

# All American Post

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## THE BLACK JACK

General John J. Pershing Post 4647

Antelope, California 95843

### Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH 2010

**Post Commander**  
**Dennis Anderson**

I hope all of you have had a great Holiday season. I would like to start out by saying Thank you to all the people that gave up their time during this holiday season to help the post with all its activities. With out their help this Holiday season would not have been a happy one for a lot of members, again, thank you.

I would also like to thank all members who came out and supported the post on Veterans Day. We had a great turn out. It was disheartening to see some not participate in the activities but instead stay inside. The post is there for the Veterans and their families. It is because of their sacrifices that we have what we have. It is not respectful to them or our post for members and visitors to be at our post and not take the proper time for respect for our veterans. I promise you all this will never happen again.

With half the year over again we are trying to get the membership up. Please renew your membership early so we are not waiting till the last minute as usual. I know times are tough out there and money is tight. If there is a problem please let us know so we can find a way to help you. We are all here to help each other out as comrades and friends. Again thank you for all your help and support that you give.

**Dennis Anderson**  
**Commander**

**Sr. Vice Commander**  
**Steve Milano**

As we move into the New Year I would like to thank all the volunteers at Post 4647 for the many things they do to keep all the activities moving forward. It would take too long to name everyone individually but I would like to personally thank Don Chapman for his extraordinary efforts with the Buddy Poppies, Holiday Food Baskets, and many other programs. I would also like to thank my "go to gal" Jenny (Lil Moe) Goddard. She has masterminded the annual golf tournament dinner for the past five years and done a great job. She has also been available to put together meals for the post at a moment's notice and never let us down. Thank you, Don and Jenny.

As I prepared to write this article I once again thought about the amount time and effort needed to run the post. I was feeling sorry for myself and others that volunteer their time and energies to Post 4647. I started thinking about the service members deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and reminded myself why we do what we do. Comrades, I leave you with a quote from our mission as stated in the Congressional Charter: "...to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and to assist their widows and orphans; ..."

Serving Those Who Served,

**Steve Milano**  
**Sr. Vice Commander**

**Jr. Vice Commander**  
**Jonathan North**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a splendid holiday season. Our Post always does a great job helping those in need, as we did in the Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket program. Many thanks go out to Don Chapman for heading it up, and to all those that helped by donating and in putting it all together. Thanks also, to Terry White for organizing and putting on the Kid's Christmas Party. There were also many activities at the Post for the members. Lots of time and effort went into making it all happen by many of our dedicated members. Don't we have a great membership?

With the New Year comes a new set of challenges. The Memorial Day Parade will be here in just a few months and now is the time for us to begin organizing and lining up all the details. This year's theme is "For The People, Then and Now" We want to emphasize that our Country was made great by our Founding Fathers and still is through the dedication and sacrifices of our brave military soldiers. We will have committee meetings beginning in January, on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Additional meetings will be announced as parade day gets closer. I am pleased that most of the parade staff from last

year will be stepping up again this year. I will need all the support I can get for this important event.

Participation in the weekly breakfast program has fallen off over the last months. The food seems to get better but the attendance is diminishing. Activities like this are there for our membership to enjoy and to help fund projects like the parade. Please come out and support this and our many other programs.

**Jonathan North  
Jr. Vice Commander**

**Ladies Auxiliary President  
Sharon Hanson**

Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were all you wanted them to be. The parties are over and now it's time to get back to business.

**We are close to being 100% in our membership status.** If you know someone who is eligible please sign them up. We lost the membership medallions to Post 67 at the last District meeting. Please, let's not leave the medallions there! We want them back! They belong to Post 4647.

Chairman, please get your reports in. I have only received two. It is very important to get them in. **As a non-profit organization, the community service hours donated by our volunteers is what constitutes our ability to remain a non-profit organization.** We need this for our tax status.

**Our next district meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup>** at West Sacramento Post 8762 at 9:30 AM. Please try to attend.

Let's make our Auxiliary membership 100% again this year!

Yours in Sisterhood,

**Sharon Hanson  
Ladies Auxiliary President**

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

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday season. Hard to believe our year is half over. We have many fun activities planned for this quarter. Here is a couple of save the dates;

1. *January 22 - Voice of Democracy Banquet - Hilton by Arden Fair*
2. *February 12 - Sweet Hearts Dance*
3. *March 12 - Corned Beef and Cabbage - Fund raiser for Stand Down*
4. *March 20 - Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Party*

I am really excited about the **Stand Down fund raiser.** This is the first year we have done this. Every year we donate money to help with Stand Down, but last year we did not have the funds. So we are getting a jump on it. If you are not familiar with Stand Down it is an opportunity to help those less fortunate.

