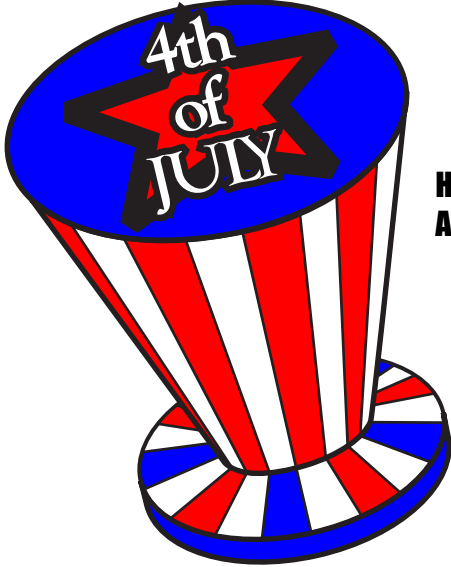




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Frank Gallino Post 130
July 2023 News Letter
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**Happy 247 th
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THE 130 DISPATCH

JULY 2023

Post Commander - Claude Hessel



Commander's Comments

Our Memorial Day Program on 28 May in Memorial Park was very well attended and, with various Veteran and Veteran support groups participating in our Wreath Laying Ceremony. Our three speakers, Grass Valley Mayor, Jan Arbuckle, Grass Valley Chamber CEO, Robin Davies, and County Veteran Services Officer, David West, all did an excellent job explaining the "Day" and what it means. Local Boy Scout 855 was there in support, raising and lowering Colors. And singers, Donna Mattson, Judy Gurley and Barbra (Babs) Conner sang most beautifully. Of course our Honor Guard shot three volleys and played Taps, followed by Paul McKim on bagpipes. Thanks to All.



Our 6 June dinner, prepared by Chef John Abas, and served by our Auxiliary, was most delicious. Thank you John and Auxiliary.

Congressman Kevin Kiley will be speaking to Veterans on Thursday, 29 June, at 4:00 PM, in the Remembrance Room. Hopefully, you have called in a reservation.

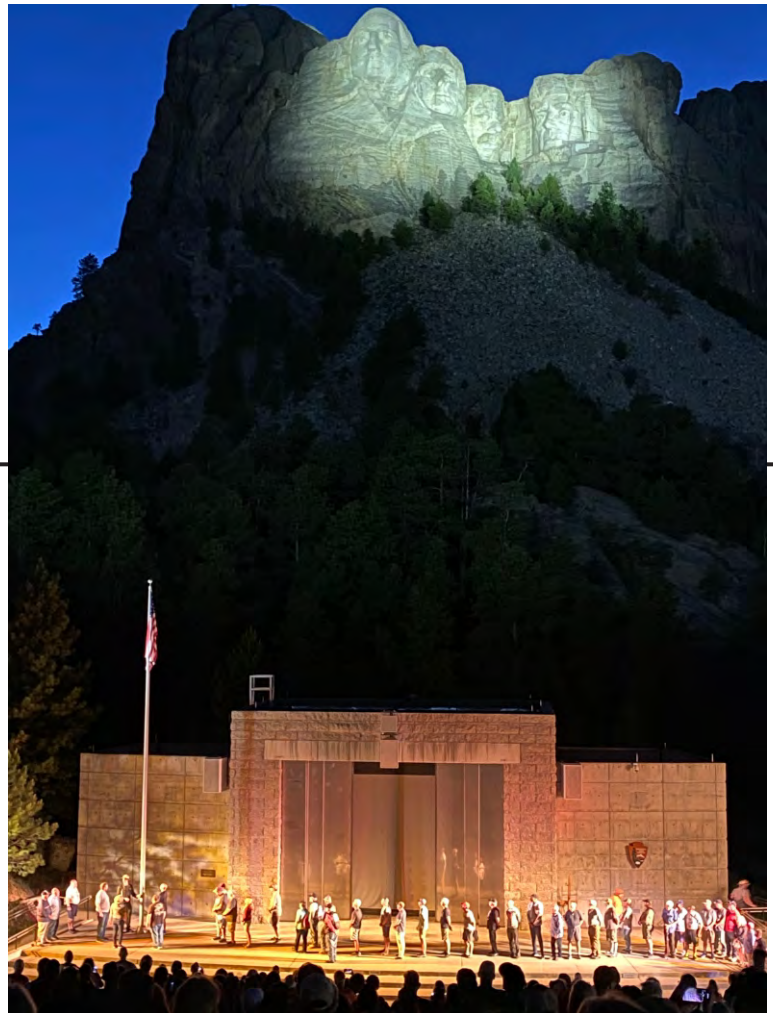
Our Color Guard will lead the Grass Valley 4th of July Parade, with the Honor Guard Bus close behind. The Auxiliary will also participate with a couple vehicles. Post and Auxiliary Unit members will be passing out small Flags to the crowd. So, come on out and help. We're meeting in the Grass Valley Veterans Hall Parking Lot at 9:00 AM.

