card. This is a scam.

If you do receive a call from an individual claiming to be a VFW representative who is requesting personally identifiable information, ask that they confirm your VFW membership number. If they're unable to do so, hang up.

If you have worked with the VFW on a VA benefits claim, and you receive a suspicious call regarding your claim, ask the caller to verify your VA claim number before sharing any critical information.

This is what Michelangelo had in mind. USE HAND SANITIZER!



**V.A. Hospital Report... CHRISTINE & DANA**



Not surprisingly, there will be no visits to the Leavenworth VA Hospital until it is deemed that we and our hospitalized Veterans are safe from this virus and the stay at home order is lifted. Chris and I are asking that all of us say some prayers to keep our heroes well during this crisis. And please, follow the guidelines set by the CDC. You can find this information on the web. Remember, all of you are important to us and when we get back to normal, we will resume our friendships, meetings and get-togethers with zest. Keep safe and may God bless everyone!

**...Chris and Dana**

To those who are complaining about the quarantine period and curfews, just remember that your grandparents were called to war; you are being called to sit on the couch and watch Netflix. You can do this.

I know this. When this ends—  
AND IT WILL—every game will  
sell out, every restaurant will have  
a 2-hour wait, every kid will be  
glad to be in school, everyone will  
love their job, the stock market  
will skyrocket, every other house  
will get TP'd, and we'll all embrace  
and shake hands. That's gonna be  
a pretty good day.

Hang in there, World.



**LIFE WITH PTSD.** — The regular meetings with Norm Holle and Mike Martin are held on Tuesday evenings at VFW Post 7397, Lenexa. Obviously, the PTSD meetings are on hold until further notice. Meanwhile, y'all take good care of yourselves and your families. See you soon!

**ANSWER to March's TRIVIA QUESTION...**

Saint Michael (the Archangel) is the patron saint of the military.

**TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...**

What were the code names of the five beachheads invaded by the Allies on D-Day, June 6, 1944?



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**CALENDAR? WHAT CALENDAR?!  
HOW ABOUT SOME HUMOR FOR A CHANGE?**

**(BY THE WAY, HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU  
WASH YOUR HANDS TODAY?)**

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A couple of weeks of isolation with the family. What can go wrong?



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Back in my day the only time we started panic buying was when the bartender yelled "last call" 😂  
at VFW Post 846.

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## QUARANTINE DIARY —

**DAY 1:** I have stocked up on enough non-perishable food and supplies to last me several months, if not years, so that I can remain in isolation for as long as it takes to last out this pandemic.

## **DAY 1 + 45 MINUTES:**

I am in the supermarket because I wanted a Twix.

If you need 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14 day quarantine you probably should've been seeing a Doctor long before COVID-19

**For assistance, please call (913) 735-3125**