

70 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

Membership is vital to any organization. For an individual to be a member of an organization for 70 continuous years is a commendable accomplishment. That's how the American Legion feels, and 18 members of Yolo Post 77 attained that milestone this year. National Headquarters has sent them certificates, signed by the National Commander, in recognition of that landmark achievement. Post Commander Richard West and Chaplain Ted Hillyer are in the process of delivering the framed certificates to those loyal Legionnaires. The 70 year members recognized this year are: Luella Albericci, Yorio Aoki, Stanley Bender, Dwight Breckenridge, Harry Dewey, Columbus Frank, Mervin Hermle, Frank Hildebrand, Hugh King, Fred McGrew, Mariano Mendez, Warren Meyer, James Newman, Raymond Penrose, Elmer "Zeke" Plocher, Gail Reif, Joseph Schwarzgruber, and Clarence Walden. Sadly, Yorio Aoki, Columbus Frank, and Hugh King have since transferred to Post Everlasting. To all these loyal members we say, "Thank you for your unwavering support of the American Legion."



Frank Hildebrand



Stanley Bender



Warren Meyer



Elmer "Zeke" Plocher

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY SAVED BY WOODLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT



A major embarrassment was averted on Memorial Day, thanks to the Woodland Fire Department. In preparing for the ceremony in Woodland Cemetery, the POW/MIA flag was being lowered when the halyard came loose and the flag crashed to the ground. The halyard passed through the pulley at the top of the flag pole and came down with the flag. A call was placed to the Woodland Fire Department, requesting assistance. They responded with a ladder truck, threaded the halyard back through the pulley and saved the day well before the scheduled start time for the ceremony. We salute you, Woodland Fire Department!



2015 -2016 Legion Officers

- Commander-Kevin Phelps
- First Vice Commander-Juan Hernandez
- Second Vice Commander-Antonio Hernandez
- Junior Past Commander-Richard West
- Adjutant-Albert Castillo
- Finance Officer-Corbin Smith
- Sgt-at-Arms-Vince Olvera
- Chaplain-Ted Hillyer
- Service Officer-Billy Wagster
- Executive Committee-Don Campbell
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EVENT CALENDARS

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 77

Officers:

Dan Neubauer, President
Kathy Neubauer, Adjutant
Dan Neubauer, Chaplain
Gary Melm, Safety Officer

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JULY 11 9 AM Membership meeting
 AUG. 1 9 AM Membership meeting
 SEPT. 9 9 AM Membership meeting

For information about motorcycling with the Post Riders, call Kevin Phelps, (530) 908-6403.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

JULY 8 7 PM Membership meeting
 AUG. 12 7 PM Membership meeting
 SEPT. 10 7 PM Membership meeting

Carl Prutch, Commander, tel. 669-7975; Gary Leach, Adjutant. SAL meetings are held at Post 77 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

AUXILIARY

Officers:

Silvia Hillyer - President • Maria Lopez - Vice President
 Arlene Sandoval - Secretary • Christine Rogers - Treasurer
 Mary Cogburn - Chaplain/Historian
 Jackie Huff - Member of the Executive Committee

JULY 2 6:30 PM Executive meeting
 7:00 PM General meeting
 AUG. 6 6:30 PM Executive meeting
 7:00 PM General meeting
 SEPT. 3 6:30 PM Executive meeting
 7:00 PM General meeting

For Information about the American Legion Auxiliary, contact Silvia Hillyer at (530) 661-6326

POST EVERLASTING

LOUIS NIEHUES
ROBERT MCGRUFF
ANTONIO MONTOYA
PHIL ROSASCO
R. STEPHEN WALDECK

"Farewell, My Comrades."

