

ROLL CALL

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VFW POST 3783

POST COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades –

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, and finding a way to beat the heat! The July 4th Picnic was a lot of fun! There was great food thanks to our Olympic Caliber BBQ Team, the set up/clean up crew and all of the wonderful side dishes that everyone brought! The Karaoke was very entertaining, and we actually had a few line-dancers! If you missed it, you missed a great time.



On the 12th, a dedicated group of people cooked some delicious meat at STANDOWN for homeless Veterans. These fine folks did a wonderful job and were a great credit to our Post. I wish to personally thank Dale Smith, Dennis Bush, Gene & Katie Budzenski & her boys Jonathan and Kevin, Marla Smith and Leslie Liddy for taking their personal time to participate in this very worthy program! **Bravo Zulu!**

I have been asked to remind all parents that bring their children into the Post for meals to please remember that you are responsible for your children and their actions. We have had a few instances of kids running around unattended, and this has led to some problems with odd coins dropped in the juke box and lottery machine, and the powder for the pool table being spread over the table and on the carpet. We LOVE having you and your kids join us for meals, and really want them to have a good time. Just please keep an eye on them!

I would also like to thank the “all of you” who have stepped up to the plate to help in the kitchen! There have been some really GREAT meals cooked and I’m really looking forward to the dinners and breakfasts this month. Check out the schedule and come down to join us. Of course, any time you’d like to step up to the plate and help out with a meal, we are eager to hear from you! Just a couple of hours a month from each of you that enjoy the hospitality of the Post on a regular basis is all we ask!

Hope the rest of your summer is great, and I really hope to see each and every one of you at the Post!

Jennifer Finley, Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Thank you to all who attended the last Auxiliary meeting. Annual members who attend meetings in September, October, and November will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a life membership. Your name will be entered once for every meeting attended and the winner will be drawn at December’s meeting.



As it is very obvious we have had a big change in the way things are being done at our Post, we need member participation to continue to be a strong and successful Post. We need member participation, both in patronizing the canteen and Volunteers. Please come out and show your support. If you can give a few hours a month to help out please see Madolyn or Richard Trevallee for information on what is needed most.

The Auxiliary is still hoping to put out the Cookbook, But wow collecting 3,783 recipes is proving to be more difficult than you would think. If you want to include a recipe, any recipe or even 10 please leave in the envelope behind the bar or they can be e-mailed to myself at Katiebud@cox.net or to Jennifer at Jennifer2389@cox.net.

Marla Smith will be doing the PAC fundraising dinner (Political Action Committee) on Saturday, September 6th. Please be sure to make your reservations.

The District meeting will be held on Sunday, August 3rd at Sable, in El Cajon, starting at 9:00 AM. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12th at 7:00 P.M.

Katie Budzenski, Auxiliary President
(aka sister bud)

SR. VICE COMMANDER

Hope every one enjoyed the 4th of July picnic. A big thank you to all who helped.

The new officers of the Post and Auxiliary were installed last May and started their year last month. Come down to the Post and meet them at the next Post meeting.

A special thanks to John Wilson who donated a riding mower to the Post. Also thanks to all who helped move chairs and tables for Bob Hunt's memorial.

T.J. Watkins, Sr Vice Commander

JR VICE COMMANDER

Howdy Folks,

Well my first month is coming to a close and it has been an adventure. I am grateful for all the folks that volunteered in July. I personally appreciate the support and I know the "V" does too. I will be attempting to continue doing the stars for the volunteers and I know I will miss folks that helped. It won't be on purpose. If I do, let me know and I will catch it up the following newsletter. I really do appreciate every single person that volunteered and I want to make sure I post your name on the stars list so everyone else knows you were a STAR as well.

We still need cooks. Many of the cooks this month worked several meals and are doing the same next month. Let's not let them get burned out, come make a meal for the folks at the "V". I want to thank Dale and Gary for helping to make my first dinner a success. Also, Mad Dog showed me the ropes at breakfast and I appreciated that you folks took the time to make that hurdle an easy one for me. You will see a couple of different menu items coming up and I am open for dinner idea's if there is something you would like to see in the future please let me know.

In closing we want to personally thank the folks that helped at the picnic in July. I hope I don't miss anyone but I'm sure I will, Kirk Steele, Katie & Gene Budzenski, Pat Bell, Terry Wright, Ed Chandler, Dale Smith, Jack Euseay, Mike Schaeffer, Larry Littlefield, Phil Brown, George Little, Kelly Schirmers, Sheila & Chuck Nielsen. You folks ROCK! Thank you for all your efforts.

Shift Colors,

Richard Trelvallee, Jr Vice Commander

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QUARTERMASTER

I would like to thank Pontiac for his help in the transition. He's answered all my questions so far and there will be many more to follow.

This month's transactions of interest:

Receipts:

Poppy dinner / last receipts	\$ 931.00
Ramona Kiwanis donation	\$ 200.00
VFW Merchandise	\$ 298.00
Burgers	\$ 943.00
50/50	\$ 225.00

Disbursements:

Ladies Aux 50% Poppy distribution	\$3111.00
Chamber of Commerce membership	\$ 125.00
Florist -Various Memorial	\$ 215.65

During the last year I was Buddy Poppy Chairman. With my new responsibility as Quartermaster we will need a new chairman. Anyone who is willing to work on that worthwhile cause Please see me.

