

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

JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2009

Post Commander

Dennis Anderson

I would like to start out by saying thank you for electing me as your new commander. I sincerely thank the auxiliaries for their tremendous support as well.

The Memorial Day parade was a huge success and a big thank you to everyone that helped out to make it the success that it was. We are going to start up a few new activities at the post so be sure to watch the Black Jack and check the website at VFWPost4647.org for updates on these events. Come out and have some fun!

Don't forget to mark your calendars in September for Pershing's dinner. Speaking of dinners have you noticed that the dinner prices have been coming down?

We are beginning a new community service program with the help of the ROTC and Boy Scouts. We need you to send in a letter of what you need done around your house. Examples would be for fence, lawn, garden, painting etc. We will select 2 people per month and come to your home with the kids and do the work. We know times are tough out there and we are just trying to help.

I would like to ask for your help in coming to the meetings and volunteering with the dinners and other events. Any help you could offer would be greatly appreciated. Please come to the meetings and help us to make this post better for everyone.

Thank You,

Dennis Anderson
Commander

Sr. Vice Commander
Steve Milano

I can't believe how quickly this year has passed and now it is time to start a new one. Thanks to all of you for your support this last year and I look forward to working with you in the year to come. I hope all of you will support the new Junior Vice Commander, Jonathan North as you have supported me.

The Memorial Day Parade was a huge success thanks the hard work of the many volunteers. **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.** Now it's time to move on to new challenges; specifically membership and the 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Many of you will be receiving letters from me addressing these important items.

Membership as usual is our greatest challenge for the upcoming year. I encourage everyone to look around for new members or find some existing members and get them to renew.

The golf tournament is September 27th 2009, at River Oaks golf course and is explained in detail in a separate article in the Black Jack. Thanks again for all of your support.

Serving Those Who Served,

Steve Milano,
Sr. Vice Commander

Jr. Vice Commander
Jonathan H. North

With the Convention behind us, your newly elected Officers are already off and running to make the 2009-2010 year one of the best years for VFW Post 4647. I thank everyone for your trust in electing me to the Junior Vice Commander position, and it is my promise to everyone that I will fulfill all of my obligations in such a way as to make the Post proud.

Post Officers can't do it on their own; we need your support by helping where you can and by

participating in our many Post activities. Please check the calendar for all the upcoming events.

Jonathan H. North
Jr. Vice Commander

Ladies Auxiliary President
Sharon Hanson

Here we are at the start of a new auxiliary year. What an exciting time. There are a lot of exciting things coming up, beginning with the 4th of July potluck and fireworks at the post. There will be a Ladies tea and fashion show in August and of course the Pershing Birthday dinner in September.

As always there are all the usual dinners and activities that are on going at the post. Be sure to check the post calendar and bulletin board for details on all events.

I am looking forward to working with the new officers and chairmen for the coming year. See you all at our first meeting of the new year, July 9th at 7PM.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Sharon Hanson
Ladies Auxiliary President

Ladies Auxiliary Sr. Vice President
Cristy Peterson

I would like to thank you for your support and for allowing me to serve as your Senior Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary this year. I am honored to serve my Auxiliary and my Post.

We are starting a new year at the VFW. Our Quotas will have to be met and we will all have to work together to make that happen. We

have some fund raisers scheduled to help us accomplish this. We have our Fire Works Booth at Watt and Elk Horn again this year. We will be near the Auto Zone. This is our 3rd year here and we are building a great clientele. We need volunteers to help run the booth. This is a big money maker for us. We need all the help we can get. If you cannot work a shift maybe you can refer customers to us. There is more than one way to help.

We are also having a Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, September 12. Come out and see what we have to offer. I would like to make this an annual event and we need a good showing to get our Vendors to return the following year. We already have Vendors reserving their tables. We have everything from purses to Gourmet Dog Treats. If you have any questions please direct them to the Vendor and Craft Fair committee Sherry Chavez, Alida Steinbrecher or myself. If you are interested in helping please contact me at 916-960-3254 or email me at vendorfair@vfwpost4647.org.

