

VFW Center Township Post 6158

8990 Kruitof Way

Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Pot Shot

January 2019

<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 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>

VFW Post Chaplain's Message

Let's keep all Veterans and their families in our thoughts and our hearts. Also pray for our National Home and any of our members or associates in need

Please remember our member and officer oaths. Our Word is our honor. We encourage visits for every member in distress. God Bless.

Jim Russell
VFW Post Chaplain

VFW Auxiliary President's Message

Dear Members,

APPRECIATION: Thank you to everyone who continues to support our dinners and events. Our grand total for the Biscuits and Gravy, allotted for the National Home for Children was \$602.58. Thank you for supporting this cause!

Over the holidays, we collected \$140 for the toy drive. Toys and gift cards were donated to the Veterans Center in Citrus Heights.

In collaboration with the American Legion Auxiliary, who donated all the proceeds of a Thursday night dinner, we raised \$164 dollars designated for victims of the Paradise fires. The resulting gift cards were delivered to Volunteers of America, who brought them to veterans they found residing in shelters around Chico. Thank you to all for being so generous during the holidays.

FUN: Our Christmas White Elephant Party was very fun. If you weren't able to join us this year, keep it in mind for next year.

Our annual Crab Feed will be Saturday, February 9th. Returning for your entertainment will be the Crystal Image Band. Tickets are now on sale in the Post Canteen. Remember, we are always looking for volunteers to support our Post's events.

MEMBERSHIP: Congratulations to our Auxiliary. We are 5 members away from being at 100% membership. If you have unpaid 2019 dues, please consider paying those before the end of the year. If you know of anyone eligible to join our Auxiliary, please promote our organization.

CHAPLAIN: Past Commander of Carmichael Post and VFW Post 6158 member, Norbert Walery, husband of Auxiliary member Kathy Walery, passed away on November 18th, 2018. His family and friends held mass for Norbert on December 28th, followed by a memorial luncheon at the Post.

Reminder: We will be electing our new Auxiliary chaplain at the January 2019 meeting.

SUPPORT: If you know of any Auxiliary Member or Comrade in need, please let me know.

CONTACT: The best way to reach me during the day is via email at deana.d.dyer@gmail.com.

Respectfully,
Deana Dyer
President, VFW Auxiliary

Message from the ALA President

Hope the holidays were merry and bright!

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to our Veterans.



I received a request for sleeping bags in December, purchased them and took them to the Volunteers of America. They went to homeless veterans.

Then, I received a call from the Army Recruiting office asking for help. They requested

25 dinners for Veterans who had lost their homes in Paradise or were hard up for the Holidays.

Well, as Denise will tell you, there is a fine line between brilliant and being an idiot. In my usually fashion I said, "no problem". I knew that you would back me up, Legion and Auxiliary. Well, we got it done.

This season I have seen the blessing of our giving in the faces of those we have blessed. If you ever wonder why we do what we do, that is where you will find the answer. You will see love, thankfulness, and Hope.

I hope you know how much you are appreciated!

Suzanne Winters, President
ALA Fair Oaks, Unit 383



Day After Meeting Lunch

Friday, January 11th, 2018 at 11.30 am, at Texas Roadhouse, 6309 Sunrise Blvd., Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

What do you hold precious?

In a blink of any eye: here today - gone tomorrow...

How often do we say these words? Do we really think about the true meaning of these words?

Where were you on November 8th, 2018? Were you thinking about Thanksgiving? The coming of the holidays, family, friends, good eats and fellowship?

The Camp Fire in Paradise, California, broke out around 7:23 am. By ca. 8.00 am, you were ordered to evacuate schools, hospitals, and the town was on fire. Your life was changed forever.

Matt and Heather Ellis were just one of many whose lives changed forever. Yes, they still have each other, but sadly lost their fur babies. Fortunately, they had family to take them in. Still, if you are a veteran, and belong to The American Legion, or the VFW, you belong to a family that will never forget what you have done for this country. We will never forget what you have done for us. Matt and Heather were a very active members of this post both Legion and VFW. They both held officer positions and were both active with the American Legion Riders. Matt landed a job in Chico and the family moved to Paradise.

