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May Events:

May 17th

Armed Forces Day

Post Business Meeting

Cloudcroft Senior Center,
9:00 am

Aux. Business Meeting

Cloudcroft Senior Center,
11:00 am

May 24th & 25th

Cloudcroft Mayfair

11:00 am – 4:30 pm
Both Days

Volunteers needed to
staff Buddy Poppy Booth

May 26th

Memorial Day

James Canyon &
Timberon Observances

June 9th

MOC Scratch, PT 20,
Alamogordo

June 14th

Flag Day

June 15th

Fathers' Day

June 19th

MOC Grand Scratch
Alamogordo, PT 20

June 20th – 22nd

VFW Department of NM
Convention
Alamogordo, Post 7686

Comrades and Sisters,

My prayers are with you as we approach our most solemn of holidays. Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the supreme sacrifice given for our freedom by our fallen comrades. Please join with me in reminding our neighbors that this is not just another day off.

The month of April proved to be much more challenging than any of us thought. Still reeling from the Welcome Home Event and exhausted, Comrade Donna and I both came down with the flu. Laid up for weeks we fell a bit behind on our normal activities. Finally we are on the mend and I can return to the delinquent newsletter. You have my apologies for the delay in publication.

Our Post elections were held at the April 26th Post Business Meeting and I want to thank all of our members for expressing their confidence in my leadership by electing me as Post Commander for another year. The elected Post Officers for the 2008-09 year are:

Commander – Scott Millar
 Senior Vice Commander – John Rider
 Junior Vice Commander – Brian Pantier
 Quartermaster – Donna Millar
 Chaplain – Billy Sharp
 Judge Advocate – Oscar "Bud" Simpson
 Surgeon – Joe Wilmeth
 3 Year Trustee – Jack Smith

We also had the unenviable duty of replacing our 1 & 2 Year Trustees as our past Trustees have been unable to perform their duties. The following comrades have been elected to the vacant Trustee posts:

1 Year Trustee – Dick Hirsh
 2 Year Trustee – Larry Drake

Installation of Officers will be held at the May 17th Business Meeting. As I had a cancellation by my requested Installing Officer, comrade Willie Wilson of Post 7686 has graciously agreed to preside over our ceremony for a second year. As I write this I realize that it is appropriate to have him back a second time. Comrade Wilson is a Past All American State Commander, and perhaps a bit of his success rubbed off on our leaders last year helping us to also reach All American status.

I wish to recognize Comrade Donna Millar for everything she has done to charter a Ladies Auxiliary for our Post. She has put in many hours as well as blood, sweat and tears. The paperwork was finalized earlier this month (May) and the Auxiliary will be holding its first OFFICIAL meeting following the VFW Meeting on the 17th.

Comrades Donna, Brian and I attended the District 3 Convention this month. I was honored to be elected District 3 Chaplain for the 2008-09 year at the District Convention on May 3rd.

Comrade Donna and I attended the Cloudcroft High School Senior Class Award Ceremony earlier this month. I was quite honored to present the State level awards to our VOD and Teacher winners, and to present the National recognition to New Mexico Teacher of the Year Wendell Lane.

14 May had comrades Brian, Donna and I traveling to the naming ceremony for the new Ruidoso Post. We all had the honor to meet the VFW National Commander in Chief George Lisicki as well as the family of Lance Corporal Steven Chaves who gave his life for his country while serving in Iraq. He will always live in the memories of the VFW and the City of Ruidoso with advent of the "Lance Corporal Steven Chaves VFW Post 12071."

Over the past year our post has contributed quite a bit to our local communities. As of the end of March (the unofficial end of our Community Activity year) our totals were as follows:

2007-08 Post 11999 Grand Totals	Members	Hours	Mileage	Exp. Or Donation
1. Community Involvement:	42	47	84	\$34.00
2. Cooperation With Other Organizations:	21	510	642	\$155.00
3. Aid to Others:	119	911	19648	\$4,084.21
4. School & Church Assistance:	14	82	357	\$46.00
5. Safety:	77	23.75		
6. Americanism:	92	433	1248	\$575.00
7. Youth:	37	86.75	1219	\$783.00
8. Other Not Listed:	34	127.5	2218	\$501.43
9. Buddy Poppies:	36	296	1346	\$350.00
Totals:	472	2517	26762	\$6,528.64

Total Membership Drives:	7
Total Poppies Ordered:	3000

Let's keep it up! In the words of our National Commander "Congratulations on a stellar year!" Everything we do from April forward will count for the 2008-09 year. I hope we can continue to show the rest of the Department the quality of Sacramento Mountain VFW Post 11999.

Once again I have tried to include a column in this mailing that lists upcoming events and activities. Some of our members do not have access to e-mail or the internet, and I wish to reach as many as possible. Also I know many of you are very busy within your own communities, and if you had a little warning, a list of events might help you find a moment to help us out with some event or activity.