

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Comrades,

I hope this new month finds all of you with happiness in your hearts and new adventures on your horizons. We have a few things to talk about this month.

As mentioned during the February meeting, the VFW is sponsoring their "March Madness" campaign. Basically, this pertains to the annual memberships. If any of you have friends or relatives who plan to pay their yearly dues within the next few months, Please...please have them take advantage of California Department's VFW program this month which will pay for an extra year so they will get two years for the price of one. This program expires in a few weeks or sooner, whenever the funds run out.

Of course, we would really hope that more annual members become Life Members. So, bring this up at your veteran's lunches and/or coffee meetings.

I was able to attend a meeting this week of the Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative. There were several speakers that centered around legal issues and Veterans.

The Orange County Court system has made an effort to assist Veterans when their lives and issues with society collide.

There is a process in place when a veteran wishes to become part of the program where he/she may ask for assistance and be sent to a "Veterans Court". This is a program where the Prosecution, the Defense, a counselor and the Judge believe that the Veteran would benefit from a "second chance".

I also spoke to the Deputy Executive Director of the Veterans Legal Institute. The VLI is a non-profit that assists Veterans with a multitude of civil issues (Eviction, Bankruptcy, Child Custody), with no cost to the Veteran.

My plans are to have a representative from the Veterans Legal Institute speak at a future meeting.

If any of you would like to contact the VLI, their website is VetsLegal.org. Phone number is (714) 852-3492.

I will see you all at the next meeting at South Shores Church on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Please be safe and be kind to each other.

*Rick Jauregui, Commander,*

*Post 9934, Dana Point*



## VFW POST 9934 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – MARCH 2024

- Saturday March 2nd, 8:00 AM - Festival of Whales Parade – Dana Point Harbor, Island Way – stage across bridge, parking lot to right. Contact office [vfwpost9934@cox.net](mailto:vfwpost9934@cox.net) if you are walking or riding.
- Sunday March 3rd, Festival of Whales BBQ – Baby Beach, North end of Dana Point Harbor Drive (before Marine Institute) We will be cooking food. 1<sup>st</sup> Shift - 7:30 am to 11:30 am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift 11:30am to 3:30 pm. Contact office [vfwpost9934@cox.net](mailto:vfwpost9934@cox.net) to sign up for a shift.
- Tuesday, March 5th, 6:00 pm, Dana Point City Council Meeting
- Tuesday, March 5th, California Primary Election Day.
- Wednesday, March 6th, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Disability Clinic -Dana Point Community Center, 34052 Del Obispo
- Saturday March 9th, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. District 2 Women Veteran symposium – Anaheim VFW Post, 805 e. Sycamore Street
- Sunday, March 10th, Daylight Savings Time begins.
- Tuesday, March 12th, 6:00 pm, VFW Post 9934 Meeting, South Shores Church, 32712 Crown Valley Pkwy. Feel free to invite a Veteran guest so they can see what our Post does!  
FIRST NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS, FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
- Tuesday, March 19th, 6:00 pm, Dana Point City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, March 20th, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Disability Clinic – Dana Point Community Center, 34052 Del Obispo
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 17th, ST PATRICK'S DAY**
- Saturday, March 23rd, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, VFW Auxiliary 9934 Bunco -Gloria Dei Church, 33501 Stonehill Dr
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, EASTER SUNDAY**



Commander Rick Jauregui and Education Chairman David Vera presented five Patriot's Pen Awards to Students at an assembly at St. Anne School in Laguna Niguel on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. One of the students, Ruth Manasseh, was our 2<sup>nd</sup> place Patriot's Pen winner.

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### MARCH 2024 MEETING

The next meeting of the Post and Auxiliary 9934 will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024. **The Post meeting will be at South Shores Church, 32712 Crown Valley Parkway, starting at 6:00 p.m.**

The agenda for the Post meeting will include the initial nominations for Post officers to serve for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The final nominations and elections will take place during the meeting in April.

**The Auxiliary will meet at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 33501 Stonehill. Auxiliary meeting time is 6:30.**



## **DANA POINT FESTIVAL OF WHALES**

### **Festival of Whales Parade**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10:00am**

The annual Festival of Whales parade, featuring giant floats, marching bands, school groups, non-profit organizations, and military units will take place in the morning on Saturday, March 2nd.

The parade route starts at the Richard Henry Dana statue on the Island Way Bridge and proceeds over the bridge, then right on Dana Harbor Drive and ends at Dana Harbor Drive and Golden Lantern. The parade can be viewed from sections of the Island Way Bridge and along Dana Harbor Drive. The parade features giant helium parade balloons, marching bands, school groups, non-profit organizations, floats, and military units.

