



# VFW Post 3830

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!

December 2013

### VFW Commander's Corner



Aloha Comrades and Sisters,

☀ Can't say this often enough...***Mahalo to all Veterans...***The VFW salutes you and thanks you for your service.

Many of us were honored to participate in Veterans Day activities this month, including the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veterans Walk in Hilo, presenting flowers at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial in Hilo, the Veterans ceremony with the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 299<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment Memorial Service at KMR, presenting flowers at the Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery, and the Veterans Day ceremony and dinner at Kilauea Military Camp.

We also participated in a ceremony honoring Veterans at Hale Anuenue, and presented them with certificates of appreciation for their service. Several members attended an annual reunion of Hawaii Marines in Las Vegas and walked in the Veterans Day parade there. It was a busy week of recognition for Veterans.


☀ ***Take a Veteran to School Day*** is an annual event at St. Joseph School, with Freda Hart, Dave Watters, Randy Brady, and Wymond Wilds from Post 3830 participating. Not sure who enjoys it more, the Veterans or the students, but it's good to share with the youth.

☀ ***Pahoehawaii Holiday Parade - Sat., Dec. 7.*** We invite all Veterans to participate with Post 3830. Ride your motorcycle, ride the Vets Haulin' Van or the pickup truck, or walk the parade route. The parade lineup is at the entrance to the Rubbish Dump Road and the parade ends at the high school. Be there before 9:00 am. Wear your VFW shirt or something patriotic. Flags encouraged. Call Libbie at 936-8846 or Jan at 936-8120 for more information.

☀ ***Distinguished Citizen Medal*** - Norman Stahl, representing the Marine Corps League, presented a Distinguished Citizen Medal posthumously to George Kelly, Past Commander of VFW Post 3830.

The certificate reads, "The Commandant and members of Camp Tarawa Detachment, #1255, take pride in presenting the Distinguished Citizen Medal to George Kelly, Past Commander, VFW Post 3830.


"Marine George Kelly was a Vietnam veteran who carried his Marine can-do spirit into civilian life and completed a record of volunteer achievement in East Hawaii that was emblematic of the level of devotion and professional service deserving of the title "Distinguished Citizen". Therefore, I do hereby award him the Marine Corps League Bronze Distinguished Citizen Medal (posthumously) and direct that subject award be delivered to VFW Post 3830 respectfully requesting the Post display it in honor of their distinguished past commander's many public service accomplishments." The award is dated 17 August 2013 and signed by Norman S. Stahl for the Commandant. The certificate is displayed at the Post.


 **The Ukulele Raffle was hugely successful** - Congratulations to Shelli Laurion, the winner of the beautiful HA Tenor Ukulele that was built and donated by Henry Calio. A big Mahalo to Henry for his generous donation! And mahalo to all who participated. The proceeds benefitted the Building Fund.

 **Join us for Breakfast on Dec. 1 and Dec 15**, 9-11 am, for a donation of \$5.00, all you can eat. Bring your family and friends. It's the best bargain in town.

 **Chili and Rice Dinner with Bingo on Sat., Dec. 14**, 6-9 pm, for a donation of \$10.00. Last month's dinner was a blast! Bring your friends and family!

 **Members' Christmas Party, Steak Fry, Sat., Dec. 21, 4-6 pm.** Free to members and a guest. Bring a dessert to share.

 **Facilities and Grounds Maintenance** - Thanks to all who came out for the November Work Day. We improved the appearance of the hall by installing a lattice wall to cover the loft area and performed a lot of smaller jobs around the facility. Check it out, and you'll see the difference. We will schedule another Work Day after the holidays.

 **VFW Membership** - The VFW strives to do good things for deserving people, particularly Veterans, their families, and their communities.

*Eligibility:* The fundamental difference between our organization and other Veterans organizations, and one in which we take great pride, is our eligibility qualifications.

VFW welcomes all who meet our eligibility criteria. It's through service to this country that all our membership has earned their elite status.

You can join VFW if you...are a US citizen who has served honorably in an overseas conflict;

- ♦ Received a recognized Campaign Medal for Overseas Service;
- ♦ Served at least 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea since 1949; or
- ♦ Have earned Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay eligibility.

As a VFW member, you'll enjoy the benefits of belonging to America's largest Combat Veterans' organization.

- ♦ A subscription to VFW magazine
- ♦ Discounts and special offers from a wide range of businesses
- ♦ No-cost personal accident insurance

Start enjoying the benefits and camaraderie of belonging to a group of Combat Veterans who have earned their membership through service to this country.

