

All American Post

Fourteen Years All American

THE BLACK JACK

General John J. Pershing Post 4647

Antelope, California 95843

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH 2009

Post Commander

Stan Hanson

Comrades:

As of this date: Nov 30 2008 our Membership percentage is in bad shape. We are only at 79.65%, well below where we should be. We currently have 431 unpaid annual members that have not paid their dues for the current year.

The post is in danger of loosing our All State and All American status which has been our heritage since 1991 if we don't get up to 100%. Add to this the fact that for All State we have to have 150 new and reinstated members.

It is time for **all** of us to get busy to remedy this situation. **We all know and have a friend or relative who would love to be a member of our elite organization.** Let's get it done!

I have set a goal for myself at 10 new members. There is an incentive for this, \$10 for each new member. Let's get going.

Our Ladies Auxiliary is already at over 90%.

On the lighter side, I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Also hope your favorite football team has a winning record. Want to keep this short and to the point, so have a good next three months.

Stan Hanson, Commander

Sr. Vice Commander

Dennis Anderson

Comrades:

The New Year is here!
Thank you for all your support to the post this holiday season. I hope you all enjoyed your festivities!

We are still working hard for our membership renewal and looking for new members so please, if you have not renewed yet, do so. The post officer's breakfast will be starting a renewal breakfast. Anyone who comes in to the post to renew their membership on the **post officer day** (during breakfast hours) will receive a free breakfast that day.

On the second Sunday of each month from 9 am until 11 am we will have an Accountant, Attorney and a Mortgage representative on hand to help anyone that needs help. They will be at the post to give free advice if you need it.

We could really use your support at the Post meetings. I encourage all of you to come and give us your input. You are also welcome to attend the house committee meetings.

My sincere thanks goes out to all who devoted their time and resources to prepare and serve our Thanksgiving

dinners. We serve over 70 dinners. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Lets all have a great New Year

**Dennis Anderson,
Sr. Vice Commander**

**Jr. Vice Commander
Steve Milano**

Comrades:

Happy New Year! I'm grateful to everyone for all their hard work in the past year. A special thanks to Mel Bailey, Ed Sweat and crew for the effort they put into getting out all of the holiday food baskets.

Now that the holidays are behind us it is time to gear up for the Memorial Day parade! We will have parade committee meetings the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Regular parade meetings will start in March and I will publish a schedule soon. I will need all the help I can get so if you have any ideas please let me know.

Serving Those Who Served!

**Steve Milano,
Jr. Vice Commander**

**Ladies Auxiliary President
Sharon Hanson**

Dear Sisters,

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! Hope your holidays were all that you wanted them to be. I can't believe that a whole year has gone by already.

As of this writing our auxiliary membership is over 90%. This news was announced at our last district meeting. Our auxiliary was presented with our 2nd \$10.00 check for membership and bronze stars were won by Gretchen Anderson, Kathy Gardner and Cristy Peterson. Cristy also won a silver star for recruiting 2 new members. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be at 100%. Thanks to all of you and keep up the good work.

The next District Meeting is Feb 7th at 9:30 and is being hosted by our post. The ladies will be at Family Community Church 6331 Watt Ave., North Highlands, CA. We will be serving lunch back at the post after the meeting. Our Jr Girls will be honored so please plan on attending.

Our next meet and greet will be March 22nd 2-4 PM. Please bring finger foods and come and meet the ladies of your auxiliary. Watch the post bulletin boards or the web site for further information.

In closing I want to thank all of you for your hard work making my job easier.

May God bless us and our country in the coming year.

Yours in Sisterhood,

**Sharon Hanson
Ladies Auxiliary President**

**Ladies Auxiliary Sr. Vice
President
Gretchen Anderson**

Hello All:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I know I did. My son Derek came home on leave and Bob and I purchased a home. Talk about busy!

I'd like to thank all of you who came out during our Poppy Drive, without all of you this very important project wouldn't happen. We'll be out again in May mark your calendars.

We'll be having our annual "Sweetheart Dinner Dance" supporting our VFW National Home. It will be held Friday 13 February we'll be serving ham dinner with all the goodies. Tickets will be \$8.00 and available for pre-sale at the canteen.

