# **VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578**

Newsletter

October 2023 Alpine, CA



# **Commander's Message**

Comrades,

I hope you all had a safe and healthy September and look forward to what October has in store for our **Post**.

As you have noticed, our deck was completely resurfaced and we do

appreciate the patience that each and everyone of you have had with us during that time.

In an effort to support our members, waitresses and staff, we have moved the smoking area from the **Patio entrance** and put it in the parking lot and even got a canopy for it. Thanks to **Fred Erickson** for refurbishing the picnic table and benches for the smoking area.

Huge shout out to **Fred Rivera** for taking the helm and doing an amazing job on a memorial service while both **Theo** and I were out of town.

Reminder to all that we had to cancel the Deep Pit BBQ for this year but it will be back and in full effect next year!!! Upcoming Post Events

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



# House Committee Message

The resurfacing of the deck has been completed this month. Please bear with us as we move forward with improvements around the **Post**.

Please attend the member's **General meeting** held at **11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14**th at the **Post**. Your input and feedback on **Post** operations is welcome.

The House Committee will meet at **10 a.m. a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14**th at the **Post**.

Thanks,

**John** Post 9578 House Committee John Rizzo

#### VFW Post 9578 Auxiliary

Notice of Regular Monthly Meeting

**10 a.m.**, Saturday, October 7th VFW Post 9578 Meeting Room

844 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA (619) 445-6040



Auxiliary President's Message

Welcome to the

When at the **Post**, please respect everyone and lift each other up. You never know when someone is fighting a battle that is invisible to the human eye.

In the words of **Henry Ford**: "Coming together is the beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success."

Lets continue to work together to make our **Post** all that it can be. Lets stop hurting each other with our words and instead, lets build each other up.

In closing as always, I am honored to be your **Commander** and deeply appreciate all of you as members and patrons of this great **Post**!

If you need to reach out to me, please call me at **(858) 729-3911**. I am here for you the **Veterans**, the **Auxiliary**, our families and the community of **Alpine**!

God Bless you and God bless the United States of America!

#### John

Post Commander John Sullivan



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### Chaplain's Message

Greetings to all, I hope this month finds you cheerful and in good health. September was a fairly busy month for all of us as Americans in remembering two important patriotic events. Last month



started with activities remembering 9/11/01, the attack on American soil, the worst day Americans have ever seen. Since then, our promise is: "we will never forget." beginning of fall. The VFW Post 9578 Auxiliary has been busy bringing back "Burgers with a View." Thank you to our loyal volunteers Jan, Jeanne, Olivia, Cara and our BBQ crew for



donating their time and efforts to make them a success. **Cara**, thank you for donating your tips to our cause as well. We appreciate your service with a smile.

Our **Auxiliary** had its inspection last month at our September monthly meeting. Due to the diligence of our Board, we passed with flying colors! It is wonderful to work with such a dedicated team. Thank you for all that you do.

We sponsored a bus trip to the Del Mar races last month which was an incredible success. I have heard nothing but positive comments regarding what a great time everyone had. Thank you again, **Jeanne Pate**, for coordinating it.

A shout out is needed to **Jamye Pritchard Solzano** for the beautiful raffle baskets she has been creating. Have you seen them? They are spectacular! We appreciate all the time it takes to collect the donations and arranging them in the baskets.

A HUGE thank you goes to **Maxim Construction of Alpine**. They donated **\$1,000** to our **Auxiliary**. We truly appreciate their kindness and generosity. We can help support a lot of veterans and their families with your donation.

The deck area of the **Post** will be closed this week as it is being resealed to make it waterproof again. From what I understand, it will be closed through Friday night and possibly Saturday and Sunday depending on the drying time. This means no karaoke on Friday night, and right now steak night is up in the air. Please call the post to confirm if you plan on coming up Saturday night.

