



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST 9182
KATY, TEXAS**

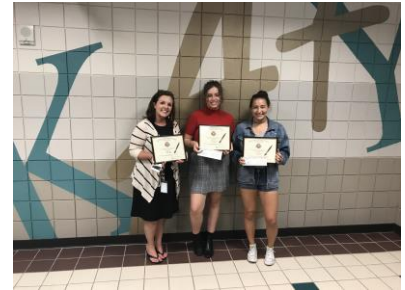
May 2019 NEWSLETTER



May is starting out on a bad note with the passing of Comrade Tom Moore. We plan to drape the charter at our June meeting and are awaiting funeral arrangements. Tom and commitment to the post and the Honor Guard are a great loss to us all.

The Auxiliary recruited at the Harris County Emergency Services District 4B Fire and EMS Safety Fest on April 13 and had some success in recruiting until they got chased out by a nasty storm.

On April 17 Betty, Pat and I attended the Katy ISD Spring Art show and Betty handed out the awards to the winners of the Auxiliary Patriotic Art contest. Pictured from left are Tompkins High School art teacher Christie Skinner accepting the third-place award for Alexandra Sippel; first-place winner Olivia Pierce and second-place winner Emily McMahon. Both Pierce and McMahon attend Cinco Ranch High School.



On April 27 participated in the Rotary Wild West Brewfest and showed off our new canopy. The Rotary was kind enough to provide us with a spot at no cost and we had a nice day. We didn't recruit anyone but generated interest that may bring us some future members. We did take in over \$500 while distributing Buddy Poppies. We didn't advertise for volunteers since we only had the one spot and the festival was from 3 to 9 p.m. and we didn't need more than a few. It was very hot but a nice breeze under the shade. We met a number of interesting folks.

On April 30 the post hosted Rotary National Representative Dr. Stephan Stein during a Rotary hosted tour of Katy. Dr. Stein is from Germany but business moved him to Russia. Comrade Jim Babin gave him an excellent 30 minute tour of the museum and post. Dr. Stein was very taken with the hard work Jim and volunteers have put into the museum. He is pictured showing us where he is from.



Surgeon Mike Warren has put together a very comprehensive report on our ailing Comrades and to save time during our business meeting I am providing a link to his full report. <http://www.vfw9182.org/pdf-files/04-29-Surgeon.pdf>

Congratulations Comrade Tony Hart. He has received his pin for signing up 5 new members. Still more coming in too. Everyone is qualified to earn those pins. We have a new table with lots of recruiting material in the front.

If you know of anyone who is not receiving this newsletter and they have an email address, please have them contact Betty Edmundson at the office so she can add their email address to our mailing list.

Upcoming events

Monday May 5 the Auxiliary and Post installations will be held separately, this year. The Post wants to recognize as many new members as we can, after the installation, with a short initiation ceremony. **Blues** and **Grey's** are required for all officers and requested for everyone else.

Tuesday May 14 the Auxiliary will be presenting awards to 2 different businesses. They will present the April Americanism Award to the manager of Blue Wave Car Wash and a VFW Letter and an Americanism Award to Burger King. Both are located on Kingsland at the corner of Pin Oak. Plan to meet at 10:20 a.m. in the back end of the Burger King parking lot. We will walk over to the Blue Wave Car Wash office for their presentation. We will then walk back to Burger King to present their award. We plan to have lunch at Burger King rather than JCI on that day. So “Hot Dog Tuesday” will be “Hamburg Tuesday.” Please wear your VFW shirts and any post members should have your caps.

Sunday May 19 at 5 p.m. will be Texas for Heroes graduation. Please make an effort to attend and support these deserving Veterans.

Friday May 24 through Sunday May 26 is our very important Buddy Poppy distribution weekend. John Wright has a good lineup this year. You will note that the Fire Thorne Kroger at Spring Green is back again, Bass Pro is out as their corporate has required a 3 million dollar liability insurance coverage for anyone using their grounds, and Snappy's has joined us.

