

'We Welcome Everyone'

VFW Post in San Antonio holds Victory in Europe Day celebration

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Earlier this month, VFW Post 837 came together to celebrate Victory in Europe Day — the day Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Allied Powers, effectively bringing an end to WWII in Europe.

Although the official date of V-E (Victory in Europe) Day is May 8, the Post held its ceremony on June 3. The Post holds a V-E Day ceremony each year.

“We welcome everyone to our events,” said VFW Post 837 Commander Johnny Vasquez when asked if the ceremony was open to the public.

Olivia Rux, the senior vice commander, organized and planned the V-E Day ceremony. Rux also gave a speech concerning the details of V-E Day during the event.

“[Olivia] always does a great job organizing events,” said Vasquez.

VFW Post 837 also recently held a Flag Day Ceremony, where they invited a little league baseball team to join in on the festivities. “Buddy”® Poppies were handed out to attendees, and each received a complimentary refreshment.

Along with holding events with the local community, the Post also visits nursing homes, helps homeless veterans, provides resources to veterans, holds yard sales and hosts tournaments for pool and bingo, all of which are open to the community.

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