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Frank Gallino Post 130
November 2023 News Letter
530-575-7002



Veterans Day 11/11/23



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NEVADA COUNTY ALL VETERANS



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THE 130 DISPATCH

NOVEMBER 2023

Post Commander - Claude Hessel



Commander's Comments

Stand Down had a most successful annual event 13 and 14 October, from 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM, in the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Some 265 Veterans in attendance were supported by over 38 veteran support organizations. Breakfast and lunch was served thanks to the efforts of John Abas. Singer song writer, Chris Crockett, entertained Friday morning. Let's thank organizer, Melise Munroe, for all her hard work. And thanks to ALL who supported Stand Down.



The 1st Tuesday in November, the 7th, our Executive Board/General Meeting will take place at 4:00 PM. Please do your best to make it.

On the coming Veteran's Day, 11 November 2023, we will have quite a Program starting at 10:00 AM in the upstairs Auditorium of the Grass Valley Veterans Hall. Speaking, we will have U-2 pilot, Josh Tull, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force, from Beale Air Force Base. There will be patriotic songs sung by our very talented singers... Breona Calvert, Technical Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Donna Mattson and Mike Baker. The Program will end around 11:00 AM with our Honor Guard firing three volleys, playing Taps, followed by Bagpipes by Paul McKim. Lunch will follow the Program in the downstairs Dining Room... Pulled Pork, Ranch Beans, Fresh Fruit and Cookies, by outstanding Hospitality House Chef, Brian Bliss, for only \$10... FREE to Veterans. You will not want to miss this Program.

Veteran, Stan Zabka, died 7 October, 2023, after serving in WWII with seven of his brothers, who all survived the War. He made some very entertaining presentations for Post 130. His service will be at 11:00 AM, 4 November, at Twin Cities Church.

We need Your Help!

John Madieros is crying out for HELP... He needs a couple more BARTENDERS. Between himself as Finance Officer and Bar Manager, all he has to help is his assistant, Linda Robertson. We have Bar use by bowlers on Wednesday and Thursday nights, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Besides that, currently, the Bar is used only a couple times a month. So, PLEASE Step Up and volunteer.

All tips go to the bartenders.

Call John at 530 273 4988



**Saturday
November
11th**

**Grass
Valley
Veterans
Hall**

The 2023 Veterans' Day celebration, which will take place 10am, Saturday November 11th at Grass Valley's Veterans Building, will feature Lt. Colonel Joshua Tull a U.S. Air Force U2 pilot. Colonel Tull will relay the earth views from near outer space. Tell you about the adventure of landing the aircraft using a tricycle landing gear. What it's like flying alone for many, many, many hours being the lone tech, being the aircraft defender, being the pilot.

Nevada County's All Veterans Color Guard will open the ceremonies by presenting the colors immediately followed by the National Anthem sung by Air Force Technical Sergeant Breona Calvert. Breona is also Nevada County's Military ambassador.

10am



**Lunch afterwards is FREE
for all Veterans**

Military Appreciation Week 2023



Honor Our Veterans

★ MILITARY ★ APPRECIATION WEEK 11/4 - 11/12, 2023

Offer a discount to honor active duty, reservists, retired, veterans and Gold Star Families during the week of Veterans Day. Participating businesses will be listed online and will receive a window sticker to advertise in their business.

Register or learn more:
www.MyNevadaCounty.com/MilitaryAppreciation

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Businesses are on board offering discounts to support YOU and our Active Military!
Need a product or service? Spend that hard earned money locally.
We got each other's backs!

COUNTRY DANCE & PARTY A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 23rd
Veterans Hall
Doors Open at 5pm
Music Starts AT 6pm
\$15 per Person

**BENEFITS FRANK GALLINO
AMERICAN LEGION POST 130
VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND**

**RESERVE YOUR TICKETS
BY CALLING
AML POST 130
255 S AUBURN ST
GRASS VALLEY
530 687 2440**

**NO HOST BAR
FOOD AVAILABLE**



We celebrated Marine Vietnam Veteran and Barbra Conner's long time Karaoke partner, Bill Dudley's Birthday Sunday, 22 October in the Bunker.

