



VFW BERT FULLER POST 9578

ALPINE CALIFORNIA

January 2017

Post Officer Roster: 2016-2017

Commander: Jack Gauthier
Senior Vice: Bob Minton
Junior Vice: Chris Hanson
Quartermaster: Carl Silva
Chaplain: Theo Bazdorf
Adjutant: Kerry Parsons
Judge Advocate: Open
Service Officer: Open

TRUSTEES

1ST Year: Dave Kebert
2ND Year: Dan Focht
3rd Year: James Abercrombie

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Commander's Message

December is a beautiful time of year. It's a time to spend with loved ones, family and friends and watch the children's eyes open wide as they see the wonders of Christmas. I hope all of our members, troops, friends and families had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration. December was full of activities at the post. In addition to the scheduled activities, Kimberley and Carolyn planned a Christmas Party for the kids at the post on Dec 3. Santa showed up (played by our own Kenny Mohler) and was a great hit with the young and old. I was told about 30 children attended and they were all well behaved and listened to Santa.

December 7th was Pearl Harbor Day. We held a ceremony at the Flagpole, where we raised the Hawaiian Flag and said prayers for all that have served. JR Bailey played Taps on the Bugle and Theo Brazdorf said a prayer.

December 18 the Auxiliary held the Annual Christmas party. A thank you to Bob Bealo for leading the planning of this.

With the holiday season behind us, it's time to look forward to another busy year of finding ways to grow our membership, fundraisers for the post, and planning events that benefit the Vets and our community.

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy 2017.

Jack

Happy New Year

Visit the website, we now have the latest news from the VFW and the VA on the 'For the Vets' page.

**Auxiliary Officers:
2016 – 2017**

President:

Sheila Snyder
(619) 990-0536

Senior Vice: Darla Koren

Junior Vice: Betty Rabell

Treasurer: Linda Pipkin

Secretary: Janice Simmons

Chaplain: Teresa Wahl

Guard: Sven Ricketts

Conductress: Vikki Hemmen

TRUSTEES

1st Year: Kimberley Rivera

2nd Year: Vicki Abercrombie

3rd Year: Bea Conklin

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SATURDAYS AND SUN-
DAYS

9:00AM Till Closing
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**SCHEDULED MEETING
DAYS
VFW AUXILIARY
1st SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH
0930**

**MEMBER'S MEETINGS
2ND SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH
HOUSE COMMITTEE
1000
GENERAL MEETING
1100**

House Committee

John Harrison – Chairman
Dennis Foreman
Dave Snyder
Kerry Parsons
Benny Cope

Auxiliary President's Message

As Jackie had resigned Sr. VP pending a move out of state, we nominated and elected Darla K. as the new Sr. VP for a 4 month tenure until our next nominations and elections in April 2017.

Betty R. was re-nominated/re-elected as Jr. VP.

There are copies of the new membership apps to include the documentation for the increased prices being 15% across the board effective January, 2017. They are in the binder at the Post by the front door.

The Men's Aux. have graciously voted to provide us with the funds to purchase the new VFW Auxiliary flag, to be embroidered with 9578. We should receive our new flag in time for our February meeting.

Our holiday dinner on Dec. 18th, hosted by our Aux member, Bob Bealo, was a great success with many people in attendance, and others donating food and white elephant gifts, along with raffle prizes. Thank you to Bob and all of our great Aux members for their kind and generous donations, volunteering spirit and wonderful assistance with the dinner. Thanks also to Kenny M. for the turkeys, very delicious!

Our kitchen manager, Allisen, also hosted a Christmas dinner on 12/25 and requested sides/desserts as well. Nice turnout, great venue, lots of folks attended to welcome the spirit of the holidays!

Please note the following upcoming meetings for January:

01/07 – Aux meeting 930am

01/14 – State Commander and Dept. President Official Visit at VFW Post 7420/Don Diego. Cost \$25, reservations to be made, dinner either chicken or beef.

01/15 – Quarterly District Aux meeting, 845am, VFW Post 2111 Chula Vista.

Judging of the annual buddy poppy contest (this year involving a hat/tie combination!) .. Thanks to Karen K. for her great idea of a cowboy style hat and bolo tie for displaying buddy poppies.

Please also note that we have 2017 ritual/by-laws books for purchase from our Treasurer. If you would like to purchase a new version, please let linda know at the next meeting. Cost is \$7.50 cash or check.

We also want to send speedy recovery and healing from health issues to Loretta L., Janice S., Ruth C., Brenda R. and our other Auxiliary members. I want to extend my best wishes to all of our Post members for a happy, healthy 2017.

Sheila Jo/President

Chaplain's Message

For the New Year 2017, it might be well for us to think about the "institutional ethos" of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas, which is: "We over Me". Also listed on that college's website are their Guiding Principles: "Leave places better than you found them; Lead from wherever you are; Live a life that matters; [and] Love something greater than yourself."

Another quote from poet Madeline S. Bridges (1844-1920) which we could apply to our family lives as well as to our Post as VFW members: "Give to the world the best that you have, and the best will come back to you." Finally, we might want to add this mantra for our thoughts during the coming year, the United States Army slogan from 1980 until 2001: "Be All You Can Be"!

