



# VFW BERT FULLER POST 9578

## ALPINE CALIFORNIA

### November 2015

#### Post Officer Roster: 2015-2016

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2<sup>ND</sup> Year: Jerry White  
3<sup>RD</sup> Year: James Abercrombie

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#### Commander's Message

October was a very entertaining month, but also a sad one, too. Our Post has lost a dear and beloved long time member in Roland "Andy" Andermat, you will not be forgotten. Andy put in many years here at the Post as a member of the House Committee and did many hours of volunteering. I hope everybody had a fun trick or treat, dressed up, scared but safe Halloween. This past month we had our Semi-Annual Deep Pit BBQ and Auction, thanks to all who came for the event and thanks to Big Dan, John R., Mary, Gloria, Dennis, Bob, Janice, Betty, Shelia (cakes), Linda, Chris, Rick, Marshal, to name a few (sorry if I forgot you) who volunteered and put on another successful event. There was also Jerry White's 80th Birthday Party, congrats buddy and sorry for not making it. From District meeting, items that were covered was unpaid membership (please renew membership), Post should adopt a unit, ship or Command, and need to add new membership currently 53% nation wide age of members 61 to 83. We need to find ways to attract younger and active veterans. This month we have Veterans Day, there will be a ceremony held at the Post Wall of Honor at 4:00pm on Nov. 11th followed by dinner. Also don't forget Thanksgiving, the Post will be serving food. John Rizzo was selected as the Volunteer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, congrats and thanks for all of your service to our Post. We are looking to add new members to our Color Guard if you are interested, please contact Bob Minton. Our Color Guard has been asked to march in the Mother Goose parade on Nov. 21st. Til Next Month your Commander Bill Frazer

## VFW TO AMERICA: SHOW AND SHARE YOUR THANKS THIS VETERANS DAY

OPERATION APPRECIATION TO SHOWCASE APPRECIATION IN ACTION

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Today, with just three weeks remaining until Veterans Day, the VFW is launching *Operation Appreciation*.

All Americans are invited to join Operation Appreciation by thanking our nation's service members and veterans with an act demonstrating their appreciation – an act beyond words or text, then sharing a photo or video illustrating the act and posting it to social media using the hashtags #ithankedavet, #yourturn.

The new website at [www.vfw9578.com](http://www.vfw9578.com) is still open for suggestions.

### Men's Aux. Message

#### **Men's Auxiliary Officers: 2015-2016**

**President:** David Verdugo  
**Vice President:** Kevin Casey  
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**Chaplain:** John Snyder  
**Treasurer:** Steve Abercrombie  
**Guard:** Vince Roussel

#### **TRUSTEES**

**1st Year:** Jim Dymond  
**2nd Year:** Mark Merriman  
**3rd Year:** John Kehrl

I would like to start out by giving a big thank you to JR for the rebuilding/remodeling of our bar downstairs. A lot of work went into it and is another project that JR has done for our Post. Thank you JR! We have a lot of volunteers to thank for all their efforts over the past month. John K, Jim D, Steve A, Fernando G, Joe and JR for the Saturday burger burns that have been doing very well. Thank you Clint P. and all the folks with the weekly Game night that adds

to our Relief Fund. Thanks also to Steve C, Bobbie C, Carolyn V, and myself providing the Wild boy's and Girl's breakfasts. Thanks to Mark M. for taking care of the recycling from loading to delivery to the recycle center on a regular basis. Kevin C. thanks for heading up our irrigation project on the hill with funds from the Men's Aux. Speaking of funds, during our last several meetings it was generally decided we would focus our donation efforts for our local area here in Alpine. We are one of the few Posts here in the East that can make a difference unlike the many Posts in the City. If you know of a Veteran or Organization that needs help please bring it to the Men's Aux. for discussion especially with the holidays upon us. Thanks for all the help and support especially the Post members that take the time to make our meetings. You may notice this is the same group mentioned from last month and the month before. You get the idea..... I am pleased to announce that Fernando Gonzales has been voted our volunteer of the quarter for all his efforts and hard work for our Post. Congratulations Fernando! It was voted at the last meeting to remove the horse shoe pits due to lack of use. There appeared to be little use or interest. If you were not able to get one of our new shirts or hats, Carl has placed another order since they were so popular. See Carl and thanks Carl! The idea was put forth at our last couple of meetings to have an event on Sunday 6 Dec to commemorate Pearl Harbor Day with catered food, military vehicles, including our Color Guard, Flag Ceremony, and Bell Ceremony. Please let us know if you are interested in getting involved. The Men's Aux. will serve lunch on the Sat. 7 Nov. and Sat. 14 Nov. from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. The "Wild Boys and Girls" will serve our traditional breakfast on Sun. 8 Nov. from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. 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 and see you at the Post. 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

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2015 – 2016**

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3rd Year: Bea Conklin

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Mary Sabol

**POST HOURS**  
**MONDAY – THRU -  
FRIDAY**  
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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**

RICK STORMS  
DAN CHRISTENSEN  
HANS LUDWIG  
DENNIS FOREMAN  
BENNY COPE

**Aux. Message**

The new life time membership cards are being issued, so some folks will get the revised logo on their plastic versions. The new paper versions are also being issued. Please keep them in a safe place as we will be seeing them at our next meeting when we convene.

**Reminder:** Annual dues renewal for many people is past due. If you choose to wait until 12/31/2015, we will not be able to honor your request for renewal. The new bylaws state you will need to re-qualify (otherwise known to re-join) because of the discontinuation of 'reinstatement'. Headquarters is requesting the funds be remitted to them no later than 12/15/2015. You will have to submit a new application (the revised ones are at the Post) and you will need to provide the necessary documentation (DD214 or equivalent) to come back into the Auxiliary, along with payment, either annual (\$28) or life time depending upon your age. No exceptions since this was set down by National Auxiliary in August 2015.

