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ALPINE CALIFORNIA

August 2015

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Commander's Message

Though we live in California, with the recent weather we've had it feels more like Florida. So please stay cool and dry, drink plenty of fluids! The Post sounds like the best place for both and you can get some good food too! Hope everyone had a great July and wonderful 4th, and I hope while you all were BBQing and celebrating our Independence with friends and family, you took time to remember and say thanks to those who fought, perished and who still defend our independence. On July 11th, our Color Guard led the Colors for Descanso Parade, if didn't know the Color Guard is the only one in our District. We are always looking for new members to join! This past month was the VFW National Convention, there will be some new changes like the Ladies Auxiliary will now be called VFW Auxiliary which means there's supposed to be one Auxiliary. Please stay calm until we get further information and direction from the VFW. There is a District meeting on August 2nd hopefully we'll get some information or guidance. If you have been to the Post lately I hope you noticed the upgrades, and say thanks to all the people who have been involved, to name a few, Rick, Dennis, Benny, Carl, and Mark! The Post volunteer of the Past Quarter is Janice Simmons, congrats and Thank you for all your hard work! Til next month your Commander Bill Frazer

The new website at www.vfw9578.com is still open for suggestions.

THE VFW REMEMBERS AND APPRECIATES ALL KOREAN WAR VETERANS

VFW DETERMINED TO ENSURE VETERANS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

On each page of America's history is written the sacrifice of our Armed Forces and the legacy of their accomplishments. But nowhere is it written more clearly about duty, honor and country than in the chapter dedicated to those who fought during the Korean War.

VFW ELECTS NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER

BIEDRZYCKI CALLS 'SERVICE TO OTHERS' VFW'S MOST IMPORTANT MISSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 22, 2015) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) concluded its 116th National Convention by electing Pittsburgh-native John A. Biedrzycki Jr. as its new national commander.

Ladies Aux. Message

**Ladies Auxiliary Officers:
2015 – 2016**

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Sheila Snyder
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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

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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

BENNY COPE
RICK STORMS
DAN CHRISTENSEN
HANS LUDWIG
DENNIS FOREMAN

Hello to everyone and happy midsummer!

Ladies Aux had their 1st official meeting for the 2015-16 year with new faces, returning faces and a schedule to be determined for the upcoming new year. Our annual luau has been postponed for this year, as we were unable to have details worked out in time for this July. Plans are being formulated for another time soon, if not next summer.

Our new District 1 President, Madame Lupe D., will be gracing us with her presence on October 3 for our annual inspection. Please mark your calendars and hope to have as many Aux sisters in attendance for a great reception for Lupe and the District line officers.

I am also in the stages of making contact with reps from VA La Jolla and a few other veterans' groups for hospital volunteering, events in which all Auxiliaries will be able to participate and other programs pending. Kathy Walery, our new Dept. President, has submitted her project to all Auxiliaries to be reviewed and have participation from everyone in some form or fashion. The group is called "Pathway Home" and I will be distributing the information at our next meeting.

July has been relatively quiet .. I did attend the school of instruction back in July and distributed information for many of the sisters. I'm in the process of making copies for those who would like to become more active in some of the programs, although the Cancer Aid/Research has been removed from the list. Our next meeting is Sat. Aug. 1st, 930am, and would like to invite all the Auxiliary members to attend. We need to replace the luau with another fund raiser for the summer or early fall schedule and present it to House Committee and Post comrades for their review and consideration. Then on Sunday, Aug. 2, from 9am-1230p (approximate) we will have our 1st District Auxiliary meeting for the new year with Madame Lupe at the 'helm'.

We send our condolences to the military community in Chattanooga, TN for the loss of their heroes. May their families be comforted knowing that their loved ones did not die in vain, but will be remembered always.

Please bring your ideas, suggestions, thoughts, feedback etc. to the meeting for future events to have at our Auxiliary. I will find out at the next District Membership meeting who will be hosting the meeting for August and September. Please note that we will be on that list sometime in the near future to host about 70+ ladies for dinner and a meeting.

Thanks to all who helped raise money for VVSD and Stand Down. While I was unable to attend, I heard that despite the weather, there was a fairly decent turnout by some of the Posts and Auxiliaries.

Keep cool... the summer will be another hot one and we all must stay hydrated. Prayers to all troops internationally fighting for our freedom..

Respectfully – Sheila Jo

Chaplain's Message

True forgiveness may very well be the salve that can heal some of the wounds of life and living. Three quotes for us to consider: "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies." [Martin Luther King, Jr.]

"Forgiveness is not always easy. At times, it feels more painful than the wound we suffered, to forgive the one who inflicted it. And yet, there is no peace without forgiveness." [Marianne Williamson] "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." [Mahatma Gandhi]

Life member and World War II veteran Vern Hinkley, Sr. passed away at home on 28 July 2015.

O God of mercy, peace and love, we remember before you our comrade and friend Vern Hinkley, Sr. 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 life, may Vern live on. AMEN.

Theodore Bazdorf, Chaplain


Quartermaster's Message

The month of July news includes the discovery of Termites in our downstairs storage room. Lloyds pest control has the situation under control. They blame heavy rain recently as the culprit. Mark Meriman was asked by the house committee to tear up and replace the concrete pad in front of the beer cooler. He discovered six inches of asphalt under the concrete and under that a maze of water pipes and electric conduits and exposed wiring. You never know what lies beneath. July is the beginning of the 2016 year. All annual members are asked to remit yearly dues early to help support the VFW. Requests have been made to label with correct names all the men and women with pictures hanging in the Post. We have not yet come up with a suitable label for the frames and help will be needed to identify all of our people.

I would appreciate a volunteer or two to assist me with this project. Comments are also welcome. Please accept my thanks for all of your good will and support this last year. The best is yet to come.

Carl

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FROM OUR KITCHEN

August 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

Tuesday Nights

Summer Salad Days, salad bar every Tuesday evening, 5pm to closing, featuring Lemon Garlic Chicken and Garlic bread, \$5.00

Wednesday Nights (Pool Tournament)

4pm until gone!

August 5th-Meatball sandwich & chips-\$5.00

August 12th-BBQ pork sandwich & chips-\$5.00

August 19th-Lasagna with salad-\$5.00

August 26th-Spaghetti and garlic bread-\$5.00

Thursday Nights

4pm until gone! Sloppy Joes- \$5.00

Friday Night-5pm to 7pm

All dinners served with French Fries & Coleslaw

Cod \$10.00, Shrimp - \$10.00, Cod & Shrimp - \$10.00

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

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

Saturday Night Dinners-5pm to 7pm

August 1st-Tilapia with Au Gratin potatoes and Asparagus \$10.00

August 8th -Rib Eye Steak, baked potato and veggie, \$15.00- KEMOSABE Band 7pm to 9pm

August 15th-Baby Back Ribs, corn and veggie- \$15.00- KEMOSABE Band 7pm to 9pm

August 22nd-Lemon Chicken or Shrimp Caesar Salad and garlic bread-\$10.00

August 29th- Baked potato bar with all the fixings-\$8.00

Sunday Buffet Breakfast

Served 9am until noon.

2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th- Eggs to order, bacon, sausage, O'Brian Potatoes, biscuits and gravy and toast-\$7.00, add grilled pork loin chops, \$10.00

Wild Boys 'N' Girls Sun August 9th, 9am to noon-omelettes, eggs to order and all the usual great items-\$7.00

Karaoke with Ricky every Friday night, 6pm to 10pm

All menu items are subject to change!