

# 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

APRIL MAY JUNE 2009

#### Post Commander

**Stan Hanson**

Comrades:

This last quarter of our fiscal year will be ending on June 30, 2009. As of today our membership is still way behind where we should be. We are only at 84.78%. We desperately need to get to 100% by May 15, 2009. This means we need to have an additional 291 of our continuous or annual members get their dues paid now. We also need 91 new and reinstated members to maintain our traditional All State and All American status. A tradition we have held for 18 years. Ladies and Gentlemen lets get it going. Remember a life membership in a long run is much less expensive.

Again I would like to say that there are still an awful lot of you I have not met yet. Let's make an attempt to get to a meeting or one our social events like a dinner with live music for dancing or a

Sunday breakfast. Check the calendar here in the Black Jack for the dates.

Oh! I guess it's proper to say our Ladies Auxiliary membership is 100%.

How about those Pittsburg Steelers winning the Super Bowl!

**Stan Hanson, Commander**

#### Sr. Vice Commander

**Dennis Anderson**

Comrades:

I hope all of you have had a great first quarter of the year. We are getting ready for the past Commanders dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and I hope you will attend. We will be having a prime rib dinner that night.

Elections are gearing up and I hope all of you will come and voice your concerns and be a part of the process.

I would like to thank all that have helped raise money for the parade this year. We really have a great start but more help is needed.

There cannot be enough thanks for all the organizations that help the VFW out on a daily basis. We would love to have your input and help on making this post even better than what it already is. Please voice your opinions by coming to the house committee meetings or post meetings. Your voice will always make a difference.

Thank you!

**Dennis Anderson,  
Sr. Vice Commander**

#### Jr. Vice Commander

**Steve Milano**

Comrades:

Another quarter has passed and we are moving into the last three months of the VFW year. I don't know where the time

has gone. We have a large number of events over the next few months and I encourage you to check the calendar so you don't miss any. I will highlight a few of these.

Post elections on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Monte Carlo night is April 18<sup>th</sup> and is a big fundraiser for the parade. Please see the article in this publication for details. The Memorial Day parade is May 25<sup>th</sup> and we still need volunteers to help with the many tasks associated with this event. Parade meetings are posted in the calendar so come on out and help out.

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year and look forward to working with you in the future.

Serving Those Who Served!

**Steve Milano,  
Jr. Vice Commander**

**Ladies Auxiliary President  
Sharon Hanson**

Dear Sisters:

The Auxiliary year is almost over. All in all it has been a successful year with one exception. We lost a dear sister Pat Webber. She is deeply missed by all.

This year we have seen an increase in the ladies attending our meetings. Members who haven't been coming to meetings

have started to attend again. It's always good to see you.

Some of the upcoming events are the Easter egg hunt at 9AM on 4-11-09. There will also be a Monte Carlo Night on 4-18-09 to help support the Memorial Day parade which will be on 5-25-09 at 10AM. Loyalty Day will be celebrated in May on 5-2-09 at Post 65. This is an awesome event that should not be missed. In honor of our fallen heroes we will be putting out the crosses at East Lawn Cemetery at 8AM.

The State Convention is coming up in June and I hope that some of you are planning on attending.

In closing I want to thank all of the auxiliary sisters for their help and guidance through this past year.

Yours in Sisterhood,

**Sharon Hanson  
Ladies Auxiliary President**

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

Hello All:

Spring has sprung! I hope everyone made it through the winter months healthy and happy. I can't wait for the warm weather.

April 11<sup>th</sup> our family Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 9:00am with lunch to follow. Bring your children ages 0 to 10 years old, armed with their baskets. The Easter bunny will make a visit. We are asking for donations of plastic eggs and candy to fill them. Drop them off at the Post please.

Watch your calendars for all the upcoming events this spring.

Now that this term of office is coming to a close I'd like to thank all of you for your support you've given me as your Senior Vice President to the Ladies Auxiliary. It's been a busy, yet rewarding year.

In Sisterhood,

**Gretchen Ihrig  
Sr. Vice President**

**Ladies Auxiliary Jr. Vice  
President  
Cristy Peterson**

Hello Comrades and Sisters:

Time for spring cleaning? We are having a clothing drive to benefit Mather Hospital. There will be collection buckets at the post. Please bring your gently used clothes to the post and we will take them from there. The Mather Hospital visit will be 4/25 please have your items to the post by 4/15 so they can be sorted.

