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Post Newsletter

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New Members

- Thomas Cavanaugh
- Ana Palmer
- Justin Stephens

REINSTATED MEMBERS

- Justin Longardner

Nov/Dec 2011



Commander's Corner by Ron Bonnin

Comrades,

We are getting ready to put another year behind us. This has been a good one for our Post and our District. We have been working hard on our membership as it is always a priority.

Gene, Jeff, Larry, and Victor have been busy with all the Post repairs. The House Committee has been kept busy trying to keep track of everything. Thank you to them for all of their hard work. The new parking berms that Roy Benson donated have been installed and painted. Thank you, they look great. Darrel reskinned the east hall door. We thank him for donating the material and labor.

Our Ladies Auxiliary, the AmVets, the Sons of AmVets, and the AmVet Auxiliary are always hard at work doing whatever our Post is involved in. We thank you all very much.

We need everyone who can participate in the November 11 Veterans' Day Parade to sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Stan DeHart will be driving his jeep and trailer. He can give a ride to seven others who can't walk the mile-plus route. The Ladies Auxiliary and our Scouts will also participate.

I heard that Santa will visit the Post on December 17, time to be announced. All children who wish to receive a gift need to sign up on the list on the bulletin board. There will be gifts and many things for them to do along with plenty to eat. Our Marine and Navy squadrons along with the local military housing will be invited also.

Flyers should be going up for holiday events soon, starting with Thanksgiving.

Thank you again to all who make our Post the best in the District.

Your Comrade,

Ron Bonnin
Commander

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER by Don Jimerson

Sunday, November 20th, 4pm - 6pm * FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER *** (MAIN HALL OF OUR POST) Put on by Hill Country Community Church.**

New Members:

Thomas Cavanaugh * Ana Palmer * Justin Stephens

Reinstated Members:

Justin Longardner

We would appreciate it if all annual members who haven't paid their 2012 dues yet would please pay early this year! Thank you and God Bless!

VFW AUXILIARY * President's Report by Donna Bonnin



Dear Sisters and Comrades,

I want to thank the Sisters who consistently show up for our meetings and willingly volunteer their time and energy whenever it is needed. I truly appreciate all that you do for the Auxiliary.

“In many places around the world today, America’s men and women are fighting to preserve our freedom and helping others who also want to live in a free country. The more than 520,000 members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are proud to support our troops and have been fulfilling that role since the organization began in 1914. In the 4,800 Auxiliaries throughout the United States, Germany, Guam and Panama, members have been actively supporting our troops and their families in many ways.

The organization wants to ensure that America’s veterans will not be forgotten and that those who need assistance will get it. To help achieve those goals, each year donations are made from the organization to help make life better for a variety of people.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW members are...wives, widows, mothers, foster and stepmothers, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, foster and stepdaughters, sisters, half-sisters, foster and stepsisters of those who served in the U.S. armed forces in combat overseas and who were or are eligible for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.”

Female relatives of those who have served overseas share a strong and unique bond. We all have a loved one who has left their home to fight for freedom on foreign soil. We supported them then and we continue to support and honor them and all veterans now. Please remember why we are members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Show your support for our veterans and this country; wear the American Flag and fly it proudly.

Loyally,

Donna Bonnin
President



THE CANTEEN by Suzanne Hunt

Well, here we are approaching the Holiday Season again!!! Can you believe it! In so saying, we will be open on Thanksgiving and on Christmas and will be serving our annual holiday meal – you can call the Post for hours. I will have a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for any of you that would like to come and/or bring a dish. Anything and everything is appreciated. Even if you don't like to cook, a donation will help – the dinners are put on at no cost to our members and their family and friends.

The Am-Vet Auxiliary will be helping Donald out this year as we are going to try something different for our Children's Christmas Party. On Saturday, December 17th, we will be hosting a Candy Cane Lane filled with lots of exciting things for the kids to do. The festivities will start at 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. Be sure to sign your children and/or grandchildren up BEFORE December 5th in order that age appropriate gifts can be bought. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Don't forget that we have Karaoke - Adults - The 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month. The 3rd Friday night is fish dinner also and the VFW Auxiliary will be hosting Dinner on the 1st Friday night of the month as well. Our participation has been down lately, so we need our members to step it up and help make these fund raisers worth the effort put into them to continue.

I want to again thank each one of our "bartenders" that volunteer their time to work the Canteen. Nicki Cable, Diana Rude-Kulhanek, Chandra Bowlus, Amanda Davidson, Jessica Cable, Kimberly Burke, Julie Caffee, Devorah Basden as well as, Nancy Ryan. These girls work full-time and come and help out our Post. How very fortunate we are to have them. I would also like to give a HUGH THANKS to Garry Walsh and Jim Lane for all their help with doing banks as well. Many, many thanks to Nick Cowell for keeping our website updated and to Norma for editing and distributing our newsletters and advertising. Nick has done a wonderful job with our website. Any functions (present or past) will be found on our website. If you have not taken a look at it, now is the time to do so. The website address is www.VFW-Lakeside.org or you can just Google "Lakeside VFW, Lakeside, CA" if you cannot remember the address. Our menus are posted, our newsletter is posted, and all events and photos are posted as well. Without them, we would not be the Post that we are. We are very fortunate to have the volunteers that we do - compassion and honoring our Active Duty and Retired Veterans is a blessing.

