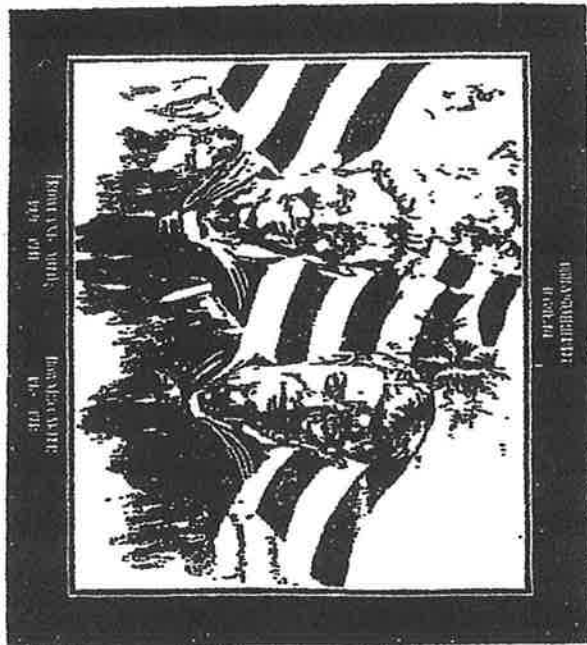


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Commander's Corner by Ron Bonnin

July/Aug 2011



Comrades,

I'd like to start this newsletter by thanking our last year's officers and welcoming our new ones. Chobby Betts, our outgoing Senior Vice Commander, for the last 3 years is taking a sabbatical to care for Mary and help his new church for a while. We will miss their generosity and happy smiling faces very much.

Our new Senior Vice Commander is Ensign Jason Basden. He has just been reactivated and is waiting to deploy. We're very proud of him. Paul Boston is our new Junior Vice Commander. He has done a fine job as Adjutant for several years. Nick Cowell, who is our webmaster, will be taking over as Adjutant. Victor Graversen is our new Post Surgeon. He is also a valuable member of our Post project team. Mike Cook, Don Jimerson, Larry West, Jeff Bucher, and Gary Walsh will continue to serve our post as they did last year. Rob Paetz, a past Post Commander, will take over as Judge Advocate for Bob Zimmerman who recently passed away. We miss this cheery soul every day. Bob's son, Marine Lt. Col. Patrick Zimmerman and daughter Megan have joined our Post and we are very proud to have them both. Many step forward every day to do something for our Post and we all owe them many thanks.

Memorial Day was very successful. Joel Anderson again was a crowd pleaser as always.

Major General Tom Conant was our key speaker. He is the Commanding General of the Third Marine Air Wing at Miramar. What an honor to hear him speak. After lunch, General Conant spent several hours talking to our members and the citizens of Lakeside. Bev Conant was just as cordial to all she encountered. The General is a Life Member of our Post. We are very proud to have been able to spend the day with them.

Our other speakers were Lt. Col. Jan January, Squadron Cdr. VMM165, our adopted squadron, and Nick Popaditch. Jan and Nick had their lovely wives Jenny and April with them.

Having these three U.S. Marine heroes and their wives in our midst for the day allows the citizens of our community to see first-hand what great people our military is made of.

We were so fortunate to again have the Third Marine Air Wing Band dazzle us with their incredible repertoire and expertise. How lucky we are to have known these Marines.

The VFW MC was in attendance. We are fortunate to have such a great group of veterans in our organization. They donate so much in so many ways to other veteran support groups. Thank you for all you do.

The San Diego County Sheriff sent two helicopters and their fire crews. Everyone enjoyed visiting with them.

East County Hot Rods and Children's I.D. were here to enjoy and use.

Kenny Place again was our master of ceremonies providing jokes and music. He always does a great job. Thank you.



Larry West and Paul Boston and their helpers put out 400 meals in just a little over an hour. What a great job. We owe you a great deal for all you do for us.

We have many great events in the next two months. Check in at the Post for details.

Thank you to the VFW and AmVets for all the help.

Your Comrade,

Ron Bonnin
Post Commander

VFW AUXILIARY * President's Report

By Donna Bonnin



Sisters and Comrades,

Thanks to all of you that worked so hard this past year for our Auxiliary in support of all the programs which are so important to our Veterans, their families, and our community. I am so proud of our Auxiliary and it's achievements of 2010 and 2011. The award ceremony was held on June 4th and Carter-Smith LAVFW 5867 took home the following awards for our Division:

- 1st Place - Americanism
- 1st Place - Cancer Aid and Research
- 1st Place - Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen
- 2nd Place - Community Service
- 2nd Place - Veterans & Family Support
- 2nd Place - Youth Activities
- 3rd Place - Hospital
- 3rd Place - VFW National Home for Children

Thank you again for working so hard in all of these areas. I know that we do a lot that isn't reported and our goal next year is to report 100% of our activities in each of these areas. I know we are doing a lot more than we are getting credit for.

