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ALPINE CALIFORNIA

April 2015

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No Wild Boys Breakfast this month! Thank you!

Commanders Message

Spring is officially here, not like it hasn't been here the past two months. Which means March Madness, hoping brackets are not broken and it's Baseball season. Go Padres! I would like to thank Dave K. for his efforts with the California's Wall of Fallen and thanks to all the volunteers from our Post who helped and stood watch. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for the St. Patrick's dinner and their monthly dinners. Thanks to the Men's Auxiliary for doing burgers, Casey for the new parking lot and RT for the sign (Flag) in the parking lot. Also thanks to Clint and Jack for updating our Post sign before entering the Post. We had a small turnout at our last Post meeting for nominations, I guess everybody is fine with what's going on at the Post and who's running everyday business. Don't complain, because if you don't come to the meeting or elections to voice your opinion or make a change, deal with what we do! I and almost every officer try to do our best, most of us do it for the love of our Post. Most of us work and/or have a family, we aren't gonna be perfect but we try to satisfy everyone. April 11th is our next meeting, we'll take nominations and then elections. On April 18th the Ladies Auxiliary is having a rummage sale, I will also be cooking burgers and dogs. Don't forget Easter on April 5th and April 25 is I love a Clean Alpine. Looking ahead May 2nd is Rough Riders and May 16th is our first Spring Deep Pit BBQ, please come out to all these events to support and/or volunteer. Til next month, thank you! Bill Frazer

STUDENT VETERAN'S VFW-SVA FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE REAFFIRMS CAREER GOALS

CAPITOL HILL TRIP AFFORDS VETERAN INCOMPARABLE EXPERIENCE

Army veteran Anthony Kennedy's heart has always been in policy advocacy for veterans. In 2010, after more than 17 years of military service, Kennedy returned to school to follow his passion in serving service members, veterans and their families. However, working toward his Master's Degree in Social Work Direct Practice exhausted Kenney's Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits.

Men's Aux Message

Men's Auxiliary Officers: 2014-2015

President: David Verdugo
Vice President: Kip Curry
Jr VP: Joel R. Murrillo
Secretary: Bob Bealo
Treasurer: Steve Abercrombie
Judge-Advocate: Vern Hinkley
Guard: Vince Roussel

TRUSTEES

1st Year: Michael McCall
2nd Year: Mark Merriman
3rd Year: John Kehrli

There will be no "Wild Boys and Girls" breakfast in April due to the conflict with Easter. Breakfast will be served in May. The rose garden and the "Hill" garden are starting to shape up and the benches are in the process of being re-finished. Please have a look and enjoy your favorite beverage with the view. Thank you Kimberley and Alex for your efforts keeping things watered and Mark M. for adding to the wall in the rose garden to hold the water better. A big

thank you to Kevin C. for all his work in our parking lot and making the handicapped parking ADA compliant. From the crack sealing done two times, the AC work, the sealing, and finally the striping. Thanks, Steve A, John K., and Jim D. for taking care of the BBQ on the first Saturday of last month. Brian Correa handled the second Saturday BBQ of the month. Thanks to Kip C. and Sandy C. for serving the lunch BBQ on Sat. 28 March for our Post. Thanks to all for providing a service for our Post. And thanks again to Mark M. for taking our recycling in on a weekly basis. The Men's Aux. will serve lunch on the Sat. 4 Apr. and Sat. 11 Apr. from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. Our monthly meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 11:00AM. Don't forget to buy a burger or a dog after the meeting. Please keep our active service members that are in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers as well as our veterans that have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms and the life we all enjoy. God Bless America!
David Verdugo, Men's Auxiliary President

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS

A MESSAGE FROM VFW NATIONAL COMMANDER STROUD

March 30 is a very important day, not only to the VFW, but to all of America. It is a day dedicated to a generation of veterans who were made extraordinary by their commitment and lasting resolve.

In 2011, nearly 38 years after the final withdrawal of U.S. combat and combat-support troops from Vietnam, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution designating March 30, "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

From February 1961 - May 1975, more than 3,400,000 Americans served in support of the U.S military operations in Vietnam and Southeast Asia; more than 58,000 gave their lives.

