



Newsletter 10/1/2025  
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**Wolter-Ashley Memorial Post 3894**  
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Officers 2025/2026

You can visit our new website at [www.VFW3894.org](http://www.VFW3894.org).

Commander	Chris Sandoval
Quartermaster	Tommy Greenhill
Senior Vice	Jim Wolfe
Jr. Vice	Ramiro Salas
Chaplain	Timothy Anderson
Adjutant	Tommy Greenhill
Adjutant Asst	Brian Pascoe
Judge Advocate	Ed Faught
Trustees	
1st Year	Michael Fachko
2nd Year	Alan Richards
3rd Year	Brian Pascoe

#### Emergency Numbers/Contacts

**Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 press 1**

**Hospice Plus: 972-937-2800**

[www.hospiceplus.net](http://www.hospiceplus.net)

**VetAssist: 972-266-8511 (home care)**

**988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**

**Call 988 or Text 988**

**988lifeline.org**

Post Monthly Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Start time 10:00am.

#### Comrades in Distress

Please keep Ed and Duncan Faught in your prayers.

Please keep our Chaplain Timothy Anderson in your prayers.

#### Monthly Meeting Review

Key points from the meeting on September 20, 2025.

Donations approved to the Ellis County Homeless Coalition \$1500

Donation approved to AL Post 453, Charity Bike Ride for Homeless Veterans \$200

**Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm the Woodman of The World presented the Post with new flags and then dinner. Very much appreciated.**

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*Notes from the Commander*

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Comrades,

Updates on post happenings.

Website:

As mentioned last month, we are working on navigating the new website, the calendar of events has been updated with all our current events through January 2026 as well as the Hall Rental calendar. The member's roster has been imported from VFW National, so we will start posting items to the Members Only section very soon. Please contact Tommy or me so we can let you know what your password is and how to change it if you desire, you can also send us a message on the website. Visit our website at [www.VFW3894.org](http://www.VFW3894.org).

**Volunteer Work:**

If you are out volunteering in our community, please let us know so we can track this information and take credit for it as a Post at the State and National level. We need to know what you have done and the time or money spent in your volunteer work. All these reports need to go into the system within 30 days of their occurrence.

Speaking of volunteers, we currently have over 130 Post members with only 4 members (4%) actively involved in day-to-day affairs and another couple helping out where they can given, their work schedules. On the other side we have 70 plus Auxiliary members with 8-10 regularly volunteering (12%), with another 4 helping as they can. 3 of these Auxiliary volunteers are helping keep costs down by doing the shopping for the Canteen, effectively keeping the Canteen open. We appreciate every volunteer, but we really need more of our new and younger Post members to step up and see where they can help this Post. Having the Auxiliary carrying 3 Quarters of the work is not sustainable. Every event this Post held in the last 5 years would not be possible without our Auxiliary partners. Remember, this is your Post, its success or failure will depend on its member's and their involvement. If you want more information on how you can get involved, please let me know, I will be more than happy to talk with you.

Respectfully,  
Chris Sandavol  
Commander

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***At the VFW, "RED" means Remember Everyone Deployed. Typically, it refers to wearing red on Friday. You can get your shirt from the VFW store.***

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### *Notes from the Adjutant*

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The last quarter of the year is always a busy time. As veterans there are many opportunities to get involved or just go to an observance or community event. We maintain communications with the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, Texas Veterans Coalition and now are establishing ourselves with the Red Oak Chamber of Commerce.

Things to plan for:

October 31, 2025 is the deadline for our entries in Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and the Teachers award. We need these for All State

A change from the National VFW. The Post Service Officer position has been renamed to Post Benefits Advisor.

We have officer training due for Jim Wolfe, Senior Vice and Ramiro Salas, Jr. Vice. This can be done via Zoom. Scheduling in process.

Welcome new members Grisel Rios and Paul Perris is you see them. We need to double down on recruitment.

We may need some volunteers to help with the Toys for Tots and the Veterans Day at the Civic Center. Please step forward.

We should have Buddy Poppies in time for Pearl Harbor Day. Chipping away at our All-State and All-American efforts.

This next quarter will bring our Post Inspection which is being prepared for.

Wishing you a successful 2025-2026  
Tommy Greenhill  
Quartermaster/Adjutant  
Post 3894

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*Notes from the Chaplain*

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As we move into October we have challenges that persist and members in distress.

In filling in for our Chaplain, Timothy Anderson, I would like to offer the following Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing us into the month of October. We come before You today, acknowledging our human weaknesses and the challenges we encounter daily. Like a ship navigating stormy seas, we are often rocked by waves of difficulties. Yet, we know You are our anchor in these turbulent times.

Lord, this October, we humbly ask for Your divine breakthrough in every challenging situation in our lives. Like the tenacious tree breaking through the concrete to reach for sunlight, may we too find novel ways around our problems, guided by Your divine wisdom.

Father, we understand that pain and struggles are part of our journey, yet we trust in Your promise that all things work together for good for those who love You. Bring forth your refreshing rains of blessings to cleanse our lives of hardship and imbue us with renewed hope and strength. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray, Amen.

October is a time of reflection and transition. As we move forward let's embrace the changes ahead of us and enjoy our community of comrades.

