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## Post Newsletter

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### New Members

CLAY WYCOFF  
 CHAVEZ BRIDGEWATER  
 THOM INGRAM



### Commander's Corner by Ron Bonnin

Sept/Oct 2011

Comrades,

The time seems to be passing very quickly this year. Please take a moment to remember in your prayers, and thank our military, who are after a very sneaky, behind-the-back lurch. Because of this War we are seeing many active duty personnel join the VFW. Please remember to introduce yourself to any you see new to our Post and make them feel welcome.

Paul Boston, our Jr. Vice Commander, is absorbing the duties of Sr. Vice Commander while our Sr. Vice Commander Jason Buxton is training for deployment. Paul also helps run our Saturday and Sunday meals.

Larry West is to be commended for not only running our meals but is also heavily involved with all projects around the Post. Mary West and all of their grandchildren are always there helping too, and we are very grateful.

John and Whitney Meyers are Co-Chairmen of our Membership programs. They are both still in the Wounded Warrior program and we are honored to have them.

Victor Graverson fixed all of our outside lights and organized the replacement of the termite damaged wood under the cooler/freezer on the patio. Gene, Larry, Phil, Cecil, Jeff, and Roger all had a big hand in this project also.

Donald Jimenson never fails to amaze us all doing not only his Chaplain, Service Officer, and janitorial duties, but also is doing our reports on the computer to Department. Thank you Donald.

Gene Dupras is organizing the work on all the other projects around the Post and there are many. Thank you Gene.

We had a very successful July 4<sup>th</sup> ceremony and dinner at the Post. Thank you Paul Boston and our VFW Ladies Auxiliary, our AmVets, and AmVet Auxiliary, and Sons of AmVets. As with all of our events, it's a combined effort of all groups that make it go.

On August 14, we had our adopted Marine squadron VMM165 from Miramar to the Post for a dinner in honor of Sgt. Major Karyl Seneros and Family Readiness Officer Judy Avans. They are both moving on to new assignments. Larry West and his family and Roger Lee and Kent Cable organized the food. Again we owe them many thanks. The ceremony and the food were a fitting tribute to a couple of great Marines. We look forward to their next visit.

Many others have helped or donated to a myriad of projects including Woody Walker, Roy Benson, and Stan Dehart, three of our more senior members. Thank you.

Our picnic has been moved to October in the hopes of having some cooler weather.

Please remember that the success of our Post relies on a growing membership including our Auxiliary.

Your Comrades,

Ron Bonnin  
 Post Commander





**Chaplain's Corner**  
by Don Jimenson

Stand Down 2012 at San Diego High drew 1003 Homeless Veterans this year. Once again, this year Homeless Veterans were able to get off the streets for three full days, receive hot meals, clothing, medical treatment, job assistance, legal assistance and advice on personal problems.

In memoriam, former Comrade Tom Parker passed away. Our sympathy goes out to the Parker family.

Membership: Welcome our New members! \* CLAY WYCOFF \* THOM INGRAM \* CHAVEZ BRIDGEWATER

We are proud to say that we have signed up VETERAN WOMEN to the VFW, but there are 600,000 women veterans eligible to be VFW members. We would love to have more veteran women join Carter-Smith! Anyone who knows a veteran woman, please talk to her and invite her to visit our Post.

Why worry whether your annual dues have been paid or not? Become a Life Time Member and take the worry away! We now have a **12 month payment plan** with the initial payment of \$35! See Donald about signing up!

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE:**

Attained age on 12/31	One Time Payment	Life 12 Month Payment Plan	Life 24 Month Payment Plan
through age 30	\$425.00	\$40.39	\$20.23
31-40	\$410.00	\$39.02	\$19.58
41-50	\$375.00	\$35.84	\$18.05
51-60	\$335.00	\$32.20	\$16.32
61-70	\$290.00	\$28.11	\$14.36
71-80	\$225.00	\$22.20	\$11.53
81 and over	\$170.00	\$17.20	\$ 9.14



**VFW AUXILIARY \* President's Report**  
by Donna Bonnin

Dear Sisters and Comrades,

I'd like to welcome our new members Michelle Zimmerman, Joann Chun, and Dorelyn Pak. Thank you also to all of the annual members that sent in their dues early for the coming year. Our current membership is over 85% and we were recognized for our achievement at the last Membership meeting in August. Our goal is to reach 100% by December and I know we can do that! I hope you will consider sending in your annual dues if you haven't already done so and also consider changing to a Life member.

Thank you to all who worked so hard on our Programs this past year. Our Auxiliary received recognition in many programs and I am very proud of our accomplishments. Thank you Candy Cowell for donating the frames for the Certificates that we received and we hope to have them on display in our "area" in the Post soon.

