 Editor's note: This is one in a series of feature stories concerning organizations that benefit the Imperial area. Volunteering in a community, through organizations, is a way to pay back for the benefits that the community offers an individual.

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Until the commander started listing them, one had no idea of how many activities the local VFW is involved with. The Andrew Kinder VFW Post 4688 in Imperial is very active.

With 102 members, the post is now 67 years old. It was named for an Imperial native who was killed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Activities the post is involved with include flag retirement/burning; the Memorial Day service at Mount Hope Cemetery; the Chase County Fair parade color guard; color and firing squad for veterans' funerals; the Buddy Poppy program; a sponsor for the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy student programs; a sponsor for the American Citizenship teacher program; military assistant programs; and a scholarship to eligible high school seniors at the post and state levels.

Commander P.J. Pajerski said the post "tries to be active in the community in different ways." That includes supporting all VFW programs.

Besides Pajerski, local officers include Sr. Vice Commander Duane Todd, Jr. Vice Commander Eldon Kuntzelman and Quartermaster Bud Statz.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at the headquarters at 416 Broadway at 7:30 p.m.

Persons interested in membership may call Pajerski at (308) 882-1569 or go to the web site at vfwne.com to see if they're eligible for membership.