



# VFW BERT FULLER POST 9578

## ALPINE CALIFORNIA

### March 2015

#### Post Officer Roster: 2014-2015

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Don't forget to 'Spring Ahead' on March 8th  
(Daylight Savings Time Change)

#### Commanders Message

Finally we are getting some rain. Thanks to the members who showed up at our last meeting, since it was a week early. Hope everybody had a great Valentine's Day and got something sweet from their Valentine! I heard the Post's Valentine dinner went well and everybody had a blast. Sorry I couldn't make it I was on vacation with my sweetheart. If you haven't visited the "Remember Our Fallen" display at the Alpine Community Center, you have till March 7th to do so. On Feb. 28th our Color Guard was on hand at the Alpine Wall of Honor for another plaque mounting. I would also like to say thanks to all the Post volunteers, who stood guard or are going to stand guard over the display. At the last meeting, the members voted to purchase a new sound system for Dehesa Elementary School, this is what we are supposed to do to support our Veterans and our Community who supports us. More sad news, we lost a wonderful woman and dear friend Diane, you will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Roy during this hard time. On the 14th we will be having a Family Day, please bring your kids or grandkids. At our next meeting we will start taking nominations for all positions, so if you feel inspired to take on a position, please come to the meeting and get nominated. There will be a few positions that need to be filled and a few could use a break. Nominations will be taken again in April with Elections at that meeting. Our State Commander will again be visiting our Post during his official visit on March 27th.

Till Next Month your Commander Bill Frazer

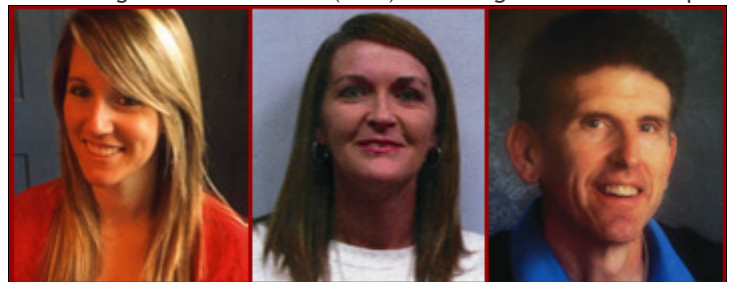
### THREE TEACHERS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL AWARDS BY THE VFW

#### TEACHERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS TO BENEFIT

Kansas City, Mo. - Each year for the past 16 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) has recognized three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and patriotism to their students.

The Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award recipients are selected from entries submitted by local VFW Posts in the U.S. and overseas. The entries detail a local teacher's act of promoting civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism in the classroom.

There are three categories of competition: elementary school (K-5), middle school (6-8) and high school (9-12).



### 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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Mark Merriman**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Year: John Kehrli**

I would like to welcome new members Robert Browning and Larry McNamer

We have had a good number of new members join in the past few months and are looking forward to the ranks growing and getting more members involved as volunteers for our events. Speaking of events I want to thank the "Wild Boys" for breakfast last month, with Steve and Bobbie C. along with Carolyn and I as your cooks, servers, and chief bottle washers. Hope to see you all back this month on the second Sunday of the month for breakfast

on 8 Mar.

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 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. 7 Mar. and Sat. 14 Mar. from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. The "Wild Boys & Girls" will cook the traditional breakfast on Sunday 8 Mar. from 09:00 to 12:00.

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

## VFW TAKES ON CAPITOL HILL DURING ITS ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

THE CONFERENCE RUNS MARCH 1-5

VFW members around the country are preparing to take on Washington, D.C. for the VFW's annual Legislative Conference March 1-5.

Every year, the VFW takes the voices of America's veterans directly to the nation's elected lawmakers to remind them of the promises they made and to ensure they remain focused on the many issues that affect the veteran community.

**Ladies Auxiliary Officers:  
2014 – 2015**

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

**TRUSTEES**

1st Year: Kimberley Rivera  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Katie Abercrombie  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Bea Conklin

**KITCHEN MANAGER**

Kenny Mohler

**POST HOURS**

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FRIDAY**  
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DAYS**

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**SCHDULED MEETING  
DAYS**

**LADIE'S AUXILIARY  
1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
0930**

**MEN'S AUXILIARY  
1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
1100**

**MEMBER'S MEETINGS  
2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY OF THE  
MONTH**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE  
1000**

**GENERAL MEETING  
1100**

**House Committee**

DAVE KEBERT  
DAN CRISTENSEN  
KENNY MOHLER  
MARSHALL RALPH

**Ladies Aux Message**

As of 2/24 District Membership meeting, we are to be congratulated again for retaining our 'medallion awards' for hitting a new membership total of 103%!!! Keep up the great work, sisters, as we strive to have more new folks join and participate in our activities and meetings!

For Tuesday, March 17, a St. Patrick's day dinner of corned beef, cabbage and other delicious items will be served. Ladies Auxiliary is considering having a raffle for a basket full of fun items. Remember to get your 'green' on for dinner! We will be discussing the basket at next meeting. Please bring ideas for what we can include for the basket to be able to advertise it at the Post. During the latter part of March, Linda P (our treasurer and membership chairperson) and I will be attending a "Nite on the Town" (no cost to us!) by the District President and Membership Chairperson. This is for all Auxiliary Presidents and their membership chairpersons who had met 100% or higher as of February of this year. Should be a fun time! (And I have no idea what we will be doing..)

Also for March 28, please join our Ladies Auxiliary sisters, Debbie T. and Kimberley R. for dinner with proceeds going to Veterans' Village (VVSD). Dinner is from 5pm till gone, can't wait to find out what we will have on our menu to send the invitation out to all!

On a sad note, we lost one of our life members during February, Diane Mann, who was not as active as she would have liked to be. She passed on 02/19, so we will have our charter draping at our next meeting on Sat. March 7.

Also as a reminder – we will be having nominations and elections at our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, so if you have an interest in being an officer for 2015-16, by all means please come and participate. Installation will be in June.

Next District Membership meeting will be on March 24, 6pm at the Ramona Post 3783 just off Hwy. 67 and Kelly Ave. I anticipate heading up that way from my work to again hopefully retain our medallions for membership.

And last but not least, our Rummage Sale committee is in full swing putting all the details together for this event, scheduled for Sat. April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm. Donations will be accepted on Sunday, April 12 due to a previously scheduled event on the day before. Thanks to Jackie and her committee for making sure this will all go smoothly!

In closing, remember to keep our troops and veterans in your daily thoughts... we are entering a more dangerous period in the world, where persecutions are occurring more frequently, wars are increasingly deadly and safety is utmost in everyone's mind. Happy upcoming spring to all!

Best wishes – Sheila Jo, President, Ladies Auxiliary

### Chaplains Message

In surfing the Internet one day, I came across the following interesting list:

TEN WAYS TO LOVE (with applicable Scripture references)

Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)

Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)

Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26)

Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)

Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)

Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)

Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)

Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)

Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)

Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

I realize that some of these are difficult to apply in our daily personal interaction with others, but imagine how much more peaceful and rewarding our lives would be if we could!

Theodore Bazdorf, Chaplain

## VETERAN FACES VA RED TAPE AND THOUSANDS IN STUDENT LOANS AFTER PAPER-WORK ERROR


VFW'S 1 STUDENT VETERAN PROGRAM HELPS WHEN NO ONE ELSE COULD

After being recently medically separated from the military, Mark Dressler, a 19-year Air Force veteran, planned to use his Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to continue his education. After participating in the Department of Veteran Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program, he was accepted at Diesel Driving Academy in Shreveport, La. for a commercial driver's licensing, or CDL, program.

Working toward the goal of being an over-the-road truck driver, Mark was a month into his training when the school's financial aid department delivered a devastating message. "I was informed by the school financial department ... the GI Bill would not cover my tuition and I had to take out loans for over \$8,000 and pay \$1,500 [in housing costs] out-of-pocket or leave the school," said Mark.



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## **FROM OUR KITCHEN**

March 2015

Your Post's dedicated chefs have lots of good tasty food coming out of the kitchen this month. We've expanded menus to try to please everyone's taste. (NOTE: These items are subject to change.)

### **Monday Game Nights**

Grilled Hamburger or Chili Burger -- \$6.00 / Grilled Hot Dogs or Chili Dogs -- \$3.00  
Smokey Links or Hot Links -- \$4.00 (All meals served with potato salad, macaroni salad, Cole slaw & chips.)

### **Tuesday Nights are Date Nights (Meals served from 4:00 pm)**

All Mary's meals are \$5.00 (except 17 March St. Patrick's Day, which will be \$10.00) – 3 March: Lemon Chicken, Salad & Garlic Bread / 10 March: Chicken or Beef Tacos, Rice & Beans / 17 March (St. Patrick's Day, co-hosted by Ladies' Auxiliary): Corned Beef, Irish Mashed Potatoes & Cabbage / 24 March: Chicken & Rice / 31 March: Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes

### **Wednesday Nights (Pool Tournament & "Italian Nights")**

Kimberley's Dinners – 4 March: Lasagna & Garlic Bread \$5.00 / 11 March: Tortellini & Salad \$5.00 / 18 March: Meatball Sandwich & Chips \$5.00 / 25 March: Spaghetti & Garlic Bread \$6.00

### **Thursday Chicken Nights (Meals served from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm)**

Alex's 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 Chicken Tenders and 2 Mozzarella Sticks – \$10.00 (All served with choice of the following sauces: Honey Mustard, Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Frank's Hot Sauce or BBQ.)

### **Friday Fish Nights (Served from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm – PLUS karaoke!)**

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

### **Saturday Lunches (Served from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm)**

Grilled Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers \$6.00 and Grilled Hot Dogs \$3.00 (Plus sides):  
7 March by Men's Auxiliary  
14 March by Men's Auxiliary  
21 March by Chaplain Theo Bazdorf  
28 March by Kip & Sandy Curry, featuring Sandy's Homemade Potato & Macaroni Salad!

### **Saturday Night Specials (Served from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm)**

7 March – Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes \$10.00  
14 March – Rib-eye Steak, Baked Potato & Corn \$14.00  
21 March – "Guest Chef Night" (Commander Bill Frazer): Enchilada Casserole, Rice & Beans \$10.00  
28 March – Special dinner by Ladies' Auxiliary: Pork Ribs, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese \$10.00

### **Sunday Breakfasts (Served from 9:00 am until Noon)**

1 March -- Breakfast Buffet: Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits & gravy \$7.00  
8 March -- "Wild Boys & Girls" Breakfast: Omelets, eggs-to-order, bacon, sausage, potatoes & toast \$6.00  
15 March -- Breakfast Buffet: Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits & gravy \$7.00  
22 March -- Breakfast Buffet: Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits & gravy \$7.00

**(Plus NASCAR, Golf and/or other sporting events shown our seven TVs)**