Respectfully,  
Tommy Greenhill  
Quartermaster/Adjutant  
Post 3894

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## Notes from the Auxiliary

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### VFW Post 3894 Officers

President: Linda McKnight  
Vice President: Lucinda Martinez  
Secretary: Laura Bell-Laughlin  
Treasurer: Donna Cobb

Attached is some information regarding VFW Auxiliary National Scholarship and Art Contests. I will bring some applications to the Post on Thursday. Donna Cobb and Lacey Pascoe may also have copies. We also have nursing scholarships and teacher scholarships. Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen need to be delivered to the Post by **October 31, 2025**. The art contests and nursing scholarship applications need to be at the Post by March 31, 2026. Chris has the teacher of the year forms.

Congratulations to the following people for their years of service with the Auxiliary:

L Duncan Faught for 35 years  
Susan Newsom for 30 years  
Danny Kerscht for 10 years  
Larkin Alexander for 5 years

Thank you all for the contributions you have made to VFW Post 3894.

Linda R McKnight

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- Legal Services
- Homeless Services



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### *Notes from the Quartermaster*

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Our financial position has remained constant. We are profitable but by a narrow margin. We have initiated cost saving moves that are helping but revenue generation is necessary. The prices we pay for goods and services are increasing. We have moved closer to eliminating DirectTV and are seeking membership approval to permit the Commander and Quartermaster flexibility in meeting room rates. More on this at the Oct. 4 meeting.

We are looking into a few areas that need your input.

We are reviewing drink prices and stocking levels. Something you can do to help is note prices at places you frequent for their beer, wine and spirits. We would like to compare our competitive position and need more data.

We are also considering reducing our operating hours. Days that historically are slow need to be considered. An example would be moving opening from 12:00pm on Saturday to 3:00pm. We were hoping the football season would help bring in some traffic. So far it hasn't.

We are looking at more games such as Queen of Hearts to add to our machines and Bingo revenue.

Give us your input. The VFW is a member's owned entity. We need your active participation to keep it.

Look for opportunities to bring new members to the Post.

Thank you all for the hard work you do and the support you provide.

Tommy Greenhill  
Quartermaster Post 3894

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### *Notes from the Committee Leaders*

*House Committee has not met at this time.*

*At the last meeting Bob Thomas was elected to chair the House Committee.*

*Post Bylaws Committee*

*The House Committee is going to roll the Post Bylaw review and maintenance into their routine processes. This meeting is set for Oct. 1, 2025 with feedback expected at the Oct. 4, 2025 meeting.*



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### *General Information:*

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- **Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>, Labor Day lunch at the Post, we will have a potato bar with all the fixings. Side dishes and desserts are welcome.**

### **October and November Events**

- Toys for Tots, toy drive begins. A box will be available at the Canteen sign-in podium and one at the Bingo sales table on Bingo nights.
- Normal Bingo sessions each Friday, except No Bingo on the day after Thanksgiving, Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>. We will instead have a Special Bingo session on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>, normal times.
- Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, Post meeting.
- Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>, Special US Navy Birthday celebration prior to Bingo.
- Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, District 30 meeting at VFW Post 3366 in Corsicana.
- Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>, Post meeting.
- Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Post will be hosting the Ellis United, Special Olympics Halloween bash for the athletes.
- Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween Bingo session with costume prizes.
- Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>, Post meeting.
- Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Resource Fair at the Midlothian Library from 10am-1pm.
- Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day celebration at the Waxahachie Civic Center 10am-1pm.
- Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day lunch, Post opens at 12pm, lunch served at 1pm.
- Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>, US Marine Corp Birthday at the Waxahachie Civic Center, followed by an after party at the Post until 12am.
- Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>, Post meeting.
- Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving at the Post. We open at 12pm, meal time to be announced soon.

## Honoring 250 Years of Naval Excellence

Ladies and gentlemen, shipmates, and honored guests,

Today, we gather to celebrate a milestone unlike any other—the 250th birthday of the United States Navy. Since \*\*October 13, 1775\*\*, when the Continental Congress established a naval force to defend our young nation, the Navy has stood as a pillar of strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to freedom.

For two and a half centuries, our sailors have sailed into the unknown, fought in the fiercest battles, and upheld the traditions that define us. From the \*\*Revolutionary War\*\* to the \*\*modern-day fleet\*\*, the Navy has evolved, adapting to new challenges while remaining steadfast in its mission: \*\*to protect and defend the seas, ensuring peace and security for all\*\*.

We honor the legacy of those who came before us, the sailors who braved the Atlantic in wooden ships, who turned the tide at \*\*Midway\*\*, who stood watch during the Cold War, and who continue to serve across the globe today. Their sacrifices, their courage, and their dedication have shaped the Navy into the formidable force it is now.

As we celebrate this \*\*250th anniversary\*\*, let us reflect on our past, embrace our present, and look toward the future. The Navy is more than ships and sailors—it is a tradition, a brotherhood, and a promise. A promise to uphold \*\*honor, courage, and commitment\*\* in every mission, every challenge, and every generation to come.

So, let us raise our voices in gratitude, our hearts in remembrance, and our spirits in celebration. “Fair winds and following seas to the United States Navy—250 years strong, and ready for the next 250!” Hoorah

Brian Pascoe  
Trustee/Adjutant Assistant

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Input to the newsletter can be sent to [tommy.greenhill@att.net](mailto:tommy.greenhill@att.net). I will include your notices, articles or other input as appropriate. Received by the second meeting of the month to be published for the first meeting of the following month.

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