

Commander's Update

"What's Happening in the Mountain Post"

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Comrades,

So many things have been happening in a very short time for our little Post! In early June we saw the soldiers for our adopted units D & C Co. 2/200 Infantry depart on their mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. 7 members from our post went to Las Cruces for a "Yellow Ribbon Ceremony" on Saturday June 9th to see them off. Comrade Donna and I went back for a repeat "Yellow Ribbon Ceremony" on Monday June 11th. Then on June 13th, Comrade Donna and I attended the 2nd Annual NM Women Veterans Conference in Albuquerque. The conference was quite rewarding and we were able to network with several state and federal veterans service offices and organizations. All of us celebrated Flag Day (June 14th) and Father's Day (June 17th) with our community and family. Our post meeting (June 23rd) was quite eventful, and I wish to thank our outgoing Post Commander "Viggy" again for his year of service to our post. We then had our second Adopt-a-Highway clean up following the meeting. I am still amazed at the amount of trash we collect every time we do it. In late June we were represented for the first time at our MOC Grand Convention & the VFW Department (State) Convention. Today (July 1st) marks the official launch of our website, our own virtual VFW Post.

And comrades, this is just the beginning!

This year promises to be a start to our increased visibility in the community. I have been in contact with the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce on how we can bring the VFW to the forefront of the community service organizations. Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher Awards are coming back to our local schools, and many of the programs the VFW takes pride in will be reinstated in the near future. I am prepared to launch a new service for our mountain communities, it is called COMPUVETS. This project will provide free computer assistance to our own local veterans and non-profit organizations. If anyone needs help with a computer they can email or call our post contact info and get assistance, oftentimes resulting in a house call to fix that ailing computer. This will open doors for recruiting and hopefully help grow our membership. Membership has never been more important. With additional members there are many additional services we can provide to our community. In our small Post the saying has never been truer that "there is strength in numbers."

October marks the 5 year anniversary of our post, and there will be many exciting things in the coming months to mark this important event, all culminating with celebration of this special event on October 12th.

Comrades, 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 July 21st (VFW's Flying Squadron is on our regular meeting day so we will have our meeting on the third Saturday).

Yours in comradeship,

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