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**Commander's Message, Bob 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. As we enter our new hall rental season we have found that we are in need of additional bartenders and managerial and cleanup personnel. If you're interested in lending a hand, please reach out to me or another officer.

**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](mailto:kvc.secretary@gmail.com) so that I can add you to our email list.

**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.

**Some VA Benefit Reminders:**

- 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.
- Veterans are entitled to a hearing test to check the status of hearing loss and tinnitus. See our VSO Guy Vanterpool with your questions.

**Scholarship programs**



Last call for the national essay scholarships is October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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!

**A message from our National VFW**



This year the VFW enters its 125<sup>th</sup> year of service to America's veterans. We are honoring the impacts and the achievements that will continue to positively impact the lives of all future generations of veterans, forever.



## **KVC NEWS:**

### **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](http://www.va.gov). This card can be used when asking for a veteran discount at various stores or eateries.

### **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 Troop 83:**



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.

**Cell Phones For Soldiers** - Just wanted to remind everyone that our Cell Phones for Soldiers program is still going strong. If you are disposing of your old cell phone drop by the post and drop it in our basket in the Lounge. If you can't make it to the post call Bobby Jeans and he will make arrangements to have the phone picked up. All the used cell phones that are received go to a clearing house and Verizon call cards are then issued for use of our Military men and women who are stationed overseas. I am surprised that so many people think that our Military men and women overseas can make phone calls for free. Even in the combat areas of Afghanistan this is not true. All of our service personnel must pay for their phone calls. These calling cards make it possible for many of our service men and women to call home. Please support this cause.

### **Kathy's corner**

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



## Meetings

Always the second Thursday of the month at 1900hrs.

October 10 <sup>th</sup>	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	December 12 <sup>th</sup>
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	March 13 <sup>th</sup>
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	June 12 <sup>th</sup>

**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](http://www.kenilworthvfw.com) for your browser or just scan this with your smart phone's camera to get there.



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### **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 and get it to Bobby Jeans or Bill Salzman.

**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.