### **Festival of Whales Concert & Barbeque**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**12:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Baby Beach - 34451 Ensenada Place**

On Sunday, bring your beach chairs and blankets to enjoy an afternoon of music and food. This free concert features bands playing on a specially designed floating dock. BBQ plate lunches will be available to purchase benefiting local youth sports programs.

### **PARKING AND TROLLEY SERVICE**

Many of the parking lots in the Dana Point Harbor are free parking, limited to four hours maximum. Hourly parking and day parking passes are available at Doheny State Beach at the automated payment kiosks. Visit [www.dptrolley.com](http://www.dptrolley.com) for trolley hours of operation and stop information.

For a full event schedule of the Festival, visit [festivalofwhales.com](http://festivalofwhales.com)



**On February 22nd, Post Members Gil Castro, Marcia Kuehl, and Wayne Yost presented handmade quilts at the Blind Center, Long Beach VA Medical Center.**

## VETERAN CHARITIES CAN'T KEEP PACE WITH FAMILIES' REQUESTS FOR HELP

Military and veterans charities are struggling to keep up with the flood of requests for mental health care and financial assistance, pointing to serious gaps in available safety nets for vulnerable families, according to a new study from the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

The report, based on responses from 130 community organizations that provide a range of services for military and veteran clients, was conducted in late 2023 and showed slightly more negative results than a similar survey two years earlier.

“Despite an environment of improved employment prospects, the current data show a worsening, rather than an improvement, for many of the most urgent and basic needs, such as help with housing and homelessness, emergency financial assistance, transportation, legal issues, mental health, physical health, and alcohol and substance abuse,” the report stated.

“In the face of those increased needs, communities are stretched to serve military personnel, veterans, and their families, with fewer communities able to satisfy those needs fully,” the report added. “Most issues that veterans experience are only partially resolved in American commu-



nities.”

Of the groups included in the report, 84% reported that most clients requested help getting mental health services or care. However, 71% of those groups' leaders warned that “partner organizations in their community cannot fully address that need.”

Similarly, 72% of the groups reported individuals or families requested emergency financial assistance, but 80% of

the groups were unable to provide that monetary help. And 64% of groups reported requests for food assistance, but 68% of the charitable organizations had “insufficient food resources” in their community to meet that need.

Groups surveyed did report success in meeting requests for peer mentorship, social interaction and recreational activities for military families. Also, 94% of organizations said they had resources to partially or fully help with employment-related requests, including directing individuals to job training resources.

Woodruff Foundation officials said the findings point to the need for more attention and resources devoted to challenges facing military and veteran families, as well as ways to increase community support for those priorities.

### GET CARE NOW WITH VA HEALTH CHAT

*Connect with VA staff in minutes*

When you have a health care concern or question, you want to speak with someone immediately. If you're sick, you might not want to get out of bed or drive to a clinic. **VA Health Chat** makes it easy to get help wherever you are from your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

#### How VA Health Chat can help

With VA Health Chat, many Veterans enrolled in VA health care can quickly connect with a VA staff member. Caring VA staff can provide medical advice for non-life-threatening health issues, schedule VA appointments, refill VA prescriptions, and more. Try VA Health Chat if you're looking for immediate answers on the topics below:

Non-life-threatening injuries or illnesses, like congestion, rash, or stomachache

Questions about your VA prescriptions

Scheduling a VA appointment

#### VA Health Chat availability

VA Health Chat is available only to Veterans at select loca-



tions. You can confirm that VA Health Chat is available to you by visiting the **VA App Store**. Select your state from the drop-down menu to find your VA health care system, VA medical center, or VA clinic. If your location isn't listed, please check back monthly. VA is expanding this service rapidly.

#### How to use VA Health Chat

You can chat with a VA staff in most participating locations Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to

4:00 p.m., local time, excluding federal holidays. In some locations, staff are available 24/7.

To access the app, visit the **VA Health Chat page** (<https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-chat>) or **sign in to My HealtheVet** (<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/user-login>). A blue VA Health Chat message box will appear in the lower right corner of My HealtheVet if the app is available to you. For a secure experience, you'll need to sign in to the app with VA-supported credentials. You may use your **Login.gov**, **ID.me**, **My HealtheVet Premium**, or **DS Logon Level 2 (Premium)** account.

