

Commander's column;

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members, I hope everyone has been preparing for the heated days of summer. Please stay hydrated and utilize that sunscreen when out and about.

I like to thank everyone who was at our post-election meeting last month. Installation of the Elected Officers and Appointed Officers will get installed into their respective roles in the May 9th General Meeting. Installation's will begin at 5:30 pm, then continue till our social dinner at 6:00 pm and move into our general meeting at 7:00 pm. As a reminder that the install members will not start the areas of responsibilities till after the State Convention is held in June 2017. At that respected time the names will be posted in our website.

This year Comrade Daniel Campos (Past Post Commander) introduce a Scholarship program that will go towards a student of a VFW Post member. Member must be in good standing with the VFW organization and the opportunity to have a family member receive scholarship money to go towards their further education. Applications will be available for download through our website: www.vfwpost7110.com or at the post. This year's 2017 recipient of \$1000.00 went to Meghan Perry, Congratulation's.

To all POST AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS, this year our 6th Annual Cook-off is scheduled for September 1st and 2nd, 2017. This is our largest event to support our educational programs, and would like a 100 percent participation. Our success will be measured by our efforts of support, this post is on a mission to strengthen its core and function as a team. **We have raffle tickets to sell at \$5.00 a ticket / book of 5 tickets for \$20.00 dollars. So contact the post (830) 625-9961 or Comrade Daniel Campos (956)605-1622 and soon we will have BBQ plate tickets to sell at \$7.00 each as well.** So let's support our post, and reach out to family, friends and don't forget to include yours neighbors. Next cook-off meeting will be May 31st at 6:30 pm. Let's make this event a success, Together Everyone Achieves More.

Our post strength is up to 101.94%, our goal is to reach 106.00 % by June 15th. It is always necessary to recruit new membership, but also as important to keep those within our organization. The VFW post unit 20 motorcycle group has been tasked to a challenge to recruit as many new / reinstated members in their respective district. Since we have two MC groups in our District 5. Unit 20 and Unit 32 have split the District in half. Texas Dept. Commander has addressed the challenge across the entire state. Let's support our MC Unit 20 in this challenge. I will continue to follow-up on our post roster to maintain membership and re-instate those who have let their membership expire. As we build comradery among veterans in our post and community level. It strengthens us to have a voice in National level to fight for veteran's rights and privileges. Congress is currently trying to adjust and remove some of our educational

benefit, along with medical and retirement for those who are still serving our country. With the increase strength of membership, the louder the voice we have to be heard in the Congress.

Dates to remember;

May. 01, 2017 – VFW Post 7110 and Auxiliary members will participate in Loyalty Day Flag raising ceremony that will be held at the plaza circle down town New Braunfels. Event starts at 9 am, so support this event and arrive at 8:45 am.

MAY 08, 2017 – VE Day: German unconditional surrender signed, 1945. Flag raising ceremony at 9 am at the VFW Post 7110.

May 27th and 28th – Buddy Poppy Distribution at two location. Granzin's Meat Mkt and Tractor Supply Co. Volunteers needed, so please sign up. Contact Marty Monceballez at email mmtx67@yahoo.com or 830 625 9961 leave a message. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the canteen area.

May 30, 2017 – Memorial Day: VFW Post 7110 will commemorate this day to the comrades who died in defense of their country. Flag raising ceremony at 9 am at the VFW Post 7110.