HELLO and WELCOME ALL

 THE VETERANS OBSERVER

If you are looking at or reading this page you must have a few questions about the when, where, why, and how [THE VETERANS OBSERVER.](https://2twr.com/observer)

Allow me to share the road to [THE VETERATNS OBSERVER](https://2twr.com/observer)

January 2021 – My wife Patty & I had completed our gig with the Government Census Bureau and found ourselves unemployed. We had decided that we wanted to work from home and attempt to make a few dollars in the process. We looked at countless options and decided Affiliate Marketing was an avenue worth pursuing. Within the first month, we were well on our way. However, we had not thought through some decisions, such as a subject or course of action. Early on, one of our instructors made a statement that struck a cord and has stuck we us: “WOULD YOU RATHER BE A BIG FISH IN A SMALLER LAKE OR A MINNOW IN THE OCEAN?”

Patty is a culinary arts major and taught culinary arts at the college level. Patty has a background as a chef and owner of a catering business that catered to high-end businesses and organizations. She has also worked with well-known chefs in the greater Seattle area when they were hosting special events. After much discussion, we chose [Kitchen Tips](https://kitchentipsbypk.com/) as our website. We didn’t realize then that our blogs and posts would be posted on social media. Thus, the Facebook connection.

I am Doug Winter, a 35-year, American Legion, PUFL (paid up for life), and Vietnam-era veteran. Patty is an American Legion Auxiliary life member. We have been active at the Post, District, and State levels. I was Department Commander, Department of Colorado 2003-2004. During that timeframe, we created Post 123, The Virtual Post. Totally online. I have been Post Commander for the 20 years of Post 123’s existence. We have grown from a handful of Vietnam Vets to over 1300 members. I write a monthly newsletter which the Department used to send out. Post 123, The Virtual Post is accredited & approved by The American Legion and is in good standing.

Approximately a year and a half ago the Department of Colorado was unable to continue delivering my newsletter. Patty & I tried to bring it in-house but the numbers of Kitchen Tips and Post 123 were more than our ISP could handle efficiently. We researched our options and decided to create our own website [2TWR.com](https://2TWR.com). Our website, [2TWR.com](https://2TWR.com), could be considered an umbrella housing Kitchen Tips, Post 123, and now THE VETERANS OBSERVER. Early on we wondered how the Veteran side of the website would accept the “For Profit” side, Kitchen Tips. To our elation the Veterans bought-in 100%. We got numerous emails thanking us. On Vet wrote, “Wow, Christmas came early, thank you.”

In late 2023 several Legionnaires came to me and said we’d like to write a “Newspaper type” publication that addresses Veterans with emphasis on the VA as well as all Veteran concerns and issues. I liked the idea and asked, “Why me?” “Simple, you have the website and distribution and you and Patty are dedicated to Veteran and Veterans issues”. I agreed but specified the publication would have to meet the standards we have always met: We do not talk about politics. We do not talk about religion. And we keep our language clean and acceptable.

I voiced that I felt we should have an all-inclusive publication to include more than just the Legion. I was told we could not use or reference the logos of other Veterans organizations without written consent. We are working on that aspect and would appreciate any information you would share. Everyone agreed and [THE VETERANS OBSERVER](https://2TWR.com/observer) was born. Our first publication was January 2024.

Let’s do some housekeeping:

[THE VETERANS OBSERVER](https://2twr.com/observer) is on our website [2TWR.com](https://2twr.com).

2TWR.com now has THE VETERANS OBSERVER, Kitchen Tips and The American Legion Post 123 areas.

You are welcome to the entire website. We made the decision early not to “password-protect” anything on our website.

Kitchen Tips has become a very popular website. We address the buying, handling, preparing, and storing of food. We specialize in bringing you specials, sales, and tips on what to look for as well as money and time-saving approaches.

Before you ask: Yes, We are Affiliate Marketers. Our Kitchen Tips website can garner a small commission usually 5% or less on any purchases you make through our Kitchen Tips website.

We are free-of-charge websites with no strings attached. The sign-up on page 1 of [2TWR,com](https://2twr.com) is only to get your email and put you into our email que.

We encourage you to pass this publication on if you so desire and request your recipient to sign- up to be added to our mailing Lists.

I’ve tried to address the When, Where, Why and How for you. Feel free to Email us with any suggestions or comments.

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For God and Country we associate ourselves,

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