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Frank Gallino Post 130
October 2023 News Letter
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NEVADA COUNTY ALL VETERANS



Plan on being there October 13-14th

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THE 130 DISPATCH

OCTOBER 2023

Post Commander - Claude Hessel



Commander's Comments

This year's 9/11 Ceremony was well organized between our Adjutant, Mike Hauser, and Grass Valley Chamber CEO, Robin Davies. It took place on Mill Street, near the Del Oro Theater, where we had excellent speakers and singers and a lot of First Responders, both Fire Fighters and Law Enforcement. However, there was not a huge crowd of onlookers, as it was not that well advertised. We will put it out better next year. Thanks to Donna Mattson for her beautiful job singing God Bless America.



Then on Wednesday, 13 September, thanks to Mike Hauser's planning and coordination, we had a large gathering and Drive By at Eskaton for the 102nd Birthday of Lou Conter, the last survivor on the Arizona when bombed and sunk in Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. There were active duty servicemen and servicewomen from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, various Veteran group members, and many others. Lou was seated in front of his garage door, and the people either marched or drove slowly. While piloting seaplanes and saving many lives during WWII, Lou survived being shot down twice. What a Hero! Thank you So much for your service to our Country, Lou.

The 1st Tuesday in October, the 3rd, our Executive Board/General Meeting will take place at 4:00 PM. Please do your best to make it.

Stand Down Nevada County will be held this year at Nevada County Fairgrounds, Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. It's open for Free to any Veteran in Nevada County. Our Post will provide Lunch on Saturday. As in the past, Veterans will have Free services from many veteran support organizations.

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. The Program will end around 11:00 AM with our Honor Guard firing three volleys, playing Taps, followed by Bagpipes. We're planning on following the Program with Lunch in the downstairs Dining Room. You will not want to miss this Program.

All for now...

Claude

We need Your Help!

The Post needs some help providing bar services. This is not a full time job but a routine job. Helping with Bowling events, Occasional Dinners, and Social events. Please contact John Madeiros about the details on what's needed and how you can help.

John has been the Post's treasurer for several years now. He needs a breather because not only does he volunteer here but also with other organizations and he runs his own accounting business! How about talking to him about assisting with or taking over his duties here at Post 130.

Call John at 530 273 4988



**Happy
102
to you
Lou!**

**From your community
and fellow Veterans**



IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

Every year the post honors those lost on 9/11/2001 and our first responders who continue to defend us against disasters and crime.

This year we teamed with Grass Valley to hold the ceremony downtown on Mill Street.



OCTOBER 2023

The President

Melise Munroe



Melise Munroe President
Linda Robertson Secretary
Lorraine Gordon Treasurer

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Treasurer



Linda Robertson
Secretary

After Frank Gallino unit #130's meeting was over, auxiliary unit junior member, Kaylie, carries troop boxes to be mailed overseas. Each month we pack boxes. If you would like to support our cause, checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 918 Grass Valley 95945, made payable to ALA #130. Thanking you in advance.



The son of a Frank Gallino unit #130 member takes a selfie along with fellow fire fighters. They made the cross and mounted it on top of a mountain in Antarctica. This was done in remembrance of first responders who lost their lives on Sept 11th!!

Thank you gentlemen!!!



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Submit your articles to mike@gvblueprint.com

OCTOBER 2023



BUSY!!!!



MISSIONS

08/02/2023- Mark Randall Thoman-Air Force
62 Primrose Lane, Grass Valley

Honor Guard- Oral Stallings, Don Costa, Corbin Smith, Steve Hoss, Rick Berringer, John Pratt, Pete Vasilakos, & Dale Gurley

08/22/2023- Don Rod Batcheller- Army
Goodyears Bar Cemetery State Hwy. 49

Honor Guard- Don Costa, Dale Gurley, Pete Vasilakos, Oral Stallings, & Randall Stallings

09/11/2023- Patriot Day- 9/11
Mill St. Grass Valley

Honor Guard- Steve Hoss, Dale Gurley, James O'Neal, Pete Vasilakos, Oral Stallings, John Pratt, Rick Berringer, & Dick Corn