*(cont'd on page 3)*

### VFW AUXILIARY \* President's Report *(cont'd from page 2)*

Thank you to our Program chairmen for the coming year:

Veterans and Family Support	Deborah Basden
Childrens' Home	Sharon Heineke
Americanism	Diana Rude Kulhanek
Cancer Aid & Research	Mary West
Youth Activities	Nicki Cable
Legislative	Jerilyn Johnston
Membership	Sharon Heineke
Historien	Candy Cowell
Hospital	Nancy Nowka
Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen	Gayle Boston

Please report any related activities that you participate in to these Sisters so that it can be reported to District and Department Chairmen. I know we do a lot for our Veterans and families, and I would like all that we do to be recognized.

Thank you to Sandy Henschel and Nicki Cable for providing refreshments at our last meetings. Everyone is very appreciative and I would like to continue doing this. Please come to our meetings a little early to enjoy dinner and visit with the other members.

On that note, I would like to encourage members to come to our meetings and to participate. It is discouraging to see fewer and fewer members showing up each month. We cannot keep the Auxiliary going if we do not have participation by our members. Please take the oath to heart and do your part to make our Auxiliary thrive. The more people joining in, the more fun we will have, and our Veterans will benefit, and that is our purpose.

September is Suicide Awareness Month, and the National Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW would like all of us to wear the blue teardrops all month long. You can download the teardrops from the Department website and copy them onto sticker paper. We also have available as a fundraiser for this program, the Suicide Awareness Pins [a teardrop with combat boots] that come with a card with warning signs and contact information for suicide hotlines. For pins, please see an Auxiliary member.

Coming up in September, the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW will be providing dinner to go along with karaoke on 9-2-11. I hope this will be the start of a monthly event for the Auxiliary. Please join in and be there to help and to enjoy the evening on 9-2.

Remember to respect and honor each other and pray for our veterans and our Country.

Loyalty,  
Donna Borinn  
President

#### DO SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS FALL!

- \*\*\* SHAKE THE HAND OF A MILITARY PERSON & TELL THEM THANK YOU FOR THEIR SERVICE!!! \*\*\*
- \*\*\* VOLUNTEER AT THE VFW WITH YOUR FELLOW COMRADES! \*\*\* JOIN YOUR LOCAL POST! \*\*\*
- \*\*\* BRING FAMILY/FRIENDS/NEIGHBORS TO BURGERS & BREAKFAST \*\*\* SAT & SUN \*\*\*
- \*\*\* JOIN A CAR CLUB! \*\*\* TAKE IN A MOVIE! \*\*\* GIVE SOMEONE A RIDE! \*\*\*
- \*\*\* MAKE A MEAL FOR A NEEDY ORGANIZATION! \*\*\* GO CAMPING!!!
- \*\*\* DONATE YOUR TIME! (THE BEST FEELING OF ALL!) \*\*\*



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Nick Cowell, Webmaster

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 THAT WERE PLANNED AFTER THIS NEWSLETTER  
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## COMMANDER'S CIRCLE

Commander's Circle	Gold Circle	Silver Circle	Other
Roy Benson Chobby Betts Michael Cupp T. M. DeGiro S. DeHart Gene Dupras David Salas Woody Walker	D. M. Albee Victor Graverson Viola Baker	William Graddock Dennis Chapman	Mike Place

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- COMMANDERS CIRCLE      \$240.00 PER YEAR  
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I will pay: (PLEASE CHECK PAYMENT SCHEDULE)

- MONTHLY     QUARTERLY     BI-YEARLY     YEARLY  
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All pledges received will be used for the Post Building Fund.

Please mail your pledge to:

Carter-Smith VFW Post 5867  
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### The Canteen

by Suzanne Hunt, Canteen Manager

I would like to thank everyone who helped put together the fundraiser "Pig Dinner" for our Canteen walk-in cooler. Roger Lee, Randy, Cecil, Gene, Larry, did a great job cooking and serving. Many thanks to Larry Fickenworth for donating a VFW leather jacket for our silent auction, Aileen Gratton for her donation of a gift basket that included a \$100.00 certificate for a dinner at a steak house, and Shawn Davidson for making and donating the children's picnic table. Also, many thanks to the AmVet Auxiliary for purchasing and donating the raffle prizes for our event. Each one of our groups stepped up and helped to make this a worthy and profitable fund raiser. I would like to also thank George Barnard for his donation to the sale of tickets, as well as, everyone who purchased tickets. The rummage sale fund raiser for the walk-in cooler raised \$417.00 and we have had donations made slated toward that fund as well. I have been advised that the cooler will cost in the \$10,000.00 range to complete so we still have a long way to go.

Make sure that you keep up on current fundraiser dinners that will be posted on our website. The website is located at: [www.vfw-lakeside.org](http://www.vfw-lakeside.org). Our newsletter only goes out every other month and a lot of times we plan an event after the fact, however, it is always posted on the website to keep all of our members posted on all current and upcoming events.