We are raffling off an Afghan to raise funds for Mather's Meal Tickets. Mather provides meal tickets for outpatient visits, this program is funded by generous donations from people like you and I. I have made an afghan; tickets are 3 for \$1 or 20 for \$5. All proceeds will be donated to the Mather Hospital Meal Ticket Program.

Sisters and Comrades, We suffered a huge loss this year. Pat Webber will be terribly missed and her undeniable spirit is definitely our loss. I will miss her. God Rest Her Soul.

Yours with patriotic spirit!

**Cristy Peterson**  
**Jr. Vice President, Pro Tiem**

**Auxiliary Treasurer**  
**Wilma Chapman**

I would like to welcome all our new members, Jacquelyn Martin, Tara Ott-Caster, Clovis Madren, Janice McKeel, Wendy Brown and a welcome back to reinstated member Alice Taylor. Also a BIG welcome to Doris Schmndt and Mary Felker for transferring to our Auxiliary.

There are still some annual members that need to pay their 2009 dues. I would also like to remind our life members to pay their Cancer Insurance of \$5.00 for the year.

Yours in Sisterhood,

**Wilma Chapman,**  
**Auxiliary Treasurer**

**Quartermaster**  
**Al Griffith**

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters:

We had some real success with our Post level Voice of Democracy this year. Our Post winner, Kaitlin Law, went on to win the District 17 competition and finished second at the State level. More good news...Kaitlin is the eldest of six! Hannah Law was a Post finalist as a ninth grader and Steven Law was a finalist in the Patriots Pen competition. The Themes for 2009-2010 are: For Voice of Democracy, "Does America Still Have Heroes?" and for Patriots Pen, "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?" Entry forms are available online at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) >Programs >VFW Scholarship Programs.

Application forms for membership, Post and auxiliaries are in the hallway across from the kitchen counter. Transfers need to fill out a full application; just like a new member...National By-Laws require this. We accept Transfers with the same process that is required for new members.

In Comradeship,

**Al Griffith, Quartermaster, VOD**  
**Chairman**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

James D. Aldea  
Brian E. Beebe  
Troy B. Bisbee  
Angelique N. Dandridge  
Jason H. Franks  
Eddie L. Huff  
William Lane, Jr.  
Philip J. Lucke, Jr.  
Richard F. Snyder  
Daniel M. Stewart  
Rory S. Tokar  
Gerald H. Townsend  
George S. Wheeler  
Jon H. Young

**Welcome!**

**Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain**  
**Juanzelyn Wright**

As Chaplain I have many duties. I hope that my sad duties don't outweigh my good ones. So far the New Year brought a sad duty. We have lost a sister. We send our condolences to family and friends. As always, I am here to offer assistance in any way I can.

Please keep in touch by calling me. I can be reached at 916-338-5355 or 916-706-9744. Thank you for the support and May God Keep Blessing Us.

**Juanzelyn Wright**  
**Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain**

## Canteen Manager

Garry Overby

Summer is right around the corner but the canteen should be nice and cool with the new air conditioners. Hope I didn't jinks my self.

We have moved the shuffleboard to the game room plus the dart machine is back there and they seem to be used a lot more.

Golfers! We're starting back up again so come out and join us! We are trying to borrow a van from headquarters so we can take some members to a few games so keep a look out for our flyers.

Thanks to the cooks for making our Friday dinners and Sunday breakfasts a success. I know it's a lot of work but we do appreciate it.

**Garry Overby, Canteen Manager**

## “It's Buddy Poppy Time!”

We'll be out with our Poppies April 21 thru April 27. The sign up sheets will be at the Post, please try to be involved with project as the donations collected not only help our Vets, but as well as our community. We want to thank all of you who participated in November. It was the best turn out for a long time.

Thanks again,

**Edd Sweat & Gretchen Ihrig  
Buddy Poppy Chairmen**

## Cootie Fun!

The objective of the MOC is to have fun, harmless frolic, good comradeship and a want to increase our circle of friends in the VFW and the MOC.

