

VFW Center Township Post 6158

8990 Kruitof Way
Fair Oaks, CA 95628



Brunch
Sunday May 12th

Pot Shot

May 2024

<p>VFW Post 6158</p> 	<p>VFW Post Housing Committee Meeting: 7 pm, 1st Tuesday each month VFW Post General Membership Meeting: 7 pm, 2nd Tuesday each month</p>
<p>VFW Aux 6158</p> 	<p>VFW Auxiliary Membership Meeting: 6:30 pm, 2nd Tuesday each month</p>
<p>AL Post 383</p> 	<p>American Legion Executive Committee Meeting: 7 pm, 3rd Tuesday each month American Legion General Membership Meeting: 7 pm, 4th Tuesday each month</p>
<p>ALA. Unit 383</p> 	<p>American Legion Auxiliary Membership Meeting: 6 pm 4th Tuesday each month</p>
<p>AL Riders 383</p> 	<p>American Legion Riders Membership Meeting: 8 pm, 4th Tuesday each month</p>

Commander's Corner

*Michael Moore
Commander, Post 6158*

Good day everyone. Our Post continues to grow stronger and prosperous every month because of the support it gets from you. Our dinners have been selling out (thank you to Rob and his helpers) and our membership continues to grow. I would also like to say thank you to all the volunteers who are stepping up to make our Post a better place.

The memorial park is really shaping up, thanks to the attention it is given from Mark and Rene for all the yard maintenance and to Kelly Carson for her dedication to the beautification project. We will soon have a change of command of some officers, and I hope they will receive the same support that has brought our Post to prosperity again.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to all for your support and belief in our leadership. "Let's keep it going."

Big Day of Service

By Jim Cralle

Senior Vice Commander, House Committee Chair

The Post is one of the projects for the Big Day of Service on Saturday May 4th. This coincides with the VFW Day of Service. We will be painting the front of the Post and the fence line.

To take part, sign up at: bigdayofservice.com. Volunteer for Project #50. See you there.

Buddy Call 22 Outreach (Non-VA Affiliated)

We ask that you reach out to your Friends, Family, and Battle Buddies for a simple Health and Welfare call, text, or email. Just check in to see how they are doing and encourage them to check in on with their Friends, Family and Battle Buddies. **Let's Make a Difference – We Care – Save A Life**

Robert Evans

VFW Auxiliary President

Elections were held at April's meeting. Most officers are returning next year including your President. However, we need a Treasurer. After many years of dedicated service, Kathy Walery is stepping down. The two required positions are President and Treasurer. We will vote at the May 14th meeting for Treasurer. Kathy Walery is very

willing to tutor our incoming person. If no one is chosen, we will discuss giving up our charter.

May 28, Veteran Remembrance

Denise Verbeck

ALA & VFW Auxiliary Chaplain

ALA and VFWAUX will have a Veteran remembrance celebration for Post members and family members who have died. The short ceremony will take place on May 28 at 5 pm in the Gazebo. There will be a reception afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The ceremony will include the reading of names and prayers. We already have names from previous years. Please send the deceased's name, branch, when they served and relation to you. Send to Denise by May 21st via email or text to: deniseverb@aol.com or 916-201-1946. You are welcome to bring a picture to hold and display.

The regularly scheduled ALA meeting will begin after the reception at 6 pm.



VFW Auxiliary and ALA Chaplain.

By Denise Verbeck



There will be a celebration of life for Michael Rooney on May 14th from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Folsom VFW. Many of you know Betsy and Michael from our Karaoke nights. Michael retired from the Air Force as a Major in 1988 having earned several medals. After enlisting he worked his way up the ranks by earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

He was a lifelong member of the VFW. Services will be on May 13th at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. In lieu of flowers Mike would like donations to a local VFW or the Union Gospel Mission in Sacramento.

Thank you, members, for the honor of being your Chaplain for both Auxiliaries! If you or someone you know from our organization is in the hospital, sick at home, or going through a tough patch, please contact me with their information. Also please call or email if a close relative has died. Prayers for comfort and peace. You can reach me at Deniseverb@aol.com or call 916-967-5110.

Let Us Never Forget

By Suzanne Winters plus

Memorial Weekend

Flags, Cookies, Ceremony & Food!

Denise Verbeck

May brings us a time to reflect on our country, its history and to remember those who sacrificed their lives to make this a better place to live.