Kroger 22150 Westheimer Parkway
Kroger 2700 West Grand Parkway North
Kroger 1550 West Grand Parkway South
Kroger 25050 FM 1093 @ Spring Green Blvd
Kroger 1712 Spring Green Blvd
Snappy's Hwy 90 Old Katy
Brookshire Brothers Franz Road

John will have sign-up sheets on the sign in tables at the Business Meeting and it will be on the web <http://www.vfw9182.com/volunteer.html>. Times for all locations will be: Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Please remember that this is an important fund raiser and we need YOU to make it work. New members just understand that all you need to do is meet folks and give them a poppy. We do not ask for funds. We share our friendship and a poppy with the public in memory of all those who have given their “ALL” to make us the best country in the world. Snappy's hours will be 9 am to 1 pm. all three (3) days.

Monday May 27 is Memorial Day and we will be honoring our Brothers in Arms who have given their all for our country. Rene Cano will be asking for volunteers before and after the 27th to place and then remove flags. The event will take place at 10 a.m. We will be joined by the American Legion and the Katy Police and Fire Departments.

Monday June 10 the bus leaves the post at 4:45 p.m. for the Skeeters Ball Game with the \$2 Margaritas and tickets are free. Be sure to get with Rita Bailey if you want to attend.

State Convention (June 12-16, 2019) <https://www.texasvfw.org/99thannualstateconvention> we have 2 tickets left and can be arranged for using the request form at <http://www.vfw9182.com/conventions.html>.

National Convention (July 20-24, 2019) is in Orlando this year. If you are thinking about going you may start watching <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/events> because hotel rooms go very fast and with it being in the vicinity of Mickey Mouse Land I'm sure they will go faster.

Annual 4th of July Auction is on its way once again and we are looking for items for the Live and Silent Auctions. No item is too big or too small. For our new members check out <http://www.vfw9182.com/annual-auction.html> to see what we have had and done in the past. It is a great day for everyone and a major fund raiser for the post. Remember we don't have a bar to help pay our bills. You can contact Joe Szatkowski, Susan Mikulenska, Pat Byrne or Betty Edmundson if you have any questions or want to arrange to contribute anything.

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VFW AUXILIARY POST 9182

Members of the Auxiliary,

Auxiliary members, remember we will be installing our new officers on May 6th. Please wear your official Auxiliary shirt if possible.

May 19th T.E.A.M. Send Off at 2:00 pm will be held at Crosspoint Lutheran Church on Westgreen Rd.

Yours in Service
Susan Mikulenska
President
VFW Post 9182 Auxiliary

[LINK TO OUR CURRENT CALENDAR](#)

KEY MEMBERS

MAY

- 2 ----- Post & Auxiliary Staff Meetings –1830 hrs.
- 4-----American Legion Monthly Breakfast and Honor Guard Training.
- 6-----Post & Auxiliary Pot-Luck, Separate Installations and Business Meeting – 1745 hrs.
- 7-----JCI Hotdog Tuesday – 1030 hrs.
- 14----Burger King instead of JCI Tuesday – 1020 hrs.
- 19----Texas For Heroes Graduation – 1700 hrs.
- 21---- JCI Hotdog Tuesday – 1030 hrs.
- 24-26- Buddy Poppy Distribution.
- 27----Memorial Day 1000 hrs. Magnolia Cemetery
- 28---- JCI Hotdog Tuesday – 1030 hrs.
- 30 --- Post & Auxiliary Staff Meetings –1830 hrs.

JUNE

- 1-----American Legion Monthly Breakfast and Honor Guard Training.
- 3-----Post & Auxiliary Pot-Luck, Separate Installations and Business Meeting – 1745 hrs.
- 4-----JCI Hotdog Tuesday – 1030 hrs.
- 11-----JCI Hotdog Tuesday – 1030 hrs.
- 12–16 State Convention
- 18---- JCI Hotdog Tuesday – 1030 hrs.
- 25---- JCI Hotdog Tuesday – 1030 hrs.
- 27 --- Post & Auxiliary Staff Meetings –1830 hrs.

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WE KNEEL FOR OUR FALLEN
BUT WE STAND FOR OUR ANTHEM AND OUR FLAG!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Live for something rather than die for nothing."
George Patton