

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.

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 approved, 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 oakpipe@gmail.com and I can send you a reminder as well information for volunteering at another time. Their website is: <https://www.troopathon.org/> They send thousands of packages a year.

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

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.

Monday Night Dinners

Team ALA kitchen crew would like to thank all of you who came out and support the dinners.

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

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

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

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.

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. We are looking forward to the many events serving our military veterans and their families during 2026/2027 .



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