For the American Legion Auxiliary, May has been known as Poppy month. May 24th being the official Poppy Day.

A little history about the making of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy. Our poppies are put together by veterans who live in residential housing. They receive a stipend for putting together the poppies for distribution. Helping them to offset their meager income. We do not get our poppies from a store. We have a poppy production manager who goes to the different veteran homes and oversees the production of the poppies. When we are out in the community offering our poppies to wear in remembrances of veterans, we are not selling them; however, we do except donations.

The donations are used only to help veterans who are in need. In remembrance of our veterans, you will find the ALA at the following locations.

Saturday May 4 9 am to 3 pm	Orangevale Walmart
Saturday May 11 9 am to 3 pm	Sam's Club Citrus Heights on Greenback Lane
Sunday May 12	Mother's Day Brunch
Tuesday May 14 9 am to 3 pm	Sam's Club Citrus Heights on Greenback Lane
Sunday May 19 9 am to 3 pm	Orangevale Walmart
Monday May 20 6 pm	Armed Forces Day Cake with Monday Night Dinner
Thursday May 23 9 am till lunch	Laying of crosses and flags at Fair Oaks Cemetery
Bring a couple dozen Cookies Thurs. or Friday	Homemade, no nuts. individually wrapped by you or volunteers, for Saturday ceremony at Fair Oaks Cemetery
Saturday May 25 10 am	Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony Fair Oaks Cemetery AL and VFW Commanders taking part.
Saturday May 25	ALA Poppy Booth. Contact Sandy if you want to help
Monday May 27 1 pm	Memorial Day Potluck/Picnic. Hamburgers/Hot Dogs provided
Tuesday May 28 5 pm	Memorial Remembrance by ALA and VFW Aux

If you would like to take part, that would be great. If you would like to come by and get a poppy, we would love to see you there.

Rummage Sale

By Linda Rucker

We are having our rummage sale in June or July. The date will be announced soon. Please start saving your donations and we will store them at the Post. You can contact me at 916-247-3542 and I can meet you there. Thank you.

Stand-Down

By: Suzanne Winters

Friday April 12 found the American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW Auxiliary taking part in a mini-Stand Down at McLellan. We handed out over 60 tee shirts, socks, hats, underwear and hygiene supplies. For many homeless veterans, their lifeline is their dog and cats. We packaged dog and cat food that was available to the veterans for their fur babies.

The wind that day was blustery to say the least, but our at-risk veterans were still there, with a smile on their face so appreciative of what we are doing for our veteran community.

If you have never taken part in a stand-down, I encourage you to take part in the next one. Friday July 19th. We will be collecting socks, tee shirts, (new) hygiene supplies, and dog and cat food.

There are many veteran organizations that attend the stand-down to ensure that our veterans are getting the benefits that they deserve. Veterans can also receive their flu shots.

Along with benefits, Starbucks provided coffee in the morning and breakfast sandwiches. In the afternoon. Lunch is also provided.

If you would like to take part or donate to the next standdown Call me: Suzanne at 916 768 6679.

ALA Unit 383 Fair Oaks Honors It's Dual Members

Elise Spleiss

Everyone has a story. Especially those in the military, and especially women in the military.

On March 26, 2024, American Legion Unit 383 in Fair Oaks surprised their four dual members: members of VFW Post 6158 and American Legion Auxiliary 383 with a surprise celebration to acknowledge and honor them for their service to their country and their continued work in Unit 383.

Unit president Sandy Sedden-Rice and member Judy Long had been working hard to put together this impromptu ceremony for the members. Member Catherine, (daughter of Susan Baker), helped with the ceremony.

Mid meeting business was officially paused and members Tish Lovisone, Marines; Christine McGlasson, Air Force and Navy; Julie Nattkemper, Army; and Marge Waggoner, Navy, were asked to come forward. President Sedden-Rice told them they were there to be recognized for their service to their country and unit.

Unit Historian, and local reporter Elise Spleiss delivered a "History of Women in the Military" talk

from the Revolutionary War to WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

From working only in supportive roles, to formally serving in WWI, still only performing clerical duties and with the Army Nurse Corps. In 1942 the Women's Army Auxiliary was set up and later renamed Women's Army Corps as women formally became official members of the United States Army.

