



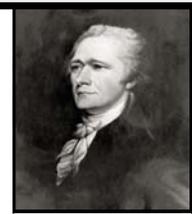
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### Post Meetings

3rd Thursday Each Month  
7:00 PM  
Room 202  
Veterans' War Memorial Building  
401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

—photo by E.J. Gaudreau

## Secretary Shinseki Moves to Simplify PTSD Compensation Rules

WASHINGTON (Aug. 24, 2009)

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is taking steps to assist Veterans seeking compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

"The hidden wounds of war are being addressed vigorously and comprehensively by this administration as we move VA forward in its transformation to the 21st century," said Secretary Shinseki.

The VA is publishing a proposed regulation today in the Federal Register to make it easier for a Veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed by a Veteran is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted over the next 60 days. A final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received.

Under the new rule, VA would not require corroboration of a stressor related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity if a VA psychiatrist or psychologist confirms that the stressful experience recalled by a Veteran adequately supports a diagnosis of PTSD and the Veteran's symptoms are related to the claimed stressor/ Previously, claims adjudicators were required to corroborate that a non-combat Veteran actually experienced a stressor related to hostile military activity. This rule would simplify the development that is required for these cases.

PTSD is a recognized anxiety disorder that can follow seeing or experiencing an event that involves actual or threatened death or serious injury to which a person responds with intense fear, helplessness or horror, and is not uncommon in war .

Feelings of fear, confusion or anger often

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### Commander's Corner

This month's monthly meeting was very monumental. I say that because we lost some more Veterans to the suffrage of old age and disease. Clinton Rice, who was nominated and elected to the Post of Association President, a role he had hoped to use to revitalize the Association with the help of Linda Alband as well as our very own Post Historian's father, Ruperto Bagarino, who in his retirement years was active as a Chef and Grandfather, soon to be Great Grandfather . These two Veterans each from different worlds had one very important thing in common; they were both War Veterans. Each shared an understanding and acceptance of the others lifestyle and sense of community. They never met. The bond of Brotherhood/Sisterhood of our Armed Forces is one of the key elements that defines our Country and our National Security. I was privileged enough to have attended two events prior to our monthly meeting, a radio talk show on Green960 AM discussing the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) Policy and what needs to be done to eliminate it. I was joined by the main speakers 1LT Daniel Choi, USMA Class of 2003 and Joseph Rocha, SGT, USMC, both Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans. I



was impressed with their candor about their stories and experience under the DADT Policy. I also attended an event in San Francisco at a new bar Trigger (formerly the Detour) and the fabulous Donna Sachet was the MC. We all spoke along with others. On behalf of the Post and at the cost of 2 Post members, I presented 1LT Choi his Post cap to wear in public as a proud open LGBT Veteran. Both Dan and Joseph joined the Post and want to help speak-out on behalf of ALL Veterans and especially LGBT Veterans. Now, you may ask; John, why the two stories back-to-back? As we lost two wonderful Veterans and each a proud citizen of the United States of America, we embraced two others who have a strong message and an immense desire to bring a voice to those without voices and to speak for those too afraid to speak. This brings cause for hope and respect for those who came before us, those with us and those who have already gone. Their service was not in vain nor was it without merit or dignity. As I have written before, life is short. Take some time today to tell someone whom you care for that you love them and tell them how they enhanced your life. Tomorrow may be too late!

**POST FINANCIAL REPORT**  
 Post 448 Balance Sheet—for 27 JUL 2009

Account	Balance
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	
Wells Fargo Checking Acct—9136	\$1,501.46
Wells Fargo Savings Acct—4206	\$3,469.20
Wells Fargo CD—7778	\$10,297.20
Sterling Bank CD	\$10,109.22
Sterling Bank CD	\$12,875.15
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$38,252.23</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$38,252.23</b>



★★★ Minutes for Monthly Meeting of 20 AUG 2009 ★★★

**OPENING OF THE MEETING:**

Presentation of the Colors  
 POW/MIA  
 Recognition/Pledge of Allegiance

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 1900 hrs**

**EVERLASTING CEREMONY:**

**Ruperto G. Bagarino** – USN Master Chief Veteran, father of Post Historian, Rod Bagarino (but not a Post member) 20 years in service, from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. 2 OCT 28 – 18 AUG 09