Willy's daughters and other family were there. He passed away this past year due to agent orange related cancer. What a Great Guy!



The President

Melise Munroe



Melise Munroe President
Linda Robertson Secretary
Lorraine Gordon Treasurer



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First
Responder
Supporters**

**Stand Down
Support Team**



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Armed Forces Day 2024 Adjutant Mike

Armed Forces Day has been officially celebrated here for the past two years. We are one of the few areas in the State honoring our active & current Military.

While the event has been successful, we will be looking to make the 2024 event ...**OFF SCALE.**

The County, City of Grass Valley, The Chamber, Post 130 and the Golden Empire Flying Association have teamed up to stage the 2024 event at the Airport.

Not only will we have flyovers, we will have walk throughs.

There will be aircraft you can actually ride in.

There will be classic vehicles ...Military and otherwise.... parked along with current vehicles and equipment.

There will be food, fun, music

And?

Stay tuned for further details & surprises!
For now pencil in Saturday, May 18th 2024.

Thanks to Tim O'Brien for the Photos

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreaths Across America began unofficially in 1992 at Arlington National Cemetery. Since that time the mission of Wreaths Across America had spread to cemeteries throughout all 50 states and beyond. This year the Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be held on December 16 at over 3500 cemeteries to demonstrate our gratitude and respect for our veterans and the sacrifices they have made. Our ceremony, which commemorates the 31st year of Wreaths Across America, will be held at noon at St. Patrick's Cemetery on Rough and Ready Hwy (next to NID). Ceremonial wreaths will be laid to honor each branch of the U.S. military. Following our ceremony the public will be invited to choose a wreath to place on the grave of a veteran and say the name of the individual. All ages are invited to attend as we Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

The wreaths are \$17 each and the deadline for donations for this year is November 28. All donations must be back to the headquarters in Maine by then. Our goal is to place wreaths on the graves of veterans at St. Patrick's, Greenwood and Sierra Lawn Cemeteries. To do so we need about 1500 wreaths. You may sponsor a wreath by going directly to :

wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0231P

or by mailing a check to:

Bonnie Magnetti
22627 Sunset Ridge Dr.
Auburn, CA 95602

For questions call Bonnie Magnetti at 530-210-1941 or Sally Knutson at 530-478-0192

December 16th

12 Noon

**(Cut off for wreath sponsorship is)
(November 28th.)**



Coming Events



- November 11th - Veterans Day Celebrations
- November 23rd - Thanksgiving
- December 5th - General Mtg & 2023 Fun Planning
- December 16th - Wreaths Across America - 12 Noon - St Pat's Cemetary
- December 23rd - The Greek Cowboy Dance



HALLOWEEN KARAOKE DANCE

COME AND SHOW US YOUR TALENT AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY! **\$12**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th 5:00 -9:00 p.m.

Veterans Hall, 255 S. Auburn St. Grass Valley, CA

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED!

Small pumpkin icons are placed at the bottom corners of the poster.



Sunday November 12th & 26th
Veterans Building Grass Valley
The "Bunker" 12- 4pm Sunday
Free



NOVEMBER 2023

HONOR GUARD:

08/23/2023- Frank Ramirez Morales – Marine
Nevada City Elks Lodge, Nevada City

Honor Guard- Don Costa, John Pratt, Dale Gurley, Steve Hoss, Rick Berringer,
Pete Vasilakos, & Dick Corn

09/21/2023-Dennis P. Davidson- Army
Greenwood Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Nevada City

Honor Guard- Dale Gurley, Corbin Smith, Don Costa, Pete Vasilakos, John Pratt,
Dick Corn, Steve Hoss

10/07/2023- Andre Jack Olivan- Marine
Lake Wildwood Marina Room- Penn Valley

Honor Guard-Don Costa, James O'Neal, Steve Hoss, John Pratt, Pete Vasilakos, Russell Corkum, Dale Gurley, & Corbin Smith

COLOR GUARD:

10/13/2023- Stand Down for Veterans
Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley

Color Guard- Steve Hoss, Russell Corkum, James O'Neal, & Pete Vasilakos



County VSO David West

Veterans who served during any wartime period and their surviving spouses are eligible for the VA's non-service pension program, or what is mostly commonly known as the Aid & Attendance Program. This program is intended to assist with medical costs that are associated with caring for our loved ones as they age.