Our guest speaker for November had to bow out gracefully, he will reschedule for 2016, hopefully in February due to his conflicting commitments.

We will need to get supplies together for the visit to VAMC in La Jolla, as we will be participating in their Thanksgiving event with donations, supplies, food, and other activities. I am requesting all available Auxiliary members to please volunteer their time as soon as I have the information from my contact. This will be about a 2-3 hour commitment to help out with the veterans, with or without local family.

Also on November 5 at 6pm at the Alpine Library: there will be a guest speaker who lived through the Vietnam War and this would be supportive for veterans and their families. Light dinner will be served, everyone is invited. Please rsvp to Ms. Newbold at the Library.

Chris already sent out the flyer in the e-blast last week.

Thanks to the Aux members who helped Jerry White celebrate his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday x4 or thereabouts, again. I saw the video on Facebook and want to thank Kimberley R. for giving her best dancing moves with Jerry.

We need to think about future meals for the Post as well as what we might be having for our Monthly District Membership meeting, since we are due soon. This event would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of whatever month we are selected to participate. I'm hoping we can hold off till 2016 due to the upcoming holiday events at our Post.

Please join us for Veterans' Day events at the Post, we need to have our Buddy Poppy display and contribution jar out for members and guests to give and remember that day many decades ago. We will not forget and they will never be forgotten.

Sheila Jo – Auxiliary President

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### Chaplain's Message

Veterans Day was originally established as Armistice Day after World War I ended on 11 November 1918. Over the years, the holiday has evolved to what it is today: to celebrate the service of all U.S. military veterans who have honorably served our Country, whether two or forty-two years, overseas, or at home. Every man and woman who chose to put on a uniform of the United States of America to defend our way of life has earned that recognition and respect.

*Almighty God, we turn to you for continuance of your blessings upon us. You, who have spared us veterans from the grasp of our enemies, grant us the full understanding of your comfort. We thank you for the privileges of life and the blessings we enjoy in our great Nation, the land in which we have been given the freedom of speech, religion, and the pursuit of happiness. May we the living find our peace. Grant us this day the challenge of high endeavor, the beauty of a humble spirit, courage, and a strong will to honor ourselves, our families, our community, our Nation and our God. AMEN.*

**IN MEMORIAM:** U.S. Army Korean War veteran and Life Member Roland (Andy) Andermatt passed away suddenly on 20 October 2015 at age 86. The family has requested no services; let us pray for him.

*O God of mercy, peace, and love, we remember before you in this moment our comrade and friend Roland Andermatt. 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 lives and hearts, may Andy live on, to our great comfort, to the betterment of your creation, and to the furthering of your most Holy Will. AMEN.*

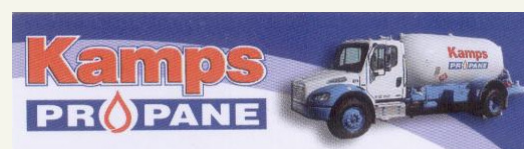
Theodore Bazdorf, Chaplain

### Quartermaster's Message

We are now in the end of 2015 and dues need to be paid in support of the VFW. Thank You to those who have reenlisted in our great Post. The majority of our members are life members and we salute each and every one of them. We are now entering the Thanksgiving season and this Post and its members have a lot to be thankful for in this Holiday season. We have one of the best VFW Posts in California and the future of this Post is really very bright. I am so lucky to be your Quartermaster and work for such a nice group of people. Please, please this Holiday season come visit your Post and enjoy membership in our great Post. Rick Storms head of the house committee has worked very hard to improve our Post and make your visit here a fond memory. Thanks Rick for all you do for us. Please visit us and have fun on our enclosed deck with cafe style seating. Have a great November 2015. Carl Your Quartermaster.



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**FROM OUR KITCHEN**  
**November 2015**

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

**Monday**

Monday night football 5 PM til Gone

Brats or Hot Dogs with sides

**Tuesday, 4pm to close.**

Nov-3rd Beef Pot Roast & Mashed Potatoes 5 PM

Nov-10th Chicken Casserole & Mashed Potatoes 5 PM

Nov-17th Beef Stroganoff 5 PM

Nov-24th Shepards Pie 5 PM

**Wednesday Nights (Pool Tournament)**

Wednesday -4pm until gone!

Nov-4th Mexican Street Tacos \$5

Nov-11th Veterans Day Open at 9 AM Burgers and Dogs 11:30 AM til 2 PM

Nov-18th Meatball Sandwiches and Chips \$5

Nov-25th Spaghetti and Garlic Sticks \$5

**Thursday Nights**

4pm until gone! Sloppy Joes- \$5.00 Thursday Night Football

Nov-26th Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner 2 PM Sign Up with Bartender

**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 diced tomatoes, bacon, feta or bleu cheese, and black olives.

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

**Saturday Night Dinners-5pm to 7pm**

Nov-7th Steak Dinner Brothers of One Poker Run

Nov-14th Dehesa School Vets Tribute Burgers and Dogs Comedian 8 PM

Nov-21st Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy and a Veggie \$10

Nov-28th Turkey Pot Pie Mashed Potatoes \$10 Kemo Sabe Band

**Sunday Buffet Breakfast-plus FOOTBALL!**

9:30 am til noon Every Sunday except

Nov-8th The Wild Boys and Girls Breakfast \$7.00

All menu items are subject to change!