



Small Community • Big Possibilities

Los Lunas is known as the “Small Community with Big Possibilities.” Many Daniel D. Fernandez, VFW Post 9676 members have lived in this community their entire lives. They grew up here and probably will pass away here. Our Post entered into a partnership with the Village of Los Lunas in 1966, when we received our VFW Post Charter. We called a decommissioned railroad car our first Post Home. Then 30 years later, we moved to the Daniel D. Fernandez Memorial Park. We turned the restored Railroad Depot Building into our permanent Post Home. Notice that our Post Home building is on the Official Village of Los Lunas logo shown above. We rent from the Village on a for services basis and are very happy to be located on the Memorial Park ground named after our hero, and Medal of Honor recipient, Daniel D. Fernandez.

We have always enjoyed a close working relationship with Village Officials and all the employees that maintain the Memorial Park. We work with Los Lunas School administrators and teacher and encourage student to participate in our two scholarship Programs. These are both essay competitions, with the first being the Patriot Pen, for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and the second being the Voice of Democracy competition, for 10th through 12th graders. Student compete for their share of over \$3 million in VFW scholarships.

We provide a Color Guard for school events whenever ever asked to do so. We teach students proper flag etiquette. We work hand and hand with the ROTC programs at the Los Lunas and Valencia High Schools. We provide Honor Guards and Final Salutes to Veterans upon request. We also provide a Color Guard for the annual Los Lunas 4th of July parade. We have a 30ft. by 60ft. US Flag that we ask patriotic citizen to carry in the annual Los Lunas 4th of July parade. This flag is available to the public and has been used at several sporting events in Valencia County. After the 4th of July parade, we have an Open House at our Post Home, where we serve grilled hamburgers, hotdogs along with chips, soft drinks and cold watermelon, all free of charge to the public. We work with Amercare to honor veterans on Hospice Watch. We visit hospitalized and shut-in veterans from all over Valencia County. We take them supplies and do whatever we can to help

them in their time of need. Recently we helped a veteran repairs his car so that he could continue on his way. Although we have limited resources, we have helped families with funeral expenses. There are simply too many projects that we are involved in to list all of them here. This website will give you a better idea our involvement in our community.

Recently we had one of our members sit on a Village of Los Lunas committee to name the new main street River Bridge. We were elated to participate in this project to know that the New River Bridge will be named the “Daniel D. Fernandez Veterans Memorial Bridge.” Thank you, Village of Los Lunas for placing your trust in us and partnering with VFW Post 9676 to make Los Lunas a better place to live. We are here to serve and will not disappoint you.