The 1st Tuesday in July falls on the 4th. So we will not have a July Executive Board or General Meeting. Our next Executive Board and General Meetings will be on the 1st Tuesday 1 August, with the Executive Meeting at 4:00 PM and the General Meeting at 5:00 PM.

Sadly, we recently lost a WWII U.S. Army Veteran member, Frank Lujan. He fought and survived some most dangerous encounters with the German Army.

All for now...

Claude



Picture that....

Our local Scouts visit Mount Rushmore

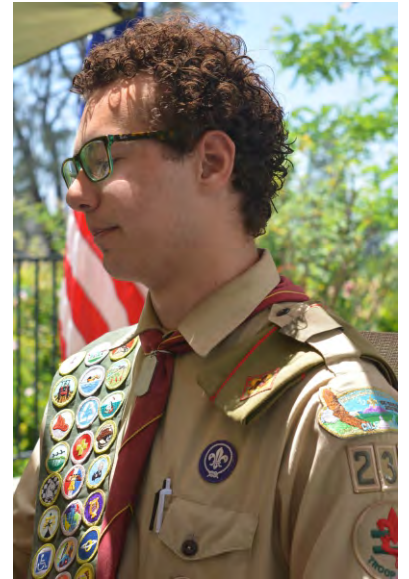
Adjutant Mike

I had the honor and privilege of being asked to sit on an Eagle Badge award/review committee this past month.

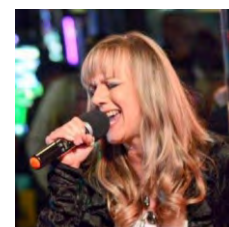
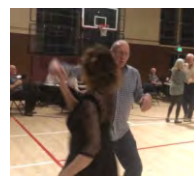
Pictured here is Bryce who designed, engineered, raised funds for and managed a build team in Browns Valley to construct a sports court for use by the community.

His parents and Scout masters had nothing but compliments for troop 232's team leader.

The other news? Bryce has enlisted in the Army and will head off to boot camp in the Fall. His goal is to become a Ranger and attend OCS.



Sunday July 9th & 23rd
Veterans Building Grass Valley
The "Bunker" 12- 4pm
Free





DID YOU KNOW?????

The Declaration of Independence was announced on July 4th, though the formal signing didn't occur until August 2nd, and the colonies actually voted to accept it on July 2nd.

So you may wonder - what day is the real Independence Day?

John Adams, who first proposed the idea of declaring independence from England, wrote a famous letter to his wife, Abigail, about how he believed July 2nd would be a day that was remembered and celebrated in America for years to come.

Apparently everyone else remembered otherwise...

Did you know that there have been 28 versions of the U.S flag to date, and that the most recent one, designed after Alaska and Hawaii joined the union, was the result of a school project?

Robert Heft was 17 when he came up with the flag design in 1958.