After all that has happened, it was our turn to act. No, we cannot bring back the loss that you have endured, but we can let you know how much we love you and appreciate all that you are. On November 19th, The American Legion Auxiliary dedicated the Monday night dinner to the Ellis Family. The support was astounding, we made over \$300 that night. We asked for members and guest to bring in gift cards. Even after the dinner, money and gift card kept coming in. I even asked Dan if he remembered what Matt drank, without hesitation he said "Pale Ale." Naturally, a six pack was included!

Sunday December 9th, 2018 was the American Legion Auxiliary Christmas party at Post 521 in Rio Linda. I asked Heather if she could meet us there. Sheila LaPolla, Sandy Rice, Faynette Stadtman and Suzanne Winters attended, with basket in hand. Heather and Matt were so overwhelmed with our love and support. There was over \$500 of visa cards, \$75 Lowe's and Starbucks, an array of cards for different eateries; wine,



chocolate, sparkling cider, and lots of love. Slowly their lives are coming back together, they purchased a beautiful 5th wheel and are in the process of finding a place with hook ups. Matt was even able to purchase a new Harley. I sure through many tears and anguish they are now looking



forward to what lies ahead. As Matt said: "he was planning on cleaning out the garage, just not so thoroughly."

Our visit with the Ellis was very emotional with tears of sorrow, but also joy that they are okay. You can always

replace things, but what we hold precious is family and friends, which is not replaceable.

Thanks to all of you who stepped forward during the tragic time and help give the gift of love to the Ellis's.

Written by: Suzanne Winters; Pictures by: Sheila LaPolla

Apple Hill Cake

The American Legion Auxiliary has had many requests for our dessert recipes. We will try to feature a recipe a month at your request. Joan Voss has taken on the task of tantalizing your sweet tooth and the response has been "yum yum." So here is the first of many to come:

Bon Appetite!

Combine:

- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup oil
- 2 eggs

Add:

- 4 cups dices apples (golden Delicious

Sift Together:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tsp. Baking oaks

Add sifted dry ingredients to apple mixture. Pour in 9" by 13" greased cake pan and bake for 1 hour in a preheated 350°F oven.

Submitted by: Joan Voss

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		New Year's Day 		6 pm Prime Rib <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	6 pm Taco Soup by ALA <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke	6 pm VFW Auxiliary Meeting <hr/> 7 pm VFW Meeting		6 pm Baby Back Ribs <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke	11:30 am lunch @ Texas Roadhouse, 6309 Sunrise Blvd., Citrus Heights, CA 95610 <hr/> 1 pm Game Room Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1 pm Post Christmas Party	6 pm Sheppard's Pie <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke	Pot Shot Articles Due 		6 pm TBD <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke Persian Gulf War Begun (1991)	1 pm Game Room Day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	6 pm Chicken and Dumplings by ALA <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 	6 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting <hr/> 7 pm American Legion Meeting <hr/> 8 pm American Legion Riders Meeting		6 pm Beef Stew <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke	1 pm Game Room Day	
27	28	29	30	31		
10 am Biscuits and Gravy <hr/> Signing of Vietnam peace Accord (1973)	6 pm Cabbage Rolls <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke			6 pm Meat Loaf <hr/> 7 pm Karaoke Panama Campaign Ended (1990)		

Calendar is Subject to change. Check the web site or the white board for additional information. 916-966-1663



Please e-mail your September written newsletter articles, upcoming events, menus and photos to Lara Smith by 15th for the September issue to vfw6158potshots@gmail.com. Late articles will not be included. No e-mail? Leave your articles behind the Post canteen before the 15th and they will be picked up in the days afterward.



Newsflash

Website Address: <http://vfw6158.org>

Do you have news that is too late for the Pot Shot, but needs to be included on the Post website? Then call Bill Heilmann at 916-802-5271 or e-mail your information to wheilmann@gmail.com.