

VFW Center Township Post 6158

8990 Kruitof Way
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Pot Shot

September 2024

<p>VFW Post 6158</p> 	<p>VFW Post Housing Committee Meeting: 7 pm, 1st Tuesday each month</p> <p>VFW Post General Membership Meeting: 7 pm, 2nd Tuesday each month</p>
<p>VFW Aux 6158</p> <p>UNWAVERING SUPPORT</p>  <p>FOR UNCOMMON HEROES</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</p> <p>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

by Michael Moore, Commander, VFW Post 6158

Phone: (916)-969-7003

Good day everyone.

The year is going by fast, and we have much to be proud of. I think we are recovering quite nicely from the previous year. We have added new members who are stepping up to help make our Post a better place. Again, I want to thank everyone working hard to beautify the memorial park, it looks fantastic. We are also planning to upgrade the dining room and library floors and if you would like to get involved, or have a suggestion, please let us know, because your opinion does matter.

In closing, I would like to say once again, that I have an open-door policy by appointment that extends to all members and non-members that frequent our Post, so if you have a suggestion, complaint, or any other issue concerning our Post, please contact me, because if I don't know about it (regarding Post politics and bylaws will not be discussed) I can't do anything. I hope everyone has a safe month and is looking forward to the success of our Post.

POW/MIA Remembrance Day

by Eric Follestad



Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Remembrance Day is a solemn occasion observed in

the United States to honor the service members who were prisoners of war (POWs) or went missing in action (MIA) during their time in the military. Held on the third Friday of September each year, this day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by these brave individuals and the ongoing efforts to account for those who have not yet returned home. It is a day for reflection, honoring their courage, and acknowledging the pain and uncertainty faced by their families.

The POW/MIA flag is a powerful symbol of this day, representing the nation's commitment to never forget those who have served and sacrificed. The flag, which features a silhouette of a prisoner of war in front of a guard tower and barbed wire, is inscribed with the words "You Are Not Forgotten." It is a stark reminder of the thousands of service members who are still unaccounted for, and it flies alongside the American flag at government buildings, military installations, and other public spaces across the country on this day.

The significance of POW/MIA Remembrance Day extends beyond the military community, resonating with all Americans who value the ideals of freedom and sacrifice. The day encourages citizens to educate themselves about the history and experiences of POWs and MIAs, to take part in local observances, and to support the ongoing efforts to find and return the missing. By doing so, the nation reaffirms its promise to honor these heroes and ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

VFW Auxiliary and ALA Chaplain.

by Denise Verbeck, ALA Chaplain

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.

Donation accepted from Capital Valley IPSSA - Capital Valley Independent Pool and Spa Association, Inc.

Here is the thank you note with the picture below.

Dear Capital Valley Independent Pool and Spa Association, Inc.

On behalf of VFW Post 6158, We extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation. Your support is vital in helping us continue our mission of serving veterans, their families, and our community. Your contribution will directly impact the programs and services we offer, making a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our country. We are honored by your partnership and commitment to our cause, and we look forward to the positive impact we can achieve together. Thank you for standing with us.

Sincerely,
Michael Moore Post Commander
Eric Follestad Senior Vice Commander

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From the Pen of the Senior Vice Commander, Virtual Blood Drive Service Committee Opportunity

Dear Veterans and Supporters,

Thank you for allowing me to serve and support POST 6158 initiatives.

Service is part of our mission, and our Post is doing great community work.

We just need to start tracking this service better and offer more opportunities to serve our community and Veterans.

For example, giving blood is a service to the community that I engage in throughout the year.

I currently enter my service on the California VFW website.

I am interested in creating a Virtual Blood Drive at the Post and looking for volunteers interested in giving blood for this event. Please contact me for questions/interest at efollestad@hotmail.com



Rummage Sale

By Linda Rucker

We are proud to announce that our auxiliary total for our sale was \$2,811.00. Thanks again for all of you that helped make this a complete and total success. Looking forward to next year.



A note from the ALA President

By Suzanne Winters

A Big shout out to all of you who brought in school supplies.

The members and guests of VFW Post 6158 and Auxiliary members of the American Legion Auxiliary 383 are extremely generous. We raised over \$400 of school supplies which will help the students and teachers of Northridge Elementary School here in Fair Oaks.

As advocates for our Veterans and children and youth, our next project is:

Sacramento stand- down

Some of you might ask what is a stand-down? This is where our unhoused and at-risk veterans can receive help. This stand-down is September 27-29 at BT Collins. Available services will be medical, dental, eye service, veterinarian, legal service and much more.

The VFW and ALA will be attending this event and have a booth. I would like to invite you to take part in our B.S. fundraiser. Beanies and Socks. As the weather is turning colder our veterans are always in need of warm socks and beanies to keep the cold out. (mittens would also be a plus).