He originally got a B- on the project, but when his pattern won the national competition to become the next flag, his teacher raised his grade to an A.



Post 130 Auxiliary Installations



American Legion Auxiliary Frank Gallino unit 130 went to department of California annual convention in Visalia and the new department President, Glenda Schultz (district 7) took the gavel. Our own Melise Munroe was also installed as district 7 president.

The President

Melise Munroe



Melise Munroe President
Linda Robertson Secretary
Lorraine Gordon Treasurer

Lorraine Gordon
Treasurer



Linda Robertson
Secretary

Tom Munroe presents a poppy to the daughter of a WW2 veteran in front of B&C on May 27th during the Auxiliary Poppy Days.



Kaylie Friend, junior member of the Auxiliary, sings "America the Beautiful" at the June 6th dinner. Mark your calendars for August 1st our next dinner.



Melise munroe chats with a DAR member during Poppy Days in May. For the past several years DAR has assisted the Stand Down with providing and serving hot coffee and goodies at the stand down event.

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**Interesting Aircraft at
the recent
Fly in - Fly over at the
Nevada County Airport...
Good Crowds, Good Fun
& Good Funds raised for
flight training
scholarships for the
young**



A little 4th & Mill St History



**Come join us Tuesday,
July 4th in downtown
Grass Valley for
the 2023
Independence Day
Celebration!**

Congressman Kevin Kiley's Visit Adjutant Mike

We had a pretty good turn out for our Congressman's recent visit.

Approximately 35 Veterans, Veterans' Widows, Active military, Non profits supporting Veterans and 1 Veterans Dog...talked (some barked at) with our Congressional representative.

Some problems were presented. Some problems were solved. Some will be a challenge.

Above all it was the American System working about 30 ft in front of the crowd.

Thanks to Dick Corn for helping set up. Thanks to our VSO State and local staff for solving those problems



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



Frank Lujan was a very dedicated member of the American Legion for some 17 years. He did his Army basic at Ft Wolters in Mineral Wells Texas. Frank was part of the Normandy Invasion and served as a WWII rifleman and awarded a purple heart. Frank was born in October of 1924 and passed this past month at 99 years Old.

JULY 2023



HONOR GUARD:

04/27/2023 - Dewayne Garland Schilling- Air Force
Sierra Grace Fellowship Church
Honor Guard - Steve Hoss, Oral Stallings, Pete Vasilakos, Don Costa, Dave Barras, & Rick Berringer.

05/24/2023 - Nicole Rajkowski- Air Force
St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rough & Ready Hwy, Grass Valley
Honor Guard- Dave Barras, Dick Corn, Rick Berringer, Dale Gurley, Pete Vasilakos, Don Costa, & Steve Hoss.

05/28/2023 - William Franklin Dudley- Marines
Veteran's Bldg. , 255 S. Auburn St. Grass Valley
Honor Guard- Dick Corn, Corbin Smith, Oral Stallings, Paul Keasberry, Pete Vasilakos, Don Costa, Dave Barras, Rick Berringer, Claude Hessel, Dale Gurley, & Steve Hoss.

05/29/2023 - Memorial Day Ceremonies
Pioneer Park- 421 Nimrod St. Nevada City & Memorial Park
Honor Guard- Pete Vasilakos, Don Costa, Dick Corn, Dale Gurley, Oral Stallings, Steve Hoss, Rick Berringer, & Corbin Smith.

06/03/2023 - Donald E. Matson- Army
Greenwood Cemetery, Rough & Ready Hwy - Flag Presentation
Honor Guard- Don Costa, Corbin Smith, & Steve Hoss.

COLOR GUARD: 05/29/2023

Eskaton Village- 625 Eskaton Circle, Grass Valley
Color Guard- Pete Vasilakos, Dave Barras, Don Costa

Last Honors



Steps that need to take Place for an Honor Guard Service

First thing is to call Pete Vasilakos @ 530-432-6594.
Or email us at greekee@digitalpath.net .