Several of our members were WAVES, Women Accepted for Voluntary Enlistment Services. At the same time, in WWII women were accepted into the Navy in non-combatative roles. Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) was created in WWII.

The need for women in the military was waning until the Korean and Vietnam wars brought them back to work in only non-combatative roles.

In 1973 the military draft ended and transitioned to an all-volunteer force where women could serve in more capacities. In 1976 the first group of women was admitted to the US Military Academy at West Point. 1978 the Women's Army Corps was disbanded as women were fully integrated into the Army.

In 1990, the creation of Combat Aviation opened support roles for women. In 2013 the Dept. of Defense finally lifted the ban on women serving in combat roles opening up thousands of added positions to female service members. Today women are serving in combat roles in all branches of the military on missions throughout the world.

Following the women in the military history lesson each honoree was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a bright bouquet of yellow daffodils symbolizing strength and resilience.

Each lady then shared about their job in the service or other information.

Marge told about an experience when she was young, "since I was with the Marines there two Marines who wanted to go out to dinner. They asked if I would like to go with them. I said, "I'd love to so, here these guys showed up in their dress blues. We went to Waikiki for dinner and I'm telling you, everybody was looking and admiring, and I was really thrilled that I had two Marines in dress blues on each side of me!" Moments to remember!

Tish said, "I did maintenance management. I made sure the equipment was ready to go to war. I did reports, I was an analyst; the same kind of work I do today. I built reports, statistics and spreadsheets back in the 80's before we ever had MS Windows and a mouse."

Christine tells of an interesting day with an awkward ending, “I was a producer and a writer and announcer at a local television station. We went all over the world taping. At that time, it was a 2-inch videotape we transferred to film. I don't know if any of you remember ‘Laugh in’. We were at an Air Force base; they got some local talent, and we did a ‘Laugh In’ spoof on the assembly of the B-52. We used women in the sketches to keep the pilot’s (all men) interest.” It had been a long day and she had not left with the other ladies. This made for was an interesting rest of her time following that job since it had brought her to a “men only” facility which forced her into an amusing predicament which lasted over an hour but gave her a delightful story.

Julia was working at the end of the Cold War. She could not share a lot about what she did but did mention she spoke Russian saying, “If you think about satellites and things like that then you have an idea what I did” Anyway, on one of those jobs, “if I told you more” she made it clear she just couldn’t!

This was a fun time, albeit a short one, we found out a lot about our veteran members realizing we did not really know them. It gave us a new appreciation for what they had done in their time in the service which helped make them the women they are today, still working hard to make a difference in wherever their lives take them.



Bunco Fundraiser

By: Cynthia Juarez



Our Veterans of Foreign Wars Center Township American Legions Auxiliary hosted a Bunco Fundraiser on Sunday, April 28, 2024, which was extremely exciting and Successful. Our very own VFW Chaplain, Eric Follestad, won First Place with the most wins. However, we were all winners with great food and fun had by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cynthia Juarez

Please come to the next house committee meeting on Tuesday May 7 at 5:30 pm. We need volunteers for all the following events!

Sunday May 12	Mother's Day Brunch
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Monday May 20	Armed Forces Day, Cake with Monday Night Dinner
Thursday May 23 9 am till noon	Fair Oaks Cemetery, Place Crosses & Flags
Saturday May 25 10 am	Fair Oaks Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday May 27 1 pm	VFW Fair Oaks Post Memorial Day Potluck
Sunday June 9	Tea Party Honoring Female Vets
Friday June 14 1 pm	VFW Fair Oaks Post Flag Day Potluck
Sunday June 16	VFW Fair Oaks Post Father's Day Brunch
Thursday June 27	VFW Auxiliary setup for Rummage Sale
June 28 & 29 9 am to 4 pm	Friday & Saturday Rummage Sale
July 4	Potluck, Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided

BBQ & Boots Dinner & Dance

By Sheila LaPolla

Our BBQ & BOOTS Dinner and Dance was a tremendous success!

Thank you to all who made it possible!

We were honored to have the presence of American Legion (AL) District 6 Commander, Mark Rice, American Legion 383 Commander, Don Lemmon, American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) District 6 President, Suzanne Winters, and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 383 President, Sandy Rice. A big shout out to all AL and ALA members who worked hard, giving of their time and energy to make it happen.

A special thanks to BBQ & BOOTS Dinner and Dance Chair, Chris McGlasson, AL 2nd vice, who organized our multitude of hard working and dedicated volunteers for the success of our event.

A big thank you to Scout Troop 134, Folsom, for volunteering to serve our finger licking good BBQ dinner and helped run all things related.

Thank you to The Brisco County Band who generously donated their time and electrified us with a mix of rousing Boot Kicking Music to the delight of the crowd!

Many thanks to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for their support and attendance!

In addition, thanks, and appreciation to all the local businesses and individuals who generously donated prizes for the Opportunity Drawings, as well as to those who collected and organized them.

We can't forget that the jubilee and fun of our BBQ & BOOTS Dinner & Dance was dedicated to raising funds for helping veterans and military families. Kudos to all of us for a job well done!







Upcoming events from AARP:
Join AARP for these upcoming events!

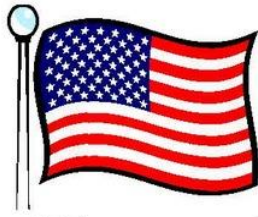
Veterans and Military Families Paper Shredding Event

Bring your personal paper documents and have them shredded for FREE at BT Collins Army Reserve on Thursday, May 9 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Paper documents only (paper clips and staples are ok). The shred truck will stay on site until the end of the scheduled time or until full, whichever comes first. This is a drive-thru event and participants will need to take their own containers (empty boxes, bags, storage bins, etc.) home with them. Register [HERE](#). (Register on the AARP events website area or Call JR Fujita)

Operation Protect Veterans – Fraud & Scams Workshop for Veterans & Military Families

Join us at the VFW Fair Oaks on Tuesday, May 14 at 2 p.m. to learn about fraud and scams and how you can protect yourself from falling victim. Register [HERE](#). Space is limited. (Register on the AARP events website area or Call JR Fujita)

Questions? Contact JR Fujita, AARP Sacramento at 916-556-3016 or jrfujita@aarp.org



**Do You Know Someone
Who Is Serving In The a War Zone?**






**The El Dorado County Association of Realtors
Honor Our Troops Committee is gathering names
for our care package shipments (sent 3 times a
year—Spring, Summer & Christmas) to ANY
deployed service member.**

**If you know anyone who is serving who is from El
Dorado County or has a family member who lives
in El Dorado County, please contact:**

**Cyndi Romano (916) 207-4194
Cyndi@CyndiRomano.com**

www.HonorOurTroops.us

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			May Day	6 pm Prime Rib Karaoke National Day of Prayer		Big Day of Service See Commander's article to sign up. 9 am ALA Poppies Orangevale Walmart
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cinco de Mayo	6 pm Chicken Gorgonzola Karaoke	5:30 pm Entertainment Committee Meeting 7 pm VFW House Committee Meeting		6 pm BBQ Brisket Karaoke		9 am ALA Poppies Sam's Club Citrus Heights
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
International Nurses Day Mother's Day Mother's Day Brunch	10 am – 1 pm Move America Forward at Post 6158 6 pm Chicken Fried Steak Karaoke	6:30 pm VFW AUX Meeting 7 pm VFW Post Meeting 4 pm – 7 pm Michael Rooney Memorial 9 am ALA Poppies Sam's Club Citrus Heights	Peace Officer's Memorial Day	6 pm Pork Tenderloin Karaoke		Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 am ALA Poppies Orangevale Walmart	6 pm Jambalaya Karaoke Armed Forces Day Cake with Dinner Pot Shot Articles Due 	7 pm AL Board Meeting	National Maritime Day	6 pm Salman Karaoke 9 am Laying of crosses and flags at Fair Oaks Cemetery	Poppy Day	10 am Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, Fair Oaks Cemetery
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	6 pm Spaghetti Karaoke 1 pm Memorial Day picnic potluck  Memorial Day Observance	6 pm ALA Meeting 7 pm AL Post Meeting 8 pm AL Riders Meeting 5 pm Veteran Remembrance Celebration Post 6158		6 pm Shrimp Fettuccini Karaoke		

The Calendar is subject to change. Check the web site, Facebook, or the white board for more Information, Post Phone 916-966-1663

 **Pot Shot Deadline:** Please e-mail your June newsletter articles, menus, and photos by May 20th for the June issue. to Donna at billndonna@comcast.net.