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ALPINE CALIFORNIA

June 2015

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Commander's Message

What a month May was for the Post. First we had the Rough Riders M/C event on May 2nd, big turnout and big fundraiser for the Veterans Home in Chula Vista! Wild Boys and Girls did another outstanding Cinco de Mayo breakfast. May 16th the Post hosted it's first Spring Deep Pit BBQ, which was a success and another great fundraiser. Then we had Memorial Day weekend events with flag placements at the Queen of Angels Cemetery in Alpine, Flag retirement (burn) with local Boy Scouts (Thanks Mark), ceremonies at the Cemetery and at the Bert Fuller VFW Wall of Honor followed by food provided by the Post and donation from Wall of Honor Committee/Kiwanis (Thanks). There was also Mother's Day, hope all Moms had a wonderful day! So many people volunteered help during all the events. Thanks to John Rizzo for doing all the permits, band, etc. Big Dan for getting the meat/cook/ auctioneer, Ladies Aux for desserts and helping, Men's Aux for assisting, Carl, Bob, Chris, Kenny, Dennis (also his wife/daughter), Theo, Dave, Kevin, the Bartenders Heather, Kimberly, Mary to name a few! Also' I'd like to say thanks to all the members who donated items for Auction and for coming to all the events! Don't forget Father's Day this month. Next year's Officers will be sworn in at our next meeting. Last meeting we approved to close in the deck. Don't forget our policy on bad behavior at the Post, it won't be tolerated. Be respectful to all, no bad mouthing members or Officers at the Post! If you have an issue address it at the House Committee meeting or General meeting! Have a wonderful month, till next time your Commander Bill

A MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE FROM THE VFW

PAUSE TO REMEMBER AND HONOR AMERICA'S FALLEN

Pausing to remember and honor America's fallen service members is a practice dating back more than 100 years. Since the days of the Civil War, humble Americans have gathered together on Memorial Day to remember and pay tribute to all who have fought and selflessly surrendered the precious gift of life, so that other could live free.

Again we gather this Memorial Day, as a nation solemnly united in remembrance of the fallen defenders of our great nation. Freedom is not free. It has come at great cost, paid for with the lives of our sons and daughters, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, friends and comrades.

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

We conducted our yearly nominations for Officers and we still do not have a Secretary. Please someone step forward and help. Thanks to those who have stepped up voluntarily and those out of necessity. We could use some more volunteers from our over 100 members. We will hold elections at our June monthly meeting. Carl is working to get Men's Aux polo shirts and would like to get an idea on who is interested and what sizes he should order.

Please contact Carl with your interest. Thanks, Steve A., John K., and Jim D. for taking care of the BBQ on the first Saturday of last month and both Fernando and Brian C. handling the second Saturday BBQ of the month. The Annual Pit BBQ was a great success and the prep was a blast even with the rain on Friday. Steve A. and I were two of the volunteers helping with the prep and "Gettin' the meat in the ground." A big thank you to Kenny M. for providing everything for the Memorial Day BBQ. John R. and Kenny did all the prep with Carolyn and I joining in for the set up and tear down. John, Carolyn, and I provided the BBQ'ing and serving. There was a fantastic spread of food including pulled pork, pasta, with all the trimmings that was over the top. If you missed it, you missed a good one. Kimberley and Carolyn are putting together a new Kid's Summer Event for our Post children with funding help from each of the three member groups. Talk about team work! The event is Sat. June 27th from 1PM to 5PM with crafts, games, food, and fun for all Post members' children and grandchildren. You MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE, the list is with the bartenders. The Men's Aux. will serve lunch on the Sat. 6 June and Sat. 13 June from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. The "Wild Boys and Girls" will serve the traditional breakfast on Sun. 7 June. From 9AM to Noon. 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

**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

Mary Sabol

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

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**SCHEDULED 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 CHRISTENSEN
KENNY MOHLER
MARSHALL RALPH

Ladies Aux. Message

Ladies Auxiliary was busy this month helping out with the Rough Riders visit on May 2. Lots of booths, attire, gifts, etc. from the Rough Riders group, and we were able to provide lots of food and desserts for the folks. Thanks to Tanker and crew for always supporting our veterans and our Post! While we had our elections earlier in April, we anticipate some changes to be made in the next 30 days. We will need to revote again on 2 positions as the ladies who wanted to stay will have to decline due to personal reasons. These ladies will still be members of the Auxiliary, but not in officer status. We will have nominations and voting again soon. Ladies – we were presented with monetary awards for having been the sole Auxiliary with the highest gain in membership in 1 year! We went from being in the 80% range to up in the 104% range!!! Thank you everyone for your support, your pride in our Auxiliary and assistance in recruiting new sisters! Let's get these ladies to our meetings to help continue supporting our Veterans! On Sat. May 23, the Ladies Auxiliary had a memorial service and plaque unveiling for our dear departed Sister, Bobbie Lukacik. There were about 25 people in attendance, including the family members, other Auxiliary members and Post members. Many of the Aux sisters and Post members gave a brief eulogy and touching memory of their interaction and contact with Bobbie. The family was thrilled to have this done and flowers were presented at the wall of honor in Bobbie's memory. Last but not least, on Sat. May 30, our treasurer, Linda will accompany me to the Encanto Post 1512 for the District Awards Ceremony at 10am. Any other Auxiliary member wishing to attend is welcome to do so. Fingers crossed we bring home lots of awards for this past year to display on our bulletin board at the Post. Please note that our next meeting is scheduled for Sat. June 6 at 9:30am. We will be having District guests at our meeting for the initiation and installation of our new officers for the 2015-16 year. Cake and light refreshments will be served. We would like to invite all the Auxiliary sisters to attend to meet the new officers to assist in bringing our Auxiliary up into more 'light' for District and State. For those of you who need a ride, please contact the Post and let us know so we can make arrangements to have you in attendance. We have not seen many of our sisters in a long time, and it would be a welcome sight to have you there. The next District meeting will be on Sunday, June 7 for memorial service at 8am and then full meeting at another location from 9am-12noon. New District Officers will be nominated and elected for the coming year.

