



Woodland, California March - April 2010
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The Post 77 Past Commanders dinner always brings back the good old days. Enjoying themselves at this year's dinner on Feb. 6 are (l. to r.) Nada Shellhammer, Yvonne Peters, Past Commander Arlin Peters, and Thelma Battles. Arlin was commander 44 years ago. Nada's husband, Irv Shellhammer, was the leader of Post 77 in 1968 and '69. Joe Battles, Thelma's husband, was the 1974-75 Post commander. We have fond memories of those times and the outstanding job done by Arlin Peters, Irv Shellhammer and Joe Battles.

On behalf of the
Post Athletic Committee,
you are invited to the
Art Casa Memorial Golf Tournament
March 29, noon
Yolo Fliers Club

Four Person Scramble in three
handicapped flights

Prizes on all 3 pars, longest drive hole,
and, of course, hole-in-one
Trophies for each flight winners

Entry fee \$80, includes dinner and prizes
after the tournament

Sign up at the Post or by calling
Jeff Youngmark (867-2741),
Jim Campos (308-8363),
or the famous Gary Traynham
(383-5332). Entry fees are
due by March 15.



**CALLING ALL VETERANS WHO
SERVED IN A WAR ZONE**

Woodland High School has again asked the Post if Armed Forces veterans who served in a war zone would stop by the high school on March 31, 8:00 a.m. to be interviewed by three students as to what your service was like. This event will serve as both a reminder of what veterans have done for America and a learning experience for the high school students.

Veterans who attended last year reported that they very much enjoyed themselves.

Please consider participating. Let us know soon by calling Larry Schapiro at 304-6099.

**OH, NO! MANY MEMBERS HAVE
NOT RENEWED FOR THIS YEAR**

A mere oversight I'm sure, but some of you have not sent in your \$33 dues for the 2009-10 membership year. There is a lot we can accomplish for veterans and the community in 2010. But we cannot do it without you.

Let's continue this great team of ours.

If you have any question as to whether you have paid the \$33 American Legion dues for this year, check to see if you have a 2010 membership card or call Corbin Smith at 662-9772

Ed Trautt, Commander



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Albert Castillo, 1st Vice Commander
Marty Bernavage, 2nd Vice Commander
Gary Leach, Adjutant
Dave Isbell, Immediate Past Commander
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Frank Eakle, Athletic Committee Chair
Larry Schapiro, Historian
Dave Kauderer, Judge Advocate
William Allardice, Legislative Advocate
Dan Cameron, Executive Committe

MISCELLANEOUS GOINGS-ON

Three months. That is how long Post 77 had electronic bingo machines in the clubroom. January 29th was the last day. A California appellate court ruled that these types of machines, which had been used by charities and nonprofits all over California, are slot machines and thus cannot be operated except on Indian reservations. As part of Post 77 watching over the Veterans Monument in the Woodland Cemetery, we have recently replaced the tattered United States flag and MIA/POW flag flying over the Monument. ... A study by a research scientist for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs finds there is a downside to having a lot of money. The study, summarized in the Jan. 28th issue of Medical News Today, noted, "New research on drinking among older adults has found that older adults who have more money, engage in more social activities, and whose friends approve more of drinking are more likely to engage in excessive or high-risk drinking." No surprises found in that research, I suppose. ... Post 77 members are helping the Yolo Wayfarer Center by picking up donated food each weekend from Costco, Raley's, Starbucks, and Bel-Air. ... We are awaiting approval from the State American Legion for the merger of Post 77 and West Sacramento Post 440. ... If you are a computer type of person, the Post hall now has wireless internet access for those who bring in a laptop computer. ... "Women Educating Women" held its second annual chocolate festival fundraiser at the Post in February. There was chocolate everything served. Hey, we shouldn't think about calories all the time!... Generous attendees at the Feb. 6 Past Commanders dinner donated \$175 towards buying food for the homeless. Dave and Pat Kauderer mailed in donation check of \$50. After purchasing the food with these funds, Post members will cook and serve the dinners. ... Post 77's spring Pinochle tournament started on Feb. 25. If you wish to join in, call Frank Eakle at 666-3797. ... The hall was full for the Feb. 7 Super Bowl party. There was lots of food, televisions all over and, of course, American Legion camaraderie. ... The Yolo County Veterans Coalition meets at Post 77 every other month. The number of Yolo County veterans' organizations that are members of the County Veterans Coalition has increased over the last year. Post 77 First Vice Commander Al Castillo has been elected as commander of the Veterans Coalition. ... On Feb. 5, Holy Rosary School awarded the Post an appreciation certificate for our donation to them of an American flag to fly over the school as a thank you for the school having its choir sing at the Post's Veterans Day program. ... The 73rd year of Boys State is coming up in June at Sacramento State. We will be sending six juniors from high schools throughout Yolo County. The State American Legion points out that "The purpose of Boys' State is attained by having them learn by doing. From this practical school of government, the delegates learn the part each one can play under our system of government – that each can run for office, can vote for the candidate of his choice, and can have a voice and be part of shaping policies of his government." The Post Auxiliary will again be sending students to southern California for Girls State. ... World War II pilot Fred Morrison has died at age 90. Who is he, you ask? After the war, Morrison used the knowledge he had gained in the Army Air Corps to design an aerodynamic flying cake pan – it is called the Frisbee.