**Leslie Clinton Rice**—19 DEC 36 Pittsburg, PA, USAF, served in the Deaconry of the Episcopal Church (Church of the Advent of Christ the King). Passed away on 1 JUL 09. After the ceremony, a playing of the Air Force Anthem. Eulogized by the Commander, who remembered his service to the Post and his selfless dedication to voluntarism. Further remembrances were given by Post members, who shared their fond memories of Clint. He will be sorely missed. Taps was then played, and after a motion was made to adjourn (seconded & carried), at 1924 hrs, for a dessert reception.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

1. Rev Paul Burroughs of the Church of the Advent of Christ the King
2. Michael Fullan
3. Jennifer Usher

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Kendra Stewardson—

Vietnam Army Veteran  
 Adrienne Warmick—  
 served in Japan as a radioman

**Carl from Castro Lions:** Shared 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party of the Lions & Post 448 on June 9th, 2010 in the Green Room. The Lions will pay for the room, and the Post will provide the alcohol. We need to start thinking about planning for the party. The Commander and Marion Abdullah will be on the planning committee.

**Paul Cox**, Post 315 Commander/Member at large of Veterans of Peace, spoke to the Post about the difficulties Post 315 has been having with the War Memorial Commission and District 8. Regardless of the allegations and accusations, they are a sister American Legion post. A motion was made to support Post 315 & their continued occupation of their room, which was seconded & carried unanimously.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE REPORT:** Spoke about the Spaghetti dinner on 17 SEP, with an approved budget of \$300.

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE REPORT: NO REPORT**

**3<sup>RD</sup> VICE REPORT: NO REPORT**

**FINANCE/ADJUTANT:**

*(PRESENTED BY COMMANDER DUE TO F/A OFFICER'S ABSENCE)*

**Checking:** \$ 1,501.46 \$600 from bingo  
**Savings:** \$3,469.20 \$1,200 from Pride

**Cd1 - Cd2 - Cd3:** remain the same. A motion was made to accept the report, which was seconded and carried.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 269 goal, currently have 126 paid members. Post 448 is the largest in the District.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

Requests volunteers by 10AM on 17 SEP to set up the room for the Spaghetti Dinner – with aisle down middle for wheelchair access.

**SGT AT ARMS:**

Pride Service Celebration \$1,200  
 Gave “thank you” to, and request for more volunteers. Gave thanks again for those who supported him at AIDS Walk

**SERVICE OFFICER:**

No Report however was given a commendation for recruiting efforts by the Commander

**HISTORIAN:** not present

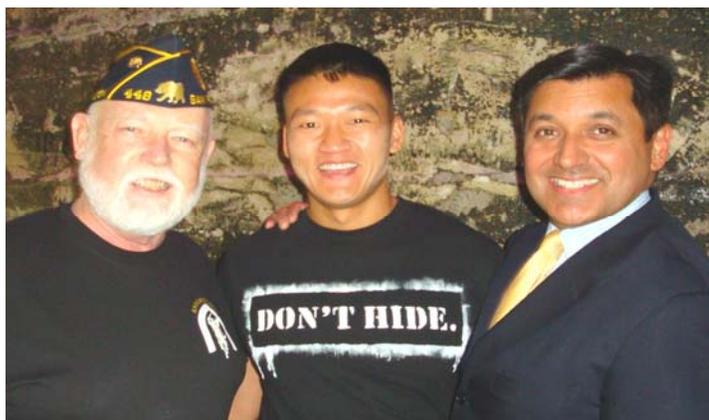
**DOCTOR:** not present

**CHAPLAIN:** Showed off his new “DON'T HIDE” t-shirt, autographed by Lt. Choi at the Courage Campaign

**WEB MASTER:** no report

**WOMEN'S COMMANDER:**

Recruited new member, Karen Anderson, who signed up online, and welcomed all the new members that were present.