The VFW Sr. Vice Commander and LAVFW Sr. Vice President "me" will be holding a Friday night dinner on 16 January. We'll be preparing mouth watering Lasagna with all the fixings. Tickets will be \$8.00

Invitations to the Past Commanders and Past Presidents dinner will be going out mid-March. The dinner will be held Friday April 3rd. Watch for flyers for more information.

The LAVFW will also host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 11 April. We are asking for donations of plastic eggs and wrapped candy to fill them. There will a visit from the Easter Bunny. Bring your family for some Post member camaraderie.

In Sisterhood,

Gretchen Anderson
Sr. Vice President

Ladies Auxiliary Jr. Vice President
Pat Webber

Hi Everyone,

I hope all of you had a happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

We are starting a New Year with some great events. I will start with a Ways and Means table in January. Come take a look. We will have our Friday night dinners with music for the dancers. Please join us! It will be lots of fun.

With Loyalty,

Pat Webber
Jr. Vice President

Auxiliary Treasurer
Wilma Chapman

I would like to welcome all our new members, Elizabeth Lady, Birdie Milano, Carolyn Perkins Irby, Janice Baxter, Louvenia Rye, Linda Ruyters, Gertie Collick, Dawn Victor, Brooks Bartness, Donna Yarak, Lisa Lolotea, Julie Conover, Linda Shackelford, Evelyn Hulgán, Betty England, Colleen Caras, Arnetta Becker, Denolia Eves and Donna Brooks.

There are still some annual members that need to pay their 2008 and 2009 dues before January. Also I'd like to remind our life members to pay their Cancer Insurance of \$5.00 per year.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Wilma Chapman,
Auxiliary Treasurer

Quartermaster
Al Griffith

I want to take time to thank three of our members who have come forward and made generous contributions to the Chaplain's Fund on behalf of Comrade Jerry White, who has done some service work for each of the three members. Jerry White has been the Post's leading

recruiter for many years and has done service work for Post members for as long. He has had some real success stories helping veterans with their VA claims. Thanks, Jerry.

As your Post Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen chairman, I need to thank my auxiliary counterpart, Lisa Lolotea for her efforts in getting students interested in the essay contests. Also thanks to the judges for the Post, Deb Morrison, Sheryl Ann Daverio, Auxiliary State Secretary/Treasurer, Post and Auxiliary members, Rich & Kelly Linares, Auxiliary member Joyce Tafoya and David & Nicole Owens. We had 22 Patriot's Pen entries and 19 Voice of Democracy entries.

In Comradeship,

Al Griffith, Quartermaster

NEW MEMBERS

Kristin L. Caldwell
Guillermo A. Campos
Joseph P. Canada
Carl Cloud
Gerald S. French
Arthoudious H Haden
Daniel R. Hilsabeck
John Johnson
Keith L.Lall
Donald Martin
Leroy D. Potter
Barry A. Pugh
Peter Y. Quichocho
David M. Renschler

James Shanahan
Thomas P. Sullo
Michael J. Williams
Dennis Williamson
Pernell Wingate

Welcome!

Men's Auxiliary Chaplain

Brent Alan Winholt

I hope everyone's holidays were merry and that you have a Happy New year! .

We would like to welcome our new members and remind those who aren't that we are still accepting new members.

We still have our meals so come on out, have a bite and see what the New Year brings. Thanks to all our members who have given their time and efforts in volunteering with our projects.

Brent Alan Winholt
Men's Auxiliary Chaplain

Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain

Juanzelyn Wright

I would like to take the time to thank the ladies for their continued help with both the food and kitchen help during the memorial service for Douglas

Monroe. My job ran smoother because of your constant support.

Please continue to keep me informed of any sister or post member going through difficult times.

Juanzelyn Wright
Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain

Canteen Manager

Garry Overby

Are you ready for the Memorial Day Parade? Now that we're all settling in after all the holiday extravaganza it's time to think about getting ready for our next big event. The Memorial Day Parade!