Vince Olvera, Sergeant-at-Arms

EVENT CALENDARS

MARCH 2010

4th	7:00 p.m.	Yolo County Veterans' Coalition meeting at West Sacramento VFW
6th	5:00 p.m.	Post members cook and serve dinner to homeless at Wayfarers Center
7th	10:00 a.m.	District 6 meeting at Post 447, North Sacramento
9th	7:30 p.m.	Post 77 Law Enforcement of the Year awards
13th	6:00 p.m.	Annual corned beef and cabbage dinner, \$12
17th	7:00 p.m.	Post Executive Committee meeting
23rd	7:00 p.m.	Post 77 membership meeting (nominations taken for next year's officers)
29th	Noon	Post 77 Golf Tournament at the Fliers Club, \$80
31st	8:00 a.m.	Third annual Post members go to Woodland High School to be interviewed about their military service by students

APRIL 2010

4th	5:00 p.m.	Post members cook and serve dinner to homeless at Wayfarers Center
8th	7:00 p.m.	Yolo County Veterans' Coalition meeting at Post 77
10th	8-10:30 a.m.	Breakfast at the Post, \$5.50
13th	9:00 a.m.	American Legion "Lobbying Day" at the State Capitol
13th	7:30 p.m.	Post 77 Firefighter of the Year awards
21st	7:00 p.m.	Post Executive Committee meeting
27th	7:00 p.m.	Post 77 membership meeting (nomination of new officers, 2nd round)

MAY 2010

31st	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Day program at the Woodland Cemetery, presented by Post 77
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

March 10	7:00 p.m.	Membership meeting
April 14	7:00 p.m.	Membership meeting

Carl Prutch, Commander; Robert Roe, Adjutant.

AUXILIARY

MARCH 2010

2nd	7:00 p.m.	Regular meeting
7th	10:00 a.m.	Auxiliary District meeting at Charles Eggen Post 832, Sacramento

APRIL 2010

6th	7:00 p.m.	Regular meeting
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Auxiliary officers:

Maria Hernandez-President • Heather Vigil-First Vice President
Lorraine Childers-Second Vice President • Arlene Sandoval-Secretary
Mary Cogburn-Treasurer • Maria Lavorico-Chaplain
Teddie Plocher-Sergeant-at-Arms • Christine Rogers-Children & Youth

If you have any questions about the Post 77 Auxiliary or would like a ride to an Auxiliary meeting, please call Maria Hernandez at 661-2210 or Mary Cogburn at 662-0624.

THANK YOUs

The Post received a thank you from Travis Air Force Base for our donation of toys for service members' children, including to be given to, according to the Base's note to Post 77, "special needs kids." They further wrote to us: "Thanks for keeping our Military Kids in your thoughts. It can be really tough on them in times of war, as you know. And over the last week a few hundred Airmen from Travis headed out for a few months stay in Haiti."

Maybe the Drifters 1962 song "Up on the Roof" is one of Connie Zenger's favorites because she was up on the roof, again, sweeping leaves off and cleaning out the drains of the Post hall. A big thank you, Connie.

Let's hear it for Post members Bud Lafayette and Gary Leach for their braving the cold again this last Christmas season with their bell and red kettle to raise money for the Salvation Army.

In response to our donation of a new American flag to fly over the Holy Rosary School in Woodland, 155 of the students sent us individual thank you notes. Even kindergartners sent us thank you notes. Here's a sampling: "Thank you for the American Flag. We love it. It is on our flag pole." "You give us all an example to follow." "Thank you for the new flag. It's very special because we have had the old flag a long time." "Our school humbly thanks you for your dedication to helping Woodland." "You guys are probably giving us a new flag because we need a new flag, so thank you." "We are truly grateful." "Thank you American Legion Post 77 for serving and helping people." "That was nice of you. You are so kind." "Thank you for the new flag. We say the Pledge of Allegiance every day."

Thanks to Post members Jim Webber, Frank Lucchesi and Phil Tapia for putting on another delicious breakfast at the Post in February. And they looked cute in their aprons!

Julia Childs would be jealous of the fabulous Louisiana Gumbo made for the Post's February 20th dinner by Karen Wells. Thank you, Karen. Her husband and new Post 77 member Tom Wells did not help, which maybe was a good thing for the diners.

