

ROLL CALL

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VFW POST 3783

POST COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades –

For those gentlemen that signed the sheet at the Post for the Men's Auxiliary several months ago, I am now collecting the documents to apply for your Charter. We need 25 fully qualified applicants to apply. The requirements are that you must be the husband, widower, father, grandfather, son, grandson, brother or half-brother (who attained that status prior to the age of 16) of a person who were or are eligible for membership in the VFW. Members must be at least 16 years old. Persons who are eligible for membership in the VFW are not eligible for membership in the Men's Auxiliary. You will need to fill out an application, provide supporting documentation (such as a DD form 214) and pay the 1st year's dues of \$25.00. There are blank applications behind the bar at the Post, or you can contact me at (858) 602-6677 or jennifer2389@cox.net and I will get you an application. Please turn in all or any missing documents and your dues as quickly as possible so we can apply for your Charter.



We have several big events coming up this month. October 11th is "Christmas in October". On October 17, 18, and 19th we will be selling Bratwurst at the Ramona Oktoberfest. If you'd like to volunteer to work the booth (it's a GREAT time!!), there is a sign up sheet at the Post, or you can contact me directly and I will add your name to the list. You must have a current Food Handlers Card to serve food, so let Madolyn or me know if you need to attend a class before the 17th. On October 25th, we are hosting a fundraising dinner for Captain Jack Turner, Senior Vice Commander, Department of California. Captain Jack is running for Commander, Department of California next year. He has always been a staunch supporter of our Post, so let's pay him back by coming out for dinner that night. The menu is yummy, and there will be music and dancing after. Of course, the ghosts and goblins will be out in full swing for the Halloween Party on the 31st. Pot Luck side dishes, a Costume Contest

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Please note: Due to Veterans Day our November Auxiliary meeting has been changed to Wednesday, November 12th instead of Tuesday.

Let's all please remember that the men and woman doing the work around here are all volunteers. If you have any suggestions or concerns please bring them to the respective meeting and bring it up there, not to the individual volunteer who is more than likely already doing everything they can at the time. Please come to the meetings. They are the best place to have your opinions, concerns and suggestions heard.

I would like to thank Beverly Erbacher for her work as Chaplain, unfortunately she has decided to step down. Thank you Bev for all you have done in the Auxiliary. A big thank you and welcome to Kelly Drew, who was nominated and elected as Chaplain at our September meeting.

I would like to especially thank Richard Trevallee for all his hard work and dedication to our Post. He really knows how to get things done, from start to finish. Richard You Rock! 10+++++ stars! (Don't worry; I won't ever say anything nice about you again.)

Our Christmas in October fundraising dinner will be on Saturday, October 11th. Come out and enjoy a full Christmas dinner with all the fixins. All proceeds/donations go to support our adopted military families for their Christmas baskets and presents. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift for the kids.

Balboa Hospital has asked us to donate pumpkin pies for their Halloween party. Anyone interested in either baking one or donating one please contact Carole Littlefield as soon as possible.

We will also be having a Halloween Party on Friday October 31st. We will be having a Pot Luck Dinner, so

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POST COMMANDER

and music will ensure this is a lot of fun! See the insert in this newsletter and the calendar for details.

We had 5 new members voted in for membership at our September meeting. They are: RM1 George Overman, US Navy, Viet Nam Veteran; HMC Ben Allen, US Navy, Korean War Veteran; Lt Col David Hitchcock, Active Duty USMC, Operation Iraqi Freedom/Afghanistan; SSgt Adam Blake, Active Duty USMC, Operation Iraqi Freedom; and CPO Jason Carlson, Active Duty US Navy, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Welcome to all of our new members! If you see these folks around the Post, congratulate them, maybe buy them a drink, and make sure you remind them that **POST MEETINGS ARE AT 7:30 PM ON THE 3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH!**

For all of our continuous members, please send in your dues for 2009. You can either mail them to my attention at the Post, or mail your payment in with the form you received from National Headquarters.

I hope to see each and every one of you at the wonderful events we have going on at YOUR Post this month.

Jennifer Finley, Commander

QUARTERMASTER

Last month's transactions of interest:

Receipts:

Newsletter advertising	\$1,100.00
Membership renewal	\$ 336.00
50/50	\$ 123.50
ATM transactions	\$ 89.00

Disbursements:

Recover bar stools	\$1,000.45
Newsletter & postage	\$ 341.94
Unmet	\$ 100.00
Florist	\$ 47.71

Profit/Loss

Post	\$ 831.00
Clubhouse	\$ 2,880.00

Other items:

Federal Taxes were complete and the Post is up to date.

The Post finances are now running on QuickBooks financial software. Some of the benefits will be automatic financial reports, comparison and trends of month/year data, and compatible interface with CPA software. The Clubhouse part is in process..