JULY 2015



JULY 2 7:00 PM YOLO COUNTY VETERANS' COALITION MEETING
 JULY 4 6:30 AM INDEPENDENCE DAY - FLAGS ON MAIN STREET
 JULY 11 6:00 PM INSTALLATION OF POST 77 OFFICERS
 JULY 12 6:00 PM INSTALLATION OF 6TH DISTRICT OFFICERS
 JULY 15 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 JULY 22 7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 2015

AUG 6 7:00 PM YOLO COUNTY VETERANS' COALITION MEETING
 AUG 12 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - CHANGE DUE TO YOLO COUNTY FAIR
 AUG 19-23 ALL DAY YOLO COUNTY FAIR - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 AUG 26 7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING
 AUG 29 6:00 PM COUNTY FAIR PARKING VOLUNTEER DINNER



SEPTEMBER 2015

SEP 3 7:00 PM YOLO COUNTY VETERANS' COALITION MEETING
 SEP 11 6:00 PM DINNER
 SEP 16 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 SEP 23 7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING

American Legion Post 77

BINGO Every Tuesday Night

SESSIONS: 4:30PM & 6:30PM

523 BUSH STREET



AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA'S COMMANDER IS MEMORIAL DAY GUEST SPEAKER



JANET M. WILSON
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
2014-2015

Yolo Post 77 had a very special guest speaker this year for our Memorial Day Ceremony. That speaker was none other than our own Department Commander, Janet Wilson. It is believed this was the first time in the history of the post that we have had our Department Command-

er speak at one of our ceremonies. Commander Wilson served in the U.S. Army as a medic and has been a member of the American Legion for more than 26 years.

In speaking of the sacrifices of fallen heroes, she said, " We can best honor their sacrifice by remembering their families, who have lost so much... We need to be there for them – not just as members of The American Legion family – but as American citizens. Americans must remember that freedom isn't free...In fact, it's only possible because our fallen heroes have paid its high price. A price paid, which enables us to have ceremonies and observances like this in towns across this great country."

INSTALLATION OF LEGION, AUXILIARY, AND SAL OFFICERS

Newly elected and appointed officers of the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion will assume their duties upon being installed at 6:00 PM. on July 11, 2015. Dinner tickets are available in the Clubroom for \$10.00. The installing officer this year will be the department of California's Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Gary Leach.

Post 77 Officers to be installed for 2015-2016 are:

Commander - Kevin Phelps

First Vice Commander - Juan Hernandez

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Junior Past Commander - Richard West

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Comrades,

Summer is here and so is American Legion baseball! If you get an opportunity, please take in a game at our historic Clark field. Frank Eakle has dedicated many selfless hours mentoring our youth and we can all be very proud of these young men – they represent our Post well.

Our 2015 Memorial Day activities were very successful. Flags were flying on Main Street as well as at the Avenue of the flags in the Woodland Cemetery. Janet Wilson, American Legion State Commander, was our Guest Speaker at this years' service. She emphasized the importance of recognizing those that fought and gave their lives for this country and encouraged all of us not to forget what this day represents. The American Legion Auxiliary hosted a community luncheon immediately following the service. We estimate that approximately 300 individuals were served. Thank you to all!

A very touching portion of our Memorial Day Service was Post Everlasting which was the recognition of Yolo Post 77 members that we have lost over the last year. One in particular, Steven Waldeck, was an active member of Executive board. Not only was he our Treasurer, he also was vital in several key areas within our Post. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of all those who we have lost.

It's been a full year that Yolo Post 77 has hosted Bingo every Tuesday evening. We have seen it grow in size and everyone seems to enjoy themselves. Thanks to Al Castillo for overseeing the weekly activities and to the American Legion Auxiliary for providing the great food.

The overriding theme in each of my newsletter articles has been the importance of our volunteers and the success that Yolo Post 77 enjoys because of these men and women. The comradery, support, and loyalty to our veterans are beyond what you will see in any other organization. I salute each and every one of you.

God Bless our Country!

Richard West
Commander, Yolo Post 77



YOLO COUNTY FAIR PARKING

It's County Fair time. Once again, Yolo Post 77 will have responsibility for the Yolo County Fair parking concession. As always, this is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year! This is where we make the majority of our operating funds for the year. Our ability to support Boys' State, our Scout Troop, Scholarships and School Awards, and everything else we do - it all depends on our income from the Fair. It's a long, hot, five day event, and it's labor intensive. We need all the volunteers we can get. The shifts are shown to the right. The sign up sheet will be in the clubroom by the time you read this. Please come out and help!



Wednesday, Aug 19th:

4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thursday, Aug 20th:

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
2:30 PM to 6:30 PM
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Friday, Aug 21st :

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
2:30 PM to 6:30 PM
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Saturday, Aug 22nd:

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
2:30 PM to 6:30 PM
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, Aug 23rd:

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
2:30 PM to 6:30 PM
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM