



# VFW BERT FULLER POST 9578

## ALPINE CALIFORNIA

### May 2015

#### Post Officer Roster: 2014-2015

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Quartermaster: Carl Silva  
Chaplain: Theo Bazdorf  
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Judge Advocate: Rick Storms  
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#### Commanders Message

The elections are over and we have some new officers, who will take their new prospective positions starting July. But before I go any further, it's been another sad month, we lost another member of our wonderful family and dear friend Joe. You will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Jackie and your family. Our next year Officers will remain the same except we'll have a new Jr. Vise, Kevin K. and House Committee has a new group, Dan C. returns with Benny C., Rick S., Hans, and Dennis.

Thanks to all departing Officers for your work this past year, I hope you'll still continue your support. Thank you to Kenny, John R., Dave K., John V., Marshall, and Woody. This past month the Ladies Auxiliary had a huge rummage sale and the Post contributed to a clean Alpine. A big thanks goes out to the Men's Auxiliary for their continued support with burgers on Saturday, Mark for repairs and painting around the Post, Mary, and Ladies Auxiliary for putting out great dinners. Next month we'll have a few events, first we have the Rough Riders May 2nd, and May 16th is the Deep Pit BBQ. Make sure you get your tickets, we are still looking for volunteers to help or to donate items for Auction. See John Rizzo if you want to help. Also don't forget Vintage Alpine on May 3rd, we will have a booth with great food and company. On Memorial Day weekend there will be a few events, flag burning with Boy Scouts on Saturday, on Monday two ceremonies at Alpine Cemetery and VFW Wall of Honor followed by food being served. Please come remember our fallen and pay tribute. Til next month your Commander, Bill Frazer

## VFW CALLS NEW VA APPROPRIATIONS BILL 'BAD FOR VETERANS'

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS SET TO PENALIZE DISABLED VETERANS

WASHINGTON — The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States said the U.S. House of Representatives is set to penalize disabled veterans this week if it votes to reduce the Department of Veterans Affairs budget request by more than \$1.5 billion.

"The nationwide crisis in care and confidence that erupted in the VA last year was caused in many ways by a lack of adequate resourcing that only Congress is authorized to provide," said John W. Stroud, who leads the 1.9 million-member VFW and its Auxiliaries. "That's why the VFW is demanding that the House amend this bill to appropriate a funding level that fully funds VA."

### 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 first like to welcome all the new members to the Men's Aux. that have joined over the past number of months. We have a lot of events in the near future that will need volunteers. Please let us know where you can help and spend a few hours. Friday 15 May and Sat. 16 May the Post is holding the annual Pit BBQ and is looking for some help. It's a lot of fun and a great event. The Post is looking for donations for the auction to raise funds for the relief efforts. We have our nominations and elections

at our next meeting so please step forward and help where you can. We would like to see as many members as possible for this meeting and there will be a gift for each Men's Aux member who attends thanks to Carl and the Post. Congratulations to Kevin and Linda C. as our volunteers of the quarter for all the work in our parking lot and making the handicapped parking ADA compliant. Thanks, Steve A, and John K., 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. Also thank you Bob B. with help from John K. and Jim D. for delivering the hats donated by John K. and the gift bags with the quilts to the Veterans at the Alpine lodge. The Men's Aux. will serve lunch on the Sat. 2 May and Sat. 9 May from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. The "Wild Boys and Girls" will serve the Cinco de Mayo breakfast on Sun. 3 May. 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: IRANIAN DEAL MUST INCLUDE MARINE'S RELEASE**

HEKMATI'S PLIGHT SEEMS TO BE A NONISSUE TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is demanding that the safe release of former U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Amir M. Hekmati be linked to any potential deal with Iran.

The U.S.-born Hekmati, a native of Flint, Mich., was in Iran visiting relatives in 2011 when he was arrested and accused of being a spy. He would be subsequently tried, convicted, and sentenced to death. He was later retried and sentenced to 10 years in prison — a sentence he now serves in Evin Prison in northwestern Tehran, where he is allegedly being tortured by his captors.

**Ladies Auxiliary Officers:  
2014 – 2015**

**President:**  
Sheila Snyder  
(619) 990-0536  
**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

**POST HOURS**

**MONDAY – THRU -  
FRIDAY**

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

**9:00AM Till Closing**

**Post Phone Number:**

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**SCHEDULED 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 CHRISTENSEN  
KENNY MOHLER  
MARSHALL RALPH

**Ladies Aux Message**

April was quite busy for the Ladies Auxiliary, since we had our nominations and elections, as well as being in the final stages of preparation, planning and execution of our Spring Rummage Sale, which was held on Sat. April 18.

Lots of donations from everyone, plenty of items for reviewing and purchasing! A thank you goes out to Jackie T., Linda P., Debbie T., Nancy H., Anna H., Paula P., Vicki A., Katie A., Donna L., Bea C., Ruth C., Kimberley R., Sandra C., Olivia, Jeannie K., Janice S., and countless others from Men's Auxiliary and Post Comrades for the support and assistance to make sure everything went smooth! Also a big thank you to Janice's grandson, Colin, who was the 'pitchman' for Buddy Poppy Donations! What a great sport he was to help out, and even assisted the purchasers by taking bags & boxes to their cars!

Also a big thank you to Nancy Hauer, our Jr VP, for all the educational supplies and books, which will be donated to Polinsky's Children's Center for their needs with displaced children of all ages. Also we want to thank Commander Frazer for his support on assisting with the left over donations going to AMVETS as those will be put to great use.