## VFW RAMPS UP EFFORTS TO COMBAT 'CLAIM SHARKS'

Predatory Claim Shark companies are engaging in illegal activities

*A message from the VFW National Commander Duane Sarmiento:*

For more than a century, your VFW has been on the forefront of advocating for veterans and their earned benefits. In the last year alone, **more than 550,000** veterans received **more than \$13 billion** in benefits from VA through the diligence and professionalism of the VFW's global network of VA-accredited service officers. Not a penny of this \$13 billion went to line the pockets of the VFW. It all went to the veterans, as the law requires.

The VFW has been a vocal opponent of predatory "Claim Sharks" – companies who charge veterans illegal fees for sub-par VA benefit claims assistance. Make no mistake, the proliferation of these illicit organizations is a threat, not only to the VFW's cornerstone *National Veterans Service* (NVS) program, but an even greater threat to the VA benefits system as we know it.

Since their emergence, the VFW has ratcheted up the pressure on these companies by passing legislation to crack down on their practices at the state level and are working to help veterans bring litigation against them. We have trained our more than 2,300 VFW Accredited Service Officers on how to handle Claim Sharks, and we continue to seek out veterans who need help getting out of these predatory contracts.

Now these Claim Sharks are trying to normalize and legitimize their financial exploitation of our nation's disabled veterans – they even named VSOs like the VFW as their "threats." While we should be flattered that they recognize the threat we pose, now is the time to decisively defeat this scourge.

The Bottom line is: Predatory Claim Shark companies are engaging in illegal activities. There is no gray area here, no matter how much money they want to throw at it. Their

latest collusion is a desperate attempt to avoid accountability.

Your VFW has aggressively pursued this issue in all corners of government, solidifying the veteran community's stance on this issue. You will see more from the VFW in the coming weeks, asking you to take action with your Congressional representatives, your state legislatures and your communities. We encourage you to read up on the facts and familiarize yourself with this issue, and to help we have produced a **VFW Claim Shark Fact Sheet** for you to use and distribute widely to veterans.

Like the VFW said last year before Congress, "Any group that fails to adhere to VA's well-established standards of accreditation and fee arrangements should be greeted at the door by Capitol Police, not offered a seat at the same table as VA-accredited representatives who are held to certain professional and ethical standards."

This fight may get a little messy in the coming weeks, but the VFW is determined to stop predatory Claim Sharks and we are eager to serve alongside you in this fight.

VFW Updates County Service Officers on Claim Sharks: VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci joined the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) conference to discuss the scourge of predatory Claim Sharks, and ways the VFW and NACVSO's network of accredited representatives can work more closely to provide quality claims representation for veterans. The VFW accredits thousands of county service officers around the country to help reach communities so veterans can easily access their earned benefits. NACVSO leaders have worked with the VFW on the Claim Sharks issue and asked for an update before advocating on Capitol Hill.

## VA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS READY FOR GROWING POPULATION OF OLDER VETERANS

"We have a plan to take care of you and get you home today."

With more than half of all VA emergency department visits involving a Veteran over the age of 65, VA is continuing to build on its recent efforts to become the largest specialized geriatric emergency care provider in the U.S.

Since starting this initiative in 2019, VA now has 67 accredited geriatric emergency departments (GED) spread out across the country with 18 more in process over the next few years. Being GED accredited means that staff are dedicated to the unique needs of an increasingly geriatric Veteran population.

"Approximately half of U.S. Veterans are over 65 years old, and we know that older adults often have clinical and social needs that are outside what we see during a routine emergency department visit," said Dr. Neil Patel, deputy executive director for the National Emergency Medicine Office. "By making sure we not only provide the acute medical care they need but also matching them with both VA and community resources is a huge part of being Veteran-centric."

"When someone comes to the emergency department, we are focused on the issue that brought them to us. But with our older patients, we also ask about their other health conditions in case we can help them schedule an appointment within VA or refer them to a community program that could help them. VA has so many services, we are really making a point to help these Veterans get the care they need and deserve," Patel said.

"Robust geriatric emergency department programs allow us to fulfill Veterans' wishes to age safely at home by connecting them and their families to age-appropriate services and caregiver support programs. From an operations standpoint this equates to decreased hospital admissions and inpatient bed days," said Dr. Colleen McQuown, director of Supporting Community Outpatient Urgent Care and Telehealth Services, or SCOUTS, a geriatric emergency department transition program.

[By Dr. Luna Ragsdale, Chief, Durham VA Emergency Department; January 9, 2024]

## EXPANSIONS OF VETERAN HEALTH CARE

In one of the largest-ever expansions of Veteran health care, all Veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during military service — at home or abroad — will be eligible for VA health care beginning March 5

VA is expanding health care eligibility to millions of Veterans — including all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11 — years earlier than called for by the PACT Act

VA announced that all Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military — at home or abroad — will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care beginning March 5, 2024. This means that all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11 will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. Additionally, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States will also be eligible to enroll.