After many years of doing everything in the Post's Boys State program, Warren Myer is stepping down. Thanking him just does not seem enough. He also served as Post commander, vice commander, finance officer for years, and so much more. Year after year, Warren put up flags each patriotic holiday on Main St., Woodland, was in charge of days of Fair parking, and conducted military honors at many funerals for veterans. Wherever there was something to be done, Warren Meyer was there. Warren has been such a big part of making and keeping Post 77 the outstanding service organization that it is. Whatever more than thank you is, Warren, that is what we want to say. We love you, big guy.

Corbin Smith, Assistant Adjutant



The Post held on Jan. 29 a welcome home from Afghanistan party for Post 77 member Michael Leach. Michael was on a short leave from his current Navy assignment in Afghanistan. Welcoming him home, above, is his father, Post Adjutant Gary Leach

WISE WORDS FROM PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world...but the Marines don't have that problem."

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 131

Next meets at Post 77 on March 16 and April 20.
Attend a meeting to be a part of the DAV's new activities.



Jeff Youngmark (r.), chair of the Post 77 Art Casas Memorial Golf Tournament set for March 29, Dave Isbell, co-chair, (l.) Sean May, and other committee members have arranged an outstanding event at the Fliers Club. Additional members of the committee are Phil Tapia, Gary Traynham, Jim Campos, Frenchy Carrere, Steve Boots, Marc Grimsrud and Dave Collier. After the tournament, a tri-tip dinner for all golfers, at no additional cost, will be prepared by chefs Jim Webber and Jerry Barrus, along with a helping hand in the kitchen from Jim Hunter, Frank Eakle and Frank Lucchesi.

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

The First World War - World War I - The Great War

Before moving to Woodland to join Yolo Post 77, Legionnaire Paul W. Hollingshead was a member of the San Leandro American Legion and was also their official photographer. In the photo below and to the right were soldiers in the San Leandro Post.



**Private Paul Hollingshead
Camp Kearny, California.**



SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER June 4, 1931. California Governor James Rolph Jr., Commander in Chief of the California Guard, poses with a military escort when he opened the San Leandro Cherry Festival. With him are WW I veterans and Legionnaires Brig. Gen. Seth Howard, Captain Newton Armstrong and Capt. Clyde Voorhees. They are from Company F, 159th Infantry and from Headquarters 40th Division in Hayward, Cal. (Copyrighted photo by Paul W. Hollingshead)



Camp Kearny in Southern California was named in honor of Brigadier General Stephen Watts Kearny. It was one of 32 new camps created in May of 1917 and designed to house 40,000 troops with 1,200 buildings and tents on 10,000 acres. Most of the 65,000 soldiers lived in the tents. Camp Kearny was located 11 miles north of San Diego on 12,721 acres at a cost of \$4.5 million and is now Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. (Camp Kearney photo)

Research and captions by Legionnaire Bill Hollingshead. Photos courtesy of Bill and Edward Hollingshead.

POST 77 MEMBER, STAFF SGT. CASEY FITZGERALD, LOVES THE COUNTRY HE SERVES

Casey Fitzgerald has seen a lot during his nine years in the Army. There was Bosnia in 2002, Iraq during 2005-06, and various stops throughout the United States. Despite his driving in Iraq convoys commencing at midnight, as there are fewer IED strikes at night, one of his convoys was hit. Even so, Staff Sgt. Fitzgerald never considered a change of career. He, in fact, is dedicated to doing his part in the Army and for his country for many years to come.

“By serving in the Army, I believe I am doing something honorable. It is not just for me.” Now in the Intelligence section of his unit, Fitzgerald thinks back on how the Army entrusted him to be an instructor of soldiers. “Having the opportunity to teach others and help them was rewarding to me.”

As a staff sergeant, “the Army expects me to make sound decisions and take care of soldiers,” sometimes assisting them with personal issues that impact their work. “I understand the expectation that by my setting the right example, I am mentoring soldiers.”

It looks like SSgt. Fitzgerald’s next stop will be Afghanistan. His current unit, at Fort Carson, Colorado, is preparing for its deployment to Afghanistan. “It is exciting for me to go overseas. In each assignment, I see new places, meet new people and have new experiences.”

Staff Sergeant Fitzgerald and Post 77 have a close connection. His wedding reception was held at the Post hall in May 2003.

American Legion member Casey Fitzgerald is a patriotic American. We thank him for his outstanding service, wish him well, and wait to hear of his future exploits.

Al Castillo, First Vice Commander

BASEBALL

The Post 77 Athletic Committee is already working on the upcoming summer Legion baseball season. We could not be having a new season without those who came to the Post’s Crab and Shrimp dinner fundraiser. Thank you for supporting American Legion baseball and the continuation of the long tradition of Post 77 baseball in Yolo County.



