VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578

news & updates

March 2020 Alpine, CA



Commander's Message

February was a busy month with all the different events that were held at the post. The Post had a good month. The new parking area is paved and a few finishing touches will be added.

Carl DeMaio was at the post Sunday night Feb. 23rd for a meet and greet. He spoke for over an hour to the large crowd gathered, explaining his views and his take on local politics. Carl then answered questions from the attendees.

March is the first month for nomination of post officers. The nominations will be held at the General meeting on March 14th and again during the General meeting along with election held on April 11.

Please consider participating as a Post officer; this is your pathway to take an active role in what happens to the Post and also to help it prepare for the future.

Upcoming Post Events

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



Quartermaster's Report

The new year is moving along quickly at our Post. The first phase of our parking construction is almost complete.

We held a meeting with **Tom Dykes'** son to discuss a memorial for **Tom** and will meet with him again in the not to distant future to figure out the best way to remember our wonderful benefactor.

Please remember to attend our monthly meeting for nominations of officers on March 14th. We welcome all members to come and discuss Post business and direction for the future.

Please remember your Post is available for celebrations of life, birthday parties, military funerals, retirement parties and just family reunions.

The recent gathering at the Post to hear candidate **Carl Demaio**, who is running for the 50th Congressional District, was certainly a full house, but it does not mean that the Post supports any specific candidate for office. The Post's facilities are available with proper notice and preparation to any candidate running for office.

The Post needs volunteers for the **Color Guard** to help keep the Guard in service.
Let me know if you would like to step up.

Please be advised I am always available 24/7 to handle any issues that

The Post urgently needs volunteers to help with the **Color Guard**. Please see **Carl** or **Theo** if interested.

Jack

Post Commander Jack Gauthier

Post Holds 5th Annual Chili Cookoff

The top Chili Chefs in Alpine were ranked in competition held at the Alpine VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578 February 22nd. The best of the chili best receiving well-deserved trophies were: **Donna Roders** (1st Place); **Amanda Hayes** (2nd Place); and **Nancy Bailey** (3rd Place).



L to R: **Donna Roders**, **Amanda Hayes**, **Nancy Bailey**

Chaplain's Message

With such a diverse group as we have here at our Post, there are bound to be some conflicting personalities and various disagreements. But that doesn't mean that anyone – veteran member, auxiliary member or guest – should express these dislikes loudly within these walls. Your Post Commander, post officers, canteen manager and volunteer bartenders all strive to maintain our Post's reputation as one of the friendliest ones around. It is everyone's responsibility to keep it that way! The following three precepts should emphasize how important it is for each of us to be civil to one another.

First: at the beginning of each membership meeting, the Commander states the following: "Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us uphold always the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization..."

Second: the meeting closing statement by

affect you or our great Post.

Carl

Quartermaster Carl Silva

Auxiliary President's Message

Happy March to brothers, sisters and comrades!

Lots going on this month at the Post including everyone's **St. Patrick's Day**, for all you Irish folks, green beer, corned beef, cabbage and anything green!

Thanks to **Linda P.**, our Sr. VP and **Sally B.** for their assistance as we welcomed and hosted our Department Aux President, **Mary R.**, to our Post for official dinner visit on Friday Feb. 8. We had green/gray balloons, candles, tableware, a huge welcome sign, and a beautiful silver/gray elephant statue as a gift from our Aux. She was very happy with the reception, even though we had a small number of folks at dinner that evening. Also **Mary** thanked us for the 'love gift' check and decorative note card. Very surprised and grateful!

Thanks to **Deborah Taylor** for handling our annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale on Feb. 14, coinciding with dinner that night. Not sure of the final total from the purchases, but we will have it at our next meeting in March. I know that lots of folks offered to bring goodies!

The Post also hosted the chili cookoff on Feb. 22 – we'll have to see who the grand winners are from the yummy taste tests! Great turnout for the Girl Scouts event, photos were in the newsletter with wonderful feedback from our District Youth Chair, **Annie Gottwig**, and our Department Youth Chair, **Jamie Maxwell**. Reports and photos were submitted for documentation to both ladies.

