

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Post 9934 & Auxiliary 9934
Dana Point, California



Mail Call

June 2026



VFW Post 9934, in partnership with the City of Dana Point, held their annual Memorial Day Ceremony.



Guest Speakers: Captain Frank Gonzalez, Chief of Dana Point Police Services, Senator Tony Strickland, Katrina Foley, Orange County Supervisor, 5th District, Laurie Davies, California Assemblywoman, Mike Levin, US Congressman, Key Note - Chaplain Lt. Nikolas A. Frausto.

Commander's Message

Greetings Comrades,

Before I start with my Commander's Message, I would be remiss if I did not spend a few moments to remember and honor the man responsible for the beginnings of Post 9934, Comrade William Manes.

We all have different memories of Bill. Some of us working with at the concerts guarding the cash box like a bear with its cubs. Some of us still walk into the VFW office waiting to see him at his desk either pouring over his binders or readjusting his hearing appliance to answer the phone.

As a new commander, I always benefited from his years of experience and complete support as our quartermaster. We will miss him greatly.

Now on to the business at hand. I want to thank all of you who stepped up during the month of May and volunteered to man the buddy poppy tables. This was in addition to several Flag Presentations, Honor Guard activities and the Memorial Day Observance at Pines Park. To Post 9934, thank you for the job well done.

I will be attending the VFW Department of California State Convention in Sacramento during the month of June. If any of you wish to contribute input regarding VFW business or questions about

the VFW on the state level, please contact me before I leave and bring it to my attention.

As we get into summer we need to start thinking about the summer concert series. I would really like to see some new faces helping at the concerts. Even if it is only for one shift during one concert. Any help is always welcome. It is really a fun time and a great opportunity to meet up with the community.

I don't recall during my tenure as commander, this post being asked to participate in so many activities as we did this last month.

To me it means that the city and community recognize our ability and eagerness to assist in any way possible.

I am so proud of all of you.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 9th at 6pm at South Shores Church.

Please be safe and be kind to each other.

Rick Jauregui, Commander

Post 9934, Dana Point



POST OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

Post Commander	Rick Jauregui	Post Chaplain	Tim Laursen
Senior Vice Commander	Richard Alonzo	Judge Advocate	Michael Turner
Junior Vice Commander	Carlos Garcia	Post Color Guard Captain	Carlos Garcia
Post Quartermaster	Phil Jimenez	Benefits Advisor	Aaron Pluff
Adjutant	David Vera	Trustee (3-year term)	David Priddy
Assistant Quartermaster	Wayne Yost	Trustee (2-year term)	Rodney Bradley
Post Surgeon	Gil Castro	Trustee (1-year term)	Bob Pruitt

AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

President	Lisa Mers	Conductor	Ralph Mariano
Senior Vice President	Sharon Miller	Chaplain	Carlene Chew
Junior Vice President	Lupe Brady	Trustee 3	Judy Brandmeier
Secretary	Terry Marr	Trustee 2	Ralph Mariano
Treasurer	Cindy Laursen	Trustee 1	Sharon Miller

From the Desk of the Quartermaster



On June 14th, we celebrate our Flag - the symbol of our nation and the freedoms so many brave men and women fought and sacrificed to protect. I encourage all Veterans and Auxiliary members to proudly fly Old Glory on this special day.

If your current flag has seen better days, we do have a few replacements available in the office storeroom.

For many of us, seeing the American flag waving during deployments overseas was a reminder of home, service, and pride. No matter where in the world we were, that sight always meant something special.

Our Anaheim Post, together with the Anaheim Fire Department, will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 13th at 1:30 PM at the North Net Training Center, 2400 E. Orangewood Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806. If you have worn or damaged flags ready for proper retirement, please bring them to the office before June 5th.

May was an especially busy and successful month for our Post. During the three-day Poppy Drive and Memorial Day Service, an incredible \$7,742 was donated to our Relief Fund. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and supported these events. Simply put — without volunteers, the Post cannot thrive.

Back when we served, we were taught never to volunteer for anything. Funny how life comes full circle — now we're asking you to please raise your hand and help out when you can. The good news is we can almost guarantee there will be no rock-hauling, foxhole-digging, or KP duty involved.

Finally, I would like to wish all fathers a very Happy Father's Day! Enjoy your time with family, fire up the grill, and take full advantage of the one day each year when the TV remote and the recliner are officially under your command.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

*Phil Jimenez, Quartermaster
Dana Point VFW Post 9934*



Chaplain's Corner



This month I will discuss several things. Here goes:

On Sunday, May 24th, I had the distinct honor of officiating Ben Valencia's burial at sea off coast of Dana Point. His family and I went out the obligatory 3 miles and were escorted by dolphins and seals for about the last half mile. I could tell that Ben was a submariner at heart.