We need to have a copy of the DD214 and Honorable Discharge emailed to us or mailed to us @ 18221 Mountain Park Court, Grass Valley, Ca. 95949. Then we need a person and phone number of some one in the family that we can get in touch with. Also need to know when the Service is to take place, what time, where, and is the Branch of Service to be contacted to Fold the Flag or do they want us to Fold the Flag. And is the Deceased an American Legion Member.

- #1- DD214 and Honorable Discharge
- #2- Date of Service
- #3- Place of Service
- #4- Time of Service
- #5- Date of Death
- #6-Is Branch of Service to be contacted to Fold Flag or do they want us to Fold Flag
- #7- Is the Deceased a Member of the American Legion

These are the things that we need in order to perform an Honor Guard Service

JOIN UP & JOIN IN

By paying your dues, you are part of the largest Veterans Organization in the USA. We fight for Veterans Benefits in Congress, and without you in our Organization, we can't help our Veterans. Now we accept all Veterans. IT doesn't matter if you were in War or not.

Hey everyone, don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't! I'm sure you want to help your local Post stay active, and the fastest (and easiest) way is to make sure you've paid your dues for 2021. If you aren't sure, or if you have any questions, call the office at (530) 575-7002.

Last year, we exceeded our membership goal and received 100% pins from Department of California. With your help, we can do it a second year in a row!

Membership dues not only help keep the Post running, but allow us to continue to assist local veterans in need. We thank you for your continued support and membership. Together, we are continuing to look out for all our veteran family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 James Davidson - Korea - Army
- 1 Douglas Ribble - Vietnam - Army
- 4 Ray Fackrell - Vietnam - Air Force
- 4 Craig Johnson - Vietnam - Navy
- 5 James Vicory - Vietnam - Navy
- 6 Marcel Verdooner - Korea - Army
- 7 Pete Vasilakos - Vietnam - Army
- 7 Gerald Thauberger - Vietnam - Navy
- 7 Ray Busard - Vietnam - Marine Corps
- 9 James Merenda - Vietnam - Army
- 10 Nino Herrera - Persian Gulf - Air Force
- 10 Thomas Bartrug - Vietnam - Navy
- 11 Michael Fiesel - Vietnam - Navy
- 14 Willis Mills - WWII - Air Force
- 14 Gary Milhous - Vietnam - Air Force
- 15 Merle Rasmus - Korea - Navy
- 15 Norm Koeckritz - Vietnam - Army
- 16 Joan Lewis-Szalay - Vietnam - Navy
- 17 Dennis Gustafson - Vietnam - Army
- 21 Dave DiPietro - Panama - Coast Guard
- 22 Gregory Atchinson - Vietnam - Army
- 22 James Richards - Vietnam - Navy
- 22 John Gross - Persian Gulf - Army
- 25 Donald Dutcher - WWII - Navy
- 26 William Smart - Unknown - Navy
- 28 John Carter - Vietnam - Navy
- 31 Armando Garza - Vietnam - Army
- 31 George Zanardi - WWII - USAF

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note (Mike Hauser)

It's my pleasure to help produce the Post 130 news Letter.....and **WE HEAR YOU!**

We mail printed newsletters to members not actively on the internet and e mail capable. Everyone needs to know what's going on and we need you to participate in some really great activities

Please note that the news letter is also posted on the Post's WEB site as well as videos. You can have out of the area friends and family visit www.gvlegionpost130.org and see the activities !!!!

If you would like to submit an article for future editions, please mail or e mail me your input prior to the 15th of the month. You'll find my e mail address at the bottom of the dispatch information column. Photos always make a story more interesting...hint... hint. If you are not e mail connected, give me a call at my office number and we'll make it work. I take fine dictation.....

E news will come from the mike@gvblueprint address.

If you are a new member and don't see the news call me right away and it will get fixed.