We are truly saddened by the loss of our life member, Janice Simmons. I attended her funeral services (as District Aux Chaplain); however, due to an urgent District meeting, I had to kindly bow out of the Celebration of Life on Feb. 9. Thanks to Jan B. and Theo B. for prayers and adding my comments to the services. She will truly be missed by all who knew her, worked with her, helped her, etc. There was a great turnout for the celebration of life including her family members, Aux members and friends.

the Auxiliary President: "Let each of us treat one another with respect and kindness at all times."

Third: biblically, from Colossians 3:8: "But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth"; and, from Colossians 3:12: "Put on then... compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other..."

If each of us would adhere to and practice these precepts, your Post would be a much more peaceful place!

A few of our members are experiencing a variety of serious health issues. Without listing them individually, let us pray for them collectively.

Almighty God, we pray for your healing grace in behalf of all our comrades and friends who are ailing at this time. May they know the blessing of improved health in this hour and throughout life. Lord, bless all who minister to them in body, mind and spirit. Grant them patience and endurance, relief from pain and suffering, the blessing of a swift recovery, and finally, that they may dwell with you in life everlasting. AMEN.

Theo

Post 9578 Chaplain Theodore Bazdorf

VFW Post 9578 Hosts Department Aux President Mary Ryser Visit I attended **Stand Down** with our District officers, many of our other Auxiliaries and Post members were up there to assist with the homeless vets needing rehab and/or types of services. Excellent venue, including an area of vintage and different car/truck models.

Please keep our Aux members in your prayers for continued healing and speedy recovery. They need our support!

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

Oh my, what a wonderful Celebration of Life we had for our Friend and Auxiliary Sister Janice Simmons on February 9th!!! Even the rain did not deter so many family and friends from paying their respects and visiting for a while. The Celebration was opened and closed with prayers from Auxiliary Chaplain Jan Bazdorf and Post Chaplain **Theo Bazdorf**. There were tables full of delicious potluck items lovingly prepared. Thank you so much to all who contributed to the celebration! Janice's family was overwhelmed by the number of attendees, and their sweet, sentimental and funny memories that were shared, along with the food. The family members commented that they will definitely return to enjoy the Post that Janice loved so much! On February 12th, we lost 98½ year old Betty Bygd. Betty was Mother-in-law to our Post Member Joe Rhome and was Carol's mom. RIP dear, sweet Betty.

Tuesday, March 3rd is Caregiver

Appreciation Day. With over ten million



L to R: Mary Ryser, Dept. Aux President, guest of honor at a February dinner at Bert Fuller VFW Post 9578 pictured with Linda P. Aux Sr VP. Mary is the very first Dept. Aux President to visit us/our Post.



L to R: Past Dept. President Gloria Palmer and current District 1 President, Grace Leyva. Both were guests of honor who joined us for the dinner with Mary Reyser on February 8. Everyone enjoyed dinner and the reception hosted at VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578.

VFW Bert Fuller Post 7598 Hosts Janice Simmons Celebration of Life

Family members, Post members and fans came together to celebrate **Janice Simmons** on February 9th.

Americans being cared for by caregivers, the selfless people who give their time to care for those who are ill, disabled, or elderly, are being recognized on this day of recognition for caregivers everywhere, both paid and unpaid. Unpaid caregivers typically are caring for a family member. It can be a thankless task where they go unrecognized, giving their time and resources so their family member will be taken care of in a way they deem appropriate. If you know anyone that is doing this job, please give them a hug or pat on the back and thank them for their selfless devotion to their loved one.

Lord, help me remember I am doing your work. Help me show compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, love, joy, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Amen

JanPost 9578 Auxiliary Chaplain Jan Bazdorf

Post Hosts Allisen Earl's 30th Birthday Celebration!

VFW Bert Fuller Post 7598 member Allisen Earl who creates the many great posters that advertise the



various Post special events, celebrated her 30th birthday in February with friends and well-wishers at the Post.

Alpine's CheerForce Craze Team To Hold Trip Fundraiser Dinner at Post

Alpine's **Craze**, a youth cheer leading team, will hold a benefit spaghetti dinner at the Post on Sunday, March 29 from 3 - 7 p.m. The team will be participating in The Summit competition held in May at the **Walt Disney World® Resort** in Florida. The \$10 cost per person includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Please see flyer below and sign up at the Canteen to attend the dinner.



