

GEN. WILLIAM STARK ROSECRANS VFW POST 3261

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022
NEWSLETTER**

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It's not the dues you pay to be a member, but the price you paid to be eligible.

POST CALENDAR

Monthly Post Meetings: Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Post 3261. Membership meetings are held on Zoom. Send your email address if you'd like to participate.

Bingo: Every Wednesday- Doors Open at 4:30 p.m. – Starts at 6:30 p.m.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

From Post 3261

CANTEEN
Open Mon - Sun
2 – 10 p.m.

Join our Great Bartenders
Sweeney and Nakia!

TACO Tuesday 4-9 PM

Tacos \$1.50
(Asada & Chicken)
Wet Burrito \$7.00
(Asada or Chicken)
Nachos \$5.00
(Asada or Chicken)

BINGO Wednesday

Doors open @ 4:30 p.m. Starts at
6:30 p.m.

MENU

Hot Dogs / Hamburgers
Cheese Toast / Patty Melt
Taco Salad / French Fries
Desserts: Brownies & Pineapple
Upside Down Cake

RENT THE HALL FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY OR EVENT!

(Capacity: 250 Persons)

Security Deposit - \$500
(Required to hold the date)

Friday & Saturday - \$2,000
(Bar Closes at Midnight)

**L.A. County COVID guidelines
are followed.**

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Jimmy "C" Carradine
Post Commander

As 2022 draws to an end this will be the last newsletter of the year.

VFW Post 3261 hosted the annual picnic for District 4, which consists of 14 VFW Posts. One of the highlights of the event was the Appreciation Award presented to Ms. Pauline Moses by Post 3261. Ms. Moses was an employee of the City of Gardena for nearly 40 years. She helped our post to reconnect with the City of Gardena and she helped coordinate our VFW recruitment booth at Gardena's annual vendor's event. **We want to express our appreciation for her commitment to VFW Post 3261! We wish her a speedy recovery from her current health issues.**

The City of Gardena held its 53rd Annual Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th to recognize Veterans Organizations in Gardena.



The participating members were California District 4 Joe Harris Commander, Gardena Nisei Memorial Post 1961 Steve Moriyama, Commander and William Stark Rosecrans Post 3261 James L. Carradine, Commander. One of the scheduled events was the 21 Rifle Tribute by the Redondo Union High School Marine Corp JROTC and the other was TAPS. These young individuals did an outstanding job and we are proud that someday they will be the new generation of the military.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday! Please don't forget to visit our website at vfw3261.org and let me know if there's any information you'd like to see on the site.



THE HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY



Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on Nov. 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, Nov. 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both [World War II and the Korean War](#), the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the

urging of veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Monday Act ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law that returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.

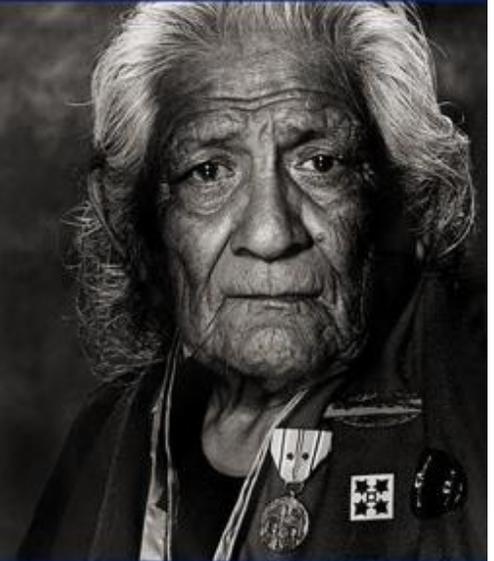
Celebrating the 'Veterans Day Holiday'

If the Nov. 11 holiday falls on a non-workday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday is observed by the federal government on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday). Federal government closings are established by the U.S. [Office of Personnel Management](#). State and local government closings are determined locally, and non-government businesses can close or remain open as they see fit, regardless of federal, state or local government operation determinations.

United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on Aug. 4, 2001, designated the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 17, 2001, as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

SOURCE: <https://www.military.com/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day.htm>

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CHARLES CHIBITTY



Today's #VeteranOfTheDay is Army Veteran Charles Chibitty, who served as a Comanche Code Talker in Europe during World War II.

Originally from Medicine Park, Oklahoma, Charles Chibitty was a member of the Comanche tribe and descended from the Comanche Chief Three Bears. He attended an Indian boarding school, where he was forbidden to speak in his native language. But while visiting home during the winter of 1940, Chibitty learned that the Army was recruiting Comanches to serve as code talkers. He enlisted in January 1941 and was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, with 16 other Comanche recruits to serve with the 4th Signal Corps of the 4th Infantry Division.