The Auxiliary would love to welcome back our weekday bartender **Christie Kurtz**. Please come up and have one of her amazing lunches. Tuesday is tri tip sliders, Wednesday is BBQ chicken sliders, and Thursday is Meatball & Provolone Cheese sammies. I can personally vouch for the tri tip and chicken. You won't be disappointed!

Our next **Auxiliary** meeting will be held at **10 a.m**. on **Saturday**, **Oct. 7**th.. Please plan on attending. I really try to keep our meetings' duration to one hour.

Later that month, on 9/15, we lowered our flags to half-mast to observe the National **Prisoner of War/Mia recognition** day. This was a time to honor our service members who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. Isn't it interesting that the more we try to fix things to benefit ourselves, the more we focus on "looking out for number 1." If you are truly interested in our community and and want to participate in its volunteer organizations, then join and demonstrate your love and best intensions without personal rewards or financial gain. Keep your spiritual father in mind and your willingness to put others first before your own interests. On that point, I will share information about the Patriot Guard Riders ("PGR"), a nonprofit organization that I have been a member of for several years.

The PGR is a diverse combination of riders from across the nation, with one thing in common besides motorcycles: we have an unwavering respect for those who have risked their lives for America's freedom and security, including falling military heroes, first responders and honorably discharged veterans.

First, the PGR receives an invitation by the family to accompany the remains of a hero to its final resting place. The PGR is invited because the family is well aware of and familiar with our respect for falling heroes and we are honored to be there with them.

Although "Freedom is not free," PGR membership is. We have no fees or dues, no required purchases nor required meetings. The only requisite is respect for our military and our first responders. If you require further information, please contact me. Please see the article below.

This month's bible verse from **Corinthians** 9:6-8

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have desire in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Blessings,

#### Fred

Post 9578 Chaplain Fred Rivera Our membership continues to grow. We are now one of only three Auxiliaries in the county with membership topping 100%.

Here is the contact email for the Auxiliary: **AlpineVFWAuxiliary9578**@gmail.com Also, I can be reached at (619) **540-6204**.

Yours in service,

#### Nancy

Post 9578 Auxiliary President Nancy Hauer

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: <u>VFW Post 9578 Auxiliary</u>



#### Auxiliary Chaplain's Message

"Continuous effort not strength or intelligence — is the key to unlocking our potential." — Winston Churchill.



**Aristotle** noted similarities between endurance and self-control. To have selfcontrol is to resist the temptation of things that seem immediately appealing, while to

#### Special Notice regarding Post Events, Meals

The prices displayed on various Post flyers and menus and also in this newsletter are subject to change without advance notice. Thank you for your understanding.



#### 6 p.m. GAME Night!

Open to the public for meals and entertainment!

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VFW Post 9578

This Week's Meals by Christie Tuesday

Lunch 11 a.m. – until gone! Smoked Tri Tip Sammies, Side Salad & Chips - \$10 *Open to the public for meals and entertainment!* VFW Post 9578 \* 844 Tavern Road, Alpine \* (619) 445-6040



#### 10/3 Tues Night Cancellation Due to Deck Resurfacing

Tuesday Nights @ The Post

5-7 p.m. Fundraiser Games

Open to the public for meals and entertainment

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endure is to resist the discouragement of things that seem immediately uncomfortable.

**Helen Keller** once said, "Our worst foes are not belligerent circumstances, but wavering spirits."

Dear Lord, please help me to continue with good works. Help me to not fall victim to other's words, actions, or misunderstandings. I want to help. I want to be of service to You and my community. Please give me the strength to know what path is right to follow and to not waver. Prevent me from acting like a school child and being petty for little or no reason. I know in my heart what is right and good. Help me to have resolve and endurance for Your works and the good of others. Amen

I am planning an "Octoberfestivity" at our Post on Wednesday, Oct 18th. No details to share just yet... but "fingers crossed" it will be an evening of fun and friendship. I want to bring our Post together in fellowship. Please stayed tuned for details... I can use volunteers – so let me know if you can help in any way with preparation or anything else. Thanks!