# COURAGE CAMPAIGN TO END DON'T ASK - DON'T TELL

~  
**@ TRIGGERS**  
2238 Market Street  
San Francisco, CA

*above*  
Picture #1—Joe Czuberki, Lt. Dan Choi, Jose Cisneros, Treasurer of San Francisco  
Picture #2—Gen Kerr(member of Post 448) addressing the group

*below*  
Picture #3—Lt Choi receives his Post 448 American Legion hat from John Forrett  
Picture #4—Anthony Woods, veteran currently running for Congress and Donna Sachet



## Post 448 Everlasting Ceremony & Two Guest Speakers Highlight the August General Meeting

**Eulogists**  
*Upper Left:*  
Chaplain Paul Goerke  
Commander John Forrett

*Lower Left:*  
First Vice Dick Manning  
Post Member Al Aiden

**Color Guards:**  
Sgt at Arms Jimmy McConnell  
Asst Sgt at Arms Morningstar Vancil

**Guest Speakers**  
*Upper Right:*  
President, Castro Lions  
Carl Tebell  
*Lower Right:*  
First Vice Commander Post 315  
Paul Cox



## Without Kennedy, Gays in the Military Look for a Champion

Patricia Murphy, Columnist  
Posted: 08/28/09

Politics Daily, <http://tinyurl.com/15n3j4>

As much as Sen. Ted Kennedy's death leaves a void in the health care debate, his voice will be doubly missed on other issues where finding consensus is equally, if not more, difficult and finding the right leader for the fight is essential.

Among the many issues he championed, Kennedy had planned to take the lead in the Senate on lifting the ban on gays in the military. The senator had been in the process of finding Republican support for such a bill when he was diagnosed with cancer and was unable to finish the work he had hoped to complete before he died.

It's too early to know who will take up where Kennedy left off. Other senators have expressed an interest in leading on the issue, only some of whom are on the Armed Services Committee. While it's not a requirement to have a committee member take the lead, the measure would have to go through the committee for a vote.

Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Fund that lobbies on the issue, said that Kennedy's legislative expertise and sway with his colleagues made him ideal for groups looking for someone to champion their cause. "He was certainly the go-to senator if you wanted to get a major legislative initiative through. If you wanted a seasoned legislator, you wanted Senator Kennedy first," Sarvis said. "And it's possible that some of us made too many [requests] and went to him too often."

Congress passed Don't Ask, Don't Tell in 1993 as a compromise between newly elected President Bill Clinton, who had promised to lift the ban on gays serving in the military, and members of Congress, who said they worried about the effect a policy change would have



within the military ranks.

Kennedy was a senior member of the Armed Services Committee and had long championed gay-rights issues. When he spoke out against the Federal Marriage Amendment in 2004, he said on the Senate floor, "Make no mistake, a vote for the federal marriage constitutional amendment is a vote against civil unions, domestic partnerships and other efforts by states to treat gays and lesbians fairly under the law. It is a vote for imposing discrimination, plain and simple, on all 50 states."

Without Kennedy in the Senate, movement on lifting the ban on Don't Ask, Don't Tell has been slow this year, despite the high-profile support it has garnered in the past.

Although Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) had tried to pass an 18-month moratorium on actions under Don't Ask, Don't Tell this summer, she said she could not find enough votes to move forward on the proposal without the threat of a filibuster.

Then-candidate Barack Obama repeatedly promised in 2008 that he would lift the ban, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) have said they're for lifting it, too. On the House side, Rep. Patrick Murphy (D-Pa.), an Iraq war veteran, has secured more than 150 co-sponsors for his bill to fully repeal 1993 law, according to Murphy's staff.

"It's not just one person saying I'll take the lead," Sarvis said of the need for a successor to Kennedy. "It's also [someone] who senators agree, 'This is person that we as a group want to coalesce behind on this.'"

Looking ahead, Sarvis said Kennedy's absence will undoubtedly create a large leadership vacuum on a range of issues, both mainstream and liberal, "and it's not clear yet who Democrats will coalesce behind."

Views expressed in the editorial are solely those of the writer and are not necessarily the views or opinions of the officers or members of Post 448.