The annual Golf Tournament is around the corner. We will be teeing off at River Oaks Golf Course at 7:30 am on July 11. This is the 10th anniversary of the tournament. We need golfers. Get your team together and come on out. We are teaming up with the Women of AT&T again. We worked them to death last year and they are coming back for more.

We have started collecting items for our Troops in Afghanistan. We need monetary donations to help pay for shipping. I have a can at the Post to collect items to be shipped. I will use bubble gum and tootsie rolls for packing. Not asking anyone to absorb all of it but if we all work together the burden can be evenly distributed.

I am looking forward to a busy but fun year. Thank you again for your support and confidence in me. I will work very hard not to let you down.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Cristy Peterson
Ladies Auxiliary Sr. Vice President

Ladies Auxiliary Jr. Vice President
Genny Luke

We are women hear us roar! Sound familiar? Or I can bring home the bacon; fry it up in a pan! We are the best Ladies Auxiliary in California! Together we can accomplish great things. Please join us on the second Thursday each month, bring your most creative ideas and feel a part of something larger than life itself. We really do make a difference.

In September we will be having our annual Birthday dinner for General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, born on September 13th, 1860. Best known as, Commander of America. Quoted saying: "We came American. We shall remain American and go into battle with old glory over our heads. I will not parcel out American boys."

Check the calendar, save the date and turn out to pay tribute to this extraordinary man.

Genny Luke
Jr. Vice President

Auxiliary Treasurer
Wilma Chapman

A BIG HARDY WELCOME to all of our new members! Carolyn Gray, Lisa Austin, Donna Bencoskey, Margaret Ebbitt, Lynn Kreigs, Tricia Moxley, Christine Tweet, Thelma Bradshaw, Elenor Campbell, Phyllis Campbell, Melissa Cramer, Delores Galvez, Judith Cooper and a thank you to Judy Young for transferring.

To our Auxiliary members, there are still some of you who have not paid their cancer insurance for 2009. Ladies if you are not current on your insurance, your grant cannot be processed and for just \$5.00 a year it is well worth the money.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Wilma Chapman
Auxiliary Treasurer

Quartermaster
Al Griffith

Welcome new members!

Dan B. Carr
Martin J. Cody
Sylvester Davison, Jr.
Edward C. Dewhirst, Jr.
Meade S. Fitzgerald, Jr.
Walter L. Goodwater, III
Merle H. Gothard

Jerry Hart
Artena A. Houston
Lawrence R. Lemmon
George S. Magpusao
Edward A. Martinez
Ronald L. Myers
George H. Oneal
John Pensko, Jr.
Daniel M. Stewart
Herman R. Voegelé
Collie N. Washington
Paul Williams
Harrison L. Williams

Al Griffith
Quartermaster

Post Chaplain
Charles Luke

As we are about to start our new year, I would like to thank everyone for making me your Post Chaplain. I will do my best to assist those in distress and in need. To accomplish this I will need all of your help by providing me information of our comrades and their families in distress.

Let us pray for the protection and safe return of all our troops serving our country.

God Bless you and God Bless America!

Charles Luke
Post Chaplain, 916-331-8039

Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain
Juanzelyn Wright

These past months have been sad times not soon to be forgotten. Too many sisters and brothers are gone from our midst. They will be sorely missed.

I would like to give thanks to everyone for the support shown to the families during their bereavement. The friendships and food for all was greatly appreciated. Please, as always, keep me informed of any situation that I can help.

Sincerely Yours,

Juanzelyn Wright
Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain
916-338-5355 or 916-706-9744

Men's Auxiliary Chaplain
Brent Alan Winholt

We have lost many friends, family and comrades in the past few months. My heart goes out to all that were affected by these losses. Let's thank all who helped with the services, especially the Ladies' Auxiliary and of course Joanie Fitzgerald, who spent many hours setting up the room for these services.

We appreciate all who helped put up the crosses at East Lawn and of course a big thanks to Garry and the volunteers for the Memorial Day Bash they threw at the post.

Elections were held in April, and our new officers are: President, Dave Poe, Senior Vice, Lou Antoine, JR. Vice, Martin Carlos Chavez, Chaplin, Brent Winholt, and Treasurer, Erin Poe.