Respectfully – Sheila Jo, Ladies Aux. President

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Chaplain's Message

Words to live by, from the renowned late movie critic, Roger Ebert (1942-2013):

"Kindness covers all my political beliefs. No need to spell them out. I believe that if, at the end, according to our abilities, we have done something to make others a little happier, and something to make ourselves a little happier, that is about the best we can do. To make others less happy is a crime. To make ourselves unhappy is where all crime starts. We must try to contribute joy to the world. That is true no matter what our problems, our health, our circumstances. We must try. I didn't always know this and am happy I lived long enough to find it out."

Think about this my fellow VFW members – I couldn't have said it better myself. This philosophy does not pertain to any particular religion, but to each of us as spiritual beings inhabiting this planet for the seventy, eighty or ninety years allotted to us. Let's make the best of them!

Lord, grant us the wisdom and power to bring peace and happiness to ourselves and others. Let us be thankful for all that we enjoy, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others, and the ability to assist whenever possible. AMEN.


Theodore Bazdorf, Chaplain

Quartermaster's Message

The news at the Post this month is of course the signing of a contract to enclose our deck. We will then be able to use the deck year round regardless of bad weather. Smoking will be restricted to only the far deck which will not be enclosed. We have had a wedding on the deck this past month as well as a large birthday party and of course hosting the rough riders. The Pit BBQ was a big success and a special thanks to Dan Christensen and his entire crew for the great job. Mary Sabol and the kitchen crew also deserve a big hand. A special thank you to John Rizzo for his efforts to produce permits and gather supplies. The Post is doing well with new members coming on each week. If you have any suggestions on improvements to our operation do not hesitate to let us know what's on your mind. See you at your Post soon.

Carl Silva' Quartermaster

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FROM OUR KITCHEN

June 2015

We are open to suggestions from our guests, we aim to please! (NOTE: These items may be subject to change.)

Monday Game Night

Dinner comes with potato salad & chips.

Beer Brats, Sauerkraut and sides, \$5.00

Taco Tuesday, 4pm to close.

Carne Asado or Pollo Asada Tacos, with rice and beans, and all the fixings!

\$5.00 until gone.

Wednesday Nights (Pool Tournament)

All dinners are \$5.00- 3rd-Spaghetti and garlic bread 10th -Meatball sandwich and chips 17th -

Italian Goulash 24th -Pizza

Thursday Nights

5pm until gone!

Fried Chicken, potato and macaroni salad, \$5.00 donation.

Friday Night-5pm to 7pm

All dinners served with French Fries & Coleslaw

Cod \$9.00, Shrimp - \$9.00, Cod & Shrimp - \$9.00

Iceberg Salad Wedges - \$5.00; with Shrimp - \$7.00; topped with diced tomatoes, bacon, feta or bleu cheese , and black olives.

Shrimp Cocktail – Full \$10.00 or Half \$5.00

Saturday Lunches

Men's Auxiliary 6th and 13th June, Commander's Burgers on 20th June:

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers \$6.00 and Hot Dogs \$4.00 (served from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm)

Sandy & Kip Show, 27h June, with Sandy's home made potato salad!

Saturday Night Dinner's-5pm to 7pm

Saturday 6th - Meatloaf and mashed potatoes \$9.00

Saturday 13th - Rib eye steak, baked potato and corn, \$15.00

Please call ahead for parties of 6 or more! Thank you.

Saturday 20th-Lemon garlic chicken or Garlic Shrimp Caesar Salad and garlic bread, \$9.00

Saturday 27th -Sheppards Pie and salad, \$8.00.

Sunday Buffet Breakfast

Sunday Breakfast-served 9am until noon.

Sunday 7th - Wild Boys and Girls, eggs to order, omelets, O'Brian potatoes, bacon , toast, \$6.00.

Sunday Brunch, 14th and 28th, eggs to order, O'Brian potatoes, bacon or sausage, biscuits and gravy or toast-\$7.00, add grilled pork chops-\$10.00.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JUNE!

Father's Day Brunch

No breakfast this Sunday!

Sunday 6/21/15, 2pm to 4pm

Ham, turkey, potato salad, roll, tossed green salad, you bring the sides and dessert, sign up at the bar with a dish to share!!

Donations accepted!