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Commander's Message, Bob Jeans: As we approach the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. I need to remind members that we need volunteers to assist on parade day Saturday March 9th. I am going to need a contingent to march in the parade and several members to work in the building at the after parade celebration. Sign-up by calling our office at 908-276-9769. Our next meeting will be March 14th at 6pm and we will have VFW officer nominations.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: 🍀 The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday March 9th 2024. We'll meet at our Veteran's Center at 10:00am. As in past years transportation to and from the Kenilworth Veterans Center will be provided with buses departing for the parade from the KVC at 11:00am and returning to the KVC 15 minutes after the parade ends. Parade start time will be at 1:00pm sharp in Union, NJ. The rain date will be March 23rd.

The Union County Emerald Society and the Elizabeth police and fire departments will be holding their after parade party at the KVC starting after the end of the parade at 2:00pm. Please visit the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee webpage for additional information at www.unioncountystpatricksdaysparade.com. The Grand Marshall is Robert Wade. Any member of VFW Post 2230, their family or guest, can march with VFW Post 2230, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 688, American Legion Post #470, or if you are unable to march you can ride in a military vehicle.

This is our busiest day of the year and we can surely use your help. Please volunteer some of your time to help make it a successful event. This will be done in three shifts. The morning shift helps set up the event by arranging the tables, chairs, etc. and by helping our cooks prepare the food. The middle shift will support our KVC staff. The evening shift will help clean up. The day will end at 7pm.

KVC St. Patrick's Day Party: 🍀 Keeping with tradition Commander Jeans and President Dobbins will host a St. Patrick's Day party at the Kenilworth Veterans Center on St. Patrick's day itself, Sunday March 17th 2024, from 2pm to 6pm. Plenty of corned beef and cabbage and all the trimming will be served. All members are invited to attend and invited to bring your spouse and family. As in the past the post will be picking up the cost and no charge to members and their guest.



Day of Service: The VFW Day of Service is an outgrowth of the organization's #StillServing campaign launched in 2020 to recognize the ongoing dedication of veterans and service members who continue to serve their communities. VFW Day of Service, led by veterans and in concert with other organizations and civic groups, is open for anyone to participate. The third annual VFW Day of Service is coming this May 25th of 2024. The VFW urges its members and all veterans to visit TodaysVFW.org and VFWDayofService.org to register their event on the interactive Day of Service map and receive a special participation decal, or find a local event to join and see what other veterans around the country are doing to make a difference. Our post will collectively perform our Day of Service through our Memorial Day flag deployment on Saturday the 25th, meeting at Graceland Memorial cemetery at 9am. Thank you all for your service.

Secretary – Bill Salzmann: We currently have 55 KVC member and 306 VFW members. I'd like to remind everyone to notify me if you change your address. I will make the change for you with the National. If you notify the National of an address change they do not notify the post. Also for those members who receive the newsletter via US Postal Service if you have an email address please send me an e-mail at kvc.secretary@gmail.com so that I can add you to our email list. As you are aware the postage has gone up again and it would be a great help and a cost saver to the post if you have an e-mail address so we can send the newsletter via email attachment instead of sending it via US Postal Service.

Sick Call: Our thoughts and prayers go out to those members of the post who are having health issues and to the families of those members. Our best wishes to our executive board member Jerry Dobbins for a speedy recovery.

Taps: Our condolences, prayers and deepest thoughts go to the family of VFW Post 2230 member Anthony P. Ferraioli who died January 31, 2024. We will have a memorial service at the KVC, the date is yet to be determined.



KVC NEWS:

Vice President Robert Vesselli: If you haven't already done so take a minute and file your application for the NJ State Tax Veteran Exemption. This can be done online. It takes several weeks to process your application and receive the confirmation email that the State of NJ finds that you are eligible for the exemption.

A new KVC addition: Congratulations to Jerry Grasso for becoming a 1st time Grandpa! His grandson Dante Vasquez was born January 25th came into the world with 2.5lbs and 14" long.

VA Identification Card: If you are registered with the VA Hospital you can get a VA I.D. Card. This card can be used as proof of veteran status. This card will allow you access to the P.X. and Commissary as well as other benefits and discounts.

Boy Scouts:

Christmas tree and wreath sales at the Kenilworth Veterans Center was a great success. Thanks for all of your support to make this happen again.

The Boy Scout Troop 83 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on March 3rd 2024 from 8am to 12pm at VFW Post 2230 in the main room. 8 Dollars per person kids under 5 and Veterans eat free.

Special Thank You:

To **Boy Scout Troop 83** for all of their hard work and support for VFW Post 2230 and The Kenilworth Veterans Center. The troop assisted in collecting health and beauty items for approximately 143 veterans.

Special Thank You:

To **Tom and Allison Zuchek** for assistance with the VFW Post 2230 Fundraiser that went to purchasing health and beauty products and other needed items for our 31 Veteran Angels that we support.

Salute to the 102nd Cavalry:



Our adopted unit in Westfield are recently deployed overseas. We wish them a successful tour and a quick and safe return home.



Service Officer Guy Vanterpool: If you have any claims questions or concerns please contact me. I am at every meeting and would love to assist you with navigating the VA system.

Thank you Kathy Curren for your steadfast support with our Veterans Homes!

Below is a rundown of the events she has hosted and will host:

November 18th 2023
Menlo Park Veterans Home White castle Luncheon
December 2nd 2023
Menlo Park Veterans Home Wine and Cheese party
December 16th 2023
Menlo Park Veterans Home Pizza Party
January 27th 2024
Menlo Park Veterans Home Pizza Party
Kathy also takes care of veterans at the Plaza Nursing home!

If you wish to help support our veterans in the veterans homes, please come over to the lounge where most times you'll likely find Kathy at work, or call her at (908) 276-9769.

Congratulations New Members: Anthony Stoll, Stanley Edouard, Larry Green, Tahjuwan Crawford, Warren Robinson, Thedine Cadet, Harris Reevey, Suehane Rivera, Cacique Rodriguez, Stella Okigbo, Raymond Bribieca, Marc Joseph, Phillip Purnell, Jerry Cox, Heather Reed, Melissa Gregorio, and Daniel Collins.

Building and Grounds – Bo Haniak: We have a new ATM machine in the downstairs lobby a couple of weeks now and it's already boosting business at the bar.
The grounds are well maintained after cleaning up the recent snowfall.
We have two foyer doors that must be replaced and they're on order.

VA Benefit Reminders:

- 1) Veterans are entitled to one pair of glasses per year at the VA Hospital. These are not the BCG's of yesterday, they are stylish new frames with multiple choices.
- 2) Veterans are entitled to a hearing test to check the status of hearing loss and tinnitus. See our VSO Guy Vanterpool with your questions.



2024 Meetings

Always the second Thursday of the month at 1900hrs.

January 11 th	February 8 th	March 14 th
April 11 th	May 9 th	June 13 th
October 10 th	November 14 th	December 12 th

Kenilworth Veterans Web Page: Don't forget to visit our web and sign our guest book. Check out our post calendar for upcoming events and view our photo album. Our web page URL is www.kenilworthvfw.com for your browser or just scan this with your smart phone's camera to get there.



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. You can also scan this with your smart phone's camera to get there.



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.