**Ladies Auxiliary Officers:
2014 – 2015**

President:
Sheila Snyder
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Senior Vice: Vikki Hemmen
Junior Vice: Nancy Hauer
Treasurer: Linda Pipkin
Secretary: Janice Simmons
Chaplain: Paula Parker
Guard: Elvira Storms
Conductress: Vikki Hemmen

TRUSTEES

1st Year: Kimberley Rivera
2nd Year: Katie Abercrombie
3rd Year: Bea Conklin

KITCHEN MANAGER

Kenny Mohler

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FRIDAY**

12:00 Noon to Closing
**SATURDAYS AND SUN-
DAYS**

9:00AM Till Closing
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**SCHDULED MEETING
DAYS**

LADIE'S AUXILIARY
**1ST SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH**
0930

MEN'S AUXILIARY
**1ST SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH**
1100

MEMBER'S MEETINGS
**2ND SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH**

HOUSE COMMITTEE
1000

GENERAL MEETING
1100

House Committee

DAVE KEBERT
DAN CRISTENSEN
KENNY MOHLER
MARSHALL RALPH

Ladies Aux Message

Happy spring to the comrades, sisters and brothers! For the best part of the year, we will be having some really warm weather and lots of activities coming up for April from the Auxiliary. At our next meeting on 04/04, nominations and elections will be held for officers for the 2015-16 year. If you are interested, please come to the meeting to participate, nominate and help elect your group for the upcoming time period, which covers July '15 to June '16. Just a reminder about the Rummage Sale for April – donations will be accepted starting Sunday April 12, not before.. so start getting those closets cleaned out and any other donations you would like to give.. the ladies will be setting up on Fri. 04/17 at 2pm and then we will all be early risers on Sat. 04/18 to continue the last of the setup. Rummage sale Sat. 04/18 from 8am-2pm, includes burgers and dogs, drinks etc. Let's have a fantastic turnout for this rummage sale! The flyer will be submitted to the local news media (newspapers around county) for the world to come and participate! Don't forget to attend Ladies' Auxiliary dinner for Sat. April 25, from 5p till gone. Debra & Kimberley are creating BBQ chicken kebobs and fixin's for the next meal! Sounds delicious. We have still retained our medallion awards for membership, still holding at well above 103% now. Remember, if you have assisted veterans or participated in any event for the benefit of veterans in the last few months, now is the time to get the reports done (or let me know your information) so we can submit everything in time for the deadline. District Awards will be at the end of May! Let's make our Auxiliary proud when I attend this ceremony and bring home the certificates! Please keep your prayers active for all troops, since their personal information was exposed by the newest enemy to our freedom. They will stop at nothing to try and cause more terror and harm. We must remain vigilant to stay free..and remove their evil from this world. Best wishes to everyone for upcoming Easter and Passover, spring colors, flowers and butterflies abound.

Respectfully, Sheila Jo

**VFW SPONSORS BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH FOR FIFTH
YEAR**

OVER 7,000 MARCHERS REGISTERED FOR GRUELING EVENT

Last weekend, VFW National Commander John W. Stroud was at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., to support and cheer on marchers participating in the 26th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March. For the fifth year in a row, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) was the presenting sponsor for the memorial March.

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Chaplains Message

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Recently, I noticed this little prayer displayed on a t-shirt worn by one of our Ladies' Auxiliary members: "God, please put your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth". This plea to the Supreme Being is very much applicable to our society as a whole today, and particularly here at our Post. Too many celebrities and politicians are noted in the media these days for issuing a public apology after uttering some inappropriate or unkind words about a particular person or group. This apology could have been avoided very easily had the person in question thought not twice, but THREE times before "miss-speaking"!

We all know the childhood adage about "sticks and stones", but the truth is that words can be and are very hurtful, especially when untrue. False accusations can damage someone's good reputation, which could become difficult to re-establish, since once accused, the seeds of doubt about that person are planted. Life is precious and often too short, therefore it behooves us all to be more supportive of each other. So I implore each of us to think more than twice before starting or spreading rumors and gossip about our fellow VFW members and guests of this Post and others that we know.