At Fort Benning, the [Comanche Code Talkers](#) took phone, radio, morse code and semaphore training. They also were tasked with creating a list of words to use in battlefield communications. "We compiled a 100-word vocabulary of military terms during training," said Chibitty in [a 1999 article](#). He also learned to spell out the words that lacked specific code equivalents by using random Comanche words. "If the location started with the letter 'A', then I would say 'araka' the Comanche word for 'alligator,'" he [explained](#). Once the code was set, the code talkers underwent field exercises at various bases in the U.S. before deploying to England to prepare for the D-Day invasion.

On June 6, 1944, Chibitty and 12 other Comanche Code Talkers landed on Utah Beach in Normandy, France, with the 22nd Infantry Regiment as part of the Allied invasion of Europe. During the offensive campaign, code talkers worked by directing aircraft and naval gunfire to targets, informing other Comanche code breakers at higher headquarters of the tactical situation on the ground and relaying information back to their unit commander. The 4th Signal Corps went on to take part in many major battles of the European Theater, including the Siegfried Line, Saint-Lô and the Battle of the Bulge. The Germans never broke the Comanche Code, which was crucial in communicating in the European Theater.

Chibitty was honorably discharged from the Army as a technician fifth grade. For his service, he received a Purple Heart, an American Theater Campaign Medal, a European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Silver Service Star and a World War II Victory medal. Following their return to the U.S., Chibitty and the other Comanche Code Talkers were welcomed home by their tribe. He later became active in his community.

In 1989, the French government and the Comanche home state of Oklahoma bestowed honors on three of the surviving members of the Comanche Code Talkers, including Chibitty. In 1999, the Pentagon also honored him, who was by then the last surviving Comanche code talker.

“It’s strange, but growing up as a child, I was forbidden to speak my native language at school,” Chibitty [said in 2002](#).

“Later, my country asked me to. My language helped win the war and that makes me very proud. Very proud.”

Chibitty died in July 2005 at the age of 83.

We honor his service.

SOURCE: <https://news.va.gov/110479/veteranoftheday-army-charles-chibitty/>



Live Whole Health #144: You're Stronger Than You Think



Tips for Stress Management. I think of [stress](#) as “an additional demand on our resources.” It’s a simple definition but one we can use in many contexts. For example, your car breaking down applies stress on:

- Your finances (paying for the repair);
- Your time (scheduling the repair and spending time at the shop);
- Your relationships (asking friends or family for transportation or to pick up your kids from school);
- Your emotional well-being (balancing all these new demands at once).

How much stress you experience is determined by how capable you believe you are at meeting the extra demands. An emergency savings account makes the car repair manageable, waiting for a day off can solve the time problem, and having close family makes it easy to arrange transportation.

Believing that you have resources to address the problem is important for managing stress. In fact, this is an opportunity to think about your emotional strength. The fact is that you’re stronger than you may believe. You can recognize this by thinking about the challenges you’ve overcome in your life, remembering the periods you didn’t know if you could make it... and yet knowing somehow that you did.

Everyone has experienced challenges: completing basic training, getting married (or divorced), having a child (or not being able to have a child), losing loved ones, being fired from a job, being diagnosed with a chronic illness, needing surgery, and so on. Sometimes we look back and think, “I got through it, so it wasn’t too bad.” But think about how you felt at the time. Some of these experiences felt overwhelming, and there may have been times you wanted to quit and didn’t think you could make it.

What got you through? What skills did you use? What resources did you have? Where did you find your strength? How can you access that now?

Mindful Awareness is a skill you can add to your toolkit to help ease those additional demands. Take five minutes with Dr. Robert Eric Dinenberg from the St. Louis VA for a mind-body stress management exercise. Learn more about how the [Power of the Mind](#) can help you manage day-to-day stress.

SOURCE: <https://news.va.gov/109836/va-closes-gap-survivor-benefits-lgbtq-survivors/>

VFW Commemorates National Native American Heritage Month Observance

The commemoration recognizes the heritage of American indigenous people and the contributions of Tribal Nations to the United States.

WASHINGTON — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) recognizes all service members, veterans, comrades, and their families of Indigenous heritage in commemorating the National Native American Heritage Month observance.



Since the American Revolution, Native Americans have fought and died in our nation’s wars. We would not be able to enjoy the freedoms bestowed upon us today if it were not for their many sacrifices. They have shown us just how important this land is, how we must preserve it, and how much it’s worth fighting for.

The first official month celebrating Native American heritage came about in 1990 when President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November of that same year as “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations, under variants on the name, including “Native American Heritage Month” and “National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month,” have been issued each year since 1994.