These costs can range from \$3,000 to over \$10,000 per month, depending on the level of care needed. To qualify for this benefit veterans must have served during a period of war, received an honorable discharge, have a medical need, and must financially qualify. Maximum allowable income limits are tied to the national poverty index; however, monthly un-reimbursed medical expenses are used to reduce veterans' annual income.

To learn more about this benefit, please contact the Nevada County Veterans Services Office at (530) 273-3396 to schedule an appointment with one of our accredited staff members.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Your Birthday not on the list????
Let us know!**

- 1 Mike Hauser - Vietnam - Army
- 3 Larry Kennedy - Vietnam - Army
- 3 Les Nicholson - Vietnam - Army
- 4 Robert Jensen - Unknown
- 5 Bruce Sund - Vietnam - Army
- 7 Edward Wintercorn - WWII - Army
- 7 Kenneth McGuire - Vietnam - Navy
- 7 Neal Evans - Lebanon/Grenada - Navy
- 8 James Dousman - Vietnam - Navy
- 10 David Cox - Vietnam - Marine Corps
- 11 Clifford Phelps - Korea - Air Force
- 11 Royce Painter - Korea - Unknown
- 13 Michael Sullivan - Vietnam - Navy
- 14 Robert Cull - Vietnam - Navy
- 14 Ronald Fischer - Vietnam - Navy
- 16 Jon Sortomme - Persian Gulf - Army
- 17 Ronald Montminy - Vietnam - Navy
- 20 Lawrence Hoyle - Vietnam - Army
- 20 Stanley Shurtz - Vietnam - Air Force
- 21 Daniel Bullock - Vietnam - Army
- 21 James Baker - Vietnam - Army
- 22 Claude Hessel - Vietnam - Coast Guard
- 22 Raymond Sampson - Vietnam - Air Force
- 24 Charley Washburn - Vietnam - Air Force
- 28 Charles Carroll - Vietnam - Air Force
- 29 Richard Bucher - Vietnam - Air Force
- 30 Keith Maben - Vietnam - Navy

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 2023. If you aren't sure, or if you have any questions, call the office at (530) 575-7002.

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.

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.

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



NEVADA COUNTY
ALL VETERAN

STAND
DOWN

FOOD, MUSIC, PROVIDERS & COMMUNITY
NEVADA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS OCTOBER 13TH & 14TH

ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
ARE WELCOME!

AT THE NORTHERN MINES BUILDING

DOORS OPEN 8:30 - 3PM

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER
BY CALLING 530-278-5343

2023



November 2023							Dec 2023
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7 Board Mtg 10am- 11am B Post General Mtg 10am -11am	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day Breakfast Kids Music Entertain 7-10am B, K, D	
12 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	13 Native Sons Dinner 4 – 9pm B, K, D	14 Auxillary Mtg 3:30pm- 4:30pm D, K	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 Cornish Christmas	25	
26 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	27	28	29	30			

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

December 2023							Jan 2024
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 Cornish Christmas Beale AFB Guests	2	
3	4	5 Board Mtg 4pm – 5pm Post General Mtg 5pm –6pm B	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembered Lunch 11 – 2pm B, K, D, A	8 Cornish Christmas	9	
10 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	11 Native Sons Dinner 4 – 9pm B, D, K	12 Auxillary Mtg 3:30pm- 4:30pm D, K	13	14	15 Cornish Christmas	16	
17 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	18	19 R	20	21	22 Cornish Christmas	23 Christmas Dance & Celebration 4 – 10pm A, B	
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	
31							

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Catch me if you can.....