This expansion of VA health care eliminates the phased-in approach called for by the PACT Act — meaning that millions of Veterans are becoming eligible for VA health care up to eight years earlier than written into law. This is a critical step forward because Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care are proven to have better health outcomes than non-enrolled Veterans, and VA hospitals have dramatically outperformed non-VA hospitals in overall quality ratings and patient satisfaction ratings. Additionally, VA health care is often more affordable than non-VA health care for Veterans.

VA encourages all eligible Veterans to visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and apply for VA health care beginning March 5. Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on August 10, 2022, more than 500,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care.

“If you’re a Veteran who may have been exposed to toxins or hazards while serving our country, at home or abroad, we want you to come to us for the health care you deserve,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “VA is proven to be the best, most affordable health care in America for Veterans – and once you’re in, you have access for life. So don’t wait, enroll starting March 5<sup>th</sup>.”

“Beginning March 5, we’re making millions of Veterans eligible for VA health care years earlier than called for by the PACT Act,” said **VA Under Secretary for Health Sheerif Elnahal, M.D.** “With this expansion, VA can care for all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11. We can also care for Veterans who *never* deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty here at home – by working with chemicals, pesticides, lead, asbestos, certain paints, nuclear weapons, x-rays, and more. We want to bring *all* of these Veterans to VA for the care they’ve earned and deserve.”

In addition to expanding access to VA care, this decision

makes it quicker and easier for millions of Veterans to enroll. Many Veterans believe they must apply to receive VA disability compensation benefits to become eligible for VA health care, but this is not correct. With this expansion and other authorities, millions of eligible Veterans can enroll directly in VA care – without any need to first apply for VA benefits.

This expansion of care covers Vietnam Veterans, Gulf War Veterans, Iraq War Veterans, Afghanistan War Veterans, Veterans who deployed in support of contingency operations for the Global War on Terror (Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve, and Resolute Support Mission), and more.

This expansion also covers many Veterans who never deployed as a part of a conflict but were exposed to toxins or hazards while serving in the U.S. Specifically, under this expansion of care, any Veteran who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (TERA) — at home or abroad – is eligible for VA health care. VA has determined that Veterans who were exposed to one or more of the following hazards or conditions during active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training participated in a TERA: air pollutants (burn pits, sand, dust, particulates, oil well fires, sulfur fires); chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, depleted uranium with embedded shrapnel, contaminated water); occupational hazards (asbestos, industrial solvents, lead, paints including chemical agent resistant coating, firefighting foams); radiation (nuclear weapons handling, maintenance and detonation, radioactive material, calibration and measurement sources, X-rays, radiation from military occupational exposure); warfare agents (nerve agents, chemical and biological weapons); and more. VA will use all available information to determine if Veterans participated in a TERA, including military records and service connection.

VA is executing a nationwide campaign to ensure that as many Veterans as possible enroll. To date, VA’s PACT Act outreach campaign has included more than 2,500 events nationwide, \$13 million in paid advertising, 88,000 earned media clips, more than 400 million emails and letters to Veterans, VA’s first-ever text messaging campaign, the creation of a one-stop-shop PACT Act website, and more. This is the largest outreach campaign in VA history, which has one goal in mind: ensure that all Veterans — and their survivors — get the health care and benefits they deserve under the PACT Act.

For more information about how the PACT Act is helping Veterans and their survivors, visit VA’s PACT Act Dashboard [<https://department.va.gov/pactdata/>]. To apply for care or benefits today, visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411. More information on eligibility can be found at [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/) [<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>].

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## VFW DAV AND PVA RELEASE INDEPENDENT BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Leading veterans service organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), [Disabled American Veterans \(DAV\)](#) and [Paralyzed Veterans of America \(PVA\)](#), today released [The Independent Budget Recommendations for the Department of Veterans Affairs for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026](#). The report serves as a comprehensive roadmap to ensure VA is fully funded and capable of carrying out its mission to serve veterans and their families, both now and in the future.

The Independent Budget's (IB) recommendations, coupled with the Administration's FY 2025 budget proposal, still yet to be released, will be used to guide Congress with its spending decisions for the coming year. By law, the President is required to submit a budget proposal to Congress no later than the first Monday in February, but that deadline has been routinely missed over the past two decades. Furthermore, Congress has failed to pass a full-year federal budget for FY 2024, which began last October 1st, requiring passage of a series of continuing resolutions that will run out in March.