09/13/2023- Bus Ride for Lou Conters Birthday
625 Eskaton Circle Grass Valley

Honor Guard- Rick Berringer, Pete Vasilakos, John Pratt, Corbin Smith, James O'Neal, & Steve Hoss

09/15/2023-Robert Harold Wilder- Air Force
459 Hollow Way, Nevada City

Honor Guard- Claude Hessel, Don Costa, Dick Corn, Corbin Smith, Dale Gurley, John Pratt, James O'Neal

09/16/2023- Thomas Earl Edwards, Jr.- Marine
12265 N. Lakeshore, Lake of the Pines

Honor Guard- Pete Vasilakos, John Pratt, James O'Neal, Don Costa, Corbin Smith, Rick Berringer, Ron Montgomery

COLOR GUARD:

09/09/2023- Roaming Angels Car Show
Nevada City Tech Center, Nevada City

Color Guard- Don Costa, John Pratt, & Oral Stallings

09/11/2023- Patriot Day- 9/11
Mill St. Grass Valley

Color Guard- Pete Vasilakos, Steve Hoss, & John Pratt

09/13/2023- Lou Conters Birthday
625 Eskaton Circle Grass Valley

Color Guard- John Pratt, Pete Vasilakos, & Corbin Smith



530 264 8762

530 575 7002



530 264 7056

530 277 8856

Nevada County Veterans' Services



530 273 3396



530 272 3300

To our Fellow Veterans,

Veteran's Day is a month away.

Memories for all of us are stirred every day but brought to focus on this day. Maybe it's a good memory. Your buddies and you accomplishing something thought undoable. Maybe it's a not so good smell or Flash? Every single one of us feels the pain and grief of losing one of our fellow Veterans.

If you need help, if you are in pain, if you simply need someone to talk with to get through this, contact one of our organizations.

We are here to help. Your Country needs you as it did during your service. Let's get past this together and continue to help build this great Nation.

God Bless You

God Bless America



We Got Your Back.....



**Sunday October 1st
Veterans Building Grass Valley
The "Bunker" 12- 4pm Sunday
Free**





Past Stand Downs

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Your Birthday not on the list????

Let us know!

- 1 Leo Dengler - Korea - Navy
- 1 Steve Hoss - Lebanon/Grenada - Marine Corps
- 4 Linden Garner - Korea - Navy
- 5 Patrick Pitts - Vietnam - Navy
- 6 Dan Davis Vietnam Navy
- 7 John Kuester - Korea - Navy
- 7 Michael Lewis - Vietnam - Navy
- 9 Robert Bond - Vietnam - Army
- 10 Frank Lujan - WWII - Army
- 12 Edwin Smith - WWII - Navy
- 13 Jay Jacobsen - Vietnam - Army
- 15 Patrick Ward - Vietnam - Air Force
- 16 Jack Pizzuti - Vietnam - Air Force
- 16 James Baehr - Unknown - Air Force
- 17 Donald Sheldon - Vietnam - Marine Corps
- 18 Bill Alexander - Vietnam - Navy
- 20 Paul Riley - Vietnam - Army
- 23 Frank Caunt - Korea - Navy
- 24 Dennis Cassella - Vietnam - Air Force
- 25 Oral Stallings - Vietnam - Marine Corps
- 25 John Miles - Vietnam - Marine Corps
- Frank Marincich
- 25 Robert McCullough - Vietnam - Army
- 28 Thomas Lardie - WWII - Air Force
- 29 Marvin D Kesler - Vietnam - Army
- 30 Richard Arens - Lebanon/Grenada - Navy
- 31 William Juhl - Vietnam - Air Force
- 31 John Madeiros - Vietnam - Army

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**

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Karaoke 12-4pm Bunker/Bar B	2	3 Board Mtg 4-5pm General Mtg 5-6pm B	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day Native Sons Dinner 4 – 9pm B, K, D	10 Auxillary Mtg 3:30pm- 4:30pm D, K	11	12	13 Stand Down O, K	14 Stand Down O
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Colfax Willy Remembered	23	24	25	26	27	28 Dance Halloween 4-10pm A
29	30	31 Halloween				

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

November 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		

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Veteran's Day 11/11/23 & Scout Flag Retirements