

VFW POST 4575

JUNE 2025



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WHOSE FLAG
IS FLYIN'?**



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COMMANDERS CORNER



**Welcome to VFW Post 4575,
People often consider the VFW a place filled with Vietnam veterans who all know each other sitting around a bar, and there is some truth to that, however there are younger military members in there as well. We have had several battles since Vietnam where we've learned an all new meaning of comradeship; Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism are a few examples.**

VFW Post 4575 is looking for members of all wars who want to share in fellowship, friendship and community service. I look back at the years after I served and before I joined the VFW and I never found what I was able to find here. We are a group of people who share a common interest of helping our fellow brothers and sisters who served and also serving our local community.

**Carlos T Rawls Sr.
VFW Post 4575 Commander**

CHAPLAINS CORNER



Comrades,

As we move into June, we carry with us both remembrance and renewed purpose. Memorial Day has just passed—a solemn time when we honored our brothers and sisters who gave everything. Let us not let that spirit of remembrance fade with the changing of the calendar.

June is also a time of transition. The days grow longer, schools let out, and many of us begin planning time with family, friends, or attending reunions and summer events. In this, let us also remember the power of connection—with one another, with our communities, and with the values we pledged to uphold when we wore the uniform.

Let's carry that same bond forward into this month's gatherings. Whether it's a meeting, a ride, or just sharing stories over a cup of coffee, remember that this Post is a place of healing, honor, and hope. If a fellow veteran hasn't been seen in a while, reach out. If someone is struggling, be the one who shows up.

And as Flag Day (June 14) and Father's Day approach, may we remember the meaning behind our symbols and the strength behind our families. Our flag does not wave because the wind moves it—it waves with the last breath of every service member who defended it. Let's honor that not just with a ceremony, but with our daily actions.

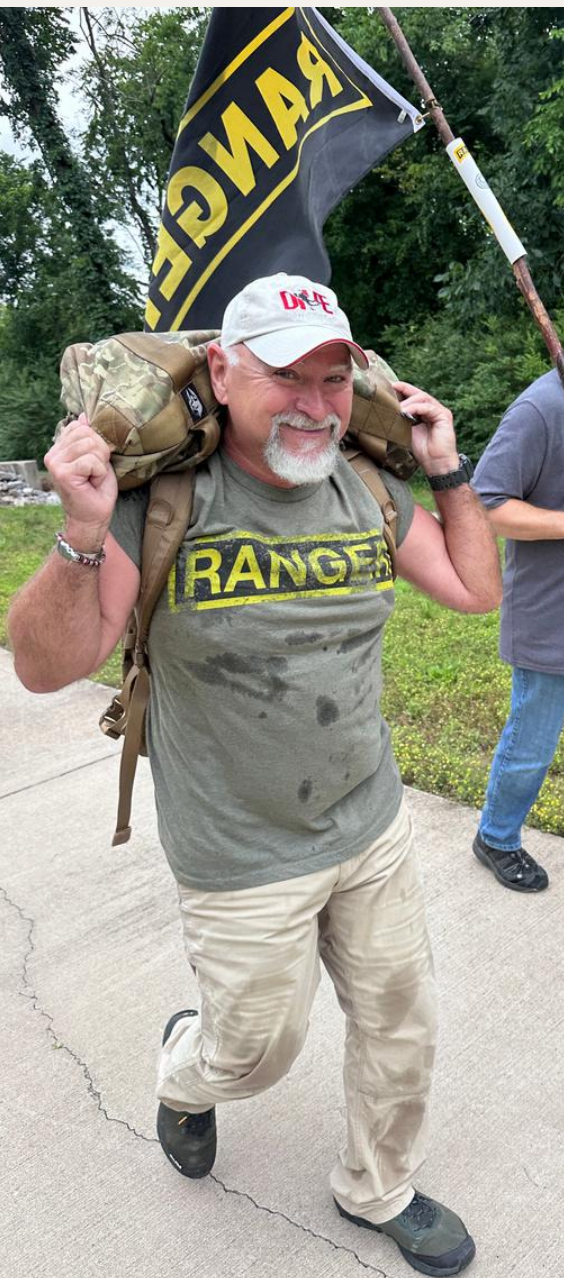
Stay safe, stay strong, and stay connected.

In service and in spirit,

James Long

Chaplain, VFW Post 4575

MEMORIAL DAY RUCK



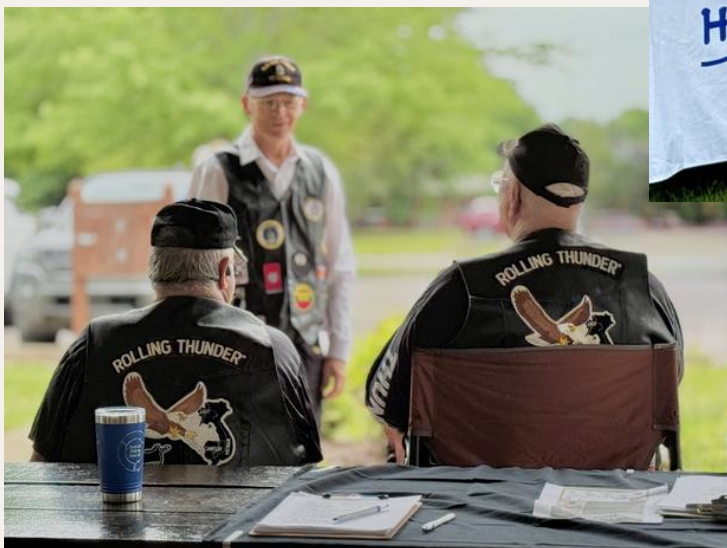
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JERRY STEWART ON CONVERSATIONS WITH MIKE SPARKS



JULY 4TH COOKOUT AT THE ALVIN C. YORK VETERANS HOME

1230-1530 on July 4

Grilling, outdoor music, cornhole, general fun hanging out!



