

**Pot Shot**  
**May-June 2008**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**United States of America**  
**Center Township Post 6158 and Ladies Auxiliary**  
**And American Legion Post 383**



**Commander's Corner**  
**Linvel Phillips 983-5410**

Comrades and Sisters,

The VFW election of officers is over, and the new officers will take their posts after the state VFW convention at the end of June. We had a very good turnout for the election meetings and I hope this will continue. The new officers need your ideas and support in the new election year. There are many VFW programs that in the end support Fair Oaks Post 6158, and supporting them and participating in them fulfills our commitment to our Veterans and their families. Join me in support this year to make our Post and it's officers known to the community as a group that gives back in support of the community and its Veterans.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Post.



Senior Vice Commander  
Bill Heilmann 802-5271

Remember to sign up for the Buddy Poppy Drive in May. I encourage all of you to participate in this worthwhile endeavor, so get motivated, get going, and sign up to work with us for a couple of hours. All you have to do is smile, say "Hello," give away poppies, accept donations, and maybe answer a few questions. It really is an enjoyable experience. We'll see you there!

Also I might add that the Post has a new web site: [vfw6158.org](http://vfw6158.org). It is still in the development stage.

Junior Vice Commander  
Jerry Mason 989-1378

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of Post 6158 and the Ladies Auxiliary. I want to say it has been a pleasure to serve as Jr. Vice Commander this past year, and I look forward to helping the Post in anyway that I can the coming year.

The Buddy Poppy sign up sheets are in the Canteen behind the bar, so ask the Bartender for them and sign up to help on the days that you can. The days for collecting donations for Poppies are May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Raley's located at Madison & Hazel and Sunset & San Juan. I want to thank in advance those of you who have already signed up and those who will sign up.

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Election Report  
Howell Hedrick, Adjutant

An election of Officers for the year 2008-2009 was conducted at the Post General Meeting April 8, 2008. The following were elected:

Frank Dobek, Commander  
William Heilmann, Senior Vice Commander  
Alex Briones, Junior Vice Commander  
Warren Scott, Quartermaster  
John Huiting, Chaplain  
Melvin Buzzard, 1 Year Trustee  
Emil Guisti, 2 Year Trustee  
Wes Swopes, 3 Year Trustee  
Delmar Swann, Surgeon  
Charles Barr, 3 Year Member House Committee

## Chaplain's Corner

John Huiting, Chaplain

We begin this month on a sad note. God took two of our Life Members to join him. Joseph L Cuddy and Michael (Primo)Rowe. Also Bill Puttoff spent some time in the hospital recently, he is home now and doing well. Thank god

## Voice of Democracy/ Patriot's Pen

George Gridley, Chairman

The Voice of Democracy theme is now available for school year 2008-2009. The new theme is "*Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans benefit Today's Youth by...*" This is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. The essays are limited to a three to five minute essay recorded on a standard cassette or CD. We also have copies of the 2007-2008 national winner. The Voice of Democracy national winner, from Pennsylvania, garnered \$30,000 in scholarship money with lesser amounts, ranging from \$1,000 up to \$16,000 going to each of the state participants. For a student in high school this is a large sum of money to be put toward their future education. Our entry last year went forward to the district level but was eliminated there. Still, congratulations are in order for Rachel Wilson of Bella Vista High School.

The Patriot's Pen theme is now available for school year 2008-2009 The new theme is "*Why America's Veterans Should be Honored.*" This is a contest where 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students each write a 300 to 400 word essay based on the theme. The national winner, from New Jersey, earned a \$10,000 U. S. Savings bond with each of the state participants in the national contest winning lesser amounts from \$7,000 to \$1,000. We had submitted four participants to the District level, unfortunately they did not make it to the state level. Still, congratulations are in order for Connor Burke, Karah Kingsbury, Sina Miranda, and Nicholas Mosbaugh all students at Andrew Carnegie Middle School. All of the essays were well written

All of the applications must be received in the post **BY or BEFORE** November 1, 2008. If you want more information please go to the web page [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and click on : Programs: then VFW Scholarship Program: then Patriot's Pen: and on the right side is a menu of "Related Links" There you will find the information you would be looking for or, contact George Gridley, 916-967-5110.

President, Ladies Auxiliary  
Irene Sidhu 965-7202

Well, my year will be close to an end by the time you get this message. I have had fun being your president. I'm very proud of my accomplishments with the Ladies Auxiliary. To the new officers, I hope you all enjoy your incoming year.

Kitchen Corner  
Irene Sidhu, Manager

My last day in the kitchen is June 6<sup>th</sup>. I've enjoyed cooking for all of you a lot. So, bye and I'll see you at the Post.



Chaplain, Ladies Auxiliary  
Terri Collette 773-0422

There will be a CELEBRATION OF LIFE for KAY PEDERSEN on APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>. We ask all to join us to help Kay and Ted; give them the strength they need at this time. They are in our prayers as she continues fighting cancer.

I have not heard if anyone else is sick or in the hospital. Please keep me posted.

The Auxiliary will be having a ROUND TABLE discussion at the Post on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to 12:00pm. We ask all the members who have questions and grievances to please come to this meeting, DISTRICT 17 will be there to help us.

Clashes between two personalities can ruin a club. If new members are present when there is a clash, they usually will not return. Keep personalities and problems out of the Club meetings. Keep to business.

In our closing PRAYER it says:

“We thank thee for thy many blessings and beg of thee to preserve our auxiliary.”

Now ladies have a good spring, life is too short to hold a grievance against another...That is not why we are here.

American Legion Post 383  
Commander Bill Heilmann, 802-5271

We interviewed three candidates for this year's California Boys State convention. It was difficult to select a single delegate from among these young men, all of whom were truly outstanding in every way. Our 2008 delegate will be Alex Jelcich from Casa Roble High School.

At the April general membership meeting, we held our first round of nominations for the 2008-09 Post officers. The nominations will continue at the May meeting, at which time we will have an election of officers from among the nominees. **PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.**

There are two significant events that will take place in May, and your participation is highly encouraged. On 8 May at 7:00p, Post 383 will participate in the annual awards ceremony for the CA-901<sup>st</sup> Cadet Group, Air Force Junior ROTC, Casa Roble High School. On 24 May at 10:00 AM, we will assist with the Memorial Day ceremony at Fair Oaks Cemetery. Please contact me if you would like to attend either of these events.

