## VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578

## news & updates

January 2020 Alpine, CA



## **Commander's Message**

This Holiday Season has been filled with events and cheer. Many members stepped up to help with all the events, Parades and festivities - a big "Thank You" to all who helped make these events a success. The **Children's Christmas Party** was my favorite (see pictures below!). I believe that everyone attending enjoyed the entertainment and smiled all day long!

We were saddened to learn of **Tom Dyke**'s recent passing. He was a major benefactor of the Post who provided our facilities and ensured that the Post was positioned for success. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family members. He will be missed. Please take a few moments to view **Tom Dyke**'s obituary at this link:

**Tom Dyke Obituary** 

The Post embarks on another year of significant growth and we look forward to exciting changes. I wish everyone a wonderful and prosperous new year.

Jack
Post Commander
Jack Gauthier

### **Upcoming Post Events**

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



## **Quartermaster's Report**

Welcome all Post Members and Guests to the Year 2020! VFW Post 9578 had a really great year in 2019. We now look forward to the new year and our plans to build a bright future for the Post, which has been warmly embraced by the community of Alpine. We now enjoy a reputation of being a "one of a kind" VFW that serves its members and our local community.

The Post thanks all of you Members and Guests for your support in contributing to the life of the Post. Our Post has received strong support from the Alpine Sun Newspaper, The Alpine Educational Foundation, Kiwanis of Alpine, Alpine Chamber of Commerce, Viejas Casino, Sycuan Casino, and our wonderful friend and benefactor Tom C. Dyke. Without Tom none of this would have been possible. We salute Tom and will always remember the tremendous debt of gratitude we owe him.

The members of our **Post Color Guard**: **Carl**, **Theo**, **Sheila**, **Pete**, **John** and **Dave** who performed at many events, military funerals, and school presentations. They uniform up, give their time, and represent our Post in a very professional manner that deserves our continued thanks and congratulations. Note: we do need more members to volunteer to help us continue this important mission.

This year will bring to the Post more parking spaces and enlarged decks.



Participants Rylie, Cami and Jordan are pictured spelling out "V" "F" and "W" at the Post's Children's Christmas Party.



Jordan Rose Leach with Santa Claus

### **Chaplain's Message**

For the New Year 2020, it is good for all of us to think about the "institutional ethos" of **Paul Quinn College** in Dallas, Texas, which is: "We over Me." Also, the college's Guiding Principles:

"Leave places better than you found them; Lead from wherever you are; Live a life that matters; and Love something greater than yourself."

Another quote from poet **Madeline S. Bridges** (1844 - 1920) which we could apply to our family lives, as well as to our Post as VFW members: "Give to the world the best that you have, and the best will come back to you."

Finally, we might want to add this mantra for our thoughts during the coming year, the **United States Army** slogan from 1980 until 2001: "Be All You Can Be"!

#### A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Please kindle in us a

Improvements to our kitchen are needed and we are looking at the expense of adding an emergency generator to cope with utility power outages and fires. Also on our list is propane ceiling heaters for our decks and piping gas to our BBQ area to eliminate small gas tanks.

We are currently taking donations of goods for auction/sale to support our building fund to keep moving forward to make the Post ready for our very bright future.

New events scheduled at the Post during January include a respectful flag burning ceremony with the Alpine Girl Scout Troop 5248 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 18th. The High School Rock Band will perform at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, January 12th.

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

Happy New Year to all!

Carl

Quartermaster

Carl Silva

## **Auxiliary President's Message**

Happy New Year to all brothers, sisters and comrades! 2020 is upon us for a brighter future and events ahead.

We had a great December meeting, as we welcomed **Tammy Royer** into the Aux as new member. Please introduce yourself to her when she visits our Post.

We finally passed inspection from District, now we just need to get all the audits up to State Aux for documentation.

Thank you to the Auxiliary for the donation of monies for my trip to **Palm Springs** the weekend of Jan. 3rd, as State Department Auxiliary will have a luau in conjunction with both State President **Mary Ryser** and the visit of our National President, **Peggy Haake** ("aloha" - as she's flying in from Hawaii!). I'm representing our Auxiliary at the function and will bring back photos of the event for future postings. I will not be presiding over the January meeting; however, Sr. VP **Linda P** will handle in my absence.

mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God. AMEN.