You did a great job of filling up the basket with schools' supplies, now let's fill the basket with beanies and socks. I will be at the Monday and Thursday dinners. I know that you enjoyed the treats that I brought in and there will be more treats for those who take part.

Make sure that you put the POW/MIA recognition on your calendar. The Melonnee Desiree' Band will play at our Post that afternoon. We are always looking for help, so if you are looking for an opportunity to serve, PLEASE contact Mike Moore or myself Suzanne Winters 916 768 6679 or ovsuz@comcast.net.

I cannot emphasize enough how proud I am to be associated with all the veteran's organizations that call this Post their home.

Jersey Boys Concert

by Denise Verbeck



Members of our VFW Post were treated to a lively musical evening. The combined groups of American Legion, VFW and the Auxiliaries were dancing in their seats or singing along to the Four Seasons in the Broadway show, Jersey Boys. We will attend another free Music Circus event next Summer.

Fair Oaks Chicken Festival



The American Legion auxiliary and the VFW auxiliary are having a booth again this year on Saturday, September 21st, from noon to 6 pm at the Fair Oaks Park. Volunteers are needed to pass out information, recruit new members, help Veterans understand their benefits, answer questions about the AL and ALA, and give children and potential members some of our new USA Flag imprinted giveaways.

I need AL and ALA volunteers for one-hour shifts at our booth. We need two AL auxiliary members and one AL member in our booth at all times. I will be there from 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. Please call (916-952-5959/cell for messaging) or email me at (cmcglasson@aol.com) if you want to volunteer for a shift:





American Legion Auxiliary Northern California Department Workshop

**Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Haggin Grant Post 521
6700 8th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673**

Note: Date has
changed!

Haggin Grant Post 521 is located 20 minutes from the Sacramento International Airport.

Hotels conveniently located off I-5 and Del Paso Blvd.

Co-Chairman:

Jennifer Turner (916) 517-8486

Suzanne Winters (916) 768-6679



Donuts and coffee will be served at 9:00am

**Join us for Lunch!
Sub Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, and Chips**

RSVP No later than Sept 7th

**Lunch \$10 at door or mail payment to:
Kathy Shermer, 1019 E Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673**

VFW POST #6158

PRESENTS:

In every generation, men and women of our Armed Forces have answered the call of service in our nation's hour of need"

President George W. Bush

POW/MIA

(Prisoner of War/Missing in Action)

Recognition Day

The focus of the day is to remember those who sacrificed so much and to account for those who did not return.

SEPTEMBER 22nd / 1PM-6PM

- ✓ **CEREMONY**
- ✓ **FOOD**
- ✓ **LIVE MUSIC**

8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks

2024 Sacramento Stand Down

"Providing a Hand-up, not a Handout"

for Homeless & at-Risk Veterans, Guard & Reserves



September 27-29, 2024



B.T. Collins USAR Center
8804 Okinawa Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95828



Support Services being provided:









- Vision services (*first come/first serve*)
- Dental services (*first come/first serve*)
- Veterinary services
- Mental health & Counseling
- Housing/employment
- Health & human Services
- Drug & Alcohol Counseling
- Clothing distribution

- ...and MORE!!!!

NOTE: All animals must be leashed!

**For more information call:
(916) 389-8917 or check
online at:**

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

September 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	No Dinner Labor Day 	5:30 pm Entertainment Committee Meeting <hr/> 7 pm VFW House Committee Meeting		6 pm Prime Rib Karaoke		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	10 am – 1 pm Troopathon 3105 Fite Cir. Suite 108, Sacramento <hr/> 6 pm Crispy Garlic Chicken Thighs (ALA) Karaoke	6:30 pm VFW AUX Meeting <hr/> 7 pm VFW Post Meeting	Patriot Day (half-staff) 	6 pm Baby Back Ribs <hr/> Karaoke		10 am – 3 pm ALA Northern CA Department Workshop
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	6 pm Chicken Gorgonzola Karaoke	7 pm AL Board Meeting <hr/> Constitution Day & Citizenship Day 	Air Force Birthday 	6 pm Tri Tip Karaoke	POW/MIA Recognition Day  Pot Shot Articles Due 	12pm – 6pm Chicken Festival Booth
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1 pm – 6 pm POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at Post 6158	6 pm Stuffed Pork Chops Karaoke	6 pm ALA Meeting <hr/> 7 pm AL Post Meeting <hr/> 8 pm AL Riders Meeting		6 pm Chicken Parmesan Karaoke	Sacramento Stand Down begins	
29	30					
Gold Star Mother's and Family Day 	6 pm Corned Beef Karaoke Sacramento Stand Down ends					

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

Calendar: is subject to change. Check the web [site](#) or the [white board](#) for more Information. Post Phone 916-966-1663