As soon as the box carrying his ashes hit the water, it sank like a rock! DIVE! DIVE! It was a heartfelt final remembrance for our comrade brother.

Flag Day is a holiday celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that designated June 14 as Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress.



Last but by no means least, I had the opportunity to visit the Pendleton Pantry last month. What a great establishment! I met with Cassandra Wiley, Director of Services. Our efforts are greatly appreciated and are definitely not in vain. Please keep those donations coming, both physically at our meetings and online through their website, camppendleton.asymca.org. Cindy and I will be visiting at least once a month to drop off physical donations.

As always, I am available as your spiritual leader. Let me know if and how I can serve you. Keep me posted on comrades and their family members, living and deceased, who are in need of assistance.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America!

Tim Laursen,
Chaplain VFW Post 9934, Dana Point
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Auxiliary Corner

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” – Anne Frank.

We want to start with a big heartfelt thank you for the donations during our Poppy distribution in honor of Memorial Day and the amazing program hosted by our VFW Post 9934 and the City of Dana Point.

During the month of May, the Post asked for our assistance in arranging bouquets of flowers for their Day of Service at Belmont Village Senior Living in Aliso Viejo on the 8th and for the Memorial Day Ceremony on the 25th. As always, we are happy for the opportunity to work with our Post 9934!

In case you missed our advertisement in the May 22 edition of the Dana Point Times, here is an opportunity to check it out. We are on page 6 of the online edition. <https://digitaledition.danapointtimes.com>

Dana Point VFW Auxiliary 9934 is excited to reach out to our hometown heroes. We want to celebrate our active and retired military members throughout Dana Point on street lamp post banners.

If you are interested in honoring your hometown hero please send a picture, name, and branch of service, along with any questions to: vfwaux9934@gmail.com

Are you thinking of how you can make a difference? Become a VFW Auxiliary Member! It’s never too late to be a part of this small but mighty group! It’s a great way to serve locally. To find out more information, contact Cindy Laursen at: vfw9934cindy@gmail.com.

Join our Auxiliary 9934 Dana Point Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/599185986803743>
This is a fantastic way to find out what we are up to.

June is PTSD awareness month; below is a link with resources the VFW provides: <https://www.vfw.org/home-bottom-rotator/national-ptsd-awareness-day>

Contact us at VFWAux9934@gmail.com for more information and join us !

***Terry Marr
Secretary, Historian
VFW Auxiliary 9934***





William C. Manes - 08/09/1931 to 05/10/2026
U.S. Navy Vietnam
VFW Post 9934 Founder, Silver Legacy Life Member

Bill, our brother, you can rest now...We have the watch.



VFW Post 9934 Days of Service



May 8th - Belmont Village Senior Living

May 13th - Dana Point Police Services BBQ



Schedule of Events - June 2026

- ◇ Tuesday, June 2, 6:00 pm - Dana Point City Council Meeting
- ◇ Wednesday, June 3, 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Disability Clinic. Dana Point Community Center, 34052 Del Obispo
- ◇ Saturday, June 6, 1:45 to 3:00, LBVA Hospital Bingo Tournament, 5901 E. 7th Street, Long Beach.
Contact Gil Castro for details about volunteering and carpool (949) 395-2455.
- ◇ Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 pm - VFW Post 9934 Meeting, South Shores Church, 32712 Crown Valley Pkwy.
- ◇ Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 pm - VFW Auxiliary 9934 Meeting, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 33501 Stonehill
- ◇ Sunday, June 14th, 2:00 pm 2:00 PM, Flag Day Event, Baby Beach, 34451 Ensenada Place, Dana Point.
- ◇ Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 pm - Dana Point City Council Meeting
- ◇ Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Disability Clinic. Dana Point Community Center, 34052 Del Obispo
- ◇ Wednesday, June 17 to Sunday, June 21 - California Department Convention, Holiday Inn Sacramento, 300 J St, Sacramento
- ◇ Sunday, June 21st—Father's Day

Commemorative Tributes

- June 6 – D-Day: Allied invasion of Europe, 1944 June 14 - Flag Day - Adoption of US Flag (1777)
June 14 - U.S. Army Founded (1775) June 27 - National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day

VFW Action Corps Weekly May 2026 MIA Identifications

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced 4 identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War.

World War II

Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. Roy L. Reed Army Pfc. Joseph A. Rotarius Army Air Forces Pfc. Stanley H. Kingman

Korean War

Army Pfc. Charles O. Killian

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JUNE 2026 MONTHLY MEETINGS

The next monthly meetings of the Post and Auxiliary 9934 will be on Tuesday, June 9th.

The Post meeting will be held at South Shores Church, 32712 Crown Valley Parkway, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The Auxiliary will meet at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 33501 Stonehill, starting at 6:30 pm.

