

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



Commander's Corner
Frank Dobek (916) 726-7885

I am about to start my third time as Post Commander. This was a difficult decision to make. I see a lot of potential for the Post to keep the quality of service in the Canteen, Food Service and Family Style entertainment. At our last Board Meeting we invited the Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion to an open discussion on post priority improvement.

The mail priority was the Post Newsletter "Pot Shot". It is of importance to keep the members informed about what is scheduled for the next two months. This includes the Monday and Friday Night Dinner's entrees. The news letter mailed on time to the keep all informed about planned and scheduled activities.

The second priority was to replace Irene Sidhu who is retiring as Kitchen Manager, a position she has held for a long time. Over the years she has done a great job and deserves our thanks and appreciation. Irene, enjoy your time off. Jan Jordon the Auxiliary President is taking over as Kitchen Manager. She had already gathered a kitchen crew to keep the food service going. They are in desperate need of kitchen clean up and suggestions for what meals you would like.. Volunteers would be of great help.

(Note) Due to increases in food prices we will be forced to start charging \$5.00 for the Monday Nights Dinners and \$6.00 for our Breakfast.

All future Board of Director Meeting will be open for all. We had a great turn out for our first meeting and are looking forward to more member participation at the meeting. This Post belongs to all members, elected and appointed positions are here to serve you. We cannot do that without your help.

To our outgoing Commander Phillips, we want to thank him for all he has done for the Post during his tour. We will appreciate any advice and help in keeping the Post growing.

Senior Vice Commander

Bill Heilmann 802-5271

It is time once again for a change of command as our newly elected officers take their posts. Outgoing Commander Linvel Phillips must be thanked for serving the Post during the past year. And to Frank Dobek, our incoming Commander, welcome aboard...again! Let's all work together with Frank and make this coming year an outstanding one for Post 6158.

Check out our brand new Post website at www.vfw6158.org. As your web captain, I will do my best to keep everything up-to-date. Please let me know if you spot any errors, and share your ideas for additions and improvements. Be sure to visit the site often, because things change there frequently.

Chaplain's Corner

John Huiting 916-962-7456

This month I have some bad news. The good Lord took two (2) of our Life Members; Michael Rowe and LeRoy Giguere. LeRoy was my Assistant Chaplain. They will be truly missed.

If you know of a member or the members' family who is ill or deceased please call me at 916-962-7456.

God Bless

President, Ladies Auxiliary

Jan Jordan, 838-2348

Dear Sisters:

I would like to begin by thanking all on you for your support and electing me as your Ladies Auxiliary President. I promise to do my best in the coming year. Let's all join in and make it a GREAT YEAR!

Your participation in the Auxiliary is very important to me. As the year progresses, we will have chairs and committees that will need your participation. Please join in. Feel free to contact me any time with suggestions that you may have.

Our annual fund-raising YARD SALE is scheduled for August 9, 2008 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. We are currently accepting donated items to make this a great sale. Contact myself or Kim Graham 293-8447 to make arrangements for receiving your donation items. Don't just drop them off at the Post and assume that we will get them.

We need your input on the kitchen. What types of meals would you like? Your suggestions are needed to help promote our meal and social activities.

We also need help with working the kitchen. We'd like someone to help with the dishes and clean up after each meal. One person per meal can handle it but it would be easier if we have a couple of volunteers. Please give me a call.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
TERRI COLLETTE
916-723-1224

LADIES...we lost another one of our LIFE TIME MEMBERS...DELORES TOMASI on May 25th, she was Katherine Sayre's Mother. Our condolences to her family. There will be a service at Mt Vernon at 2:00 PM on June 25th.

We are asking the LADIES AUXILIARY members to please call the me your Chaplain in addition to the BAR when a member is ill or has passed sway. The information is quickly and correctly received. THANK YOU.

The summer is here and HOT too!!!! Try to stay cool and well.

GOD BLESS TO ALL OF YOU

American Legion Post 383 Commander
Bill Heilmann, 802-5271

Once again, we find ourselves embarking upon a New Legion Year. Our new officers have been elected and will be formally installed by District 6 representatives during our Post general meeting in July. Be sure to attend this important event. You won't want to miss it, especially if our incoming Commander can be persuaded to buy a round of drinks!

