# VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578

# news & updates

December 2019 Alpine, CA



# **Commander's Message**

November was a very busy month with events and celebrations held at the post.

Speaking of Celebrations, A Happy Birthday shoutout goes to all of our November Birthdays - which includes our long-time, very active post member **James Abercrombie**.

During November The Color Guard displayed the Colors at Shadow Hills High School assembly for students, parents and faculty as well as the Community Center Wall of Honor where 27 new tiles were placed on the wall.

On Veterans Day we performed a ceremony to honor our members that have departed. On November 20, we held a celebration to honor Alpine Firefighters and Shane Ozbirn was named Alpine Firefighter of the Year.

We are looking forward to a wonderful holiday month in December as it is full of activities for members and family reunions. It is also a time to reflect on the past year's events to determine what we can do better to serve our members and their guests.

Merry Christmas!

## **Upcoming Post Events**

See what's happening this month on our Facebook page! Please click this link:



# **Quartermaster's Report**

The 2020 New Year is only 31 days away but it seems just recently we were starting a new year.

We thank you for your support of our Post and want to remind annual members that they need to re-enlist and remit VFW dues to stay active in our great organization. Post 9578 is offering a discounted Life Membership special for all our annual members. Contact your Post Quartermaster for further details.

Construction work to improve our our Post's new parking areas will continue throughout the winter. Please drive carefully when on Post grounds and be on the alert for the construction crews.

Please join me in giving a big "Thank You" to the members of our Color Guard who give up personal time to support our Post and its important role in the community. The Color Guard can use more volunteers to support one of the very few active Guards left in San Diego County.

The Post will sponsor another auction to raise funds for the **Post Building Fund** which enables improvements to our building and fixtures. Donations of items for auction are now being accepted by the Quartermaster.

As I near my 10th year as your **Post Quartermaster**, I want to thank all of our

Jack
Post Commander
Jack Gauthier

Shane Ozbirn Named Alpine Firefighter of the Year

By **Greg Gorman AFPD** Fire Captain

Shane Ozbirn was born and raised in Alpine. He attended Shadow Hills Elementary School, Joan McQueen Middle School, and Steele Canyon High School. His father was a U.S. Border Patrol Agent, and his mother was heavily involved in our community.

When Shane was in the first grade, The **Alpine Fire Protection District** (AFPD) brought the fire engine to his school for a demonstration. He decided at that moment that he wanted to be a firefighter when he grew up. Specifically, he wanted to be a firefighter in Alpine.

At just 15 years old, he started as an explorer with the Viejas Fire Department; volunteering every day after school, and on the weekends. During this time, he received an award from the Boy Scouts of America recognizing him for his volunteer service. At 18 years old, Shane started as a Reserve Firefighter for the San Miguel Fire Protection District. During that time, Shane had the opportunity to attend the Heartland Fire Academy. At age 18, Shane was the youngest recruit to complete this intense 5-month academy. He graduated with distinction.

Shane did not rest after completion of the Fire Academy. He immediately began working towards the difficult task of becoming a Paramedic. He attended Paramedic school in El Cajon, did his clinical internship at **Grossmont Hospital**, and his field internship with **Heartland Fire and Rescue** in El Cajon. The whole process took over a year of full-time, unpaid work. Shortly after earning his Paramedic License, Shane was offered his first full-time, paid Firefighter job with the **Viejas Fire Department**.

Then, at just 22 years old, **Shane** was chosen from a large group of highly qualified candidates for a Firefighter Paramedic position here in **Alpine**. He was, and still is, the youngest Firefighter in the

wonderful Post members who have supported our Post vision and mission. It is possible I may be the longest running Quartermaster in the state. Thanks for your support and complete trust as we "Protect the Post" both for the present and build a solid future for years to come.

I am always available 24/7 to handle any issues that affect you or our great Post.

Best wishes to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and for a great New Year in 2020!!

#### Carl

Quartermaster Carl Silva

## **Auxiliary President's Message**

Hello everyone, we're on the downhill slide to the 2020 New Year!

The Post Rummage Sale went very well, netted just over \$1,500 for the fund raiser we had designated to receive the proceeds. Thank you to Jodi, Betty, Jan B, Donna, Janice S and her grandson Colin, along with all the other Aux members for getting this prepped and going. Most sincerely appreciated!

