

ROLL CALL

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POST COMMANDER



The holidays are gone so jump on that bathroom scale and see how much you have sinned. If you're like me, a lean cuisine maybe in order at this time. Some of the best functions of the year happen in December. You can hang a big shiny star on the needy family Christmas support. Managed by the Ladies Auxiliary, coordinated by Com-

rade Finley and supported by the Post, Men's Auxiliary and Debora Yates's Sempra Energy Company, Santa's sleigh was overweight and needed side boards to haul it all. This direct support for local active duty service members is core to our charter. The payback for this intensive effort was the surprised look and large smiles on both parents and their kids. These families will never forget the VF and W. You all did well.

Even though we have been eating turkey and drinking eggnog we have not been malingering. House Committee and Post meetings have been action packed. Twenty eight plus motions were processed during the last two meeting. Spending money and making changes have been unrelenting. You can watch and wonder on the side of the road or you can jump on this wagon and ride with us. The horses are still fresh.

We are chasing an end of month membership challenge. VFW Department of CA gave us target to be at 100%. We need 35 new or membership renewal members. So if know someone who has not paid their annual membership or you know someone who's been thinking about joining, strap on your spurs and ride them hard the entire month.

As you all know your Post is a real feeder with lots of great meals. One that you may have missed is "Too Tall" Gary's Riggs hash browns. He serves them with his Chicken Fried Steak breakfast. Hands down he puts Denny's to shame. Another piece of the pie that makes us "The biggest little VFW Post in San Diego County", where every day is a holiday; every meeting is a family reunion and every meal is a feast.

Commander John "Pontiac" Hine

PS: All outstanding federal tax burden and penalties has been resolved with IRS and no payment was made or currently required.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



It seems that every month I try to come up with something to say and how to say it in my article and it isn't till I am ready to get it to the printer that I get my thoughts together. Christmas for our adoptive families was the greatest, it just keep getting better every year. Donations came flying in, so many that it would take this whole newsletter to

name, but one that I must name is a big donation from Sempra Electric, our thanks to Debbie Yates for applying for this grant. Presents were bought and wrapped, We had a house full on wrapping day, 18 Auxiliary sisters, 5-6 NJROTC from our own Ramona Hi School, 5 Ramona Rockettes, 5 members of the Po-way Elks and 3 ladies from the San Vicente Ladies Golf Club and we got 14 families, 30 kids' presents wrapped and ready for delivery. Delivery day went smooth, Santa was ready with his sledge and 2, busy season, reindeer, he must have had 30 elves helping, if not more. It was a very rewarding day and if you haven't done this before, now is the time to put this event on your calendar for next year.

This year we did not do "ditty bags" in December, for our homeless vets, but come January 14th, we will be delivering 150 "ditty bags" to them. Save the date and come join us. This is another worth while event. This is the least we can do for them as they did some much for us.

At this time I would like to thank all my Auxiliary officers and sisters who have gone over and above the call of duty. It seems that all I do is ask and ask, and they in turn do what ever is needed of them. Thank you so very much. Our Auxiliary would not be what it is without you.

May this year be the best ever,

Rose Busang, Auxiliary President

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Another year has come to an end. Out with the Old and in with the New. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2012. I commend the Ladies Auxiliary and everyone who helped with the needy military family project in December. It went very well - "Good Job". The House Committee has lots of projects going on so if you want to help and get involved please contact me; we'll put you to work.

House Committee Actions:

- Stella beer draft is now price to sell at \$2.00 a glass.
- Internet juke box will be installed on trial basis.
- Mitsubishi 70 inch rear project May stock a special draft brew that we can name, inputs requested.
- Walk -in freezer is being considered.

Looking at fresh vending games, bowling & pin ball?
Need input.

Harry Coomer, Senior Vice Commander

QUARTERMASTER

Having recently found a tidy little sum of money for a friend, I thought you might benefit from the following information. You see, companies and governmental entities that owe you money, for whatever reason, must turn it in to the government if you can't be located. Lists of such funds are published. If you find yourself listed, you follow a claim process and get to collect. Here are some free web sites that are most helpful:

Federal Government (IRS, Pensions, Banks, Credit Unions, etc.):

<http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Government->

Unclaimed-Money.shtml <<http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Government-Unclaimed-Money.shtml>>

State of California:

<http://www.sco.ca.gov/upd.html>

County of San Diego:

<http://www.sdtreastax.com/unclaimed-monies.html>

For other states or companies, "Google" search beginning with "unclaimed money ..."