This year, your Executive Team will assist you in focusing on two important concepts – VOLUNTEERISM, and GETTING INVOLVED. How can I put this tactfully? We have well over 200 members, and we rarely see more than 10% of you. This is not optimal, folks. Many of you are missing out on opportunities to serve our veterans and service members, and you might be surprised to learn that we actually have fun working together. So come on down, join in the fun, and get involved!

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 Conor Melanson from Casa Roble High School.

Remember to visit our Post website at www.AL383.org. We're doing our best to keep it up-to-date, so stay informed by visiting often. And now District 6 has a new website at www.CALegion6.org, giving you yet another window into the world of the American Legion.

Chaplain American Legion Post 383

Ben Carboni had heart surgery on June 15. He is currently recovering at UC Davis Medical Center. He is doing well.

Bud Norris is chipper, however, doesn't get out often.

Carroll Rice said that we should start seeing him back out again. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Post Alarm

In case you haven't noticed, the VFW Post is now armed and being monitored through an alarm system. The alarm also includes, beside the motion detectors and the door a jar switches and a 24/7 phone monitoring system, a fire alarm for the three halls. When we first had the concept of an alarm, after our most recent break-in, we thought of a simple alarm. Thanks are in order to Mr. Ron Stadman who had the vision of installing a great alarm, fire and monitored system. This has been his career and he knows the equipment plus the work required. He asked Mr. Dale Haring, Universal Security and Fire Inc., to see what equipment we could get. He was able to acquire the equipment at cost as a donation to the Post. For this we send our thanks to Mr. Haring. He then called upon his "friend" John Brothers, John Brothers Electric, to help. While Ron had all the knowledge he was still battling his recent motorcycle accident and was not fully able to do the scaffolding, attic, wall work. For this strenuous activity he called upon his "friend" John. For this exertion of effort we, AND Ron, thank John. We owe all three a lot for their efforts. To this end we had the Commander give Ron a plaque plus all three nice certificates of appreciation. The Commander awarded these to Ron at the Post meeting on June 10.

CHANGES

That seems to be the theme for some of the candidates for the office of the Presidency of the United States. That is fine, we all know touting one thing is not necessarily doing that thing, whatever it may be. However, we here in Post 6158 are in the process of undergoing change. We have selected a commander who has served in that post previously. This is not necessarily new, what is new is that he brings a leadership to the office based on previous accomplishments. Frank has been a member of the VFW honor guard, and is very well known throughout the district and department.

With Frank comes some changes. Irene Sidhu, our long time Kitchen Manager/Cook, has decided that it is time for her to have some fun and enjoy life more. To this end we all wish Irene the best in the future and hope she and Ray, her husband, will continue to frequent the Post. The Post has had many memorable meals prepared under Irene's direction. There have been many times when she had to put the meal together without outside help. We will miss the cuisine and the camaraderie. But a change in this area will happen.

At this time, the change is still undergoing metamorphosis, that is it is evolving. The new commander is involved in all stages of this change. He has already required the House Committee to establish a kitchen manager position and write a memo for a job listing. This is being worked on by the members of the house committee.

Additionally to the kitchen manager is the control of materials. The kitchen manager will be buying all the service items, plates, carryout boxes, paper napkins, spices etc. These will become a control items and as such will be secured. All the secured items will be behind doors secured for future meals. All utensils are to be stored in specified places and maintained in a clean state. Refrigerated food will be stored in the big refrigerator and secured. There is one part that will be open to members and renters.

The price of the meals may have to be adjusted to cover the expenses. In addition the possibility of Sunday Breakfasts four Sundays per month is being explored.

The Commander is looking for some type of entertainment that will bring the crowds back on Friday and Monday nights. Suggestions are open and needed at this time.

These are some of the changes being brought to the post by Frank Dobek, our new Commander. I am sure as more items come up Frank will be happy to hear of them. He wants this Post to become one of the best.

Cooking with Andre Louisiana Night

Come and join us for some more change, a special dinner treat with “Andre”, a native from New Orleans living in Fair Oaks. He has offered to prepare and special “RIB” dinner designed for those who wear dentures, yes the ribs are that soft fey fall off the bone. Also provided will be newly created “corn bread” that needs no butter or honey or anything else, one serving per person please!

Mark your calendar - July 11, 2008 A night to remember, to be sure, come join us.