

VETERAN'S OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3280

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Comrades,

Merry Christmas! First and foremost I wanted to make clear on the monthly newsletter, we put out each month. So far, what we have tried is putting newsletters around the Post, on the tables, bar, and at the sign in desk. It seems some are still not getting out the word or information. The VFW3280.org web site was not updated since September, no newsletter was getting to the keeper of that. Now that we know what does not work, we are going to try a different approach. I am going to place at the canteen a form to have those who would like to receive by e-mail the newsletter in a group e-mail. For those who would like to receive by mail, we are going to do a survey again on cost or paper, stamps and envelopes. We will then see what cost is and see if we can make a motion on the floor to see if we can start this up.

In the December meeting I am going to appoint Committee members to handle Buddy Poppy's, VOD, Patriots Pen and a Website committee. We will have a membership card check and sign in leader and team assembled so we know who is working what days and special occasions for the Post.

Thanksgiving dinner was great, thanks to the Wimberley's and their kitchen crew, and all who brought donations of food. The VFW Auxiliary and Post members stepped up to take food to the troops on base who were working, and could not leave their command posts. Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to volunteer on a holiday.

Like to take this time to remember those who are overseas and here at Cannon, taking care of business on the front lines and in support of the troops and their families who are praying and keeping the home front ready for their soldier, sailor, marine and Airman upon their return home safe and sound. Please keep an eye out for our friends here in Clovis and your hometown. Make sure all are safe and secure at all times. Look forward to seeing you at the Post for our holiday events and let's have a great New Year!

Check the calendar for events in December. Let's get the Post going and in great celebration. Thanks for making 2015 another good year for the Post and Myself. I am so grateful for all the volunteers and Post members whom always seem to come together when needed.

Always when going out, have a plan, and a back up just in case. December meeting Thurs. 3, at 7:00 pm. Jan meeting held on the 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

Art Kennedy, Post Commander VFW 3280

Dear Comrades and Fellow Sisters & Brothers,

First I want to say Thank-you, to everyone that helped make November a wonderful month. We had a great month! We visited our Veterans in some of the nursing homes, and honored them with cake and ice cream. We had a great open house, participated in the parade and won awards, with a great ceremony to follow. We had great teams and volunteers for all of this as well as the Marine Corp Ball.

Our Thanksgiving Day dinner went well, we had a great group of volunteers, and to those who donated food items for this thank you. We had a great team deliver 71 meals to the Base personnel who were working keeping us safe. I also had a great bunch of volunteers help make lap blankets for our veterans who are in nursing homes, which we will pass out as Christmas gifts.

Once again we have several functions coming up in December, in which we will need more volunteers for, so that we can make these events successful, which I know we can do. This will include Portales Christian Children's Home Christmas party, Post Christmas Party, and visiting our Veterans in nursing homes, all to put smiles on their faces. This is what the Christmas season is about, giving to others. As soon as we have dates available they will be posted.

Please keep all in your prayers and hope everyone has a Great Holiday season.

Again thanks for all you do.

Bobbi VanDyke, Auxiliary President

CHARTER IS DRAPED FOR THE FOLLOWING COMRADES AND SISTERS THAT HAVE PAST DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

**Life Member Robert Stranathan
Life Member Joseph "Phil" Dionne**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

To all those celebrating a birthday!

Happy anniversary to all celebrating one in
December

The staff at VFW Post 3280, would like to wish
all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year!

Post Christmas Party will be held on

December 19th

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, Santa will arrive at 6:30 pm. Please bring a small gift for your child to put under the tree, so that Santa can hand them out. The VFW Auxiliary will provide goodie bags.

We will also need Turkeys, Hams and side dishes donated for the meal.

On December 31, 2015 we will be having a New Years Party. "Blackwater Band" will be providing entertainment. This will start at 8:00 pm. Please bring finger foods to share.

We will have designated drivers to get you and your vehicle home safely. If you would like to be a designated driver please get ahold of Suzan, so we can have a schedule made as to who will be driving and at what times.

Thank-you, hope to see everyone here!

Starting December 1st the bartenders will be asking to see membership cards. Please be proud to show your card. Those who are annual members will be asked to pay their 2016 membership dues. As you know all annual memberships for Post and Auxiliaries will expire at midnight December 31, 2015. Those who pay after the 31st of December will have to fill out paperwork and reapply for membership. So pay your dues now! Please pay by December 20th, so there is enough time to get it to National Headquarters by the 31st of December.

Post annual dues \$45.00

VFW Auxiliary \$30.00

Men's Auxiliary \$45.00

Thanks, Your membership Committees

December 2015

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Fri

Sat

		1	2 <i>JVC Meeting 7 pm</i> <i>Amvets Post 14</i>	3 <i>Post & VFW Aux</i> <i>Meeting 7pm</i>	4 <i>Steak Night</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>VFW Auxiliary</i> <i>Burger Night</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Steak Night &</i> <i>D. J.</i>	19 <i>Post X-Mas Party</i> <i>Dinner 5:30</i>
20	21	22	23	24 	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> <i>Post Closed</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>Party! Band 8:00</i> <i>pm. "Blackwater"</i>		

We do not have a definite time yet on the Portales Christian Children's Home. As soon as we have a time we will pass it on.

We will do goodie bags for the Post Christmas Party on Tuesday Dec. 15th at 6:00 pm.

We hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas, and a Safe & Happy New Year. Please have a designated driver this holiday season. Remember the DWI task force will be out in full force.

"Tis the season, don't give them a reason"

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Thank-you!