Life member U.S. Army Vietnam veteran **Ray Meanor** is home from the hospital, recovering from heart surgery. Let us pray for his health:

Lord, Almighty God, we pray for your healing grace in behalf of **Ray Meanor** as he recovers from surgery. May he know the blessing of improved health in this hour and throughout life. Bless all who minister to Ray 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



Bert Fuller VFW Post 9578 Chaplin
Theo Basdorf is shown above wearing the
Eisenhower jacket, or "Ike" jacket, a
type of waist-length jacket developed for
the U.S. Army during the later stages of
World War II and named after Dwight D.
Eisenhower. Intended to be worn on its
own or as an insulating layer beneath the
M-43 Field Jacket, it featured a pleated
back, adjustable waist band, fly-front
buttons, bellows chest pockets, slash side
pockets, and shoulder straps. From
Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

#### **Auxiliary Chaplain's Message**

I would like to take a moment to thank all our **Post #9578 Auxiliary Members** for their support and dedication to our Post during 2019. For many Members, the thanks go back for years and decades before that! You are truly appreciated for all the time and support you so freely give!

Good job awards were given to four of our Aux members – **Donna L.**, **Maggie H.**, **Gloria R.** and **Jan B.** for their assistance during the Celebration of Life for VFW member **Chris Pipkin**.

We returned the wreath lovingly created by **Gloria R**., but also included a blue "Awesome" rosette ribbon for her from our Auxiliary! **Gloria** and **Fred** will display the wreath at our Post for all to see.

Thank you also to JR & Nancy Bailey as well as Commander Jack, QM Carl and Chaplain Theo for the Pearl Harbor display and ceremony inside the Post and the great food provided! Our guest speaker did an excellent job describing the day from what his family members had relayed to him from their fateful time in 1941. Also, thanks to all who brought desserts for the event!

Documents were distributed for the **North County Stand Down** event in February;
anyone who wishes to volunteer during that time period should contact Commander **Matt Foster**, **Post 1513 Escondido**. Buddy poppies and blank report forms were also handed out, so should you happen to provide poppies to someone during this holiday season, a report would be welcome to document our contribution to veterans.

We have finally made it to our 100% membership goals, and as soon as I have feedback from our 12/17 Joint Membership meeting at **Don Diego**, I will update for the February meeting. Thank you to all the annual members who turned in their dues early!

Have a happy New Year and safe travels to all, see you soon!

#### 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** 

We had a very successful year in 2019 assisting our Brothers and Sisters who served.

Please help our Auxiliary to grow. Bring a friend or family member (who qualifies) to join our Post. Let's make it our shared goal to grow **Post #9578 Auxiliary** in 2020!

The mission of our organization is to improve the lives of veterans, service members and their families. Let us never forget to honor and remember them and thank them every chance we get for their sacrifices so that we may live in freedom and peace.

"Lord, You know how deep a warrior's wounds go. You know the loss that many of our veterans have suffered in body and soul. You know the memories that haunt them and the scars that many of them continue to carry. Please bring healing to those veterans who still hurt. Please grant patience and wisdom to those around them who cannot understand but who often help with their healing process. Amen."

With gratitude, gratefulness, and humility, I am wishing you a Peaceful 2020!

Jan

Auxiliary Chaplain Jan Bazdorf







#### 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:**

- Always put the interests of our members first
- Treat donors as partners in our cause

### Canteen Manager's Message

The VFW Post's **Kids Christmas Party** was another wonderful event. We created a lot of memories. A special "Thank You!" to **Jessica** for all her help on the event. I also want to thank everyone who assisted with putting this on including **Sandy** our bartender as it was a long day and a lot of Bloody Marys served to the adults! We are already planning for next year.

Our post party with **White Elephant** gift exchange was fun, especially when taking gifts from each other. We are looking forward to a a Happy New Year providing service to our veterans and their guests.