The Post experienced another beautiful Memorial Day Ceremony. Thank you to our Commander, all the Comrades, Sisters, veterans, Scouts, community members, and families that participated and helped to make the day such a meaningful day as we remembered all those that made the ultimate sacrifice in their service to this great Nation.

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

Donna Bonnin
President

The Canteen (cont'd)

can enjoy Biscuits/Gravy, Ham and Eggs - \$5.00 which are served 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 - funds are donated to the general fund for these functions. We serve a Fish & Chips dinner on the 3rd Friday of every month and have a dinner on the 4th Thursday of every month (Sons of Am Vets). 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, 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!!!!!!** 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. Keep September 17th open, as the Am-Vet Auxiliary will be hosting a Lakeside Ho-Down - details to follow.

Suzanne Hunt, Canteen Manager

**Chaplain's Corner**

by Don Jimerson

Comrades who passed away are ROBERT ZIMMERMAN, KEN CHRISTOPHER and DONALD HERTENSTEIN. We will surely miss them all!

I want to thank everyone who has purchased a Buddy Poppy Board or a Memorial Board.
THANKS & GOD BLESS!

HOORAY!!! EVERYONE enjoyed our Super Memorial Day Service. Weren't Major General Conant and Lt. Col. January awesome??? Well done to our Commander Bonnin and everyone who put on this very special service!!!

MEMBERSHIPS: New Comrades include Richard Tait, Charles Chun, Jr., Melvin Lawrence, Patrick Zimmerman, Whitney & John Meyers, Miranda & Steve Williams, Kadraha & James Cully, James Cummins, Chad Fichell and Joe Noriega!!!

What an honor to serve a steak lunch to our Marine Air Station at Miramar. Commander Bonnin, Chaplain Jimerson, Gene Dupras, Stan DeHart, Woody Walker and Victor served steaks to the Marines for FREE BBQ STEAK LUNCH!!! MUCH THANKS TO YOU!



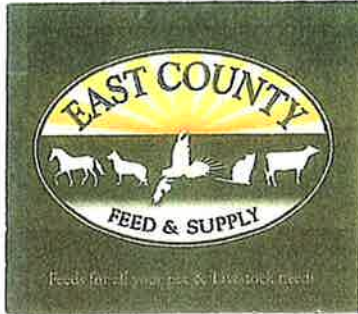
The Canteen

by Suzanne Hunt, Canteen Manager

Our Memorial Service was another huge success. Of course, with each event, a lot of work goes into it. First off, Thanks to Ron Bonnin, our Commander. He never ceases to amaze me. Larry West, Cecil Tuit, Gene Dupres did an awesome job getting all our guests fed. Thanks to Donna Bonnin & Devorah Basden also. What a job! A huge "thanks" to my bartenders, Nicki Cable, Kimberly Burke, Chandra Bowlus & Amanda Davison for all their hard work as well. Another huge thanks to my husband, Roger Lee, for helping me out on the patio. The Am-Vet Auxiliary, particularly, Aileen Gratton & Jerilynn Johnson for manning the games, provided a Jumpie for the kids, as well, a few games to keep the kiddies happy. Mila Perrine did face painting for the kids also. Many, many thanks to Pat Tello for helping us get the topside bar set up and to Bob Reis for all his help as well. I want to thank all of you that brought a salad or dessert as this was a huge help. My daughter, Amber, did a watermelon display for us (she is going to College at Grossmont learning catering). Thanks to Zee for directing traffic and Norma Zahn for taking pictures, Gene also took pictures. You can view our day on our VFW website at www.vfw-lakeside.org. 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 and Kimberly Burke, 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 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. As I have mentioned before, we are undertaking a lot of necessary repairs and purchasing new equipment for our old and out-dated stuff. So with that in mind, we are constantly doing fund-raisers to help raise the necessary funds to get the work done. Nothing, is inexpensive anymore - the VFW pays just like everyone else does. A Commander's Corner has been established to help raise funds, however, in addition to that, we have been doing a lot of fund raisers as well. We will be having a fund raiser on Monday, July 4th. Our Cooler in the Canteen is very old - we are experiencing mold issues - and therefore, need to replace it. Our plans are to purchase a larger cooler to accommodate our current needs. The funds from the July 4th event are slated exclusively for that purchase. Our Post has purchased a pig that was raised at El Capitan for the Junior Fair. She has been fed the best and we are looking to have a great big feast with her. Kent and Nicki Cable have generously allowed us to keep her at their "farm" so we could feed her out and be ready for good ol' eating on the 4th. Tickets are currently on sale at the Canteen. \$10.00 per person; \$18.00 for 2 in advance. At the door, you can also purchase tickets, however, they will be \$12.00. Children under 10 years of age are \$5.00 (which need to be purchased at the door as well). We are going to have a wide variety of salads, homemade beans, dinner rolls and dessert. This is an "all you can eat" function as well. **YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED - WE WILL HAVE LOTS TO ENTERTAIN YOU AS WELL. BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.** We will be having our annual "Rummage Sale" on Friday, July 15 and 16th. If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact me or Roger Martin at the Post (619) 443-0556. All proceeds from this event will also be going toward the purchase and installation of the Cooler as well. 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 Dupres 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