A New Year's Prayer

*Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Please kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God. AMEN.*

Theodore Bazdorf, Chaplain

Quartermaster's Message

Happy new year to all Post members. We still have a number of annual members who have not paid 2017 dues. Please help yourself and the post with this issue. The best start to 2017 would be your attendance at our monthly meeting on the 14th of January 2017. We are sorry to be losing Allisen Earls our kitchen manager. She has done a good job and we are looking for a new manager. If you have an interest in cooking at the Post please give us a call. I am available 24/7 to assist any member with questions, Complaints or any other issues. May the force be with you.

QM Carl

After weeks of personal torment, you all came through for me and the VFW 9568 Auxiliary Christmas Party. I slept great last night. Our totals were: \$574 in dinner tickets & \$605 in Raffle tickets (Includes \$40 donated at the Bar one night by 2 Prospective New Members, Michelle and Corbin). Supplies cost us a little over \$100, the Alpine Chorale benefited with a \$100 donation to their organization and we wound up with \$970 more in our Relief Fund. My thanks to Aux Members: Darla, Betty, Donna, Kimberley, Gloria, Janice, Kenny, Nancy, Lisa, Debbie, Anna, Linda, Allisen, Jodi and Shari & Beverley from Alpine Chorale Without all of you, there would have been no Christmas Party Fund Raiser. Many of you brought in Food or Desert items and also helped out during the afternoon. Other members and friends of the post who helped out with food items were: Judi, Linda, Sheila, Mary, and I am sure there were others who I missed during the action. If I missed you on this list, please forgive me. Thanks to you all, the comments I received were all very positive and lots of folks shook my hand and said what a great job we all did, everything from the Alpine Chorale to the food to the White Elephant to the Basket Raffles. I still don't know who is the proud owner of the \$150 Target Gift Card.

Robert Bealo Aux Member

Happy Holidays from the VFW

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. extends its warmest season's greetings to all of our nation's veterans, service members and their families, as well as to all those who support them.

Over the coming weeks, as we gather with friends and family to celebrate the holidays and ring in 2017 we must remember that it is the sacrifice of our nation's veterans – generations of veterans who have, and continue to sacrifice holidays away from their loved ones – that keep our traditions alive and well.

From the VFW family to you and yours, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season. We are forever grateful for your service.

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January Menu

(Subject to Change)

◀ December 2017		January 2017					February 2017 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 NFL FOOT-BALL FROM 10:00 AM (Please bring potluck items to share) NEW YEAR'S DAY!	2 (TO BE ANNOUNCED)	3 FOOD BY BINGO GROUP FROM 5:00 PM	4 MEATBALL SANDWICH \$5.00 FROM 4:00 PM	5 SPECIAL DINNER BY SANDY FROM 4:00 PM	6 FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS; SALADS (4:30 – 7:30 pm)	7 STEAK NIGHT: (4:30 – 7:30 pm)	
8 NFL PLAYOFFS FROM 10:00 AM (Please bring potluck items to share)	9 (TO BE ANNOUNCED)	10 FOOD BY BINGO GROUP FROM 5:00 PM	11 GRILLED CHEESE SAND. & TOMATO SOUP BY DARLA \$5 FROM 4:00 PM	12 SPECIAL DINNER BY SANDY FROM 4:00 PM	13 FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS; (4:30 – 7:30 pm)	14 STEAK NIGHT: (4:30 – 7:30 pm)	
15 NFL PLAYOFFS FROM 10:00 AM (Please bring potluck items to share)	16 DINNER BY DEB STEPP FROM 5:00 PM MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	17 FOOD BY BINGO GROUP FROM 5:00 PM	18 COMIDA MEXICANA POR GLORIA Y CLARENCE FROM 4:00 PM	19 SPECIAL DINNER BY SANDY FROM 4:00 PM	20 FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS; SALADS (4:30 – 7:30 pm)	21 STEAK NIGHT: (4:30 – 7:30 pm)	
22 NFL PLAYOFFS FROM 10:00 AM (Please bring potluck items to share)	23 (TO BE ANNOUNCED)	24 FOOD BY BINGO GROUP FROM 5:00 PM	25 PIZZA \$2 PER SLICE FROM 4:00 PM	26 SPECIAL DINNER BY SANDY FROM 4:00 PM	27 FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS; SALADS (4:30 – 7:30 pm)	28 STEAK NIGHT: (4:30 – 7:30 pm)	
29 SPORTS ON TV FROM 10:00 AM (Please bring potluck items to share)	30 (TO BE ANNOUNCED)	31 FOOD BY BINGO GROUP FROM 5:00 PM	Saturdays 7 & 14 January: Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs & sides by VFW Auxiliary from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Monday 16 January: Martin Luther King Day, canteen will be open normal hours (Noon).				

January Activities

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29 SPORTS ON TV FROM 10:00 AM (Please bring potluck items to share)	30 GAME NIGHT 6:00 PM	31 BAR GAMES 5:00 PM	Saturday 7 January: First combined meeting of VFW Aux. 9:30 am Monday 16 January: MLK Day, canteen open normal hours (Noon) Saturday 14 January: House Committee Meeting 10:00 am Saturday 14 January: Members General Meeting 11:00 am			

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<https://www.calvet.ca.gov>

San Diego Regional Benefit Office

The San Diego Regional Office provides benefit services for over 600,000 veterans and their dependents in the Southern California Counties of Imperial, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego. These benefits totaling approximately \$800 million annually, include compensation payments for disabilities or death related to military service, pension based on financial need, and vocational rehabilitation and counseling services.

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