Karaoke - Adults - The 1st and 3rd Friday night. The 3rd Friday night is fish dinner also.

The VFW Auxiliary will be hosting a Enchilada Casserole Dinner including rice, beans, chips/salsa and a dessert for only \$6.00 from 5pm to 7pm on Friday, September 2, 2011 - we will also have Karaoke that night also.

The AmVet Auxiliary will be hosting a "Lakeside Hoe-Down Dinner" on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Tickets are available for sale at the Canteen or you can purchase a ticket from any Am-Vet Auxiliary Member. The dinner will include BBQ Chicken & Ribs, corn-on-the cob, coleslaw, beans and dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 2 for only \$18.00. Dinner will be served from 5pm to 7pm - ticket prices include entertainment, raffle prizes & a 50/50 drawing.

On Friday, October 7th, the AmVet Auxiliary will be hosting a Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, Veggie, Salad, Dinner Roll & Dessert for only \$8.00 from 5pm to 8pm (& Karaoke). These dinners are open to the public so please let your neighbors and friends know as well.

The annual Chili Cook-off will be held on October 29, 2011. If you are interested in cooking, please be sure to contact Roger Lee or any Sons of AmVets member and they will be able to provide you with further information. At the time of this writing, applications are not available, but will be available at the Canteen the first of September.

**THANKS!!!!** I want to again thank each one of our VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS who volunteer their time to work the Canteen. Nicki Cable, Diana Rude-Kulhanek, Chandra Bowlus, Amanda Davidson, Jessica Cable and Kimberly Burke, Julie Caffee, 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 HUGE 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](http://www.VFW-Lakeside.org) or you can just Google "Lakeside VFW, Lakeside, CA" if you cannot remember the address. Our menus on 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.

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### THE CANTEEN (cont'd from page 6)

**NEWSLETTER VIA REGULAR MAIL!!!** 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 7am until 11am 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 11am to 2pm. 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 9am to 11am. The first Sunday is Omelets (or eggs to order), Bacon, 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 CANT BEAT IT!!!!!!** The Sons-of-Am/Vets also do a dinner every 4th Thursday night and 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



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# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 FRIDAY BREAKFAST +VFW AUX'Y Mexican Dinner + KARAOKE	3 Am Vet Ladies BURGERS
4 Am Vet Ladies BREAKFAST	5 LABOR DAY	6	7	8	9 FRIDAY BREAKFAST	10 Am Vet Men BURGERS
11 Am Vet Men BREAKFAST PATRIOT DAY	12 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	13	14 VFW & VFW AUXILIARY *** GENERAL MTG	15	16 FRIDAY BREAKFAST + FISH DINNER + KARAOKE	17 VFW BURGERS Am/Vet Ladies/ Auxiliary Lakeside Hoe-Down Dinner *
18 VFW BREAKFAST	19	20	21	22	23 FRIDAY BREAKFAST	24 Sons of Am Vets BURGERS
25 Sons of Am Vets BREAKFAST	26	27	28	29	30 FRIDAY BREAKFAST	
					* SEE FLYER	

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# OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 AM VETS LADIES BURGERS
2 AM VETS LADIES BREAKFAST	3	4	5	6	7 FRIDAY BREAKFAST AmVet Ladies Auxy Dinner * KARAOKE	8 AM VETS BURGERS
9 AM VETS BREAKFAST	10 COLUMBUS DAY (observed) HOUSE COMM MTG	11	12 VFW & VFW AUXILIARY General Mtg	13	14 FRIDAY BREAKFAST	15 VFW BURGERS
16 VFW BREAKFAST	17	18	19	20	21 FRIDAY BREAKFAST KARAOKE	22 SONS OF AM VETS BURGERS
23 SONS OF AM VETS BREAKFAST	24	25	26	27	28 FRIDAY BREAKFAST	29 CHILI COOK-OFF** VFW BURGERS
30 BOY SCOUT BREAKFAST	31 HALLOWEEN				* SEE FLYER	**GET APPLICATION FROM CANTEEN!!

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**AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 367**

**“Lakeside Hoe-Down Dinner”**

**Proceeds to AMVETS Auxiliary Scholarship  
Fund**

**BBQ Chicken & Ribs**

Served with

Corn on the cob, coleslaw, beans and dessert

**September 17, 2011**

**Tickets: \$10.00 each or \$18.00 for 2**

**Dinner: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Entertainment**

**Raffle Prizes & 50/50 Drawing**

**Where: VFW Post 5867 /AmVets Post 367**

**12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside, (619) 443-0556**

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**Tickets available at the Canteen**





*AMVETS Ladies  
Auxiliary Post 367  
Dinner*

*October 7, 2011*

*Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti,  
Veggie, Salad, Dinner Roll and Dessert*

*\$8.00*

*5:00 pm to 8:00 pm*

*Karaoke*

*Open to the Public*

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