

Pot Shot August 2026

Fair Oaks Veterans Hall Monthly Meetings

8990 Kruitof Way
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

VFW Post Housing Committee Meeting: 7 pm, 1st Tuesday each month

VFW Post General Meeting 7 pm, 2nd Tuesday each month

VFW Auxiliary Membership Meeting: 7 pm, 2nd Tuesday each month

American Legion Executive Committee Meeting: 7 pm, 3rd Tuesday each month

American Legion General Membership Meeting: 7 pm, 4th Tuesday each month

American Legion Auxiliary Membership Meeting: 6 pm, 4th Tuesday each month

VFW Commander's Corner

By Gary Burns

The VFW National Home for Children located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is just one of many ways we help veterans. Families find a healing calm in a tranquil, rural, small-town community. Tree-lined streets connect 42 single-family homes with facilities like our gym, library, computer and science labs, Day Care Center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails and more.

The National Home's community is open to the families of active-duty military personnel, veterans and relatives of [VFW](#) and VFW [Auxiliary members](#). The family can be one or both parents with one or more children (under the age of 18), and with a need for support. Families may stay at the National Home for up to 4 years as they work with a case worker towards family goals to ensure future success.

Of the 42 homes available for veteran families, two houses are sponsored by California's VFW. If you know someone who would benefit from this amazing opportunity to get their life back on track, have them check out www.vfwnationalhome.org for more information.

Keeping the Children in mind, we are going to have a "Hot August Night Ice Cream Social" on Saturday, August 15th from 3-6 PM. We plan to have music, games, and of course, ice cream with toppings. We will have a special donation jar raising money for the VFW National Home for Children.

Stay safe, and I hope to see you at the post soon.

Ice Cream Social

Scoops, Smiles, and Sweet Memories.
The Whole Local Community is Welcome!



During this FREE event, we will be accepting donations
for the VFW National Home for Children



What's Included

Ice Cream Bar

Great Music

Fun Games



Saturday
15 August 2026



Event Time
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

See You
There!



VFW Post 6158
8990 Kruitof Way
Fair Oaks

Sign Up
Now!



VFW Benefits Officer

By Chuck Jamison

<https://chvmp.org/vietnam-veterans-memorial-wall/> is the website for the 90% size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall (in Washington DC). They have all the permits okayed, land donated, and contractors willing to work at cost. Now they need to raise the rest of the money to actually build it. If you would like to make a personal donation, you can do that at the website. If you know of any groups, foundations, or other organizations that could help raise funds, send them to the website.

We volunteer at Troopathon in Sacramento on the first Monday of the month packing care packages that go straight to deployed troops. For more information oakpiper@gmail.com and I can send you a reminder as well information for volunteering at another time. Their website is:

<https://www.troopathon.org/>

American Legion Post 383 Commander

By Chris Siegfried

Hello everyone,

My name is Chris, and I'm honored to be serving my second year as Commander of American Legion Post 383. I want to thank all of you for your support, encouragement, and the opportunity to serve. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many dedicated Veterans and volunteers who care deeply about our Post, our Veterans Hall, and our community.

Looking ahead, one of my biggest goals is to continue building stronger relationships between the American Legion, the VFW, and our Auxiliaries. While we each have our own traditions and programs, we're all here for the same reason—to support veterans, their families, and one another. I believe that when we work together, share ideas, and lend a hand whenever we can, there's no limit to what we can accomplish for the Veterans who count on us.

VFW Auxiliary by Suzanne Winters, President ALA Unit 383

As we start the new year 2026-2027, I would like to congratulate all the ALA officers.

1. President: Suzanne Winter
2. 1st Vice: Janet Payne
3. 2nd Vice: Julia Natkeemper
4. Secretary: Megan Dunning
5. Treasurer: Robin Schmit
6. Chaplain: Denise Verbeck
7. Sargent At Arms: Lara Smith

In addition to Unit officers, three of us from ALA unit 383 accepted positions with District 6.

1. President: Suzanne Winters
2. 1st Vice: Robin Schmit
3. 2nd Vice: Megan Dunning

I am very proud of the accomplishment that this unit has made this year in support of our veterans, military families, education to our children and youth with our patriotic programs, and the generous support we give to our community. Post commander Gary Burns stated last month we are the home

to many organizations, but we are on the same team to provide aid and comfort to our veterans and military families.

250-year celebration

On July 1, 2026, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary teamed up at Mather VA to celebrate this Great Nation. It always amazes me to think how young this nation is and what we have accomplished in 250 years. A lot of this has to do with the brave men and women who have sacrificed their wellbeing for the security of our nation. Thank you.

If you are at the Post enough you will be blessed by the generosity of the community that passes thought these walls. The Monday before the 250 celebration a lady named Mel brought 6 boxes of unwrapped see's candy. We wrapped the candy in cellophane and handed it out to over 200 veterans who came to Mather.



We handed out a lot of other bling as well. Back-scratchers were the #1 hit. This was a great way to connect with our veteran community. I know that at least 3 whom we talked to have come for dinner. So, if you see a new face, please say Hi.