The holidays seemed to fly by but we sure had a lot of help from our volunteers.

Thanksgiving was a huge success because of the people who took time out from their own families to make sure the Veterans had a good Thanksgiving dinner.

Terry and Dianne brought together a successful Christmas party for the kids, as they do every year.

Without our volunteers where would we be? If you have time that you would like to donate, we sure could use your help out here at the VFW Post. We have a lot of events

coming up in the next three months. So come on out!

The Super bowl party is going to be great, especially now that we have our new TV's!

Garry Overby, Canteen Manager

Cootie Fun!

Dear Members of VFW Post 4647,

The MOC can trace its ancestry to the Imperial Order of the Dragon a similar fun-loving auxiliary that was affiliated with United Spanish War Veterans (USAWV). After WWI Fred Madden and F.L. Gransbury being members of both the USAWV and the VFW thought that if they formed an Auxiliary modeled after the Imperial Order of the Dragon through the VFW it may attract more members, so they began recruiting. At the VFW Encampment in Washington D.C. held on 17 September, 1920 they enrolled 300 members and Fred Madden had become the first Seam Squirrel. Later that year at the Cavalry Baptist Church in New York City a Special meeting was held to ratify the slate of officers. Madden then developed the constitution and by-laws while Gransbury wrote the ritual.

In the following years after the MOC began, they took on many special projects designed to bring smiling faces to two special groups of people –

hospitalized veterans and the residences of the VFW National Home. The National Home took first place in priority. In fact, the Cooties were the first to back Amy Ross' plan for the Home. In 1924 the Cooties persuaded the VFW to sponsor the project. Since then the Cooties have been working to improve the Home.

Between 1924 thru 1950 the Cooties raised funds for the Homes Christmas party, received permission from the VFW to build an athletic field raising \$15,000.00. The Cooties then tackled the construction of an outdoor swimming pool. The pool was dedicated in September 1950 with drumming up over \$8,000.00 more than the \$40,000.00 needed for the project. These projects were just the start for the VFW Military Oder of the Cootie.

Next time, "Why dress so funny?" and when was the MOCA formed?

Our local MOCA Pup Tent 69 have been very busy, we have visited the VA hospital in Reno, bought donations of books, puzzles and clothing to Mather VA hospital, twice and dressed as clowns for a visit at the Roseville convalescent home. On December 13th we'll be bringing many, many gifts and smiles to Yountville. This is one of our most pleasurable and most rewarding visits. We thank all of you who donate for these visits.

In the upcoming months we continue our theme dinners starting in January 23, it's "Fun in the Sun", February 20 "Cootie Fest" and March 13 watch out! Leprechauns Gone Wild!"

"Keep Them Smiling In Beds of White"

**Gretchen Anderson
Publicity Chairman of the MOCA**

Upcoming Events at Post 4647

***Sweetheart's Dinner Dance
February 13th***

***Meet & Greet
March 22nd***

***Past Presidents Dinner
April 3rd***



***Easter Egg Hunt
April 11th***

Taps



*James Aiello
Orval Anderson
Fletcher H. Johnson
Charles W. Moss
Douglas C. "Gunny" Monroe
Lee Pratt
William F. Shotwell
Aubrey "Bud" Simmons*

