

# Henry J. Thomas Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 845



## Meeting Schedules

- **Post Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 PM**
- **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM**
- **Home Association Meeting: Bi-Weekly at 7:15 PM**

## From the Post Commander

All,

Welcome to the Downingtown VFW. It is great to see all the new faces at the Post over the past few months. If you haven't stopped by the Post in awhile come on down to eat, drink, meet new friends and see all the wonderful changes. Thanks to all that came out and voted on the new barstools, the results are in so come on down and see the winner .

I am looking forward to another great year. We have many events coming up over the next year that can always use another pair of helping hands. Our Post will be running the Memorial Day Parade this year and over the past year we have donated \$40,000.00 to local charities, sponsored a baseball little league team and performed funeral honors for military veteran's. We hope to do much more this year to help our veterans and our community, so if you have time I would like to encourage you to volunteer at the Post.

If you know of a Veteran in need please let myself or our Chaplain know so that we can visit them. I would also like to see us continue reaching out and checking in on our elderly members and veterans to assure they are ok during these weather disasters like heat waves, snow storms, etc. This past summer I called several of our members during the extreme hot weather to see whether we can give a helping hand and would love to see some volunteers step up to help in this effort throughout the new year.

I would also like to remind you that our Post will pay the 1<sup>st</sup> year membership for a qualified VFW member and 20% off of a life membership for new members, so if you know any veterans that might qualify please let them know and have them stop in with their DD214 and fill out an application.

Our kitchen has also been hard at work to bring you great food at a reasonable price and is now open for lunch. Thank you Chef Tammy. The kitchen will be hosting some events throughout the year so keep an eye on the website and watch for displays at the Post.

Lastly I appreciate everyone's support during the past year. It has been a lot of hard work to get the Post to the condition that it is today and it could not have been accomplished without everyone coming together for one purpose " To make our Post the best it can be". Kudos to all who helped and supported us in our efforts. I would also like to remind everyone that the canteen is here for camaraderie and we should respect one another and our Post accordingly.

Sincerely,  
Miguel Hernandez  
VFW Post 845 Commander

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### Post Events

- 1/20 - Garry Staggard Show
- 1/21 - Steam Boat Anne
- 1/27 - Music: DJ Bert
- 1/28 - Jammers
- 1/29 - Breakfast at the Post
- 2/3 - Miguel Cintron Tru Voice Productions
- 2/4 - 4 Play
- 2/11 - Steve Cofield
- 2/18 - Usual Suspects
- 2/24 - Karaoke
- 2/25 - Red Alert

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## Post Officers

- ◆ **Commander:** Miguel Hernandez
- ◆ **Sr. Vice Commander:** Craig M. Wiley
- ◆ **Jr. Vice Commander:** Lenny Gillespie
- ◆ **Quartermaster:** Robert Broody
- ◆ **Chaplain:** Ralph Bassetti
- ◆ **Adjutant:** Tom Ames
- ◆ **Judge Advocate:** Frank Leman
- ◆ **Service Officer:** Paul Dougherty
- ◆ **Post Surgeon:** Marty Peterson
- ◆ **Officer-of-the-Day:** Tom Wise



## Auxiliary Officers

- ◆ **President:** Ginny Topper
- ◆ **Sr. Vice President:** Susan Hernandez
- ◆ **Jr. Vice President:** Stasha Feret-Peterson
- ◆ **Secretary:** Gina Wiley
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Bridgette Mize
- ◆ **Chaplain:** Yolanda Walus
- ◆ **Guard:** Simone Luminello
- ◆ **Conductress:** Carol Gill
- ◆ **1 Year Trustee:** Paula Wyatt
- ◆ **2 Year Trustee:** Jeannette Beam
- ◆ **3 Year Trustee:** Patricia Gillespie

## Home Association

President Home Association – Miguel Hernandez

3yr Trustee – Tom Ames

2yr Trustee – Tom Wise

1yr Trustee – Jerry Banks

1yr Trustee – Marty Peterson

1yr Trustee – Craig Wiley

## From the Kitchen

**The Kitchen is open from Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 am - 9:00pm**

Try some appetizers, soup, salad, burger or sandwich. There are tables and booths to eat at, stop in, you WON'T be disappointed. As a note the back room can be used to eat in when the kitchen is open. No outside food is allowed into the Post.

The 1st Saturday of every month is Prime Rib night.

### Daily specials include:

Wednesday - All you can eat Spaghetti

Thursday - Wings

Friday - Chefs choice

Saturday - Meatloaf



## Recent Events

Our Post recently hosted our adopted military unit Christmas Party. With 130 present we had a full house with plenty of food and dancing. We look forward to supporting them this year.

News Year's Eve at the Post was great. The shrimp, cheese trays, food and give aways *were great*. Thank you to everyone that came out. This year well be great, so don't miss out.