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

- · 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**

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Robert Minton, Junior Vice
Carl Silva, Quartermaster
Theo Bazdorf, Chaplin
Sean Lynch, Adjutant
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John Rizzo, Service Officer
Dave Snyder, Surgeon
Dave Snyder, 1st Year Trustee
James Abercrombie, 2nd Year Trustee
Danny Focht, 3rd Year Trustee

#### **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 Sullivan your name and contact number on all Post Raffle and 50/50 tickets that you purchase since 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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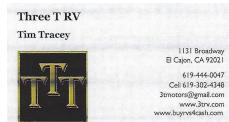


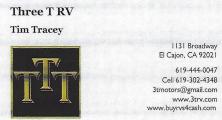


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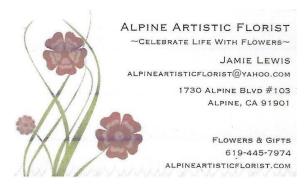


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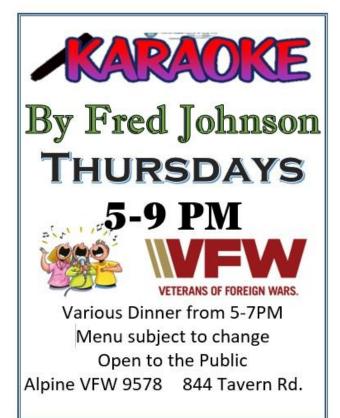
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#### January 2020 Bert Fuller VFW Post 9578 Events & Entertainment

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			January 2020	)		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4 10 a.m. Auxiliary Mt NFL PLAYOFFS
			5 p.m. Bar Games	5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	6 – 10 p.m. "Brown Sugar Oldies" Band
5 9 a.m. NFL Playoffs & Sports on 7 TVs	6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	7 5 p.m. Bingo!	8 5 p.m. Bar Games	9 5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	11 10 a.m. House Committee Meeting 11 a.m. General Mtg NFL PLAYOFFS 6 – 10 p.m. "The Corderman Detail" Band
12 9 a.m. NFL Playoffs & Sports on 7 TVs 1:30 p.m. High School Rock Band!	6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	14 5 p.m. Bingo!	15 5 p.m. Bar Games	16 5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	17 5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	18 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Flag Burning Ceremony* 6 – 10 p.m. "The Shaa-Boom" Band
19 9 a.m. NFL Playoffs & Sports on 7 TVs 3 p.m. Fire Chief Bill Plaskle Retirement	20 MLK JR DAY 6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	21 5 p.m. Bingo!	5 p.m. Bar Games	23 5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	25 Chinese New Year 6 – 10 p.m. "Kemo-Sabe" Band
26 9 a.m. Sports on 7 TVs	27 6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	28 5 p.m. Bingo!	29 5 p.m. Bar Games 6 p.m. Student Essay Contest on Deck	30 5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	31 5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	*Respectful flag burning ceremony with Alpine Girl Scout Troop 5248 or Saturday 1/18/2020

#### January 2020 Bert Fuller VFW Post 9578 Menu

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 11 a.m. \$5 Lunch	3	4 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Grilled Burgers & Hot Dogs
			5 p.m. \$9 Special Dinner by Christie	5 p.m. \$9 Special Dinner by Sandy	5 – 7:30 p.m. Fish & Shrimp Dinners	5 – 7:30 p.m. Steak Dinners
5	6 EPIPHANY	7	8	9	10	11
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakfast by ECTLC	11 a.m. \$5 Lunch	11 a.m. \$5 Lunch	11 a.m. \$5 Lunch	11 a.m. \$5 Lunch		11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Grilled Burgers & Hot Dogs
2 p.m. \$5 Fried Chicken & Potato Salad	5 p.m. Dinner to be announced (TBA)	5 p.m. \$3 Tacos by Joy	5 p.m. \$9 Special Dinner by Christie	5 p.m. \$9 Special Dinner by Sandy	5 – 7:30 p.m. Fish & Shrimp Dinners	5 – 7:30 p.m. Steak Dinners
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