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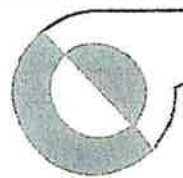
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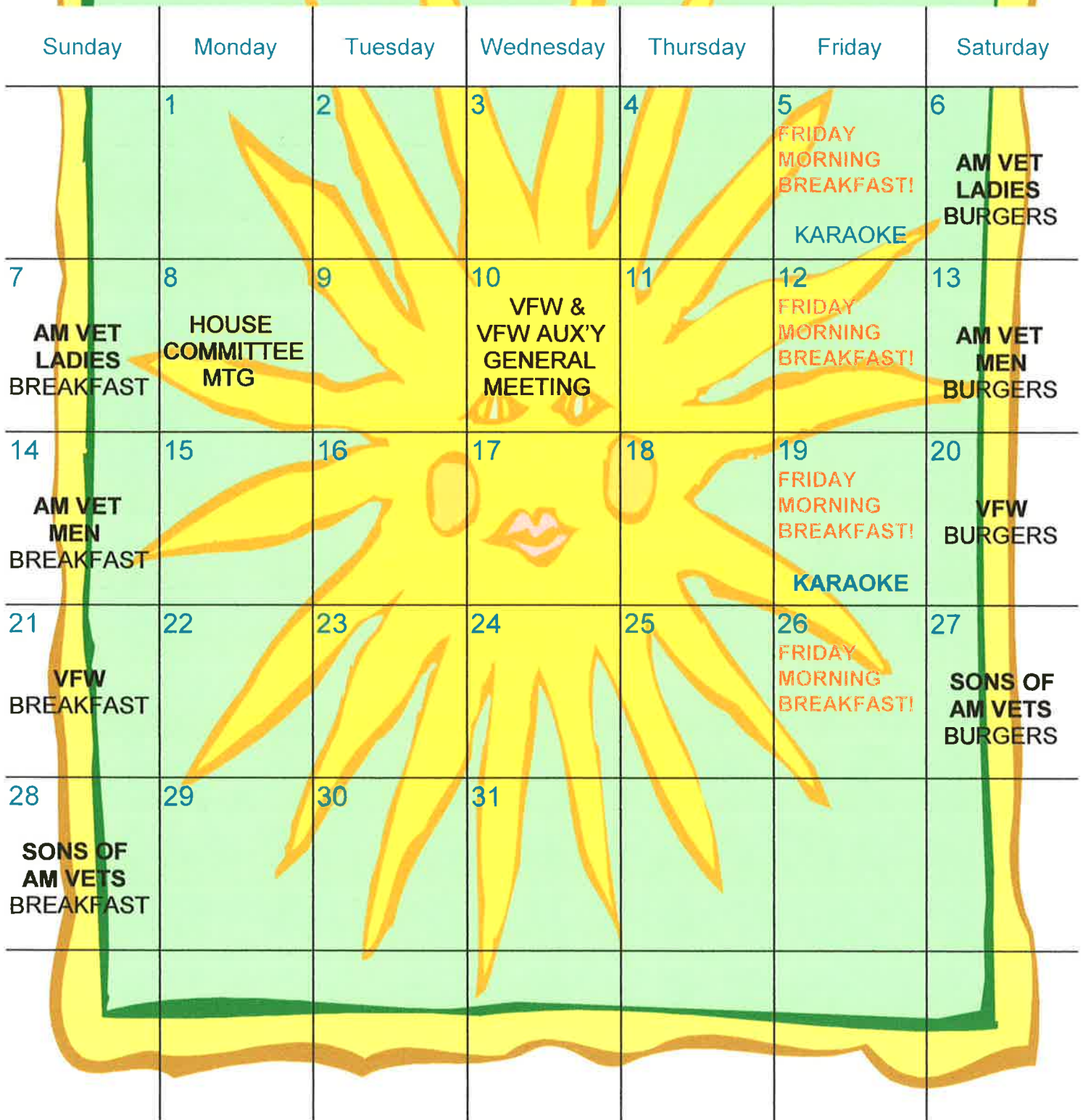


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