Nevada County Veterans Service Office

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the California Association of County Veterans Services Officers (CACVSO) Annual Summer Conference. These conferences are scheduled three times annually in the winter, summer, and fall are meant to keep us informed of the different services, agencies, and non-profits that are available to assist veterans. We additionally receive training on the newest laws, rules, and regulation changes that pertain to veterans benefits at both the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Veterans Hospital Administration. It is also an opportunity to serve as Chair of the Mentor Committee and sit on the Legislative Committee.



The CACVSO Legislative Committee works together to develop and support legislature that positively impacts the lives of California's veterans and brings awareness to services that are available to veterans. This year, the committee voted to support Assembly Bill 46 (AB 46), which would exclude from gross income retirement pay received by a taxpayer from federal government for service performed in the uniformed services. If passed this bill would begin on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2034. California is currently the only state in the Union that does not offer its military retirees some type of tax exemption. The passage of this legislature will hopefully entice more transitioning services members to stay in California once they retire and benefit from California's property tax exemption program.

California's property tax exemption program is available to all veterans who are receiving VA Compensation and the 100% rate and surviving spouses who are in receipt of Dependent and Indemnity Compensation benefits from the VA. The CACVSO voted to support AB 1361, which would authorize a county assessor to provide preliminary eligibility for the disabled veteran's tax exemption program. Currently, veterans who are purchasing new homes must wait until the sale of the home to apply for this benefit. Supporting this bill will assist veterans with qualifying for the purchase of a new home in the future. Currently, small business owners are prevented from providing veterans preference hiring practices due to existing equal opportunity laws. Senate Bill 73 would enact the Voluntary Veterans Preference Employment Policy Act to authorize a private employer to establish and maintain a written veterans preference employment policy, that needs to be applied uniformly in hiring decisions. Additionally, this bill will allow employers to give a voluntary preference for hiring a veteran over another qualified applicant. The passage of these three legislative item will have a direct impact on lives of our counties veterans.



History of Pioneer Community Energy

Pioneer Community Energy is a local not-for-profit provider of electric service to the communities we serve with competitive rates, excellent customer service and choice in energy options. Pioneer was formed in 2021 by the merger of Placer County Choele Valley Electric Department and Nevada County Electric Department. With the merger, Pioneer will serve the 8 communities in California, including 2 unincorporated Placer County, achieving status as a independent entity in 2021 with the payoff of debts and the hiring of necessary operational staff.

In response to our customers' requests to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, in 2021 we began offering a 100% renewable energy option. Pioneer provides the same reliable electric service that you've come to expect from Nevada County Electric Department and Placer County Choele Valley Electric Department. Our Governing Board consists of the locally elected representatives from the El Dorado County and Placer County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Placerville, Rocklin and the Town of Loomis.

Will it effect Me?

What happened to PG&E?

Your Power Should Be Your Choice.

Will my bill go down?

Pioneer powers our communities with competitive rates and **saves most customers 15% or more** compared with PG&E's generation rates.



What do I need to Do?

Join us Tuesday Evening August 1st, 6pm



Enjoy dinner & listen to Pioneer Community Energy explaining the energy changes beginning Jan 1, 2024.

Reserve Your Seats Now

(limited Seating)

Call 530 575 7002

Have some great BBQ while you listen

\$15

Who the heck is

Pioneer Community Energy?

Information presented by Mark Riffey of Pioneer Community Energy

July 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Independence Day Lunch 11am -3pm B, D, K	5	6	7	8
9 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	10	11 Auxillary Mtg 3:30pm- 4:30pm D, K Post Bd Mtg 10am- 11am B	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 R	19	20	21	22
23 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Key
D = Dinning Hall **R = Remembrance Room** **A= Main Auditorium** **K = Kitchen** **BA = Bowling Alley** **B = Bar Area** **P = Parking Lot** **O = Off Site**

August 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board Mtg 4pm Gen Mtg 5pm Dinner Mtg 6pm R	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Auxillary Mtg 3:30pm- 4:30pm D, K	9	10	11	12
13 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	28	29	30	31		

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