We will be having our usual dinners and breakfasts coming up so please come out and eat. We will also be having a fireworks stand with the Ladies Auxiliary on Elkhorn by Auto Zone, watch for it. The Men's Auxiliary has donated to the Rio Linda Little League Yankees team so that they can get a banner for themselves.

Well I know there was more but I will close for now everyone have a great rest of the summer and remember be safe, happy and smile, for we don't want to lose anymore of our friends.

Brent Alan Winholt
Men's Auxiliary Chaplain

Canteen Manager
Garry Overby

Memorial Day was a huge success! Thanks to all the volunteers that helped on the parade. I especially want to thank the beer servers plus the girls that helped pour all the sodas and the guys who stood over the pit cooking hotdogs. The next big event will be July 4th BBQ, Potluck, DJ & Fireworks!

The new commander and officers have been installed. I'm looking forward to their new ideas. We appreciate the outgoing commander and officers for the time and effort they put in to make this a better post. And of course I'm grateful for the Ladies and Men's Auxiliary, who help me out a lot.

I am looking forward to all the new projects we have in store. Some of the projects we have coming up are

putting a new roof on the shed plus paving the parking lot.

Garry Overby
Canteen Manager

Cootie Fun!

The Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary is still busy visiting our hospitalized veterans. We've adopted a new nursing home, Heritage Care Center, which has welcomed us with open arms and has featured our visits in their news letter both in April and May. The residents are great and the staff is terrific. As we start our new year we have many visits planned. Each month we visit a facility to include Mather and Eskaton. Our two BIG visits will be to the Veteran's hospital in Reno August 30-31 and our annual MOC picnic in Yountville September 20th. We've made crowns to make the Vets kings or queens for the day as well as comfort item gifts. All these events and shared happiness would not be possible if not for the support all of you give to the MOCA though our dinners and breakfasts, also your donations of puzzles, books, clothing and raffle prizes. We thank all of sincerely and that's how we "Keep them smiling in beds of white."

Our favorite dinner is coming soon! Christmas in July! We'll be serving a full Christmas feast, turkey and all the trimmings Friday, July 24. Glenn Homes will be helping us out 31 July and then again 28 August - You Know It Yummy RIBS! Hope to see you all there!

With Many Thanks,

Gretchen Ihrig
MOCA President

OUR FIRST ANNUAL VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR.

We are hosting a Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday September 12, 2009 from 10 am to 4pm. We are expecting approximately 20 vendors to attend. We will have every kind of vendor you can think of (or at least that is our goal). We already have vendors reserving tables. We are serving lunch for a nominal fee and we will have a raffle. Raffle will take place throughout the day and you do not have to be present to win.

If you know someone or if you want to display your wares please contact Alida Steinbrecher, 916-991-7260, Cristy Peterson, 916-960-3254, or Sherry Chavez 916-331-1864, or email me at

vendorfair@vfwpost4647.org.

There is a fee for renting a table and we are requesting that each vendor donate a raffle prize. Advertising will come in the form of fliers and an article in the North Sac News.

10th ANNUAL VFW CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT September 27th, 2009

ATTN GOLFERS: The Ladies of AT&T and the VFW Post 4647 are sponsoring the 10th annual charity golf tournament at River Oaks golf course on September 27th, 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 VFWPost4647.org. Contact Steve Milano @ (916) 716-3798 with any questions.

Upcoming Events

BBQ Potluck/

DJ/ Fireworks

July 4th

Christmas in July

July 24th

Luau

August 22nd

Ladies Tea Party/Fashion Show

August 29th

POW/MIA Luncheon

September 5th

Pershing Dinner

September 11th

Vendor/Craft Fair

September 12th

Toga/Pool Party

September 26th

Golf Tournament

September 27th

Taps

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



*Hugh Boyle
Richard P. Johnson
David Burrington
Jimmie E.
Alexander (Alex)
William J. Brown
Robert H. Reynolds
James H. Brossard
Brit I. Mayfield, Sr.
Robert O. Lake*



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