**Sadly, many of our homeless are in fact Veterans. Stand Down gives them a place to sleep, shower, eat, shave, get haircuts and much needed medical assistance. They are given clean clothes to wear and usually some toiletries.** Nan Murphy and I are making the dinner and we will have a raffle to boot. **Come out and show your support.**

Yours in Sisterhood,

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

**Ladies Auxiliary Jr. Vice  
President  
Genny Luke**

**Happy New Year!**

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays, as I did. Can you believe it is already 2010?

With the New Year, we bring into our lives new resolutions. I hope yours was to be more involved in your Ladies Auxiliary. If you enjoy decorating tables or frying eggs, we could use your help.

**The MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER walk** was very successful with a SPIRITED Ladies Auxiliary team consisting of seven walkers. **We collected over \$300!**

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a **Crystal Bingo Social on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Donation is \$5.00.**

We are now beginning the process of putting together the **Memorial Day Parade.** This is a huge undertaking but also very rewarding. **If you are interested in participating this year,** we have many positions to be filled.

Ciao for now,

**Genny Luke  
Jr. Vice President**

**Auxiliary Treasurer  
Wilma Chapman**

**Please welcome our new Auxiliary members:** Cassie Magnus, Iris Taylor, Jacqueline Snyder, Alexis Ludd, Donna Jean Duffy and our latest transfer, Betty Kaiser. A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!

The New Year has arrived and we still have some members who have not paid their 2009 or 2010 dues. The Auxiliary needs your help with their programs and expenses. **PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!**

Yours in Sisterhood,

**Wilma Chapman  
Auxiliary Treasurer**

## **Quartermaster Al Griffith**

### **Welcome new members!**

Kenneth Benton  
Albert W. Brown  
Doug D. Bruegeman  
Jeff S. Brunton  
Howard S. Devore  
Joseph B. Draper  
Joseph B. Flammia  
Andrew Gaston  
Shane Gibbs  
James K. Hall  
Carl D. House  
Brett C. Kendrick  
Pierre A. Richards  
Stanley R. Schoen  
Karl H. Shallbetter  
Charles h. Spence  
Aaron N. Sullivan  
Joseph S. Woloszyn  
James R. Yadon

### **Al Griffith Quartermaster**

### **Post Chaplain Charles Luke**

We are now in the New Year (2010) but our commitment to our Comrades must continue. The Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were a great success and brought us closer to our community. Thanks to all who contributed to these worthy causes.

Since our last Black Jack, we have lost many Post and Auxiliary comrades. We must always remember the ones they left behind and assist them if they require it.

I still need to be informed of any Comrades or families in distress. Through your help we can help our own.

Let us pray for the well being of our comrades, and also the safe return for 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**

As always, I would like to thank everyone for their special support to the bereaved families by bringing donations of food for the wakes. Everything is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to keep me informed of any situation that I may be of help.

Sincerely Yours,

**Juanzelyn Wright  
Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain  
916-338-5355 or 916-968-7438**

### **Men's Auxiliary Chaplain Brent Alan Winholt**

Hello, I hope this article finds everyone well and happy. Let's hope that everyone had a great holiday season and let me welcome all of you to 2010.

The Men's Auxiliary breakfasts and dinners are still going strong, we have improved on them and the response from post members has been great. We thank all of you that come out to eat them.

I want to send out a special thank-you to Tom Peterson and the Men's Auxiliary for the improvements at the post. Tom was instrumental in having the light out in the parking lot moved and replaced so that it provided better light and safety for all of us. He is also having the parking lot resurfaced but that will have to be done when the weather gets warmer. The Men's Auxiliary has repaired and replaced many things around the post kudos to them as well.

I hope everyone has a great and prosperous new year.

**Brent Alan Winholt  
Men's Auxiliary Chaplain**

### **Canteen Manager Garry Overby**

I hope everyone had a good year and happy holidays. I know the post was busy in 2009 because it flew by. It's hard to believe its 2010 but the older we get the faster time goes. We lost a few comrades last year but I'm really missing Edd Sweet. He helped me a lot around the post plus

he was a good friend. Don Chapman is trying to fill his shoes because Don was a good friend of Edd's, also if anyone likes to work outside cutting grass or just doing small jobs please come out and help Don. I don't see many changes coming down the road in the near future so keep coming out to the post and relaxing with your friends any questions just give me a call.