Our Motto: Honor – Loyalty – Perseverance – and Industry  
The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Military Order of the Cootie of the United States was primarily organized as a fun organization, with no valid reason to duplicate the solemn work of our parent organization. We just have fun.

Staying with the hilarity, the Official Uniform was created: red pants with a white stripe running down each side; ruffled white shirt; lace trimmed red vest emblazoned on the back with a gold-outlined, bug like creature with flashing light bulb eyes; red overseas-style can worn sideways so that the tassels dangle beside the we ears. Surely whoever designed this outfit must have had in mind the old saying that “clothes make the man.” After all, the MOC main objective is to provide fun for themselves as well as others.

Soon after the MOC was formed this offbeat brand of humor and the cooties' light-hearted approach to problem-

solving, membership grew and the Military of the Cootie Auxiliary was formed.

This organization is open to LAVFW members who have been a member for at least six months, are in good standing, and are invited to join. At present there are 37,000 MOC members in 1,000 Pup tents with 17,000 MOCA members in 597 Pup tents.

The Military Order of the Cootie and its' Auxiliaries continues to grow in membership, raising funds for Our National Home and visiting our hospitalized veterans and having a blast!

“Keep Them Smiling In Beds of White”

**Gretchen Ihrig  
Publicity Chairman of the MOCA**

## Monte Carlo Night!

We are hosting the annual Monte Carlo Night on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-10:00 pm at VFW Post 4647. Cost of the event is \$15.00 and includes a spaghetti feast and \$1000.00 in chips. Enjoy an evening of blackjack, craps and Texas hold-em. We will have a blind raffle with great prizes for all the winners. This event is open to the public and all proceeds benefit the Memorial Day Parade. Questions can be addressed to Steve Milano, (916) 716-3798

## Memorial Day Parade!

**VFW Post 4647** is proud to present the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Memorial Day Parade honoring all those who gave their lives in defense of our great country. **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> start time is 10:00 am**

- ◆ Parade theme is: **Land of the Free – Because of the Brave**
- ◆ Parade date: Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> start time is 10:00 am
- ◆ Formation time is 8:00 am
- ◆ Start time is 10:00 am
- ◆ Application Deadline is Monday May 18, 2009

AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded in each category. A participation ribbon will be given to each individual participating in the parade. Awards will be presented at VFW Post 4647, 3300 "U" Street, Antelope CA, as soon as possible following the completion of the parade.

The Family Community Church will offer a Pancake Breakfast from 8 AM to 10 AM (Donations Accepted!!). There will be hot dogs, sodas, and beer (plus a no-host bar, of course) available at VFW Post 4647 following the Parade.

For further information or additional application forms, please visit our website at [www.VFWPost4647.org](http://www.VFWPost4647.org), or contact one of the following: Barbara Fowler, Parade Coordinator at, 916-267-3812 or [barb.fowler@gmail.com](mailto:barb.fowler@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events at Post 4647

*Past Presidents Dinner*  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Easter Egg Hunt*  
April 11<sup>th</sup>

*Monte Carlo Night*  
April 18<sup>th</sup>

*VFW Semi-Annual Bowling Tournament*  
May 9<sup>th</sup>

*Memorial Day Parade*  
May 25<sup>th</sup>

### 10th ANNUAL VFW CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT July 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

#### ATTN GOLFERS:

VFW Post 4647 is sponsoring the 9<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf tournament at River Oaks golf course on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2009. Great prizes, including a \$10,000.00 hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest drive, as well as raffle and door prizes.

Entry fee is \$85.00 per player, \$340.00 per team. A full team is not required. Entry fee includes golf, cart, and a steak

dinner at the post. Tournament is a scramble format with a shotgun start at 7: 30 am. Play is open to member's guests, and the public.



All proceeds from the event benefit the holiday food basket program. Entry forms are available at Post 4647 and on the website at [www.VFWPost4647.org](http://www.VFWPost4647.org). Contact Steve Milano @ (916) 716-3798 with any questions.

## Taps



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James W. Gallagher  
Lawrence R. Gould  
Lindell M. Kuntz  
George H. Lively  
John A. Miller  
Eduardo A. Rivera  
Joseph A. Russo  
John R. Samsel*

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