The Celebration of Life for Chris Pipkin was well done, with lots of friends, family, Post and Aux members in attendance. Linda set out the memorial book, and the food was delicious. Not a dry eye in the house. Thank you to Donna, Maggie, Jan B and Gloria for assistance with food servings.

We presented our buddy poppy wreath to our **District Auxiliary** meeting and competed against 12 others. Although we did not win this time, we had a lot of admirers on its creation (especially with the lights)! Thank you to **Gloria Rivera**, our creative Aux sister who built the beautiful wreath for the contribution! We will be presenting the wreath back to **Gloria** and **Fred** for display at the Post.

At November's meeting, I invited **Bryan Smylie**, past President for **Fleet Week** to visit and speak about family-oriented activities near the Harbor for military based events for November 4th and 12th. These included softball tournaments, veterans' art exhibit, military ship tours, and concerts by country star **Tim Hurley** and his band.

District by a large margin. He has now been on the job for nearly four years, and has excelled in every aspect.

Shane has taken on numerous duties within the District. To name a few; he is the Union President, he is in charge of medical supplies, and he is updating the training plan for new hires. He eagerly accepts new responsibilities, and always makes himself a great asset to the team. He has been a big part of the life-saving efforts of our team on numerous critical incidents; one of which earned him a "Life Saving Medal of Valor" from San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore.

Shane has an untiring motivation for training and self-improvement. He is nearly finished with his Associates degree in Fire Science, and, at the same time, is working towards his Company Officer Certification. He recently competed for a promotion to Fire Engineer, and scored the highest of all candidates on an in depth, multi-day test. Because of his hard work and good attitude, his peers recognize him as a credible future leader in the District.

## Chaplain's Message

Thanksgiving is now behind us, with Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Eve coming up. Traditionally, this time of year has been a time of reflection and the making of resolutions for the year ahead. But as we prepare to transition into 2020, each of us should continually review and reflect on our lives more often than once a year at year-end. The following prayer by Saint Francis of Assisi bears repeating:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, harmony; where there is error, truth; Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN.

Well received, **Bryan** presented the group in attendance with a lot of information and calendars and invited everyone to participate in some of the events down by the **USS Midway Museum** and other locations within San Diego. Flyers with information have been previously sent via email.

We brought two new Aux members into the fold – **Denice** and "**Montana**" – so please introduce yourself to them when you visit the Post. They both are looking forward to working with us on future events and projects! Also make sure you introduce yourself to **Ed** and **Sherrilyn** as well – they are also new and want to help where possible!

Veterans Day memorial ceremonies were held at the Alpine Community Center, and lots of women vets were recognized this time around. I assisted with Honor Guard which included Carl, Theo, Dan, Pete and John. Very good event, lots of folks and older veterans attended.

JR Bailey will be chairing a ceremony for Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day at the Post and he has asked for donations of side dishes and/or desserts to go along with the burgers for that day. Please come and assist! Volunteers requested for chairs to be set up by our Wall of Honor at the Post.

Christmas Holiday Party and New Year's Eve party are in the works, check with Kimberley at the Canteen for any updates too!

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season, **Christmas**, **Hanukkah** or **Kwanzaa** and a peaceful 2020.

#### Sheila Jo

Auxiliary President
District 1 Auxiliary Chaplain 2019 - 2020
Sheila Jo Toor-Snyder

A great way for members of the Alpine community to support their **Bert Fuller VFW Post 9578** is to join the post auxiliary. Check the Auxiliary Facebook page for details; click on this link: **VFW Post 9578 Auxiliary** 

## **Auxiliary Chaplain's Message**

#### Thanks ~ Giving

We have just been through the holiday we call **Thanksgiving**. Two very important words if you separate them, don't you think? Let us take those words and try to

Post life member, U.S. Navy veteran **Bill Shepherd** is beginning his cancer treatment. Let us pray for his full recovery:

Lord, Almighty God, we pray for your healing grace in behalf of **Bill Shepherd**. May he know the blessing of improved health in this hour and throughout life. Bless all who minister to **Bill** in body, mind, and spirit. Grant him patience and endurance, relief from pain and suffering, the blessing of a swift recovery, and finally, that he may dwell with you in life everlasting. AMEN.