Craig Bousquet, Quartermaster

SR. VICE COMMANDER

Thanks to all who helped clean up the parking lot and picnic area for our Labor Day Picnic and also thanks to all of you who participated in this event. Job well done.

The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a "Christmas in October" dinner benefit for our local military families this month. Please support this effort. Call and make your reservations early.

A special thank you to Gene Budzenski for repairs done to the roof at the WWII Memorial and the Clubhouse's store room security door. Thanks Gene.

Volunteers are still needed at the Clubhouse and our outside grounds. Please see the Clubhouse Manager if you can help.

T.J. Watkins, Sr Vice Commander

JR. VICE COMMANDER

Hey Everyone,

Hope everyone had a great month. It's amazing how fast time is flying by. Pretty soon everyone will be snowballing. Well maybe not here in Ramona but cooler weather is coming. It was a very nice day for the Labor Day picnic. Everyone who helped out did a fantastic job. The Ladies Auxiliary brought some delicious side dishes. Makes me want to have a picnic every weekend. There was hardly anything left. Next month looks to be a particularly great meal month. For the Saturdays we have Steaks, Christmas in October, Prime Rib, and Steak & Shrimp. There goes the diets! Come out and join us for some great food and friendship.

Can't leave without begging for help in the kitchen. We are always looking for volunteers. In particular we are looking for a Friday night dishwasher. If you have a few hours to help out your comrades please let me or Madolyn, our Clubhouse Manager, know. By the way, the Health Inspectors came by this month. Scored a 99% I am told. **Nicely done Mad Dog!** Hope everyone has a great Halloween.

Shift Colors,
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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT (cont)

get one of your favorite recipes out, cook it or bake it and bring it in and don't forget to include a copy of the recipe for our cookbook. There will also be a Costume contest with prizes, and music.

The Auxiliary is still working to put out the Cookbook. If you want to include a recipe, any recipe or even 10, please leave in the envelope behind the bar or they can be emailed to me at Katiebud@cox.net or to Jennifer at Jennifer2389@cox.net.

Thank you all for your continued support! Hope to see each of you soon.

Katie Budzenski, Auxiliary President
(aka sister bud)



HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS! Yep, it's time for CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER!!!

Please, mark your calendars and call for reservations for our delicious Christmas Dinner on Saturday, October 11, 2008. This is the fundraising dinner that benefits our Adopted Military Families for the Holidays. The last 3 years you have all come through wonderfully and I am sure this year will be no exception! Remember, Santa Clause is making his list to see who is especially nice! He also told me that he might visit the Post during our Christmas Dinner! See the flyer in this newsletter for the menu and details.

Jennifer Finley

AUXILIARY SR. VICE

We have all pledged to serve this great organization for our service members active or past and their families. We owe our loyalty to them and to our country. In order to accomplish our goals we must work as one and serve as one. That being said, I would like to remind everyone that we need your assistance. There is always an opportunity to volunteer your time and help make our Post strong.

In the next couple of months we have a lot on the calendar that will need your support. Find a date or program where you can help.

Reminder for the continuous members—join us at our Auxiliary meetings and have your name registered each time you attend, for a chance to win a Life Membership. Attendance is from August, September to October with the winner being announced at the November meeting.

I look forward to seeing ya'all soon,
Colleen Heinly, Auxiliary Sr. Vice

POST CHAPLAIN

The end of summer has begun and we're finally going to get some cooler days! I hope your summer was fun. We had a great meeting this last month and it's nice to see our committed Comrades again. Come join us next time, the third Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 (1930 hrs).

We pray that Brian Cole recovers from a broken leg soon. A card was sent. A speedy recovery to Michael Firth who just got out of the hospital. We have also lost two members this past month, Joseph Arena and Joel Staggs. Our Prayers go out to these Comrades and their Families. Flowers and cards were sent. That's about all I have.

Be safe and watch out for all those kids going and coming back from school. God Bless our Post 3783.

Charley "Chaplain" Curtis.



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NJROTC NEWS

Chief Bob Richardson from the Ramona NJROTC spoke at the Post meeting in September. The NJROTC has some events that I would like to let you know about. On October 25th, the Ramona High School NJROTC Honor Guard will host a program in honor of Ramona's Fallen Service Members. The program will run from 5-10 pm at the school. The proceeds from this event will help to raise money for the unit's trip to many military historical sites in Hawaii in the spring of 2009. I have donation sheets available at the Post, as well as the schedule of events. Please come support this unit. They are our FUTURE!

Also, the Ramona Bulldog Booster Club is asking for people to become "Boosters," whether or not you have children in the school district. One year membership is \$20.00. The funds for this club benefit the school for transportation, uniforms, equipment and general grant requests. Applications for Booster Club membership will be in an envelope behind the bar at the Post.