Monday Night Dinners

Team ALA kitchen crew would like to thank all of you who came out and support the dinners. This is what your contribution does:

April: \$100.00 for Diapers for Travis Air Force babies
\$200.00 Stand-down
\$800.00 Help a veteran with lodging

May:

\$292 Northridge school appreciation for teachers and staff
\$212 meat for Memorial Day remembrance
\$1,000 Arco Gas card for veterans at Mather to make their Dr. Appointments
\$210 Photo Booth at Mather for female Veterans appreciation.

June:

\$1,000 to assist a father of three small children with gas and food.
We are now getting ready to kick off the new school year with supplies for teachers and students. Last Monday as always, \$100 was handed in toward school supplies.

So if you ever wonder if you make a difference, wonder no more. It's because of your generosity that we can aid our veterans, Military family, children and youth programs and make our community a better place to live.

Thank you. ALA Unit 383 Fair Oaks.

Garage Sale Back for Another Year

By Linda Rucker

The VFW Auxiliary is gathering items for our rummage sale in September. We are in desperate need of plastic totes to store items. Please contact Linda Rucker 916-247-3542 for more information. We need good items, so spread the word to friends and neighbors. Let's make this our best year yet. All profits go to our VFW and Auxiliary projects. We bought a powerful outdoor sound system last year to use for our events held outside.

ALA/AUX Chaplain's Article

By Denise Verbeck deniseverb@aol.com, 916-967-5110

Greetings to all our beloved Auxiliary members. If you or someone you know from our organization is in the hospital, sick at home, going through a rough patch, or has lost a loved one, please, contact me. If you are celebrating your birthday, please join us on our 4th Tuesday meeting at 6 pm, I'll treat you to a celebratory drink.

American Legion Auxiliary - Back to school supplies for Northridge school

San Juan School District is comprised of 65 schools, of which 34 schools qualify for federal assistance through Title I funds. To qualify, the school must have several families that are flagged as low income. Title 1 Schools and students then receive funds for extra services to help students achieve proficiency. This added bonus can go for Resources, specialized teachers, aides, etc. The principal has asked for:

Clorox wipes
Tissues
Hand sanitizer

Ziploc bags of various sizes(for manipulatives in Math etc)

Items will be collected at Monday night meals starting on July 20 and ending August 27.

Items may also be brought to the VFWAUX AND ALA MEETINGS in July and August.

Thank you to our post diners and singers for the \$100 that was collected on lucky July 13!

Sacramento Stand-down September 24-26

This is a great opportunity to help our unhoused veterans. I will have a comprehensive list of items our veterans need. One of the treasures that our Post has made in the past is our knit beanies. So, this is a good time to get started.

In Service, Denise Verbeck, ALA Community Service deniseverb@aol.com

VFW Post 4647 School of Instruction

Denise Verbeck & Cyndi Juarez

VFW Post 4647 once again hosted an enlightened School of Instruction. Commander Gary Burns attended the VFW meeting. The VFW AUX meeting was attended by Cynthia Juarez, Janet Payne, Cheryl Lambert, Leslie Lorenzo, Karen Aki, and Denise Verbeck. It was an interactive session that answered questions we all had. Some of which were; how to use Malta, enter our activities on the website, correctly doing the quarterly audits, a list of officers and important contacts, and what our officer duties entail. There was time for networking and lunch. These meetings are well worth your time. Below is a picture of our District President, Joyce Bilyeu and 6158 officers.



250th 4th of July Celebration

By: Cynthia Juarez - Auxiliary President

Thank you to All of Volunteers and guess who helped make this 250th 4th of July Celebration so Special. We are honored that our 3rd District Member of Congress Kevin Riley spoke - informing us that he will be donating a Flag that was being flown over the Capital. He was also accompanied by his wife Chelsea, along with his Senior Constituent Services Liaison Peter Gemellaro [not shown in photo below]. Gary Burns, VFW Commander, Cynthia Juarez, VFW Auxiliary President, and our Post Volunteers are looking forward to the many events serving our military veterans and their families during 2026/2027 .





August 2026						
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SATURDAY-SUNDAY POST IS OPEN AT 11:00 AM	MONDAY-FRIDAY POST IS OPEN AT 2:00 PM					POST OPEN AT 1100 AM
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POST OPEN AT 1100 AM	10 am – 1 pm Troopathon 3105 Fite Cir. Suite 108, Sacramento 6:00 dinner Chicken Cacciatore 7:00 pm Karaoke	6:00 pm Event Planning 7 pm VFW House Committee Meeting		6:00 dinner Beef Stroganoff 7:00 pm Karaoke		POST OPEN AT 1100 AM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
POST OPEN AT 1100 AM	6:00 dinner Salmon 7:00 pm Karaoke	7 pm VFW Post Membership Meeting 7 pm VFW Auxiliary Meeting:		6:00 dinner Ribs 7:00 pm Karaoke		3 PM Ice Cream Social
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
POST OPEN AT 1100 AM	6:00 dinner Tamale Pie 7:00 pm Karaoke	7 pm American Legion Board Meeting		6:00 dinner Ham 7:00 pm Karaoke		POST OPEN AT 1100 AM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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