Many, many thanks to our House Committee Members. They have all been working extremely hard around the Post getting things cleaned and repaired. If you are interested in helping, i.e., helping with the repair of bar-stools, chairs, etc., please contact Gene Dupras and he will be glad to have your assistance.

We are still experiencing a lot of problems getting our newsletters out. It seems, since we were mandated to put on return-address requested on the front of the newsletter, that the Post Office has a lot of difficulty delivering. We are working with the Post Office to find out how we can correct the problem, but seem to get a lot of newsletters returned that have the current address on them. In addition to the cost of sending out the newsletters, we are now flooded with the return of these newsletters and a fee of .50 cents each. If you live out of state or do not come into the Post and have moved (or plan on moving), a new address would be nice. If you would like to have the newsletter e-mailed to you, that would be GREAT. You can contact Norma Zahn or call the Post, and we will see that Norma gets your e-mail address and send it to you that way - no mess ups like we have with the Post Office lately. You can enjoy Biscuits/Gravy, Ham and Eggs - \$5.00 which are served from 7:00 am until 11:00 am every Friday morning. Bloody Mary's are also on special that morning. Please come by and support this effort and let Roger Lee know that you appreciate his efforts - I filled in for him one day and can assure you that a lot of work goes into this breakfast.

Burgers every Saturday served 11 am to 2 pm. The menu includes a 1/2 lb burger with or without cheese, sautéed mushrooms and sautéed onions (if you prefer), two (2) types of salads, chips & homemade beans - all this for \$6.00. Every Sunday breakfast is served 9 am to 11 am. The first Sunday is Omelets (or eggs to order), Bacon,

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Nick Cowell, Webmaster



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PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE!!!

Click onto our website and CHECK IT OUT!!!

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THAT'S TOO FUNNY!



THE CANTEEN (continued from page 3)

Sausage, Ham, Potatoes, Biscuit and Gravy; the 2nd weekend is Steak/Ham, eggs, potatoes, biscuit and gravy; the 3rd weekend is Pork Tenderloin, Bacon, Corned Beef Hash, Eggs, Potatoes, Biscuit and Gravy; the 4th weekend is Chicken Fried Steak, Pork Chops, Eggs, Potatoes, Biscuit and Gravy - all breakfasts are \$8.00. Please bring by your family, friends and neighbors - all the funds stay in our Post and help with all of our community efforts. Oh by the way, coffee and juice are included in the price of the breakfast. YOU CAN'T BEAT IT!!!!!! The Sons-of-Amvets also do a dinner every 4th Thursday night, the menu is always posted on the VFW website as well.

Please do not hesitate to call me at the Post, (619) 443-0556 or on my cell (619) 654-4597 if you need anything - I am always at your service.

Please be sure to keep up with our current events on our website - it is there for your convenience and is updated daily! Give us your input - we are glad to listen. We are constantly adding meals that do not get in the newsletter. Be sure to check the site often so you do not miss out on anything.

Suzanne Hunt
Canteen Manager

*HAPPY 88TH BIRTHDAY
EDITH SAVAGE!
WE WISH YOU THE BEST TODAY
AND EVERY DAY!*



**COME & SING!!!! KARAOKE NIGHT
EVERY FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY NIGHT
AT THE VFW POST 5867!**



**We will miss you, Ron & Julie!
Visit Us Soon!**



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November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4 BREAKFAST ***** KARAOKE	5 AM VETS LADIES BURGERS
6 AM VETS LADIES BREAKFAST	7 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	8	9 VFW & VFW AUXILIARY General Mtg	10	11 BREAKFAST VETERANS DAY PARADE	12 AM VETS MEN BURGERS
13 AM VETS MEN BREAKFAST	14	15	16	17	18 BREAKFAST ***** KARAOKE	19 VFW BURGERS
20 FREE BREAKFAST HillCountryChurch	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING	25 BREAKFAST	26 SONS OF AM VETS BURGERS
27 SONS OF AM VETS BREAKFAST	28	29	30			

2011

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 BREAKFAST ***** KARAOKE	3 Am Vet Ladies BURGERS
4 Am Vet Ladies BREAKFAST	5	6	7	8	9 BREAKFAST	10 Am Vet Men BURGERS
11 Am Vet Men BREAKFAST	12 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	13	14 VFW/VFW AUXILIARY *** GENERAL MTG	15	16 BREAKFAST ***** KARAOKE	17 VFW BURGERS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY*12-3P
18 VFW BREAKFAST	19	20	21	22	23 BREAKFAST	24 Sons of Am Vets BURGERS CHRISTMAS EVE!
25 CHRISTMAS Sons of Am Vets BREAKFAST	26	27	28	29	30 BREAKFAST	31 VFW BURGERS
					SEE FLYER FOR 12/17/11 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!	

2011





SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!

**COME JOIN US FOR THE POST CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SANTA WILL VISIT CARTER-SMITH VFW POST 5867

SATURDAY, DECMEBER 17, 2011

12650 LINDO LANE, LAKESIDE

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FROM 12:00 NOON TO 3:00 PM



WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN PLANNED FOR THE KIDS.

**THEY WILL TRAVEL DOWN CANDY CANE LANE,
MAKING STOPS ALONG THE WAY TO VISIT SANTA.**

**Please sign up your children and grand children up to
14 years old at the Post By Decmeber 5th.**