Excellent turnout for the rummage sale, some people could not believe the 'treasures' they found from a signed Ozzie Osbourne album, 2 Elvis albums, and my own personal find, a collection of old Victrola 78 rpm albums. We found many excellent items stashed in bags, boxes and where ever else they were placed. The customers also enjoyed a hamburger or hot dog meal, deliciously prepared by our own Commander Bill! Our Saturday 4/25 dinner was not as successful as we had hoped due to the inclement weather, fog, rain etc. However, we anticipate a great turnout for our May dinner, to be announced soon.

**New Officer Line up for 2015-16:**

**President – Sheila Snyder Sr. VP – Nancy Hauser Jr. VP – Jackie Theriot  
Treasurer – Linda Pipkin Conductress – Vikki Hemmen Chaplain – Donna Lowell  
Guard – Elvira Storms Trustees – Kimberley Rivera, Bea Conklin, Katie Abercrombie  
Secretary – Janice Simmons**

May will be busy for us as well – our meeting on Sat. May 2 with a few new members to be installed; May 9, the Post Comrades have their meeting.. On May 16, we have our Deep Pit BBQ, \$15 in advance for an excellent feast starting at 2pm. Ladies, please contribute some desserts for this event so we have lots of yummys to feed the groups!

We anticipate doing a memorial plaque unveiling in May for our dear departed Auxiliary sister, Bobbie L. Date/time pending, as we need to contact Bobbie's widower, Joe and the family to be in attendance. This will be discussed at our May 2 meeting and hope to have all sisters in attendance.

In closing, we send our prayers and condolences to Joe Theriot, husband to our sister, Jackie, who passed away unexpectedly the evening after our Rummage Sale. He was instrumental in stopping a shop lifter before the thief took off with an armload of clothes! Thank you, Joe for your service, your kind spirit and soul.

You will be missed..

Please be mindful of the issues our troops face on the various parts of the world. We wish them the best in supporting freedom for everyone and to stay safe no matter where they are.

Best wishes to all! Sheila Jo - President

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**Chaplains Message**

Jackie Robinson, the late Hall of Fame baseball player once said: "I'm not asking you to like me or dislike me; all I'm asking is that you respect me." These words could very well apply to all of us Bert Fuller VFW members. We may not always agree with our fellow veterans here at our post, but all should be respected for their honorable service in the United States military, regardless of when, where, how long or which branch. After all, respect is definitely a "two-way street": in other words, to be respected, one must give respect.

**In Memoriam:** Navy veteran and Life member Joe Theriot passed away peacefully at home on Saturday 18 April 2015 at age 82. Our sincere condolences to his wife Jackie. Services are pending.


*"O God of mercy, peace, and love, we remember before you in this moment our comrade and friend Joseph Theriot. We recall with gratitude and respect all that he stood for in this life. Help us to live in the companionship of his spirit. May we be kind to the friends and family he loved; devoted to the community in which he lived; and loyal to the causes which he served. Thus, in our hearts and lives, may Joe live on, to our great comfort, to the betterment of your creation, and to the furthering of your most holy will. AMEN."*

**Theodore Bazdorf, Chaplain**

**Quartermaster's Message**

The Post is currently at 103% of membership. A new effort will be made by the Quartermaster to produce more results and bring our people back to the Post. Congratulations to Kevin Kellum who will be throwing the first pitch at the Padres game on Thursday. Kevin is our new Jr Vice commander at the Post and a San Diego Celebrity. Mary Sabol our new kitchen manager should take a bow and congrats on her strong efforts to provide food and make sure the kitchen runs smoothly. The staff at the Post make every effort to provide a clean, safe and fun place for all members and guests to enjoy the best Post in Southern California. If you are unhappy about any issue you may contact me at any time and I will try to resolve the problem working with the house committee. Our Judge Advocate Rick Storms is always available to assist members with any issue as well. Members should attend the monthly meeting and help our Officers run the Post properly. Best Wishes to you all Carl QM

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- Julie & Nicole*



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## FROM OUR KITCHEN

May 2015

We are open to suggestion's 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 Taco's, with rice and bean's, and all the fixings!

\$5.00 until gone.

### Wednesday Nights (Pool Tournament)

All dinners are \$5.00- 6th May: Chicken Alfredo & garlic bread / 13th May : Lasagne & Garlic Bread / 20th May: Tortellini and garlic bread / 27th May : Spaghetti and garlic bread.

### 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 ,cucumber and black olives.

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

### Saturday Lunches

Men's Auxiliary 2nd and 8th May, Commander's Burgers on 15th May:

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

Sandy & Kip Show, 29th May, with Sandy's home made potato salad!

### Saturday Night Dinner's-5pm to 7pm

2nd May-Spaghetti dinner with garlic bread and salad, \$6.00

9th May- Steak Night, Rib eye steak, baked potato and corn-\$14.00

16th May-Deep Pit BBQ. 2pm to 7pm, tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 on the day!

23rd May-Guest Chef Terry Hoy presents Chicken Fried Chicken, creamy garlic mashed potatoes, corn

and biscuit, \$10.00. 6pm to 8pm

30th May -Ladies Auxiliary Dinner, 50's Theme, prize for the best costume! Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and veggie- \$10.00

### Sunday Buffet Breakfast

3rd May-Wild Boy's and Girl's breakfast, omelets, eggs to order, O'Brian potatoes and toast \$7.00

(Served from 9:00 am until noon)

May,17th, 24th and 31: Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, O' Brian Potatoes, biscuits & gravy, & waffles-\$7.00

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH, May 10th, 1pm to 4pm, HAM, POTATO SALAD, GREEN SALAD

POTLUCK- SIGN UP WITH THE BARTENDER!

Rough Riders Annual Weekend- Sat May 3rd, come and enjoy all the vendors downstairs