

# Commander's Update

## "What's Happening in the Mountain Post"

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Comrades,

Hard to believe only a month has passed with everything that has transpired! In early July I was approached by our new State Commander to help develop a website for the Department of New Mexico. Not to be immodest but I think it is really starting to take shape, if you are interested you can visit it at [www.nmvfw.org](http://www.nmvfw.org). Along those same lines the response we have received for our own virtual post home [www.vfw11999.org](http://www.vfw11999.org) has been amazing to say the least. At last count we have had over 140 unique visitors since it went live before the State Convention. Comrade Donna has been appointed to the State Women Veterans Advisory Committee, so now little Post 11999 has two State level appointments. The State Convention was quite rewarding and we were able to network with a number of our fellow comrades from parts of the state we never have the opportunity to visit. Comrade Brian, our Junior Vice Commander, was accepted into the Military Order of the Cootie by the members of Pup Tent 20 in Alamogordo. Well deserved congratulations go out to him! Our Post now has 3 lowly Cooties, any past or present officer or major committee member may apply for membership, please speak to comrades Donna, Brian, or myself for more information. I was honored to speak to the citizens of Timberon and wish them all a happy Independence Day. I was also afforded the opportunity to speak to them about Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Operation Uplink. I am hopeful that we will be seeing some assistance from Timberon on those fronts, now I need to petition some of our other mountain communities, so that our local students will get the prizes and recognition they deserve at the post level of competition. Operation Uplink needs all the help it can get, weekly requests for phone cards have skyrocketed, and they are having difficulty meeting the demand for our soldiers overseas. Our post meeting (July 21st) was quite eventful, sorry it ran so long, but we got a lot decided. I have placed an order for our first post lapel pin, designed to commemorate a very important date in our post's history. To those ends, Comrade Jack is looking into a venue for our 5 year anniversary celebration on October 12<sup>th</sup>. I will be asking our State Commander and the Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts to assist us with dedicating our post standard at that celebration. Comrade Donna and I attended "Flying Squadron Training" in Albuquerque July 28<sup>th</sup>. I know I learned a lot, and I'm sure she would tell you the same.

And comrades, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, this is just the beginning!

School starts this month and it is my hope that we will have a lot of interest in VOD, Patriot's Pen, and identifying some of our local Teachers for both state and national recognition. We are gearing up for a strong push for new members, those of you at the

meeting got a small taste of what is to come, but I must impress on all of you that membership remains one of our top priorities. With everything all of us hope to accomplish this year and into the future, we run the risk of burning out quickly without the much needed help and enthusiasm new members will provide. I am challenging all of you to each recruit ONE member this year. Comrade Donna recruited 3 new members last year, so one should not be too difficult. After all, we serve 9 different mountain communities. The greater our presence, the better we will be viewed, and the more appealing membership will be. While on the topic of membership I need to impress on our “continuous” members that the time has come again to renew your dues for the coming year. The sooner you take care of this task, the less chance you will forget and fall in arrears. Also some of our comrades didn’t renew last year for many personal reasons, but we should all encourage them to return this year, I think they will enjoy themselves.

Comrades, again at the risk of broken record emulation, we are going to accomplish many things AND have a lot of fun this year! I hope to see you all at our next meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in comradeship,

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