"Not having a timely budget for one of the most complex federal government agencies is detrimental to the safety and well-being of all those who fought for this country – especially to those with catastrophic injuries and illnesses," said Carl Blake, chief executive officer of PVA. "Not only that, it causes major problems that could set back years of progress and, most importantly, produces undue anxiety for countless veterans, their families, and survivors. Although VA is largely protected from government shutdowns thanks to its advance appropriations, the use of continuing resolutions only exacerbates this problem, by hampering VA's ability to focus on meeting the ever-increasing demand for care and benefits. Our veterans depend on timely passage of this budget, and we urge Congress to allot the necessary funding to fully support America's veterans and their families."

For fiscal year 2025, the IB veterans service organizations (IBVSOs) are recommending \$151.8 billion for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to ensure that all veterans choosing VA for their care receive timely and high-quality medical services. The IB report details specific funding levels and targeted increases for VHA programs, including a \$2.8 billion increase to fill clinical and support care vacancies across VHA; a \$1 billion boost in long-term care to account for the increasing number of aging veterans and their need for essential services; and a \$2.3 billion increase to meet the needs of veterans newly enrolled in the healthcare system, to include those who moved to higher priority groups due to their PACT Act eligibility. The IB recommendations also call for a \$340 million plus-up in dental care to begin expanding this critical service to all enrolled veterans, as well as a \$100 million increase for virtual health care to provide veterans additional options and access, when and where they need it.

"Thanks to enactment of the PACT Act, millions more veterans are now eligible to receive care and benefits as a result of their toxic wounds," said Randy Reese, executive director of DAV Washington Headquarters. "Our nation has a continuing obligation to provide these and all veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors with convenient and timely access to the health care and benefits they have earned. This year's IB recommendations serve as a blueprint for Congress and the Administration to ensure that VA has sufficient funding to meet these needs. In an increasingly challenging fiscal and political environment, the IBVSOs have made thoughtful recommendations based on existing data and historical trends to ensure the needs of our nation's wounded, ill, and injured veterans are properly met."

For the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), the IBVSOs recommend a total of \$6.2 billion for fiscal year 2025—an increase of roughly \$500 million over the projected FY 2024 appropriations from all sources—and \$333 million for the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA). The IBVSO recommendations include a \$130 million increase for VBA to expand overtime work to reduce the claims backlog of non-PACT Act-related claims; a \$40 million increase to hire more technical support for the Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) program; and a \$70 million plus-up to help both VBA and BVA develop new IT systems, reprogram existing ones, and create more digital tools to increase efficiency and productivity.

"While this year's Independent Budget is once again complete, it is now imperative that Congress and VA work together, along with veterans service organizations and other stakeholders, to make the needs and interests of all veterans a top priority," said Ryan Gallucci, executive director of the VFW Washington Office. "We have co-authored this report and offered budgetary recommendations to ensure the timely delivery of specialized health care and earned benefits for the men and women who served."

The IBVSOs continue to believe VA infrastructure projects, particularly those that will mitigate serious safety risks to veterans and employees, must be fully funded. To accomplish this, the IBVSOs believe Congress must significantly increase funding for VA's major and minor construction programs, and recommend a total of \$6.1 billion for FY 2025. With over \$130 billion in backlogged infrastructure projects, this recommendation would begin to set VA on a path to meet current and future construction needs and make the necessary repairs and maintenance on existing projects. In order to increase VA's ability to manage this larger volume of infrastructure projects, the IBVSOs are calling for VA to increase construction management personnel at every VA medical center across the nation.

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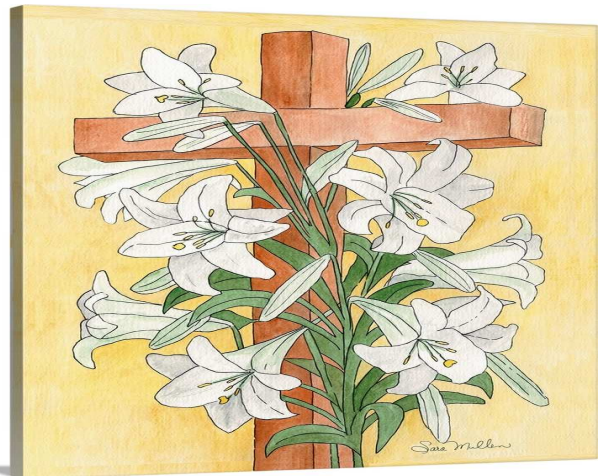
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**MARCH 17**



**EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31**

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