As always, I am here for our Auxiliary and our Post.

#### Jan

Post 9578 Auxiliary Chaplain Jan Bazdorf

## Canteen Manager's Message

Come up to the **Post** to enjoy our beautiful sunsets on our deck and Friday and Saturday night dinners.



50-50 and raffle baskets one dollar each or six for five dollars. We are always looking for donations...

#### **Kimberly** Canteen / Entertainment Manager Kimberly Rivera

Wednesday Nights @ The Post



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5 – 7 p.m.

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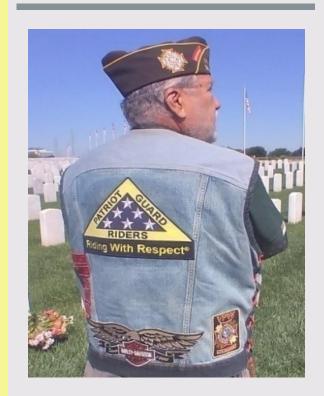


#### **Patriot Guard Riders**

Founded in 2005 to shield families of fallen heroes from those that would disrupt the services of their loved ones, the **Patriot Guard Riders** has grown to include thousands of members across all 50 states in the US. PGR is a 100% volunteer 501(c) (3) organization. As membership has grown, so has the scope of our mission.

We also honor first responders as well as our military veterans. Additionally, we have an active **Help On The Homefront** (HOTH) program, which provides assistance to our veterans and their families.

Our main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family. Each mission we undertake shows our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities.



Fred Rivera, VFW Post 9578 Chaplain Member, Patriot Guard Riders

#### Friday Nights @ The Post



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June 2023

#### Saturday Nights @ The Post





#### Important Notice for all Post Members, Auxiliary, invited guests 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 be allowed on **Post** property in the future.

#### Post Members Meetings - 2nd Saturday

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: VFW9578cmd@gmail.com

#### **Newsletter Submissions**

Items for consideration may be emailed to

#### John.P.Sullivan1@gmail.com

Contact: (858) 729-3911 or mailed to the post at:

VFW Bert Fuller Post 9578 Attention: **John Sullivan** 844 Tavern Road Alpine, CA 91901

Please note: newsletter submission deadline is the 25th of the prior month.

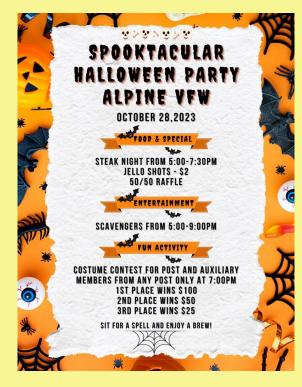
#### VFW Post 9578 Hours of Operation

(Subject to change without advance notice - call Post at (619) 445-6040 for details)

The **Post** will observe the following business hours:

Sundays: 9 a.m. - close





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

John Sullivan - Commander Richard Simmons - Sr Vice Commander Neal Zeitler - Jr Vice Commander Theo Bazdorf - Quartermaster Fred Rivera - Chaplain John Rizzo - Adjutant Jim Bilka - Judge Advocate Rick Walsh - Service Officer

Fred Rivera - 1st Year Trustee Rich Martindell - 2nd Year Trustee James Abercrombie - 3rd Year Trustee

#### **Auxiliary Officers**

Mondays: 11 a.m. - close Tuesdays: 11 a.m. - close Wednesdays: 11 a.m. - close Thursdays: 11 a.m. - close Fridays: 11 a.m. - close Saturdays: 9 a.m. - close

Note: the **Post** closing time is dependent upon attendance and varies per day.

If you have questions on the guidelines please call the **Post** at **(619) 445-6040**.

#### **FYI for Post Members:**

House Committee meetings are held every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

Post Member meetings are held every second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m.

Auxiliary Member meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

Show your pride in our **Post** by letting people know you are a member of our **VFW Post 9578** and invite them to enjoy the meals and events!