Janice Simmons' Family Members



David Homiston joins the chow line



VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578

Mission Statement:

- To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts
- 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
- · 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

Canteen Manager's Message

For our members and their guests: please remember than *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.

Remember that we do a raffle basket once a month, so I am looking for donations - if you have anything to donate, please bring it to the Post. Thank you for helping our Post!

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 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

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John Sullivan, Senior Vice
Robert Minton, Junior Vice
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Theo Bazdorf, Chaplain
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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:

VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578 Attention: **Carl Silva**. 844 Tavern Road Alpine, CA 91901

Please note: newsletter submission deadline is

the 20th of the prior month.

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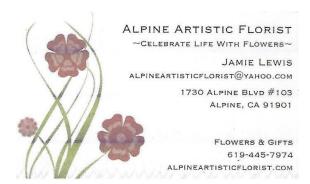
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Alpine VFW Post 9578 **Every Friday 5-8PM** By VFW Kitchen Crew and ECTLC **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC + Karaoke by Fred Johnson Every Friday** Dinners: All Dinners come with fries and coleslaw Pan Fried Shrimp......\$15 Fish Only (2 pc)......\$12 Shrimp Dinner.....(7 pc)......\$12 Fish and Shrimp (1 pc fish, 5 shrimp)\$12 Fried Bacon Wrapped Shrimp......\$12 Fried Chicken Sandwich.....\$10 Half Order (choose 1pc fish or 5 shrimp ...\$8 Kids Meal: Chicken tenders, chips, apple sauce, juice box...... \$6 Additions: Shrimp Salad......Sm: \$8.....Lg: \$12 Shrimp Cocktail.....Lg: \$8 Fried Bacon Wrapped Shrimp.....\$8 Salad with choice of dressing......\$3 Dressings: Ranch, Bleu Cheese, 1000 Island, Italian Fries Only.....\$3 Dessert......\$3













Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser for
CHEERFORCE CRAZE

Help them get to THE
SUMMIT at Disney World
(It's the Super Bowl of Cheerleading)
Sunday, March 29 3-7 PM
\$10 Includes Spaghetti,
Salad, Garlie Bread, and
Dessert
Sign up at the Canteen
Alpine VFW
844 Tavern Rd.

March 2020 Bert Fuller VFW Post 9578 Events & Activities

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

March 2020										
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
1 10 a.m. NASCAR & Sports on 7 TVs!	6 p.m. Texas	3 5 p.m. Bingo!	4 5 p.m. Bar Games; 6 p.m.	5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke	6 5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke	7 10 a.m. Auxiliary Mtg 6 – 10 p.m.				
	Hold'em Poker		"Alpine All Paint" \$25	by Fred Johnson	by Fred Johnson	"Kemo-Sabe" Band				
8 Daylight Saving Begins! 10 a.m. NASCAR & Sports on 7 TVs	9	10	11	12	10	14 Post Meetings: 10 am House Comm				
	6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	5 p.m. Bingo!	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. "Summer Breeze" Band				
15 10 a.m. NASCAR & Sports on 7 TVs	6 p.m. Texas	17 5:00 PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY!	18 5 p.m. Bar Games	19 First Day of Spring! 5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke	20 5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke	21 6 - 10 p.m.				
	Hold'em Poker			by Fred Johnson	by Fred Johnson	"Josie Day" Band				
22 10 a.m. NASCAR &	23	24	25	26	27	28				
Sports on 7 TVs! 12:30 p.m. Kiwanis Bus-hop	6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	5 p.m. Bingo!	5 p.m. Bar Games 6 p.m. Kiwanis Too Mtg	5 - 9 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	5 - 10 p.m. Karaoke by Fred Johnson	6 - 10 p.m. "The Whole Sha- Boom" Band				
29	30	31								
10 a.m. NASCAR & Sports on 7 TVs 3 p.m. "Cheer Force" Spaghetti Dinner Event (Deck)	6 p.m. Texas Hold'em Poker	5 p.m. Bingo!								

March 2020 Bert Fuller VFW Post 9578 Menu

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March 2020									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakfast by ECTLC	2 11 a.m. \$5 Lunch	3 11 a.m. \$5 Lunch	4 11 a.m. \$5 Lunch	5 11 a.m. \$5 Lunch	6	7 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. Special Dinner by Christie \$9	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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