 **Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW** - "Keeping America's Veterans and Families Strong"

Female relatives of those who have served overseas share a strong and unique bond. We all have a loved one who has left their home to fight for freedom on foreign soil. We were at home, waiting and wondering. We supported them then and we continue to support them and all Veterans now.

*Eligibility:* Wives, widows, mothers, foster and stepmothers, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, foster and stepdaughters, sisters, half-sisters, foster and stepsisters of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the VFW. Must be citizens of the US and at least 16 years old.

★ **Photo Wall** - Looking for photos of Post 3830 Members, in uniform, to display on our photo wall; maximum size is 8x10". Do we have a photo of you? Bring one in!

★ ***We need a Driver for the Vets Haulin' Vets Van!***

The Vets Haulin' Vets handicapped van with a hydraulic wheelchair lift was donated by Bill McRay, former Post 3830 Commander and longtime VFW member. This van transports disabled Vets from Hilo and Puna to medical appointments in Hilo. It's not a full time job, just a few hours here and there, and we need to expand the list of available drivers. Call Wymond at 965-0841 to volunteer or for further info.

If you're a disabled Vet and need the use of the handicapped van to go to doctor's appointments, please call 48 hrs. in advance to schedule an appointment for a ride. Call Wymond Wilds at 965-0841.

★ The **VA van** is available to any Vet in Puna or Hilo who needs transportation to CBOC or the Vet Center. Call Don Bennett 24 hrs. in advance to make an appointment for a ride - 965-9168.

Mark your calendar for December's upcoming events. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully Yours,  
Commander Wymond A. Wilds

***Be sure to turn in your community service hours  
to Quartermaster Randy Brady. Email: randallfbradyjr@gmail.com***

***25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial in Hilo***



 **LAVFW**  
**President's Corner**

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*Ladies Auxiliary  
to the Veterans of Foreign Wars*



Aloha from the Ladies Auxiliary,

November is a month when we remember and honor all our Veterans and the sacrifices they have made to protect us and keep America free and safe. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Veterans Day ceremonies.

Members from the Post were invited to attend the "Take a Veteran to School Day" at St. Joseph's School. It is always a happy and fun time, and we are able to talk with the children and let them know what being a Veteran is all about.

We marched through Hilo Town with about 200 other Veterans on the First Annual Veterans Walk. Members helped to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam memorial in Hilo. We presented flowers at the Veterans Cemetery, attended ceremonies at Kilauea Military Camp, and we were honored to be present at Hale Anuenue, where we were able to meet many Veterans and present them with a certificate of appreciation for their service. Once again, mahalo to everyone who helped Post 3830 show their respect for all our Veterans.

We had a sewing party and were able to make 4 lap blankets for the Veterans Home in Hilo. Thank you, Stella, for letting us use your home and for all your help with our sewing projects. We will be presenting the blankets and other goodies to the home for Christmas. When we have the date and time confirmed for our visit, a memo will be sent out.

Thanks to members who helped with the work day at the Post. The men were able to clean out the loft area, and they covered the opening with some lattice. It looks great! The ladies decorated the Post for Christmas.

The Chili and Bingo night was a success. Special thanks to Lori and Robin, who cooked the chili, and all the ladies to helped to make desserts. Our friends from Hawaiian Shores once again donated their bingo supplies and time to help us, and they will be back for our next Chili and Bingo night on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. We plan on having lots of Christmas surprises for our winners, so please join us and your neighbors for a fun night.

Our State President Cassie Ale and Jr. Vice President Vi Indie visited us and did their yearly inspection of the Ladies Auxiliary. We had a great report, and I want to thank our treasurer Tina and secretary Jacqueline for keeping such good records. Mahalo to all the ladies for making LA Post 3830 such a success.

At our monthly dinner, we honored the sponsors who donated to the "A Salute to our Veterans" Hilo Bay 5K. A special thanks to Archie and Marlene Hapai, who had the idea and then took charge and made it all happen. All the monies made were donated to the Post building fund. We will be having another 5k on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. It takes months of planning, and we will be setting up committees soon and will need everyone's help to make it another success.



The ukulele fund raiser is over. A huge Mahalo to Henry Calio who made and donated the ukulele. Over \$2,000 was donated, and all this money will go into the building fund. Congratulations to the winner Shelli Laurion.