Jennifer Finley


DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 2008

- 2nd Daylight Saving time ends
- 4th Election Day
- 9th 1st District Meeting
House Committee Meeting 12:00 pm
- 10th Marine Corps Birthday
- 11th Veterans Day
- 12th Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
- 19th House Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
Post Meeting 7:30 pm
- 27th Thanksgiving




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FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

I would like to thank all our volunteers. They are the greatest. I would also like to thank the people that patronize our meals and Clubhouse as well as our fund raisers. Those that aren't coming in for our meals are missing some great cooking and a good time with friends.

There will be a bartenders' meeting on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm. Please plan on attending as this is where you get to voice your opinions. I will also be holding a food handler's test before October 17th, see me for dates.

Free dinners drawn for October 2008 are:

Richard Trelvallee

TJ Watkins

To be used in the month of October only

Madolyn Gifford, Clubhouse Manager

THANK YOU

To Our Other Family

Eric's surgery was a SUCCESS! All of your love came his way. He returned to school on September 22nd. He is back to his normal self. We would like to THANK ALL OF YOU for your moral support & the "Wii." Thanks just doesn't seem to be enough, but thank you again everyone of you.

All our love,

Kory, Patsy & especially Eric Martenson

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BLOOD DRIVE

Fall is in the air, so as we all cool off, let's get ready for our next blood drive on Oct. 18th. The Red Cross said they are not going to book appointments for the first 1 1/2 hours, so we will see if that helps out the early rush. We have not received that in writing so with their record anything is possible. Just a reminder again that the crowds usually thin out after 1:30 or so. We had 16 show up in the first hour in August, so they were never able to catch up with the short staff and new bus.

We know the long waits are frustrating and hope that this will be resolved in the future. Thanks again to all who continue to support this very worthwhile effort. See you on Saturday, Oct. 18th, 11:00-4:30. We are not so sure that the appointment method is working, but if you would like to try for an appointment you can still call us at 788-9709. Otherwise come on down, have your burger first, visit with friends and then donate.

Dracula Dick & Bloody Mary

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Articles for November's newsletter will be due on **Friday, October 17th** and for those who can e-mail me, I will need them by noon on **Saturday, October 18th**. 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.

Sometime in the near future we would like to start e-mailing this newsletter to our members. One, it would save the Post & Auxiliary money. Two, it would get to you faster. Your e-mail address will only be used for this newsletter, nothing else. So please send me your addresses. Thank you. So far I have received 3. Come on guys, faster and cheaper.

Rose Busang

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VOD and PATRIOT's PEN

Each year the VFW holds two essay contests. Submission for each of these must be received at the Post by November 1st 2008. These essays are judged at the Post, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be selected. The 1st place winners in each category will be forwarded to District One for entry into their competition. The same judging will take place at District, then Department of California, with the winners of State being sent to the National competition. There are awards at each level for the winners, with the National winners receiving substantial awards.

VOD – Open to grades 9-11, enrolled in a public, private or parochial High School or home study program. Submit an original 3-5 minute essay on cassette or CD and neatly typed transcript of the taped essay with an entry form. This year's theme is "**Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth by....**"

Patriot's Pen – Open to grades 6-8 (same school requirements as VOD). Submit a 300-400 typewritten essay in English with no color or graphics. This year's theme is "**Why America's Veterans Should Be Honored.**"

Entry forms for each of these programs are at the Post, or you can contact me directly for forms. I would be more than happy to come speak to any youth group about these programs. Please call me at (858) 602-6677 or email me at jennifer2389@cox.net to schedule, to obtain entry forms or with any questions.

Jennifer Finley



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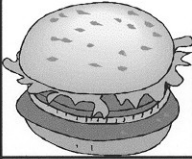
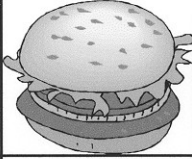
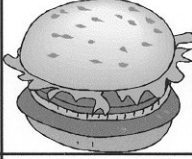
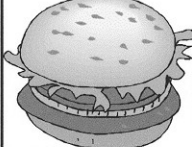
Congratulations to Cuca & Martin Henry on their 50th Wedding Anniversary from VFW Post 3783 and its Ladies Auxiliary.



October 2008

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12 Steak Breakfast House Committee Meeting	13	14 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	15 House Committee Meeting Post Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Burgers by Dennis 	17 Fish & Shrimp	18 Prime Rib	
19 Chicken Fried Steak	20	21	22	23 French Dip	24 Fish & Shrimp	25 Steak & Shrimp Jack Turner's Benefit	
26 Pancake Breakfast	27	28	29	30 Burger by Dennis 	31 Fish & Shrimp		

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