



VFW Post 3830 Newsletter

May, 2011

VFW *Commander's Corner*

Aloha Comrades and Sisters,



Well we certainly had our April showers and and I know that I am getting ready for our May flowers. Another busy month but then again May will be even busier. It's getting closer to the convention so we are getting to the final push and we are crossing our t's and dotting our i's.



This is how some of our Vets have had to live. This is something we should not tolerate. Our Vets deserve better than this and VFW Post 3830 will do all in its power to rectify this problem.



Randy is still down at the Post every Friday and every other Sunday for anyone who wants to practice on the air rifles. The National competition is over, until the fall when we will have even more Matches. We will be having regular matches and precision matches this fall...so come by and practice up for the team.



We are still working with the VA on behalf of the veterans. There are some new sites available on the VA.gov web site to fast track the veterans with some of the presumptive Agent Orange problems such as ischemic heart disease and b-cell

leukemia. Go to www.va.gov.fasttrack to get started and if you need any help let our officers know.



The convention planning is going well and we are still taking ads and donations for the convention book and also you need to get your meal tickets ordered. Thanks again to Jan Kama for all the work she is doing on our convention we couldn't have done this without you. Remember everyone, if you know someone in a business try, to get an ad or donation for the raffle or a donation for the Post.



Thanks again to everyone at the breakfast who donated to the Japanese Tsunami relief fund. It is a terrible tragedy and our hearts and condolences go out to each of the victims and their families. Remember that you can donate through the Aloha for Japan fund or JASH or contact any VFW Post 3830 member.



Dominic Marzi is back with his family from his tour in Afghanistan, we'd like to give him a warm "Welcome home", hope he's back to stay now.



Congratulations to the new slate of officers, who will be taking over on June 18th. Commander Vern Gawith, Senior Vice Commander Emile Wery, Jr. Vice Commander Ed Taylor, and quartermaster Randy Brady. You guys have a big job to take care of...good luck to you all.



We made up Easter baskets and an Easter meal for the abused women's shelter again this year. I hope all the children had as much fun gathering the eggs as we did coloring them. See the following pictures and try to keep from laughing.



Join us for "A Salute to Our Veterans" and our first annual Hilo Bay 5K Run/Walk Saturday, June 18th, 7:00 a.m. WANTED: 200-300 people who believe in our vets and want to help Post 3830 expand its facilities and services badly needed in the Puna district. Registration forms are available at the post or on-line: www.vfwpost3830.com Click on "Convention and Run 2011." Early Bird registration until May 18th: \$25 with T-shirt/\$15 without. Late Registration after May 18th: \$35/\$25. Awards for Most Patriotically Dressed male and female; Best Decorated Wheelchair (with attendee), Youngest, Oldest, 3 Fastest in each male and female age group, Group with largest number of participants, Participant from farthest away. Join us for a fun time and to contribute to a great cause.





Fraternally Yours
Commander
George Kelly



Ladies Auxiliary – President's Greetings



Hello Ladies,

Here it is May already. With every turn it gets closer to the end of our fiscal year. April was the nominations and elections of the new officers for 2011-2012 and I believe your choices were excellent. These are your new officers; Freda Hart-President, Marlene Hapai-Sr Vice president, Jan Kama-Jr Vice President, Pat Summers-Treasurer, Pat Gawith-Chaplain, Mary Periera-Conductress and Edla Bushman as Guard. Freda has appointed Jacquie Hammond as her Secretary. Your First Year Trustee is Norma Jean Blair, 2nd Year Trustee is Marlene Hapaii and 3rd Year Trustee is Mary Periera. So if you see any of those ladies out and about remember to congratulate them.

We are just around the corner from our State Convention and with this taking place in Hilo this year we are all very busy, so let's not forget to be patient and considerate of all. Remember also that since the Post is sponsoring this event we need everyone to

cooperate and volunteer to help with certain events. If you are planning on attending the convention please get with me so we can decide what role you can be given at this event. A lot of hands will be needed. If you are not planning on attending you will also be needed in other ways so please step up to the plate on this one.

But first we must make it through May. This is one of our busiest months. We start right out with Sunday May 1st as the first breakfast of the month. The first Thursday of the month, May 5th is our meeting at 3:30 pm. The following Sunday is Mothers Day. For the first time in the history of the Post the VFW members are allowing the Ladies to put on a Mothers Day breakfast to help us raise the funds we will be needing. So please, everyone come out and help with this event. If you cannot help you can come out and support our Auxiliary. Be sure to bring your mother, grandmother, sister, Daughter, aunt, and whoever else (all the husbands and kids are also welcome) out to breakfast that morning. From 9-11am we will be serving Ham and eggs with hash browns, biscuits and gravy along with fruit cocktail...all you can eat! Remember that this will be Sunday May 8th so make your plans now to be there. The following Sunday will be the third breakfast for the month and the on the following Saturday, May 21st will be our monthly dinner. Remember we will need desserts for this. May 30th is Memorial Day and once again we will be at Cemetary One in full uniform if you have it for this occasion. Please be early so that we can all find a parking place and also so that we can be seated together.

Once again this brings us to the birthdays of the month. So Silva Nelson have a very "Happy Birthday". If anyone else is having a birthday in May I also wish you a "Happy Birthday" and please let us know so that you can be included on our list.

Fraternally Yours
Theresa Laymon, President

If you know of any vet or family in need, please contact any of the Post officers.



Coqui Poke News from the neighborhood



May events for **VFW Post 3830**, please try to attend as many functions as you can, and remember to enjoy yourself and have fun.

May 1th. Community breakfast, French Toast, eggs, hash browns, fruit salad, coffee and tea

May.5th Post meeting day, Convention committee meeting 2:00pm, Ladies Auxiliary at 1530 VFW Post 3830 meeting 1700

May.6th. Post open 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm bring some pupus Air Rifle 2-4 pm

May 8th Mothers Day Breakfast Ham, eggs, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy, fruit salad. "Happy Mothers Day"

May. 13th Post open 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm bring a tasty dish to share. Air rifles 2-4

May. 15th Community breakfast, SOS, hash browns, biscuits, fruit salad, coffee and tea.

May. 20th Post open 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm *for members and guests bring a tasty dish to share.* Air rifle 2-4

May 21st Community dinner Pork Roast 4-6 pm doors open at 3 pm

May.22nd CAP Air Rifle practise 2-5

May. 26th  Visitation Vets home at 10:00am Hale Anuenue at 11:00am everyone should try to come

May 27th Homeless outreach at Keeau National Guard Armory 0900 until 3 pm.

May. 29th Post open 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm *for members and guests. Bring some good food.* Air rifle 2-4 CAP air rifle 2-5

May 30th Memorial Day