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Commander Bobby Jeans

Greetings fellow veterans and members of Post 2230. I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. Welcome back and it will be great to see you as we restart our meetings. Our post will have a few busy months ahead, with plenty of events and activities that I encourage you to take part in. If you're interested in lending a hand, please reach out to me or another officer.

Quartermaster – John Thompson

All funds raised are deposited and all outstanding bills are paid. We are in good shape and in line with all our goals.

Scholarship programs

Last call for the national essay scholarships is October 31st. This is a great way to promote our democratic ideals among our middle and high school students, and they get a chance to win scholarships!

Veterans Day Memorial Service

Commander Jeans will begin the ceremonies November 11th at 11:00 am.

Flag Deployment:



Flag Deployment will start off on Saturday November 4th at 8:00am with our usual full breakfast at the post. It will be a great start for a meaningful morning. At 9:00am we will muster at Graceland Cemetery near the Parkway exit on the Kenilworth Blvd. and begin to place flags on our veteran's resting places. As in the past there will be about 1100 flags placed on the gravesites. At 11:00am all those wishing to return to the Kenilworth Veterans Center will be invited for hot dogs and beverages.

A message from our National VFW



The PACT act was signed 14Aug23. The Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) act covers you for exposure to toxins such as burn pit smoke, agent orange, contaminated water from Camp Lejeune, and more. Beware of scams asking you to pay for claims assistance. Contact a VFW accredited service officer or visit the website PactActInfo.org for more information.



KVC NEWS:

President Jerry Dobbins

On behalf of the KVC executive board and myself, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and blessed holiday season. I am happy to report that, thanks to all of our members, we have enjoyed a great year at the KVC. I really appreciate all the help you have given in running this organization.

Vice President Robert Vesselli: If you are not registered and do not have a VA Health Card, Government Driver's License or Government Retirement ID Card you may apply for a Veterans Identification Card by calling 855-574-7286 or online at www.va.gov. This card can be used when asking for a veteran discount at various stores or eateries.

Secretary – Bill Salzmann: We currently have 58 KVC members and 289 VFW members.

Bar Chairman – Gerry Grasso – Hall rentals are in full swing. If any member is looking to use the halls don't wait, see Commander Jeans and reserve your date.

Treasurer – Rob Reyes The books are in order and have been reviewed by our accountant.

Community Services



As you are all well aware VFW Post 2230 sponsors Boy Scout Troop 83. We have proudly watched them grow over the years, as they've served our community, as they've grown their membership into a fine troop and have produced many eagle scouts, and as they've matured into young men. Congratulations to our most recent Eagle scout Sean Kulesarich!

Service officer Ray Fuschino:

You may have heard news of the conditions our veterans faced at veterans' homes nationwide. The Paramus and Edison NJ facilities were particularly bad and the US Department of Justice Civil Rights Division had to investigate. The [consequent report](#) was just published last month.

The VFW urges its members and all veterans to visit TodaysVFW.org where you can see how veterans are still serving in their communities and where you can share your story too.

Thank you all for your service!



Family events



A pumpkin carving contest will be held on October 22nd 6-8pm with beer, cider and donuts. Bring your carved creations to our pumpkin patch. There will be prizes.



Toys for Tots collection will be at our hall from November 24 through December 15.



We will have our post's Christmas party just after our general meeting on Thursday December 14th. It will be an abbreviated meeting. All members are invited to attend and they are urged to bring their spouses and family members.

E-mail Addresses: If you have access to a computer and have an email address send it our secretary Bill Salzman at kvc.secretary@gmail.com. He sends out notices and alerts as they occur.

Kenilworth Veterans Web Page: Don't forget to visit our web and sign our guest book at www.kenilworthvfw.com where you can check out our events and news.

Kenilworth Veterans Facebook Page: Come and visit us on our facebook page you can join us by entering this address www.facebook.com/kenilworthveterans click the like button and become part of our facebook community.



2023 Meetings

Always the second Thursday of the month at 1900hrs.

<u>January</u> 12 th	<u>February</u> 9 th	<u>March</u> 9 th
<u>April</u> 13 th	<u>May</u> 11 th	<u>June</u> 8 th
<u>July</u> No meeting Summer Interim	<u>August</u> No meeting Summer Interim	<u>September</u> No meeting Summer Interim
<u>October</u> 12 th	<u>November</u> 9 th	<u>December</u> 14 th



VFW Membership

If you know any veterans and they are not members of the VFW please have the prospective member fill out the following information box and get it to Bobby Jeans or Bill Salzmann.

PLEASE PRINT

VFW/KVC Membership Application

Name _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone# _____
 E-mail: _____ Branch of Service: _____ Status: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____
 Dates of overseas service: From: _____ to: _____ Conflict/war: _____

*Copy of DD-214 required with this application.