# **Theo**Post 9578 Chaplain Theodore Bazdorf

#### **Veteran's Day At The Post**





live by them *every day* as we approach the **Christmas** Season...2020...and beyond! The Fall and Winter are times of religious celebrations, changing seasons, reflection, contemplation, relaxation, shorter days and winding down. Is that why the most wonderful family holidays come in the fall and winter? While you are celebrating the Holidays of Faith, Family, Love, and Togetherness, try to remember the purest meaning the of the words "Thanks and Giving!"

Part of our purpose on this Earth is to self-evolve, to continuously reflect, and improve upon the "old" us, to become a "better" version. A **New Year's** resolution is a tradition in which a person resolves to change an undesired trait or behavior, to accomplish a personal goal or otherwise improve their life. Did you make a **New Year's** resolution for 2019? Did you accomplish your goal? Will you do it again in January 2020? Make this month a time to reflect on your past year. Be Thankful! Be Grateful!

From the bottom of my heart, I wish each one of you a personal transformative ending to 2019 and rebirth in 2020! Blessings and Peace!

#### **Jan** Auxiliary Chaplain Jan Bazdorf

# Viejas Veterans VFW Post 7637 Dedication

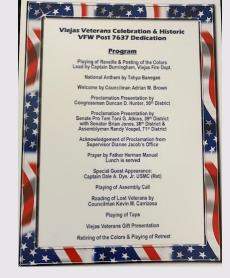
On November 7th, the Viejas Veterans Association dedicated the historic VFW Post 7637 building located on the Viejas Reservation. The building was once home to the first all-Native American VFW Post in California.













Native American Actor, Dancer, Motivational speaker and the Hereditary Chief of the **Sac and Fox Nation**, **Saginaw Morgan Grant** joined in the Celebration and Dedication of the **Viejas VFW Post 7637** historic building.

#### VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578

#### **Mission Statement:**

- To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts
- $\cdot$   $\;$  To serve our veterans, the military and our communities
- To advocate on behalf of all veterans

# VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578 Vision is to ensure that:

- · Veterans are respected for their service
- · Always receive their earned entitlements
- · Are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country

#### VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578 Core Values:

# Canteen Manager's Message

We have a lot happening in December:

Kids Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 7th

**Post Christmas Party** featuring the White Elephant Gift Exchange Saturday, Dec. 14th

**New Years Eve** featuring Karaoke and a champagne toast at 9 p.m. on Tuesday Dec. 31st. Dinner service to be announced.

No outside food is allowed to be brought in during **Post** regular meal service. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the **Post** at (619) 445-6040.

For Post Raffle and 50/50 tickets: please put your name and contact number on all Post Raffle and 50/50 tickets that you purchase since

- · Always put the interests of our members first
- · Treat donors as partners in our cause
- Promote patriotism
- · Honor military service
- Ensure the care of veterans and their families
- · Serve our communities
- · Promote a positive image of the VFW
- Respect the diversity of veteran opinions

#### **Post Officers & Trustees**

Jack Gauthier, Commander
John Sullivan, Senior Vice
Robert Minton, Junior Vice
Carl Silva, Quartermaster
Theo Bazdorf, Chaplin
Sean Lynch, Adjutant
Jim Bilka, Judge Advocate
John Rizzo, Service Officer
Dave Snyder, Surgeon
Dave Snyder, 1st Year Trustee
James Abercrombie, 2nd Year Trustee
Danny Focht, 3rd Year Trustee

#### 2018 - 2019 Auxiliary Officers

Sheila Snyder, President Linda Pipkin, Senior Vice Jodi McBride, Junior Vice Bob Bealo, Treasurer ,Anna Churgai, Secretary Jan Bazdorf, Chaplain Sven Ricketts, Guard Vikki Hemmen, Conductress Joel Murillo, 1st Year Trustee Margaret Horde, 2nd Year Trustee John Kehrli, 3rd Year Trustee

#### **House Committee**

Kerry Parsons, Chairperson John Sullivan, Member Bob Bradley, Member Dan Palen, Member Fred Rivera. Member

#### Canteen / Entertainment

Kimberley Rivera, Manager

#### Volunteer Bartenders

Yvonne Brierley
Dani Canton
Sandy Curry
Julie Kalogiannis
Christi Kurtz
Jessica McKrittick
Justin Rodriguez
Sarah SullivanA sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

you do not have to be "present" to win!