**Lest we forget those who
have gone before us...**

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January 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Mouth watering Lasagna with all the fixings. January 16. Tickets will be \$8.00 Check out the Fun in the Sun Dinner by MOCA January 23.</p> <p>January 11, from 9 am - 11 am Accountant, Attorney and a Mortgage representative at the post for free consults.</p>				<p>1 New Years Day</p>	<p>2 6:00p Dinner by Post Officers 7:00p Music by Miller Highlight</p>	<p>3 10:00a MOCA Scratch 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke</p>
<p>4 9:00a B'fast by Post Officers 1:00p MOC Scratch 7:30p DJ</p>	<p>5 7:00p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6 6:00p Dominos 6:00p DAV/RATS</p>	<p>7 7:00p NCOA Meeting</p>	<p>8 7:00p Ladies Aux Meeting</p>	<p>9 6:00p Dinner by Men's Aux 7:00p Music by Almost Famous</p>	<p>10 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke</p>
<p>11 9:00a B'fast by Men's Aux 10:00a Parade Meeting 7:30p DJ</p>	<p>12 5:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13 6:00p Dominos 7:00p Girl Scouts</p>	<p>14 7:00p Lions</p>	<p>15 7:00p Post Meeting</p>	<p>16 6:00p Lasagna Dinner by SR Vice Music by DJ Rick</p>	<p>17 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke</p>
<p>18 9:00a B'fast by Ladies Aux 7:30p DJ</p>	<p>19 1:00p Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lunch 7:00p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20 6:00p Dominos 7:00p Men's Aux</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 6:00p Fun in the Sun Dinner by MOCA Music by Lincoln Highway</p>	<p>24 7:00p Karaoke</p>
<p>25 9:00a B'fast by MOC 1:00p JR Girls 7:30p DJ</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:00p Dominos</p>	<p>28 7:00p Lions</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:00p Dinner by Ladies Aux Music by DJ Pineapple</p>	<p>31 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke</p>

February 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00a B'fast by Post Officers 1:00p Rental 1:00p MOC Scratch 3:00p SUPERBOWL 7:30p DJ	2 5:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	3 6:00p Dominos 6:00p DAV/RATS	4 7:00p NCOA Meeting	5	6 6:00p Dinner by Post Officers 7:00p Music by Miller Highlight	7 9:00a 17 th Dist Meeting 4647 7:00p Karaoke
8 9:00a B'fast by Men's Aux 10:00a Parade Meeting 7:30p DJ	9 7:00p Boy Scouts	10 6:00p Dominos 7:00p Girl Scouts	11 7:00p Lions	12 7:00p Ladies Aux Meeting	13 6:00p Dinner & Sweethearts Dance 7:00p Music by Lincoln Highway	14 Valentines Day 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
15 9:00a B'fast by Ladies Aux 7:30p DJ	16 5:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	17 6:00p Dominos 7:00p Men's Aux	18	19 7:00p Post Meeting	20 6:00p Dinner by MOCA 7:00p Music by DJ Rick	21 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
22 9:00a B'fast by MOCA 1:00p JR Girls 7:30p DJ	23 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Calendar Meeting – Articles Due	24 6:00p Dominos	25 7:00p Lions	26	27 6:00p Dinner by Men's Aux Music by DJ Pineapple	28 7:00p Karaoke

February 8, from 9 am - 11 am Accountant, Attorney and a Mortgage representative at the post for free consults.

Sweetheart Dinner Dance supporting our VFW National Home will be held Friday, February 13 we'll be serving ham dinner with all the goodies. Tickets will be \$8.00 and available for pre-sale at the canteen.

March 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00a B'fast by Post Officers 1:00p MOC Scratch 7:30p DJ	2 5:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	3 6:00p Dominos 6:00p DAV/RATS	4 7:00p NCOA Meeting	5	6 8:00a Life-line Screening 6:00p Dinner by Post Officers 7:00p Miller Highlights	7 10:00a MOCA Scratch 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
8 Daylight Savings 9:00a B'fast by Men's Aux 10:00a Parade Meeting 7:30p DJ	9 7:00p Boy Scouts	10 6:00p Dominos 7:00p Girl Scouts	11 7:00p Lions	12 7:00p Ladies Aux Meeting	13 6:00p Dinner by MOCA Music by Lincoln Highway	14 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
15 9:00a B'fast by Ladies Aux 7:30p DJ	16 5:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	17 St. Patrick's Day 4:00p Nick's Corned Beef 6:00p Dominos 7:00p Men's Aux	18	19 7:00p Post Meeting	20 6:00p Dinner by Men's Aux Music by DJ Rick	21 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
22 9:00a B'fast by DAVA 2:00p Meet & Greet 7:30p DJ	23 7:00p Boy Scouts	24 6:00p Dominos	25 7:00p Lions	26	27 6:00p Dinner by Ladies Aux 7:00p Music by Almost Famous	28 7:00p Karaoke
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