### 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

Nancy Hauer - President Jeanne Pate - Senior Vice Jamye Pritchett Solorzano -JrVice Jan Bazdorf - Chaplain Pat Alston Aldrich - Treasurer Erika Simmons - Secretary Vikki Hemmen - Conductress Sven Ricketts - Guard

Darren Pyle - Trustee #1 Bob Bealo - Trustee #2 Olivia Wilkenson - Trustee #3

#### **House Committee**

Vacant - Chairperson Dan Focht - Member Joel Murillo - Member Richard Simmons - Member John Rizzo - Member

#### **Canteen / Entertainment**

Kimberly Rivera - Canteen Manager Sandy Curry - Canteen Assistant Manager

#### **Volunteer Bartenders**

Christie Kurtz Darla Beery Dani Caton Katie Sharp Sandy Curry



- Serve our communities
- Promote a positive image of the VFW
- · Respect the diversity of veteran

opinions

Alpine VFW Post 9578	No Outside
Message from the Commander	Food or Drink
July 19, 2023	
Comrades, Members & Guests:	Thank your 😄
We have noticed recently that patrons attending the and beverages from the outside. This is against Po asked to leave the Post by officers or staff.	

John P. Sullivan

John Paul Sullivan Commander

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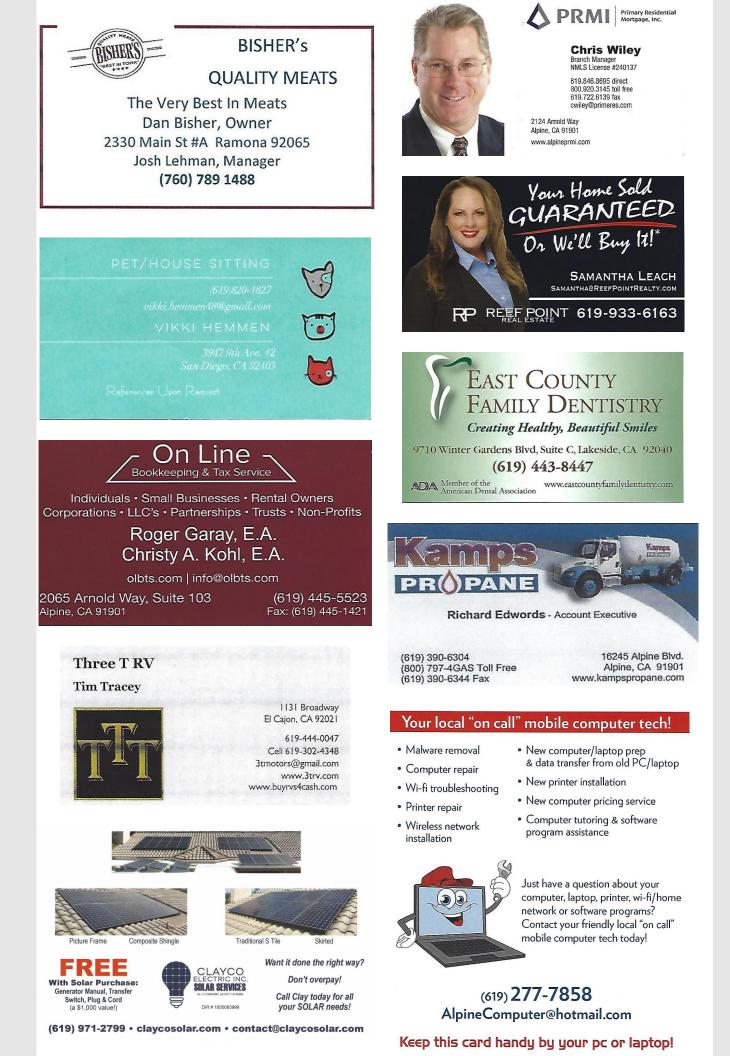


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