#### Kimberley

Canteen / Entertainment Manager Kimberley Rivera

# Important Notice for all Post Members, Auxiliary and Visitors:

VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578 is a Drug-Free Zone. If drugs are used on our Post's property, it will put our ABC liquor license in jeopardy, as well as our Post charter with the National VFW.

Please report any violations of drug use on Post property immediately to a post officer. Law enforcement will be contacted and the offender will be subject to criminal and legal consequences. Offenders will lose their post privileges and not allowed on Post property in the future.

#### **Post Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. to Closing

Saturday & Sunday: 9 a.m. to Closing

#### Members Meetings - 2nd Saturday/Month

10 a.m. House Committee

11 a.m. General Meeting

#### Auxiliary Meetings - 1st Saturday/Month

10 a.m. Auxiliary

#### **Contacting the Post**

Phone: (619) 445-6040 Fax: (619) 445-8740 eMail: csilvasr@aol.com

#### **Newsletter Submissions**

Items for consideration may be emailed to csilvasr@aol.com or mailed to the post at: 844 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA 91901
Attention: **Carl Silva**. Newsletter submission deadline is the 20th of the prior month

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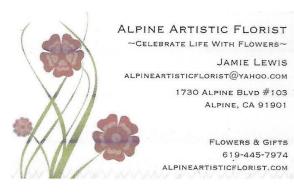
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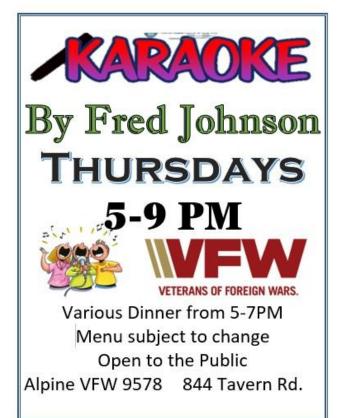


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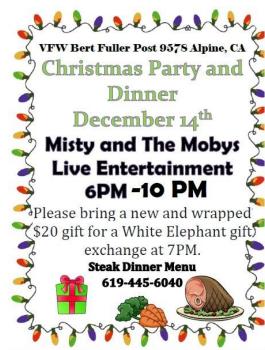


















#### December 2019 Bert Fuller V.F.W. Post 9578 Events & Entertainment

(Note: Created by Theo. These items are subject to change!)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1 9 a.m. NFL & Sports on 7 TVs!	2 5 p.m. Monday Night Football 6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker		4 5 p.m. Bar Games	Fred Johnson 5:20 p.m. NFL Foot-ball 6 p.m. Pool Play	6 5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson 6 p.m. Color Guard marches in annual Alpine Parade	7 PEARL HARBOR DAY 10 a.m. Auxiliary Meeting** Noon Kid's Annual Xmas Party 6 – 10 p.m. "Mid-Night Fire" Band			
8 9 a.m. NFL & Sports on 7 TVs!	9 5 p.m. Monday Night Football 6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	10 5 p.m. Bingo!	11 5 p.m. Bar Games	12 5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson 5:20 p.m. NFL Foot-ball 6 p.m. Pool Play	13 5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	14 10 a.m. House Comm Mtg 11 a.m. Gen'l meeting Xmas Party & Dinner 6 – 10 p.m. "Misty & the Mobys" Band			
15 9 a.m. NFL & Sports on 7 TVs!	16 5 p.m. Monday Night Football 6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	17 5 p.m. Bingo!	18 5 p.m. Bar Games 6 p.m. Kiwanis Too Meeting	19 5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson 6 p.m. Pool Play	20 5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	21 WINTER BEGINS 6 – 10 p.m. "Brown Sugar Oldies" Band			
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#### December 2019 Bert Fuller VFW Post 9578 Menu

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