Happy New Year,

Frank Uram, Quartermaster

CHAPLAIN

As 2011 comes to an end, we should all take time to remember all of our fellow 3783 comrades who passed away this last year and it's sad to say, but we have to add one more to that list. Nelson "Mac" MacWilliams passed away on Tuesday, December 20th as a result of an auto accident on Wildcat Canyon. Dick Hogan's family also had a loss, his father passed away on Wednesday, December 14th, and George Poppe passed away in November. Our thoughts and prayers go to their families and friends.

We should also thank our current military service members who could not be with their families this holiday season. They made the sacrifice and deployed to keep the enemy away from our borders to ensure our freedoms just like all of us have done while serving our great country. It's because of these sacrifices that we the 1% of the population who chose to serve, gives the rest of Americans the privileges, comforts and freedom they so love. So as one year comes to an end and we start anew in 2012, we looking forward to all the great things coming up this year at the Post and God bless the comrades who make this the best little Post in San Diego.

Harold Krohne, Post Chaplain



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MAUX

As the year comes to a close your Men's Auxiliary held its last meeting for year 2011. We took time to reflect on all the things we accomplished. We spoke of growth, commitment to Post 3783 and RESPECT. RESPECT, if you have, you cherish it. If you don't you yearn for it. It's a powerful word, powerful. That said, it ain't easy to come by. RESPECT has to be earned. And for an organization that was chartered April 29, 2009 it's a tall order. Make no bones about it, we will earn RESPECT and make Post 3783 proud of **their** Men's Auxiliary.

Did you know for 2011 your Men's Auxiliary donated \$6,300.00 to various causes, \$3,100.00 of that to the Warrior Foundation. We as an organization could not have accomplished that without the support of the Post and the community. So every time you enjoy one of our dinners, you're supporting some of the many causes that we support.

Upcoming events: Chicken Dinner on January 12th, \$7.00 gets you salad, 3 course meal, and home-made desert. Finger licking good. Baby Backs on January 28th, slow cooked over 6 hours, yum, yum good. Thanks again for all your support.

The Battle of Saratoga continued:

British troops led by General John Burgoyne, planned to drive south from Montreal to Albany, NY along the historic route of Lake Champlain, Lake George and the Hudson River. Once in Albany, they would join forces with two other British commands, one coming north from New York City and the other coming east along the Mohawk Valley.

Burgoyne's advance south faltered in the forest near the Lake George area. Colonist troops were felling trees and blocking Burgoyne's path, slowing the British considerably. By the time Burgoyne reached Fort Edward, they were running low on supplies. A detachment was sent to procure cattle and supplies from nearby Vermont, and were subsequently were overrun by Colonist forces, further dwindling Burgoyne's numbers. More to come!

Patrick Bell, President, Men's Auxiliary

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

The New Year is upon us. As we embark on this New Year our quest continues to be one of service to our Military families, past and present. I pray we do this with honor and compassion. Please continue to let me know if there is any way we can be of help to those needing a comforting word or help during difficult times.

Our sister Jane McGee is having some health problems at the time of this writing and a card was sent to her wishing her a speedy recovery.

We were sorry to hear that Dick Hogan's father recently passed away. Our condolences have been sent. For those of you who do not know Dick, he has cooked many a fish meal for us. The Post also lost a member and a dear friend, Nelson "Mac" MacWilliams. Our condolences go to his family.

God Bless. Please keep our troops and their families in your prayers. May you all have a very Happy, Successful and Blessed New Year.

Gloria Frayer, Auxiliary Chaplain

NATIONAL HOME

As many of you know, the Ladies Auxiliary collects Campbell's Soup UPC symbols. Next to the symbol it'll say Labels for Education. Save this whole area. Do not save the front panel. **We Can Not** use these. For a list of other items that are for Labels for Education & what to send, look on the bulletin board in the front entrance. There's a large envelope to put your UPC's in, with the list attached. Lists were also passed out at our Dec. meeting.

With all of this cold weather we've been having, I'm sure you're using Campbell's Soups & other items. **Save, Save, Save**, the UPC symbol area on the can. The VFW National Home uses these labels to purchase items for the children (computers, sporting equipment & even a van). Every label counts. At the end of April, we'll be sending them all in to National Home. We save these year round, so, continue to save them, even after April.

