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March Events:

March 2nd-5th

National Community Service Conference/Legislative Conference, Washington D.C.

March 8th

C 2/200 Welcome Home Parade, Las Cruces, NM

March 10th

MOC PT 20 Scratch
7:00 pm

March 15th

Post Business Meeting
Cloudcroft Senior Center,
9:00 am

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up following the meeting

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

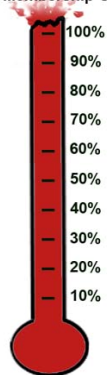
March 23rd

Easter Sunday

March 29th

D Co 2/200 Welcome Home Event, Alamogordo, NM

Post Membership Goal



Current Membership
132.26%

From the Commander:

Comrades and Sisters,

I would like to extend my best wishes for a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day and Easter Holiday.

The Department Mid-Winter Conference took place last month on the weekend of February 16th & 17th in Clovis, NM. The Cooties also held our Grand Mid-Winter Conference on Friday the 15th. 11999 received several acknowledgements and awards at the business session & banquet for the VFW. One of the more exciting announcements was that the Department of New Mexico reached 100% in membership and All American status prior to the conference. This has not occurred for several years and is an accomplishment we all should be proud of!

I made the formal announcement of my candidacy for State Surgeon at the mid-winter conference, and was surprised to hear that it has become a 3 man race. In addition to myself Comrades Brown and Brockerman both announced their intentions to run. Comrade Brown's announcement was made via proxy as he was too ill to attend the conference. Comrade Brockerman ran for the position last year and lost resoundingly.

Our adopted National Guard units, C & D Companies 2/200th Infantry, are still scheduled to return from Baghdad, Iraq early this month. I would love to see as many members of Post 11999 present for their arrival in the airport. We are still waiting for all the particulars on day and time, but we do know that they will be arriving at Biggs Field at Ft. Bliss and NOT the El Paso Airport. The City of Las Cruces is planning a parade for the combined "C Company" unit on the 8th of that month. The families of the D Company soldiers fear that once again D Company will go unnoticed. Our Post has been asked to hold a separate Welcome Home event on the 29th of March at the National Guard Armory in Alamogordo. Several of our Post members are already involved in the planning for this event and we are trying to get as much of Alamogordo and the surrounding area involved. It appears we will be hosting a MOAB (Mother-Of-All-Bar-B-Q's) and we hope to see as many as 300 people in attendance that day! This could be a fantastic opportunity for the community to give these men a welcome home that many of us never received.

Comrade Donna reports that she has found the 15 ladies needed to get the Charter for a Ladies' Auxiliary approved. I would ask that you please continue to encourage your wives, daughters or granddaughters to think about joining our Auxiliary. Those of you VFW members who are of the

female persuasion are authorized to be members of both the VFW and its Auxiliary, and I want to also encourage you to think about joining this fantastic organization. The Ladies Auxiliary can be an invaluable asset to our Post and our community. Anyone above the age of 16 who is a wife, widow, mother, foster or stepmother (who have performed the duties of parent), grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, foster and stepdaughters (who attained that status prior to the age of 16 and whom the duties of parent were performed), sisters, half sisters, foster and stepsisters (who attained that status prior to age 16) of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the VFW are eligible to join. Please contact either comrade Donna or myself at (575) 987-2214.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record I must once again touch on membership. You should be aware that our Post only needs 10 more members to qualify for "All-American" status. This is a prestigious and difficult distinction to achieve, once a Post is "All-American" it will always be "All-American." Let's put in the extra effort to bring in these comrades and not only reach this goal but add the welcome energy of some new members!

Speaking of membership, it appears that the new VFW Post in Ruidoso will be officially chartered this month. I will attempt to keep everyone in the loop as to the date of their first meeting so that some of us can be there to welcome them into the fold.

Over the past 8 months our little post has contributed quite a bit to our local communities. As of the end of February our totals are as follows:

Total Number of Projects:	84
Total Number of Hours:	1727
Total Number of Miles:	17,784
Total Donations:	\$2,948.00

Not too bad for a Post that started the year with only 31 members! Let's keep up the fantastic work for the remaining 4 months of this year!

As we are planning to combine our regular April meeting with our Loyalty Day recognition ceremony I will need to remind everyone that Post Officer nominations and elections will be held this month. We will need as many members in attendance as possible for this important event. If you intend on running for a position, and will not be available for our meeting on the 15th of March (3rd Saturday due to Easter weekend), please send notice of your candidacy in writing to me prior to the meeting.

Scott W Millar
Commander