**Garry Overby  
Canteen Manager  
916-332-5950**

### **Upcoming Events – check the calendar!**

#### **January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00a Bloody Mary Specials

#### **January 18<sup>th</sup>**

2:00p Martin Luther King  
Luncheon

#### **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Voice of Democracy Banquet at  
the Hilton by Arden Fair

#### **February 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:00p Sweetheart's Dinner &  
Dance

#### **March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Corned Beef and Cabbage –  
Fundraiser for Stand Down

#### **March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Party

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# Taps

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have gone before us...

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# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00a Bloody Mary Specials No Dinner 7:00p Music by DJ	2 10:00a MOCA Scratch 7:00p Karaoke
3 9:00a B'fast by PO 1:00p MOC Scratch 7:30p DJ	4 7:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	5 7:00p DAVA/RATS	6 7:00p NCOA Meeting	7	8 6:00p Dinner by PO 7:00p Music by Parel Brothers	9 7:00p Karaoke
10 9:00a B'fast by LA 10:00a Parade Mtg 7:30p DJ	11 7:00p Boy Scouts	12	13 7:00p Lions	14 7:00p Ladies Aux Meeting	15 6:00p Dinner by MA 7:00p Music by Uptown Country	16 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
17 9:00a B'fast by MOC 5:00p Rental 7:30p DJ	18 2:00p Martin Luther King Lunch 7:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	19 5:30p Men's Aux	20	21 7:00p Post Meeting	22 6:00p Dinner by MOCA 7:00p Music by Lincoln Highway	23 7:00p Karaoke
24 9:00a B'fast by MOCA 7:30p DJ	25 7:00p Boy Scouts	26	27 7:00p Lions	28	29 6:00p Dinner by LA 7:00p Music by River City Dance	30 7:00p Karaoke
31 9:00a B'fast by MA 7:30p DJ	January 22 <sup>nd</sup> Voice of Democracy Banquet at the Hilton January 23 <sup>rd</sup> C of A at the Hilton January 23 <sup>rd</sup> Council of Administration Meetings, Sacramento, CA					

# February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	2 7:00p DAVA/RATS	3 7:00p NCOA Meeting	4	5 6:00p Dinner by PO 7:00p Music by Miller Highlights	6 10:00a MOCA Scratch 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
7 9:00a B'fast by PO 1:00p MOC Scratch 3:00p Super bowl Party 7:30p DJ	8 7:00p Boy Scouts	9	10 7:00p Lions	11 7:00p Ladies Aux Meeting	12 6:00p Sweetheart's Dinner & Dance 7:00p Music by Uptown Country	13 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
14 9:00a B'fast by LA 10:00a Parade Mtg 7:30p DJ	15 7:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	16 5:30p Men's Aux	17	18 7:00p Post Meeting	19 6:00p Dinner by AFSA – NY Steak 7:00p Music by Lincoln Highway	20 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
21 9:00a B'fast by MA 7:30p DJ	22 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Calendar Meeting	23	24 7:00p Lions	25	26 6:00p Dinner by MOCA 7:00p Music by DJ Rick	27 5:00p Rental 7:00p Karaoke
28 9:00a B'fast by 7:30p DJ	February 7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Post 8762 February 12 <sup>th</sup> Sweethearts Dinner and Dance February 22 <sup>nd</sup> Calendar Meeting					

# March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	2 7:00p DAVA/RATS	3 7:00p NCOA Meeting	4	5 6:00p Dinner by PO 7:00p Music by Miller Highlights	6 10:00a MOCA Scratch 7:00p Karaoke
7 9:00a B'fast by PO 1:00p MOC Scratch 7:30p DJ	8 7:00p Boy Scouts	9	10 7:00p Lions	11 7:00p Ladies Aux Meeting	12 6:00p Dinner by Cristy & Nan 7:00p Music by River City Dance	13 7:00p Karaoke
14 9:00a B'fast by LA 10:00a Parade Mtg 7:30p DJ	15 7:00p House Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts	16 5:30p Men's Aux	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 8:00a Life Screening 5:00p Corned Beef and Cabbage	18 7:00p Post Meeting	19 6:00p Dinner by LA 7:00p Music by Parel Brothers	20 1:00p Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Social 7:00p Karaoke
21 9:00a B'fast by MA 7:30p DJ	22 7:00p Boy Scouts	23	24 7:00p Lions	25	26 6:00p Dinner by LA 7:00p Music by Uptown Country	27 7:00p Karaoke
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