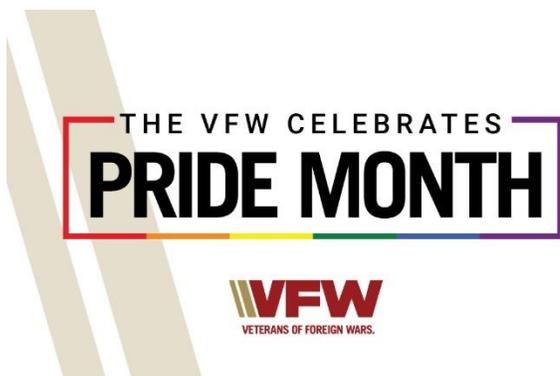
On behalf of the more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, we proudly honor the heritage of our fellow Americans from the Tribal Nations and salute their immeasurable contributions to our United States.



VFW SALUTES LGBTQ+ MILITARY SERVICE TO THE NATION

WASHINGTON — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) stands with our fellow Americans in recognizing and honoring lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) veterans, service members and military families for Pride Month.

Since 1884, every person who has ever raised their right hand to swear or affirm an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, also said that they will ‘bear true faith and allegiance to the same.’ This deeply personal pledge unites each service member in the founding document’s endeavor towards establishing justice, domestic tranquility, common defense, and general welfare. These ‘Blessings of Liberty’ are the right for every American, no matter their race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. ‘We the people’ who have ever worn the uniform of our country, served, sacrificed, fought, bled, and even died to ensure those rights would one day be secured for everyone.



It is estimated that there are a little more than 1 million LGBTQ+ veterans in the United States. Since the *Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010*, surveys have found that more than 5% of active-duty service members identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. They are counted among the less than one percent who serve or have served in the U.S. military.

They are among us, counted with us, and are one of us. They have earned and deserve the same dignity, respect, honor, treatment, health care, and benefits that is owed to everyone who has served. When it comes to LGBTQ+ military men and

women – no one can question their love of our country and their identity as patriotic Americans.

The 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary salute all LGBTQ+ veterans, past, present, and future, and say “thank you” for your service to our great nation.

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2022/6/vfw-salutes-lgbtq-military-service-to-the-nation>



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VA OFFERS MORE THAN \$11M IN GRANT FUNDING TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

WASHINGTON — As a part of ongoing efforts to end Veteran homelessness, the Department of Veterans Affairs published a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for more than \$11 million in legal services grants for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The funds are available through VA's new [Legal Services for Veterans Grant Program](#) and will help Veterans in several ways, including:

- Providing representation in landlord-tenant disputes to prevent eviction.
- Assisting with court proceedings for child support, custody or estate planning.
- Helping Veterans obtain disability compensation and other benefits.
- Providing criminal defense services for certain issues that are symptomatic of homelessness, such as outstanding warrants, fines and driver's license revocation.
- Upgrading characterization of discharges or dismissals of former members of the Armed Forces.

“Veterans who face legal challenges are more likely to become homeless,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “Through these grants, VA is providing Veterans with the legal assistance they need to access the housing they deserve.”

This funding will be awarded in grants of up to \$150,000 to 75 eligible organizations, with at least 10% of funding being utilized for women Veterans. The [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) provides information about the grant program eligibility and award process. VA will host a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants in October. Monitor VA's [homeless LSV website](#) for webinar information and updates. Applications must be submitted by Dec. 30, 2022.

In this calendar year, VA has already placed more than 26,500 homeless Veterans into permanent housing — putting VA on track to meet its [goal of 38,000 permanent housing placements for homeless Veterans in 2022](#).

Learn more about [legal services for Veterans](#) or email lsv@va.gov.



PACT ACT AND TOXIC EXPOSURE INFORMATION

With the passing of the PACT Act, as a veteran you may have a lot of questions. As we wait for VA to interpret the new law and how it will impact veterans, you may contact VFW if you have any question

To contact your local VFW Accredited Service Officer for additional questions or claims assistance, [click here \(https://www.vfw.org/assistance/va-claims-separation-benefits\)](https://www.vfw.org/assistance/va-claims-separation-benefits)

Veterans affected by the PACT ACT are:

Gulf War Era Veterans

Vietnam Era Veterans

Radiation-Exposed Veterans

Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water



PACT Act information from the Department of Veterans Affairs can be found here. (<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>)

PACT Act information Español.

(<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits-esp/>)

PACT Act information Tagalog. (<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits-tag/>)

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/pact-act-and-toxic-exposure-information>





***WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY SAFE AND
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!***

GEN. WILLIAM STARK ROSECRANS VFW POST 3261

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