

Commander's Corner

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I am starting my first term as Post Commander. I see a lot of potential for the Post to keep the quality of service in the Canteen, Food Service and Family Entertainment. At our last meeting, we the active members of the VFW, the Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion, in an open discussion talked about what was going on with the Post and its priorities. The first thing is, we need to work on the running of the Post, Canteen, working on the Memorial Park Project, getting rid of things around the Post and in our storage areas. We are very close to receiving our Charter back (for more information talk to me). We need participation from our membership to accomplish this and everyone is invited to comment and provide new and old ideas on what we can do to make this a healthy and prosperous Post. Post 6158, was, and is a great place to share Comradeship and fun times with all their members.

Priority 1 Communications... The Post Newsletter "Pot Shot". It is very important to keep the members informed about what is scheduled for the next two months. This includes the Monday and Thursday Night Dinner's and Tuesday and Friday Card Games, open to the whole membership. The newsletter mailed on time, to keep all of the membership informed about planned and scheduled activities for the holidays coming up. We encourage everyone that belongs to our Post to tell us what's going on in their lives and to keep us updated on events in our community.

Priority 2 The second priority is to make sure that our Post is prosperous. Changes in the Operation of the Canteen is one thing that we need to address. You as members need to come forward with sound ideas on how we can accomplish this. I know for many, change doesn't come easy, but the time is now to work together and turn things around before it is too late. Things have changed around us and they affect the Post as well as our personal lives. Being a member of this Post should mean more than paying dues. This is your Post and being the Commander is my privilege to serve the Membership.

Priority 3 Finish the Memorial Park Project. We now have the Permits to start building the cover for the outside park area where the concrete slab sits. Also the Boy Scouts are going to be putting in a bench and fixing a few things we have on the Park Walk. We have some members working on this project for a few months now and without their help we would not have gotten this far. A big THANK YOU to Bob Stanaland and committee from Post 6158 and its membership. We still need volunteers for simple things that need to be done at the Post. It's a good way to spend a little time with the members of your Post.

Priority 4 Monday & Thursday Night Dinners and Sunday Morning Breakfasts. Without the support of the membership we may have to rethink the serving of these meals. I personally believe that these meals give us a great opportunity to meet each other and share comradeship. I personally invite you to my table to talk about anything that is on your mind concerning your Post.

Priority 5 Events for the membership and what to do to bring in the younger Veteran and their friends and families. To build up our membership that is dwindling away by health reasons, or not having time to participate in Post Activities. We need your SUPPORT now more than ever if we are to succeed in the continuation of Center Township Post 6158 in Fair Oaks.

With all Love and Respect your Commander Alex "Batman" Briones

VFW Chaplain's Corner
John Huiting (916) 962-7456

We are happy to report that Merle Longacre had a mild stroke and spent a short stay in the hospital. He is home now and doing well. There will be a Memorial for Bill Moses at the Post on Febr. 27 at 12 noon. Potluck to follow. Please call me if you hear when someone is ill or in the hospital.



AARP Safe Driver course

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver safety course designed especially for drivers age 50 and older to help people live more independently as they age. Since the programs inception in 1979, over 11 million participants have completed the AARP course.

The AARP course covers the normal changes in vision; hearing and reaction time associated with aging and provides practical techniques on how to adjust to these changes. Participants also learn how to operate their vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment and also receive a thorough review of the "rules of the road," with emphasis on safety strategies.

The AARP Classroom course is an 8-hour course, typically taught in two four hour sessions, spanning 2 days. Some one-day and weekend courses are also available. Courses are available in Spanish in some locations. Participants are charged a minimal fee to cover costs of materials. AARP members cost is \$12.00; non-members cost is \$14.00. There are NO tests. In 36 states and the District of Columbia, classroom participants may be eligible to receive state mandated multi-year discount on their auto insurance premiums. Voluntary discounts are offered in select states. Please consult your insurance agent for further details.

George Gridley will offer the AARP Safe Driver Course at Post 6158 on April 21 and 22, 2010. The class will start at 1 PM and finish at 5 PM each day. Pre-registration is necessary as the class size is limited to 25. See the flier on the bulletin board of the Post or contact him at (916-967-5110)



Jam Session

Every 4th Sunday, we will have a Jam Session - Swap meet at 12:00 p.m. Bring your instrument, guitar, bass or others etc. and plug in to our amplifiers and play with other musicians. Blues, country, rock, you are all welcome. Bring what you want to trade, sell, swap like old equipment. Or just come out and enjoy and listen. We guarantee a good time. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Don at the Post – 966-1663



FYI

Think about what the Commander stated in his article. See where you can volunteer to help out the Post and Auxiliary.

Please note the change of hours continue at this time. These articles and calendar are also posted on the website and if anyone would like to stop the paper version then please let us know.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that contributes and helps with this newsletter, your articles, printing, collating, stapling, everything - you are really appreciated!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ladies Auxiliary President
Jan Jordan (916) 838-2348

On March 18, we will have pins for eligible members for their years of membership and that will also be a corned beef and cabbage dinner. Call Connie Clement or leave message at the Post if you plan to attend. We will be having the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on Sunday, March 21st and will need ladies to help that day. So please call and let us know if you can help.

Elections of officers will be held at our meeting on April 13th. Reminder, we need help to distribute Buddy Poppies in May. And we will have a big yard sale on Saturday, June 5th. We will need your donations to make it successful. Please contact chairman, Connie Clement for a time frame and delivery of your donations and help. We want to welcome Mary Curiel and Evelyn Marchese, our newest members to the Auxiliary.

We finally got our building permit for the Memorial pavilion roof. The work will begin soon.

Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain
Terri Collette (916) 723-1224

Spring is in the air. Flowers and trees are starting to bloom. Another year is beginning anew. Some of our members have lost spouses this past year, our hearts and prayers are with all of them. Bob and I were in a car accident this month, when we and our sons looked at the car afterwards, we wondered how we survived!! Guess our Maker doesn't want us yet. Our ANGELS are really taking care of us, for whatever reason.

Mickey Johnson's father passed away the latter part of January, our prayers are with her and family. Jeri Kipgen is doing as well as can be expected, her spirits are up, it's '**not fun**' getting old!! Phil and Aileen Finley were also in a car accident recently and are doing as well as can be expected. Please keep me informed on how you are all doing. A Memorial ceremony with Honor Guard will be held at the Post on February 27 at noon in honor of Bill Moses. Potluck by members to follow.

One Day at a Time

We worry about our tomorrows
Of missing the joys of today.
Troubled about what may happen
Yet tomorrow, may not come our way.
Life's pathway is ever uncertain
'RIGHT NOW' is what's yours and mine.
The future is safe in GOD's keeping
We can live but one day at a time.

Gert Holaday

