



# The Tradition

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### AMVETS Post 770

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From the Commander

**Ed Krug**

Congratulations to our latest Queen of Hearts winner Lyn Kaminski. Lyn revealed the Queen of Hearts and took home the Jackpot for over \$9,000. Thanks to everyone who comes out to participate and Good luck; you may be the next lucky winner.

Unfortunately, we did not have our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Along the same lines we will close early on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Please watch the calendar. We will also be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. I apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. This year is anything but normal. Watch the calendar for changes.

Post members, it is time to think about running for office. First step is to have a fellow Post member nominate you from the floor at the March General meeting on Sunday, 7 March. If you have never held a Post officer position, you are eligible to run for 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Provost Marshal, or Post Trustee. The offices of Chaplain, Public Relations Officer, Quartermaster, and Service Officer are appointed positions. If a person has held a Post Officer position in the past (at least 1 year) he/she is eligible to run for Commander. On the Club Board of Trustee side, there are 7 positions to run for. It should be made clear that the person that wants to run for any office must be present at the General meeting on Sun, 7 March, so he/she can accept/decline the nomination! If the person is not present to accept/decline, the nomination is not valid.

If you are in need of assistance accessing VA benefits, please remember we have a Service Officer here at Post #0770. Dave Johnson is trained in navigating the system to help our veterans and their families obtain the resources available to them. Appointments are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make an appointment contact Kim Herrera in the office at 520-883-6304 or stop by the Post during regular business hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.



New Post members being sworn in by Commander Krug at the November meeting.  
(Photo thanks to Elaine Owens.)

From The Ladies Auxiliary President  
**Elaine Owens**

**The Next Regular Auxiliary meeting is on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.**

Continue to check the menu board for the Saturday meals the Auxiliary puts on. If the Riders or CBT's would like to take a Saturday, please contact me.

Thanks to all who participated in the Chili Cook-Off on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. It was a different experience to say the least, with the pandemic. We had 7 competitors and had prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to our winners!

Several of us walked or rode golf carts on Nov 14 to honor John Carlson and to raise funds for ALS. Thank you for your support to defeat ALS.

The Auxiliary is still in need of a Hospital chairwoman and an Americanism chairwoman. Contact me for more information.

The Christmas party on December 19 has not been approved by the CBT as of this writing. Attend the next meeting on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to obtain the updates.

**WITHOUT OUR VETERANS WE WOULD NOT BE FREE. WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS WE WILL NOT SUCCEED.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Elaine Owens 520-576-6712 - Texting is best (leave me your name) or phone calls, if you are unable to text (please leave me a voice mail as I do not answer my phone when it is an unknown number)

Stay Well!

Thank you!



New Auxiliary members being sworn in at the November meeting.

From the Public Relations Officer

**Valerie H. Davis**

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be the January 2021 newsletter. All articles are due to me no later than Tuesday, 15 December 2020. Electronic articles are greatly appreciated. Articles need to be written in Word and sent as an attachment to an email. Photos for the newsletter are also accepted when sent as an email attachment. Articles received after the deadline will **not** be published in the January newsletter. If you have any questions, you may call me at 908-0774.

**Business card advertising:** If you have a business and would like to advertise it in the newsletter, please give Kim Herrera or Val Davis a copy of your business card and \$25 for a calendar year (1 Jan to 31 Dec 2021) of advertising in the newsletter. It is \$5 a month, if you chose to advertise monthly.

### **UPCOMING VETERAN ACTIVITIES:**

**Honor Flight Of Southern Arizona:** Due to the coronavirus, Honor Flight of Southern Arizona suspended its spring flights. If you are a WW II or Korean War veteran that has not been on an Honor Flight, please think about filling out your application now and submitting it to Honor Flight of Southern Arizona. Since so few Korean War veterans have applied, Honor Flight of Southern Arizona has opened up applications to Vietnam era veterans. This is a trip that you will remember for the rest of your life!! There will probably be a flight in the fall. Get your application in so you can be put on the waiting list. **Veterans with terminal conditions do have priority.** If you are iffy about anything, you can always cancel. You can also go to [www.honorflightsaz.org](http://www.honorflightsaz.org)

and fill out an application on-line, or pick up an application at the Post. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Post and leave a message for me.

**Wreaths Across America:** Wreaths Across America will be on Saturday, 19 December 2020, at 10 am. There are six cemeteries in the greater Tucson area that hold services. They are:

Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Marana

Evergreen Cemetery

East Lawn Cemetery

Holy Hope Cemetery

South Lawn Mortuary & Cemetery

Southern AZ Vets' Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista

Please consider donating a wreath. An individual wreath is \$15. If you cannot afford to donate, please consider volunteering your time at one of the above cemeteries to help place wreaths on the graves of veterans.

### **December: Official Days To Fly The Flag**

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Monday, 7 Dec. Flag at half-staff until sunset.

Christmas Day – Friday, 25 Dec.

### **December Dates Of Interest**

Monday, 7 December, 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Wednesday, 16 December, 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.

Friday, 25 December, 244<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Washington crossing the Delaware.

## **Pearl Harbor Day 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

"A date that will live in infamy" were the words spoken by President Roosevelt to a Joint Session of Congress the day after the Empire of Japan did a surprise military attack on the US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor and other military bases on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, 79 years ago on December 7, 1941.

At 0753 hours Japanese Flight Commander Captain Fuchida ordered the attack to commence with the pre-arranged battle cry "Tora, Tora, Tora". *Tora* is the Japanese word for tiger, but, in this case, "to" is the initial syllable of the Japanese word which means "charge" or "attack", and "ra" is the initial syllable of the Japanese word that means "torpedo attack." These code-words were used by the Japanese to indicate that a complete surprise attack on the American military installations was achieved.

At approximately 0810 hours, the USS Arizona exploded after having been hit with an 800 kg armor piercing bomb. Nine minutes was all it took for the Arizona to sink with 1,177 members of her crew.

In the two-hour attack 21 US ships were sunk or damaged, 188 aircraft were destroyed and 159 were damaged; and 2,403 Americans including 68 civilians were killed and 1,178 military and civilians were wounded. Japanese losses were minimal at 64 servicemen killed or wounded and one captured, 29 aircraft lost, and five midget submarines lost.

Because of the surprise attack, the United States became militarily involved in World War II.

From the Election Committee Chairperson

**Valerie H. Davis**

If you are an active Post member and are interested in how the Post runs and making improvements, consider running for a Post officer position or as a Trustee member of the Board Of Trustees. The Post officer positions for which you may run are 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Provost Marshal, and Post Trustee. If you have served at least one year as a Post officer, you may run for Commander. There are seven (7) elected Club Board of Trustee position for which you may run.

Toby Tyler is the Nominations Committee Chairperson, so you should see him to find out what the duties and responsibilities are for the position you wish to run. Not all of the positions have a current description of the duties. You can also find the duties and responsibilities of the officers in the AMVETS Officers' Manual and the Post 770 Constitution and Bylaws.

If you want to throw your hat in the ring for any elected office, let Toby know.

There are several appointed officer positions for which you may serve. They are Post Chaplain, Public Relations Officer, Service Officer, and Quartermaster. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, let Toby Tyler know. The newly elected Commander will appoint these officers.