

JOHN LUKAC VFW POST 12093 NEWSLETTER

November – December, 2022

MEET YOUR VFW FAMILY



Post Commander Sean Schmitt

Commander Sean Schmitt has been a life member of the VFW since 2005. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1996 to 2002, qualified as a nuclear electronics technician, and worked as a nuclear reactor operator aboard the USS George Washington (CVN 73). He was stationed in Norfolk, VA, and qualified for VFW membership by his service in the Gulf, monitoring no-fly zones over Iraq. He moved to Las Vegas in 2002 and is currently employed with the NV Energy monitoring and diagnostics center. He is married to his wife Lyn, and has one son, Brandon, and two stepsons, Ray and Brent.

ABOUT OUR POST

VFW John Lukac Post 12093 was chartered on June 10, 2010, its Auxiliary the following year. The Post is named for PFC John Lukac, who met his death in a car bomb in a suburb of Fallujah, Iraq on October 30, 2004. PFC Lukac was a graduate of Durango High School, and although the recipient of several scholarships and accepted to four colleges, he chose to serve his country by joining the Marine Corps. Helena Lukac, his mother, says she and her husband Jan are very honored by the naming of the Post after their son.



Auxiliary President Sharon Frederick

Auxiliary President Sharon Frederick has been a life member since 2005. She joined the VFW under the service of her late husband, Gene Frederick, who served in the U.S. Navy aboard the Coral Sea in Vietnam. She also serves as the Department of Nevada Hospital Chair, the VFW Auxiliary Representative for the VAVS Southern Nevada, and VA Hospital Lead Dog Team, with her dog Kane. Sharon has been a life long resident of Las Vegas, and has one son, Tony, two granddaughters, Kayla and Lauryn and a grandson, Joey.

YOUR VFW IN THE COMMUNITY

Your VFW Post and Auxiliary continue to be active in the community. They had a membership/poppy distribution table at the Aviation Nation Air Show at Nellis AFB on Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6. They also had a membership/poppy distribution table on Veterans Day and Saturday, November 12th. The Post and Auxiliary also made generous donations to Wreaths Across America for wreaths to be placed at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.

FOOD DRIVE

The Post and Auxiliary will be partnering with the JrROTC at Sunrise High School in a food drive to benefit the Paralyzed Veterans of America. They serve about 130 veterans in Las Vegas every month! Please bring a non-perishable food item (or two) to our meetings on December 6th and 8th.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 15 Birthday Dinner
Jason's Deli 6:00 PM
November 17 Lunch
Leatherneck Club 1:00 PM
November 24 Thanksgiving Day
December 1 Officer's Call
YMCA Community Room 6:30 PM
December 6 Auxiliary Meeting
YMCA Community Room 6:00 PM
December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 8 VFW Meeting
YMCA Community Room 6:30 PM
December 10 Poppy Drive
Ace Hardware 8:00 am to 1:00pm

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER

The Auxiliary is once again holding a See's Candy fundraiser. The candy will be shipped directly to your address. Follow the attached link to order yours in time for the Holidays!

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/vfwjla_vfw_john_lukac_auxiliary_91/Sha_Fre6012/

Editor's Note

Each month, I'll be putting together a brief newsletter right after the monthly Post and Auxiliary meetings. Hopefully those of you who cannot attend meetings will find it informative and helpful. Each month I will highlight a Post Member and an Auxiliary Member, starting with our officers. I think it is interesting to find out more about our fellow members. I hope you enjoy this first issue! Nancy

GO SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER

The Auxiliary has partnered with Go Sneakers to collect and recycle used sneakers and hiking boots. In August we recycled 10 pairs of shoes, resulting in 300 lbs Co2 and 22,570 gallons of water saved; In September we recycled 11 pairs of shoes, resulting in 330 lbs of Co2 and 24,827 gallons of water saved. Please bring your old sneakers to a meeting – recycle and make some cash for your Auxiliary!

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Dear Lord,

Today we give thanks for our many blessings

As we pray for those in need
we give thanks for our family and friends
and we pray for those who are lonely

We give thanks for our freedoms
as we pray for those oppressed

We give thanks for our good health
as we pray for those who are ill

We give thanks for our comfort and
prosperity as we share our blessings with
others

On this day of thanksgiving
may the love of God enfold us
the peace of God dwell within us
and the joy of God uplift us.

Amen