For Thanksgiving, the LAX was able to help three Veterans and their families with turkey dinners and gift certificates. A member of the Post lost his home to a fire recently and along with members Robin, Lori, and Sara, we delivered a cooked turkey dinner to him and his son on Thanksgiving Day. He was so grateful, and it was a wonderful feeling knowing that we could help. Thank you, Robin, for all your help. We will be helping families at Christmas, so if anyone knows of a family in need, please contact me or any member of the VFW or LAX.

Jan Kama and I will be attending the COA meeting on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> on Oahu. The National Commander and Ladies Auxiliary President will be here for their yearly visit. Thank you ladies for sending us to this special event.

On Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in the Annual Christmas Parade in Pahoa. The parade starts at 0900 and begins at the dump road. Everyone is invited. We will have the Vets Haulin' Vets Van for anyone who needs a ride. The rest of us will be walking and waving flags. Come and have some fun.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Potluck to follow.

Our Post Christmas Party is Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. It's a steak fry, which is free to members and a guest.

My Christmas Wish is for "Peace on Earth" so we can bring all our men and women home from war. Merry Christmas!

Aloha and Peace,

Freda Hart, LAVFW President

***Recent visit by LAVFW Hawaii President Cassie Ale (center)  
and Junior Vice President Vi Indie (left)***



*If you know of any Vet or Family in need,  
please contact any of the Post or Auxiliary Officers.*



## **Coqui Poke** News from the Neighborhood

**December events for VFW Post 3830.** Mark your calendar and try to attend as many functions as you can. Come and enjoy yourself and have fun!

**December 1 - Community Breakfast,**  
9:00- 11:00 am. Bacon, scrambled eggs,  
hash browns, biscuits and gravy, fruit salad,  
coffee and tea.

**December 5 - Post Meeting,**  
VFW Post 3830, meeting 1700.

**December 6 - Post Open 5:00-10:00 pm.**  
Potluck...Bring a tasty dish to share.

**December 7 - VFW in Pahoia Holiday  
Parade.** See details in newsletter.

**December 13 - Post Open 5:00-10:00 pm.**  
Potluck...Bring a tasty dish to share.

**December 14 - Chili Dinner & Bingo,**  
6:00-9:00 pm. Meat chili or Vegetarian  
chili, rice, cornbread, tossed salad, dessert.

**December 15 - Community Breakfast,**  
9:00- 11:00 am. French toast, Portuguese  
sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit  
salad, coffee and tea.

**December 18 - Visit Yukio Okutsu  
Veterans Home** (tentative date)

**December 19 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**  
at 3:30 pm, followed by potluck.

**December 20 - Post Open 5:00-10:00 pm.**  
Potluck...Bring a tasty dish to share.

**December 21 - Steak Fry for Members  
and Guests,** 4:00-6:00 pm.

**December 27 - Birthday Bash / Potluck  
Post Open 5:00-10:00 pm.**  
Celebrating the December birthdays.  
Bring a tasty dish to share.

**Merry Christmas and Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!**

*From the Officers of VFW Post 3830 ... Wymond Wilds, Ed Taylor,  
Rick Lay, Randy Brady, Don Bennett, Rick Kama,*

*Jerome Siebenrock, Rick DuVoisin, John Young*

*And Ladies Auxiliary ... Freda Hart, Jan Kama, Maralyn Renken,*

*Tina Harshbarger, Jacquie Hammond, Marlyn Kelly,*

*Mary McDougall, Edla Bushman, Robin Kloda, Stella Dias-Calio*



## Veterans Day Activities





**Repairs and Maintenance to the Post**



**Winner of the Ukulele Raffle ... Shelli Laurion**

**Sponsors of the 5K "A Salute to Our Veterans"**



**Presentation by Marine Corps League**

**Take a Veteran to School Day at St. Joseph School**





# VFW Post 3830

## ~ December 2013 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Breakfast 9 - 11 am Bacon	2	3	4	5 VFW Post Mtg 1700	6 Post Open 5 - 10 pm Potluck	7 Ride in the Pahoa Holiday Parade 9 am
8	9	10	11	12	13 Post Open 5 - 10 pm Potluck	14 Chili & Rice Dinner with BINGO 6 - 9 pm
15 Breakfast 9 - 11 am French Toast/ Portuguese Sausage	16	17	18	19 LAVFW Mtg 3:30 pm followed by Potluck	20 Post Open 5 - 10 pm Potluck	21 Steak Fry Members & Guests 4 - 6 pm
22	23	24	25 Christmas Mele Kalikimaka!	26	27 BIRTHDAY BASH! Post Open 5 - 10 pm Potluck	28
29	30	31	Notes: 	<b>Mele Kalikimaka!</b> <b>Wishing You a Safe and Happy New Year!</b>		