"Know this, my beloved brothers; let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God." [James 1:19]

Theodore Bazdorf, Chaplain

Quartermaster's Message

The big news at Post 9578 is a new parking lot seal and striping by Kevin Casey and his crew. Kevin, a member of our men's Auxiliary donated the entire project to the Post. Thank you Kevin for the wonderful job you did for your Post. Rick Storms should be congratulated for donating the handicap signs and new lighting for our deck. Great Job Rick. Membership in the VFW and the Auxiliaries is more than just a membership card. We should respect and give thanks to the Volunteers that help make this Post a better place. Please visit your Post often and share in the success we all enjoy. We look forward to seeing you here soon. Carl Silva QM

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FROM OUR KITCHEN

APRIL 2015

Your Post's dedicated chefs have lots of good and tasty food coming out of the kitchen this month. We welcome menu suggestions. (NOTE: These items may be subject to change.)

Monday Game Nights

Grilled Hamburger or Chili Burger -- \$5.00 / Grilled Hot Dog or Chili Dog -- \$3.00 /
Smokey Links or Hot Links -- \$4.00 / Chicken Sandwiches -- \$5.00
(All meals served with potato salad, macaroni salad, Cole slaw & chips.)

Tuesday Nights are Date Nights (with drink specials and free jukebox)

All Mary's dinners are \$5.00 – 7 April: Ham & Cheese Quiche & Salad / 14 April: Lemon Garlic Chicken, Salad & Garlic Bread / 21 April: Carne or Pollo Asada Tacos, Rice & Beans / 28 April: Chicken Pot Pie & Mashed Potatoes

Wednesday Nights (Meals served from 4:00 pm, plus Pool Tournament at 6:00 pm)

Kimberley and Darla's Italian Dinners – 1 April: Spaghetti & Garlic Bread \$6.00 / 8 April: Lasagna & Garlic Bread \$5.00 / 15 April: Meatball Sandwich & Chips \$5.00 / 22 April: Shepherd's Pie & Salad \$6.00 / 29 April: Italian Sausage Sandwich & Chips \$5.00

Thursday Nights

Chicken Wings – 5 for \$3.50 or 10 for \$6.00 / Chicken Tenders – 5 for \$6.00 / Onion Rings -- \$4.00 /
Mozzarella Sticks – 5 for \$4.00 / Fried Shrimp – 5 for \$6.00 / Sampler Plate: – 4 Wings, 4 Onion Rings, 3 Fried Shrimp, 2 Tenders and 2 Mozzarella Sticks – \$10.00 (Served with your choice of the following sauces: Honey Mustard; Ranch; Bleu Cheese; Frank's Hot Sauce or BBQ)

Friday Fish Nights (PLUS Karaoke from 6:00 to 10:00 pm)

Beer-batter Fried Cod and Shrimp - \$9.00 / Breaded Shrimp Plate - \$9.00
(All dinners served with French Fries, Coleslaw and Cocktail Sauce)
Iceberg Salad Wedges - \$5.00; with Shrimp - \$7.00 (Topped with diced tomatoes, bacon, feta cheese and black olives). Plus Shrimp Cocktails – Full \$10.00 or Half \$5.00

Saturday Lunches (served from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm)

Serving Grilled Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers \$6.00, Grilled Hot Dogs \$3.00 (Including various sides)
4 April: Men's Auxiliary
11 April: Men's Auxiliary
18 April: Commander's Burgers
25 April: Kip & Sandy Curry (with Sandy's special home-made potato & macaroni salad!)

Saturday Night Dinners (PLUS Karaoke on the 4th and 18th)

4 April – Beef Stroganoff & Salad: \$10.00
11 April – NO DINNER TONIGHT (Wedding on the Patio)
18 April – Rib-eye Steak, Baked Potato & Vegetable: \$14.00
25 April -- Special Dinner by the Ladies' Auxiliary: BBQ Chicken & Veggie Kabobs with Rice: \$10.00

5 April: No Breakfast – Special Easter Sunday Ham Dinner (served from 2:00 to 4:00 pm)

With Au Gratin Potatoes, Salad & "Potluck" (Please sign up with the Bartender)

Sunday Breakfasts (served from 9:00 am until Noon, with WAFFLES, TOO!)

12 April: Breakfast Buffet – scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, O'Brien potatoes, toast, biscuits & gravy \$7.00
19 April: Breakfast Buffet – scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, O'Brien potatoes, toast, biscuits & gravy \$7.00
26 April: Breakfast Buffet – scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, O'Brien potatoes, toast, biscuits & gravy \$7.00
(Plus NASCAR, Golf and other sporting events on our seven TVs)