### VA Pledge to Women Veterans on Women's Equality Day

WASHINGTON (Aug. 26, 2009) -

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki pledged today on Women's Equality Day that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will work to ensure the nation upholds its obligation to meet the needs of our Veterans - including women Veterans.

"Our Veterans deserve the very best care. Anything less is unacceptable," Secretary Shinseki said. "If we are to transform VA into a 21st century organization, we need to continually improve our services to women Veterans."

Although VA has long provided equal benefits to women Veterans, the Department has embarked on new initiatives to meet their unique needs.

These initiatives include:

- Comprehensive primary care and specialized medical care at every VA medical center
- Enhanced mental health care specifically for women Veterans
- Staffing every VA medical center with a women Veterans program manager
- Creating a mini-residency on women's health for primary care physicians;
- Supporting a multifaceted research program on women's health;
- Improving communication and outreach to women Veterans
- Continuing the operation of organizations such as VA's Center for Women Veterans and the Women Veterans Health Strategic Healthcare Group.

"During this observance we should remember the special contributions and sacrifices of the 200,000 women currently serving in the armed forces and 1.8 million who are Veterans," Assistant Secretary L. Tammy Duckworth said.

Women Veterans are one of the fastest growing segments of the Veteran population. They comprise 7.5 percent of the total Veteran population and nearly 5.5 percent of all Veterans who use VA health care services.

VA estimates women Veterans will constitute 10 percent of the Veteran population by 2020 and 9.5 percent of VA patients.

*For more information about VA programs and services for women Veterans, please visit: [www.va.gov/womenvet/](http://www.va.gov/womenvet/) and [www.publichealth.va.gov/womenshealth](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/womenshealth).*

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**SQUADRON COMMANDER:**

Will host a meeting, October 15, prior to the OCT meeting. SAL is busy volunteering for the Post. Was asked if there were plans to submit a request to National for a change to include women. He plans on bringing this up at the October meeting.

**SQUADRON VICE COMMANDER:**

Plans on resolution for change to both SAL & Auxiliary

**POST COMMANDER:**

Discussed raffle donation for upcoming spaghetti dinner (1 free private Pilates session at the Center Studio, donated by Paul G.)

Invited to speak on Green 960 AM Radio, at 7:06 on Tuesday night, with Lt. Dan Choi and Joseph Rocha to speak about the repeal of DADT.

Attended (with Joe Czuberki) the Courage Campaign to end DADT, held at Trigger Bar on Market Street, sponsored by Steven Funk. Also attended by several City officials, and hosted by Donna Sachet. Speakers: General Keith Kerr, Anthony Woods running for congress, and Lt. Dan Choi, who gave an impassioned speech. Our Commander spoke and presented Lt. Choi with a Post 448 American Legion cap.

Vince Rios – sent delinquency list – and congratulated Post 448 for not being on the list.

**WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION REPORT:**  
No District 8 meeting due to National Convention.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

12 SEP @ 1900 – fundraiser in room 207 for disabled lesbians, all women’s band & Morningstar Vancil’s partner. Admission fee of \$20.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chris Bowman thanked the Post for support during his recent injury & recovery.

Raffle held for two tickets to “A Crass Act” – won by Kai Azada, and which raised \$63 for the Post.

**CLOSE OF MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn, seconded & carried. Meeting adjourned at 2100 hrs.



Senator Edward Moore Kennedy



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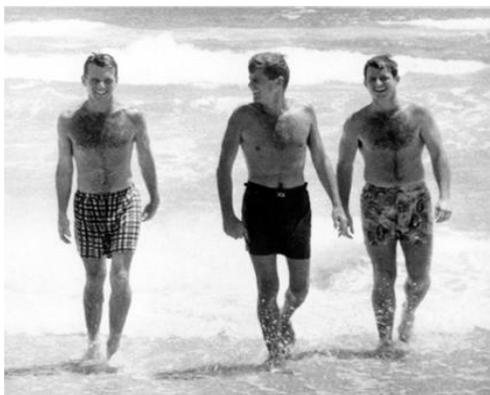
THREE BROTHERS—TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS



A FRIEND TO VETERANS AND THE LGBT COMMUNITY

- \* Voted NO on cutting \$221M in benefits to Filipinos who served in WWII US Army. (Apr 2008)
- \* Voted YES on limiting soldiers' deployment to 12 months. (Jul 2007)
- \* Voted YES on military pay raise of 4.8%. (Feb 1999)
- \* Voted YES on favoring 36 vetoed military projects. (Oct 1997)
- \* Extend reserve retirement pay parity back to 9/11. (Dec 2007)
- \* Voted YES on redeploying non-essential US troops out of Iraq in 9 months. (Dec 2007)
- \* Voted YES on redeploying US troops out of Iraq by March 2008. (Mar 2007)

- \* Voted YES on redeploying troops out of Iraq by July 2007. (Jun 2006)
- \* Voted NO on authorizing use of military force against Iraq. (Oct 2002)



- \* Voted YES on allowing all necessary force in Kosovo. (May 1999)
- \* Voted NO on prohibiting same-sex marriage. (Sep 1996)
- \* Voted YES on prohibiting job discrimination by sexual orientation. (Sep 1996)
- \* Voted YES on expanding hate crimes to include sexual orientation. (Jun 2000)
- \* Voted YES on adding sexual orientation to definition of hate crimes. (Jun 2002)
- \* Voted NO on constitutional ban of same-sex marriage. (Jun 2006)
- \* Voted YES to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees. (Dec 2007)

## General James L. Jones National Security Advisor

August 26, 2009

As a young Senate Liaison officer during the early 1980's, I had the opportunity to get to know Senator Edward Kennedy who was then a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Senator Kennedy and his staff were among some of the best supporters the Marine Corps ever had on Capitol Hill. Despite his many responsibilities, he always made time for me on issues of importance to Marines and their families. Always gracious and well informed, the Senator was instrumental in the passage of the landmark legislation known as Goldwater-Nichols and military pay reforms, which ushered in the most comprehensive reforms of our military and defense establishment since the end of World War II.

Senator Kennedy, among the many things he will be remembered for, deserves to be honored for his genuine care and compassion for our men and women in uniform – his tireless work and his voting record clearly supports this distinction. While he never shied from challenging our senior military leadership during hundreds of committee hearings, he could always be counted on to be fair and open-minded in letting witnesses like me make our case to the committee and to the American people. He contributed a great deal to my “Washington education”, and I’m sure he is most proud of the contributions many of his former staff members continue to make to our nation today.

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## Michael B. Keegan

### People for the American Way

A great sadness has settled over millions of Americans who counted on Ted Kennedy to champion the values of freedom, fairness and opportunity. The death of Senator Kennedy causes us to pause, to recognize in his passing the loss of a monumental figure in American public life.

He was the Senate's most consistently reliable champion for the rights of women and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans.

Ted Kennedy was fearless. He never shied from taking on the hardest issues. He championed American values and progressive values with a passion bordering on ferocity. Whenever civil rights were threatened, he could be heard on the floor of the Senate, and sometimes from the hallway. Whenever there was an opportunity to protect Americans from discrimination or strengthen protections for constitutional liberties, he was both the essential behind-the-scenes negotiator and the public standard-bearer. His steadfast presence and the power of his example made other senators stronger, better, and braver.

Senator Kennedy was a supreme legislative strategist with a long-term perspective honed through decades of public service. Because he was such an outspoken and effective advocate, he was often the target of attacks by political opponents. But even the most vicious attacks did not deter him from working respectfully with colleagues across the partisan divide. He was always willing to reach a principled compromise that he believed would represent progress toward a larger, longer-term goal.

Throughout our organization's history, Sen. Kennedy was a courageous leader

~~POST NOTES~~  
**ART'S 2c**



We've suffered some blows recently, both nationally and closer to home. From Mary Cheney endorsing a congressional candidate who supports banning gay adoption, to the death of Ted Kennedy—to the more personal loss of our brother Post member Clint Rice and Rod's father, Ruperto Bagarino, it seems like we keep losing bits of ourselves. It's time we turn to each other, share solace and give thanks that we still fight on, despite the losses. We're veterans. It's what we do. It's what we've always done.