Craig Bousquet, Quartermaster

CHAPLAIN

I pray that everyone has found a place to cool off this summer. The Post has received a notice of the passing of another comrade. It states: "with great sadness, we inform you of the passing of Odilo Frederick Brand," on May 5, 2008. A Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church here in Ramona, at 1 p m .

I will get more information from his family so we may place his name upon the Memorial Wall. Our Charter is also draped for another Life Member, Joe Strunk, whom passed away on June 30, 2008. Our Prayers go out to all who are touched by these great men. God Bless our Post 3783.

Thanks for your Service,
Charley "Chaplain" Curtis.

AUXILIARY SR VICE

I appreciate being in the position of Senior Vice for this upcoming year and would like to say thank you to Marla Smith for her dedication and all the hard work she has done for the Post. I can only hope I can accomplish as much as she has.

The 4th of July celebration was our first function with the new officers and we had a great turn out. Thanks to the many volunteers and everyone who brought the yummy side dishes. It was great to see all the family members who joined us and participated in the Karaoke with Mike and Ike.

On July 12th I participated in Stand Down and would like to mention that our Post was well represented with the help of Gene Budzenski, Dale Smith, Dennis Bush and Leslie Liddy. Our Auxiliary President and Marla were also there to show our support. Many people benefited from our donations. I thank the many volunteers who gave up their time to benefit the less fortunate.

If you are a continuous member and have not paid your annual dues, please send payment to the Post or better yet come in, cool off and drop off your payment.

We will be having our Annual Labor Day picnic in September, again any and all side dishes are greatly appreciated. Bring your loved ones and have some fun!

I would also like to remind the women of our Auxiliary that we have many committees and special functions that need you to volunteer your time and effort. Lets all work together to keep this Post successful!

Colleen Heinly, Sr. Vice

FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

Thanks to all the volunteers, new cooks, and new bartenders. ***“Volunteers are not paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless,”*** and tips are so appreciated. Otherwise we may have to ask you to be the priceless volunteer.

Free Dinners drawn for August 2008 are:

Joe Lang
Gary Smith

To be used in the month of August only.

Madolyn Gifford, Club House Manager

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As you can tell by now, there are a lot of changes, new Officers for the Post & Auxiliary and a big new look to our newsletter. I hope you like the changes that have been made. Do let me know what you think.

Articles for September's newsletter will be due on Friday, August 22nd and for those who can e-mail me, I will need them by noon on Saturday, August 23rd. If perchance you want to give me your articles earlier, I will definitely accept them. So, leave your articles at the Post and I will pick them up or e-mail me at mymygma@aol.com

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We all had our break in July, so lets all start grilling those steaks and building our blood for our next Blood Drive on August 16, 11:00-4:30. Several of our usual donors were at convention, so we look forward to relieving them of their built up blood supply.

It will probably still be hot, but that didn't deter the donors in June, lets see if we can collect 30 good pints this time. Thanks in advance to those who show up and donate, you will be rewarded with one of the VFW kitchen crew's outstanding hamburger lunches. You can make reservations in advance by calling Dick & Mary Rozendal 788-9709, or come on down and wait your turn and enjoy visiting under the shade of the trees. If you want to avoid long waits, come on down after about 1:00-the crowd begins to thin. We look forward to seeing you all for another blood letting. The American Red Cross thanks you and so do we, your blood committee.

Dracula Dick & Bloody Mary

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Past Post Commander, Dale Smith for being voted by the Past Commanders' Club of the 1st District, as the "Commander of the Year" for the year 2007-2008. Way to go Dale.

For those of you that don't know, Dale is running for the office of Junior Vice Commander of the Mighty 1st District for the ensuing year 2009-2010..

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2008

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| 1st | Labor Day Picnic |
| 2nd | VJ Day |
| 9th | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm |
| 16th | Men's Membership Meeting |
| 17th | Post Meeting 7:30 pm |
| 19th | POW MIA Recognition Day |
| 23rd | Ladies' Membership Meeting |
| 29th | VFW Established (1899) |

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Phil Brown	1	Katie Budzenski	5
Gene Budzenski	4	Rose Busang	7
Sam Busang	3	Dennis Bush	3
Ed Chandler	3	Lisa Dabney	7
Mary Davis	1	Mad Dog	5
Tom Dorsey	2	Dave Drew	3
Bev Erbacher	1	Jack Euseay	1
Jennifer Finley	2	Flo Firth	1
Jan Galloway	1	Frances Graves	1
Jim Goble	6	Pontiac Hine	3
Dick Lemire	2	JJ Lemire	2
Cameron Liddy	1	Leslie Liddy	2
George Little	1	Carole Littlefield	1
Larry Littlefield	1	Eric Martenson	1
Andy Mandichak	2	Barbara Mason	5 Get well!
Lloyd Mason	3	Chuck Nielson	3
Sheila Nielson	1	Sony Pelnarsch	1
Liz Prafke	3	Nat Prassel	2
Mariann Prassel	3	Sammi Roed	3
Mike Schaeffer	1	Jim Schirmers	2
Kelly Schirmers	2	Dale Smith	3
Gary Smith	3	Kirk Steele	8
Erick Swanson	4	Doreen Trevallee	3
TJ Watkins	4	Terry Wright	1

I know I missed some but I don't know the Last names and will make it up next month.



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Chicken Fried Steak			Post Meeting 7:30 PM	
Pancake Breakfast				French Dip

31 Omelet Breakfast

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