Jan 8, District 9 meeting was held at our Post. It was the biggest turn out of other Post . 60 men and 50 Ladies Aux members. We had a lot of great comments on how the Post looks and the food that was provided.

Motorcycle Toy run, was a great success with many toys. Thank you to Kevin McCool for running this event. He says this year will be even bigger.



## Up coming Events:

**Super bowl Party at the Post - Beef and Beer, \$10 per person. Appetizers Specials. Come on down,**

**2/18 Valentine's Dinner - Soup-French Onion/French Garlic Shrimp Bisque. Appetizers-Stuffed Mushrooms with Cream Crabmeat Sauce or Crab&Shrimp Cocktail. Dinner-Surf&Turf or Flounder with Crab Imperial or Chicken Florentine or Twin Filets. Deserts - Large Red Velvet Cupcake or Chocolate Molten Bundt Cake. All served With Salads.**

**Memorial Day parade - Looking for volunteers to help out.**

**Cruise Nights - Hot Rods, Muscle Cars, Classic Cars, Customs, Bikes...all are welcome! Free Registration. 2nd Wednesday May thru September From 5:00pm -Dusk**

**6/25 - Annual Golf Outing!** Downingtown Country Club

Sign up & pay at Post. | Tee off at 8:00am |\$80.00/person | \$50.00/to sponsor a hole. Outing includes: Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, longest drive, closest to the pin for men & women & lunch at the VFW.



**7/4 - 4th of July Picnic**

## **Post Chaplain**

Chaplains Desk:

Buddy Poppy's--- For all our Post members, Ladies Auxiliary members and Social members: Why wear a Buddy Poppy? Because it shows you care!

Remember the men and women who made these Buddy Poppy's are Disabled American Veterans.... All proceeds from contributions of Buddy Poppy's go to assisting Veterans in our community, the Widows, and Children of our Deceased Veterans...

Wear a Buddy Poppy, Show that you Care.

Our Post is available when possible to provide military funerals. Please contact the Post.

Thank you,  
Ralph Bassetti

## **Mission and Purpose of the VFW**

The purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is to preserve and support the patriotic and historical interests of our country, our communities and our veterans; to strengthen the common bonds of the men and women who have served and who are currently serving in our military; to assist them and their families to enhance their quality of life; to maintain true allegiance to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and defend her from all enemies, whomsoever.

### **We will accomplish our mission by:**

Perpetuating the memory and history of our dead through public and private acts of remembrance;

Preserving and defending the honor, integrity and rights of all veterans and those currently serving in the military;

Fostering patriotism through education and volunteerism within the community; Advocating a strong national defense.

### **We're on FACEBOOK!**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 845 - Downingtown, PA**

Become a Fan and stay connected!

## *The Ladies Auxiliary, Words from the President*

Greetings Sisters,

A sincere thank you to these ladies, who have answered the call to help in various events this past year at the Post.

My goals for this upcoming year, are pretty simple. The first is to make every attempt to fulfill the Auxiliary's *mission statement* in whatever we do, which is:

***“HONOR THE DEAD, BY HELPING THE LIVING”.***

My second goal is to educate. Educate myself, along with my sister Auxiliary members, both the new and long-time members, about the workings of the Auxiliary, from an organization stand-point; re-introducing formalities and procedures that have slowly fallen by the wayside over the years through no fault of anyone's. I'd like to start educating the public, letting them know we're here and the sole purpose for which we exist.

Referring back to our Mission Statement, the other half of it reads: ***We set out to serve the veterans of this country and our communities as a testament to the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform.*** I feel strongly that the only way the Ladies Auxiliary can accomplish this is by reaching out to our community, to our schools, churches, funeral homes, etc. and educating them on ways we can be a source of support wherever there's a need.

Last, but not least, my third goal is to recruit. During my last (8) years of service in the Auxiliary, we have hosted some extremely worthwhile events, and I can honestly say that there's no greater joy, for me, then knowing I've helped make someone's day just a little bit better. However, the participation in the Auxiliary has declined over the years and in order for us to continue to "do what we do" we need able bodies with positive attitudes, and a willingness to be part of a team to continue our journey.

As Ken Blanchard said, ***“None of us is as smart as all of us”.*** We need you, ladies!! We need your knowledge, your ideas, your thoughts, and your suggestions. We may not be able to implement them all, but we can sure try!



Sincerely,

Ginny Pringle, President

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**Post Steward Joyce Jones**

**VFW & Ladies Auxiliary  
Business Directory**

Do you own a business or provide a service that you would like the members of the VFW to know about?

Email your business contact information or a copy of your business card to [newsletter@VFWpost845.org](mailto:newsletter@VFWpost845.org)

**We're on the Web!  
[www.vfwpost845.org](http://www.vfwpost845.org)**

*REMINDER: The VFW Post 845 is a **NO Profanity Post!***

*Please refrain from using profanity while enjoying our club so everyone feels welcome.*

*Membership cards are required to be displayed prior to service.*

*Membership dues are due, renew today.*