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subside, but if the feelings don't go away or get worse, a Veteran may have PTSD.

VA is bolstering its mental health capacity to serve combat Veterans, adding thousands of new professionals to its rolls in the last four years. The Department also has established a suicide prevention helpline (1-800-273-TALK) and Web site available for online chat in the evenings at:

[\\_www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans)

and committed ally in our efforts to win passage of civil rights legislation and overcome discrimination, preserve freedom of speech and religious liberty, protect the voting rights of historically disenfranchised people, and resist right-wing efforts to undermine equality under the law and erode other constitutional guarantees. People For the American Way honored Kennedy with its Defender of Democracy Award in 1998.

Ted Kennedy's voice has been stilled, but his legacy lives on. It lives in the countless Americans whose lives were touched by his legislative accomplishments. And it lives in the hearts of all of us who admired him and were inspired by him, and who must now take a share of responsibility for continuing his work. He will be missed.



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**PRESS RELEASE:  
SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION (SAL)**

The Squadron: "Membership consists of maile descendents, adopted sons, and stepsons of Legionnaires"



**UPCOMING EVENT:**

Beans & Weenies Eat & Meet: Third Thursday, 15 OCT 09 @ 1800 hrs, Room 202 of the War Memorial Veteran's Building on Van Ness & McAllister. Meet the (charming) incoming Commander, Dale Pellegrino, and the no-nonsense Past Commanders George Gomes and Mornin-star Vancil. Join in brainstorming and goal setting.

*Hosted by Dale, George & Morningstar*

**NOTICE**

Do you have comments about articles or news reported in the Intelligencer? Do you have an idea for an article or would like to submit an article you want considered for publication in the Post 448 Newsletter?

Send your **PDF or Word** docs to:

[postnews@post448.org](mailto:postnews@post448.org)

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Due to limited space, obituaries and memorial notices will be printed on a space available basis for **members in good standing only.**



**POST 448  
2009  
CALENDAR**



DATE	EVENT & LOCATION
08 SEP	Officers' Meeting 1200 hrs, Room 104, Veterans' War Memorial Building
16 SEP	<b>BINGO with the Sisters, 1700 hrs</b>
17 SEP	Post Meeting 1900 hrs, Room 202, Veterans' War Memorial Bldg Spaghetti Dinner
3 OCT	Officers' Meeting 1200 hrs, Room 104, Veterans' War Memorial Building
14 OCT	<b>BINGO with the Sisters, 1700 hrs</b>
15 OCT	Post Meeting 1900 hrs, Room 202, Veterans' War Memorial Bldg
24 OCT	POST GARAGE SALE: 1000 to 1500—38 Taraval, San Francisco
31 OCT	Halloween
07 NOV	Officers' Meeting 1200 hrs, Room 104, Veterans' War Memorial Building
11 NOV	Veteran's Day
18 NOV	<b>BINGO with the Sisters, 1700 hrs</b>
19 NOV	Post Meeting 1900 hrs, Room 202, Veterans' War Memorial Bldg
26 NOV	Thanksgiving
05 DEC	Officers' Meeting 1200 hrs, Room 104, Veterans' War Memorial Building
12 DEC	Hanukkah
16 DEC	<b>BINGO with the Sisters, 1700 hrs</b>
17 DEC	Post Meeting 1900 hrs, Room 202, Veterans' War Memorial Bldg
18 DEC	Islamic New Year (1431 A.H.)
21 DEC	Pagan Winter Solstice
25 DEC	Christmas

For a more accurate, up-to-the-minute calendar and event information and special announcements, please check our website.

**SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AT COLE HARDWARE!**

Shop at any Cole Hardware store and mention that you heard about them from Alexander Hamilton Post 448 or mention account number 411. At the end of the year, the Post will receive a donation for all of the referrals. So tell all of your friends and family. Also, beginning in September, Cole Hardware is extending a 20% discount to all active military members and veterans on the last Thursday of each month. They call them Recession Buster days – 20% off almost everything (sale items, Muni, gift cards & special orders excluded). First one will be Thursday September 24th. Thanks for your support!!!

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