TENNESSEE STATE
VETERANS' HOMES

"Proudly Serving Those Who Served"



TIKI 4TH OF JULY BASH 2025

Jim Africano, President of the Post 4575 Auxilliary is hosting a July 4th bash at his home.

It is a family friendly event with smoked portk, drinks, music, bocce ball, corn hole, 100+ foot slip & slide and whole bunch of fireworks!

Jo's Custom Cakes will be surprising us with a cake of their design choice.



200 Glenrose Ln Smyrna,TN 37167

1600 Welcome and Sponsor Announcements
1605 Pray and blessing
1610 National Anthem: Jenelle
1615 Piggy Time!
1700 Live Music

Fireworks at dusk with music provided by Rockstar'z Entertainment

Things to bring: bug spray, adult beverage of choice, chairs and/or blanket, extra fireworks to make the show longer (for safety, fireworks will only be handled by a designated crew)

Plenty of car and motorcycle parking

THE AMERICAN MIRACLE

OUR NATION IS NO ACCIDENT

IN THEATRES NATIONWIDE

JUNE 9-11 ONLY

ABOUT THE FILM

Coming to cinemas nationwide in 2025 from Heroic Pictures, The American Miracle – Our Nation is No Accident will take its audience on a journey through some of the most significant events in America's birth and rise to prosperity and power.

Inspired by New York Times bestselling author Michael Medved's book of the same title, this exciting, entertaining, and edifying motion picture experience is being created in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The history of the American Experiment is a fabric woven of countless instances of improbable, unimaginable success. Whether it is the supernatural protection that surrounded George Washington – the Father of our Country throughout his life, the mysterious weather conditions that favored the movements of the Continental Army at critical battlefield junctures, or, the unique, longstanding success of a revolution unlike any other in recorded world history; it is difficult, nearly impossible to explain the outcome of any of these, and so many more events like them, without allowing for divine intervention. In his first inaugural speech President George Washington described it as, “the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men.”

With a large cast, and filmed on location across the country and the United Kingdom, The American Miracle stars Pat Boone, Kevin Sorbo, Nicole C. Mullen, Cameron Arnett, and James Arnold Taylor, along with authors and scholars Joseph Ellis, Richard Dreyfuss, Robert P. George, Akhil Reed Amar, and Jana Novak, among many others.



MARINE CORPS SILENT DRILL PLATOON



On **June 3, 2025**, the Marine Corps will join Rutherford County and the City of Murfreesboro in celebrating the history of the Marine Corps with a band concert, special recognition ceremony and Silent Drill Platoon performance beginning at 5 p.m. on Civic Plaza in Murfreesboro. This event is an opportunity for the community to witness the extraordinary talent and commitment of Marines who serve as a living testament to the Corps legacy of excellence

AIR SHOW VOLUNTEER SIGNUP



The Great Tennessee Air Show takes place at the Smyrna Airport June 4-8. We need volunteers on June 7 and 8 for a Beer Booth and Novelty Booth. This opportunity is a great way to earn money for our post and continue to do great things in the community.





— *presents* —

WE HONOR VETERANS



VETERAN APPRECIATION PINNING CEREMONY

Honoring Our Heroes for Their Service

Join us in recognizing and celebrating the brave men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces. This special pinning ceremony is our way of saying Thank You for their courage, dedication, and sacrifice.



• **FRIDAY JUNE 6TH, 2025** •

- **PROGRAM STARTS AT 1 PM AT NHC, DINING ROOM**
- **VETERANS, RESIDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY ARE INVITED** •
- **PLEASE BE ADVISED, PHOTOS & VIDEO WILL BE TAKEN** •
- **REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW** •



NHC MURFREESBORO- 420 N UNIVERSITY ST. MURFREESBORO. TN. 37130 615-893-2602

- **PARKING IS AVAILABLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE NHC BUILDING**
- **ENTER THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING, UNDERNEATH THE FRONT AWNING**
- **ENTER THROUGH (2) GLASS FRONT DOORS, TURN LEFT FROM THE LOBBY, THEN IMMEDIATE RIGHT AND CONTINUE STRAIGHT DOWN THE HALLWAY. CEREMONY IN DINING ROOM ON THE LEFT.**

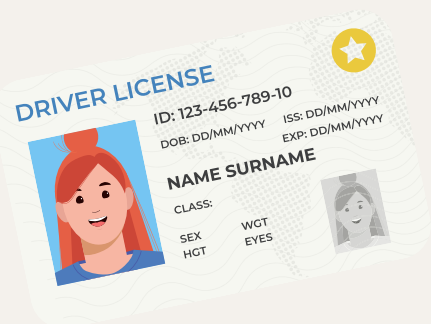


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USE YOUR VETERAN HEALTH
IDENTIFICATION CARD



VETERANS WITHOUT A REAL ID CAN USE A VHIC FOR
AIR TRAVEL

THE TSA NOW ENFORCES REAL ID REQUIREMENTS FOR
AIR TRAVELERS.

GOOD NEWS!

THE TSA ACCEPTS A VETERAN HEALTH
IDENTIFICATION CARD (VHIC) AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR A
REAL ID TO GET THROUGH SECURITY.



DON'T HAVE A VHIC YET?

IF YOU'RE ENROLLED IN VA HEALTH CARE, YOU CAN
SIGN IN WITH ID.ME AND REQUEST YOUR VHIC ONLINE.





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VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE

2025 Edition

**This guide is meant as a overview of
veteran programs, organizations and
support for Active Military, Veterans
and their Families in the
State of Tennessee.**

<https://cookingwithaveteran.org/tn-veteran-resource-guide/>