Thank you,
Juanita Curtis

AUXILIARY SENIOR VICE & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Just a quick note to let all of those continuous members who have not paid their dues for 2011-2012 are not longer members in good standing as of 12/31/11 and your membership privileges are suspended. Please pay your dues now! You must pay 2011-2012 dues and 2012-2013 by June to remain active and in good standing. Please consider going Life at this time. There is a 12month payment plan. Please see me at the Post or call me at 619-247-0536 ASAP.

Marla Smith, Auxiliary Sr Vice.



FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. I like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and a much better one than this last one.

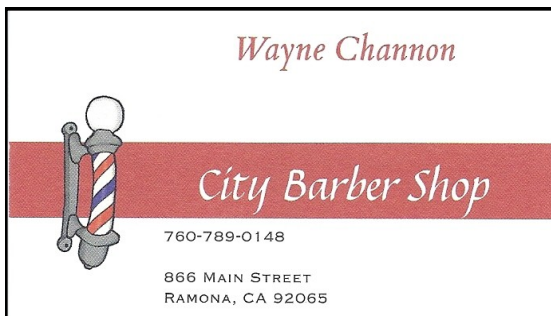
Free dinners drawn for Jan. 2012

Sony Pelnarsch







Katie Budzenski

To be used in the month of Jan. only.

Madolyn Gifford, Clubhouse Manager



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
It's a New Year! CHAMPAGNE BUFFET	2 Happy Hour 5 to 9:00 pm	3 Every Tuesday is TACO TUESDAY 12 till gone	4 FRENCH DIP THAT's WHAT's FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS	5 BURGERS & FRIES By "Damn it" Jim 	6 FISH & SHRIMP	7 IOWA PORKERS
8 STEAK & EGGS	9 Happy Hour 5 to 9:00 pm	10 AUXILIARY MEETING 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	11 FRENCH DIP	12 MAUX FRIED CHICKEN	13 FISH & SHRIMP by "The Yettis"	14 PRIME RIB
15 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	16 Happy Hour 5 to 9:00 pm	17 MAUX MEETING 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	18 House Committee 6:00 pm POST Meeting 7:00 pm	19 BURGERS & FRIES By "Damn it" Jim 	20 FISH & SHRIMP	21 STEAKS 
22 OMELETS	23 Happy Hour 5 to 9:00 pm	24 TACO TUESDAY 	25 FRENCH DIP	26 BURGERS & FRIES By "Damn it" Jim 	27 FISH & SHRIMP by Dianne	28 BABY BACK RIBS
29 PANCAKE BREAKFAST	30 Happy Hour 5 to 9:00 pm	31 TACO TUESDAY 	RSVP for Saturday night dinners @ 760-789-7888 6 PM & 7 PM			

FROM THE EDITOR

Articles for February's Newsletter will be due by noon on **Saturday, Jan. 21st.** Please e-mail them to me at mymygma@aol.com.

When giving me your e-mail address, please also write your name down. I need both.

Thank you,

Rose Busang, Newsletter Editor

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The Weekly/Daily drawing is now being conducted every Friday at 1730. If you are present at the Post during the drawing you will receive 100% of the collection. See bartender for how to enter. Current weekly collection is \$273 and daily collection is \$675.

These members & supporters help make our Newsletter possible. Remember them with your patronage. If you wish to advertised in this newsletter, contact Rose or Frank, your Quartermaster.


Ramona Post 3783, with its Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries, delivered toys, food, and clothes to the Active Duty Military Housing in Ramona. The Post "adopted" 14 families this year, with a total of 30 children. While Santa and his elves visited the adopted families to hand out their gifts, other members spread out other donated toys to be distributed to the children in other families. The Ramona Brass Band played Christmas Carols in the parking lot while the children and their families selected toys.



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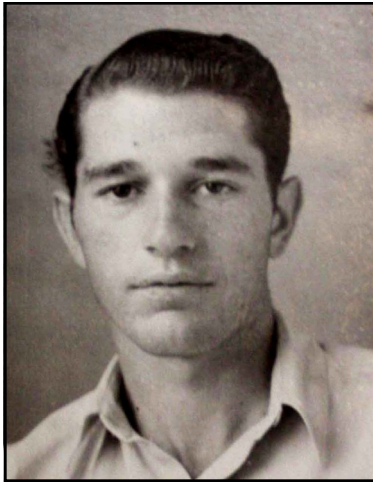
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