This season, Post 77 will be hosting the American Legion District-wide tournament at Clark Field. The Legion Area 1 tournament will also be at Clark Field. Area 1 extends from Lodi to the border with Oregon.

The season starts in May. I look forward to seeing you at one of the games.

Frank Eakle, Post Athletic Committee chairman

POST 77 NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL: VA ADDS CERTAIN VIETNAM NAVY PERSONNEL TO PRESUMED AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE STATUS, BUT OTHER SAILORS MUST ALSO BE INCLUDED

Many members of the Navy who served in Vietnam developed symptoms that come with exposure to Agent Orange. Until this year, the U. S. Veterans Administration has not been too receptive to such claims by sailors. The National American Legion office has sent us notice of the VA’s new position that for Navy personnel whose “naval vessels conducted operations on the inland ‘brown water’ rivers and delta areas of Vietnam ... exposure to herbicide agents can be presumed without further development.” Those who served on Vietnam rivers and in delta areas should contact Yolo County’s Veterans’ Service Officer, Billy Wagster, at 120 West Main St., # A in Woodland or telephone (530) 406-4850 for assistance about exposure to Agent Orange.

This announcement by the VA constitutes significant recognition by the Veterans Administration of the debilitating affects Agent Orange has had upon some members of the Navy who were on ships in Vietnam. The VA, however, still refuses to include in this presumption Naval personnel who served off the coast of Vietnam. Ships which stayed off of the shores of Vietnam brought aboard water with Agent Orange in it and served that contaminated water. Thus, many on those off-coast ships developed disabilities from ingesting Agent Orange.

The Vietnam Veterans Association reports that besides Agent Orange, “virtually all the shipboard US Navy personnel were exposed to additional ‘Occupational Hazards’ which include a wide assortment of other contaminants. Along with the dioxins, there were arsenic compounds, heavy metals, and chlorophenals that were found to have been present on board Navy ships. And not just in small doses. There was asbestos everywhere. The fresh water processing and holding tank had lead paint linings.” (bluewater navy.org)

While the VA should be lauded for the step it has taken to support those on ships which went into inland rivers, the Veterans Administration must expand its ruling to include those who served on ships off of the Vietnam coast. Many on those ships drank Agent Orange laden water for their full six-month Vietnam duty. Some came back for another six-month tour. Those on these off-shore ships were likewise susceptible to the adverse impact of Agent Orange contamination, as were sailors who entered into deltas and rivers, in addition to the adverse consequences of contaminants aboard their ships.

We call upon the VA to include all sailors who served in any Vietnam waters under the new presumption of exposure to herbicide agents and on-ship contaminants, including lead and asbestos.

Zeke Plocher, Post Service Officer



Members of Woodland's National Guard Company F in Woodland just before they left on April 4, 1917 to serve in World War I. They are (l. to r.), front row: Corporal Henry Biondini, Corporal Oliver Grayson (killed in combat in France), Sgt. Forest Robinson. Second row: Capt. Rodney Hill, Capt. Lester Caldwell, Lieut. Grant Bruton. Third row: Sgt. Fred Connell, Corporal Christ Hegelan (killed in combat in France), Sgt. George Rice, Sgt. Harold Weis, Sgt. Lawrence Dieudonne, Corporal Hunter Ogden. Top row: Corporal Robert Doty, Corporal Daniel Silveria, Sgt. Frank Crowley. Company F was housed in the old American Legion Post 77 armory building, on the site of the current Post 77 hall on Bush St., Woodland. (Photo published in 1917 and 1919 by The Woodland Daily Democrat)

WOODLAND'S NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY F MEMBERS IN WORLD WAR I, THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

American participation in World War I, the Great War, seemed to come so fast. Just months before war was declared against Germany on April 6, 1917, President Wilson was speaking about the possibility of peace talks. His campaign slogan in the Nov. 1916 presidential election was "He kept us out of war."

At the beginning of 1917, Woodland's Company F, 2nd Regiment of the California Infantry reflected the nation's lack of readiness for war. Company F had only 18 members, a long way from the minimum of 68 required for a unit to be in good standing.

As the possibility of war grew, Company F got orders on March 26, 1917 to prepare to be called up for service. The Woodland Daily Democrat wrote that "Company F faces the problem of being mustered out for lack of numerical strength." (Mar. 26, 1917.) Company F sought recruits in events in Woodland and meetings throughout Yolo County, along with encouraging even those living outside the County to join. Local Ira Farnham donated use of his car so that members of Company F could travel around to make this effort at recruitment. The City of Winters aided Company F by holding what was billed as a mass meeting with a band and a quartet singing patriotic selections. By April 4, the day Company F left Woodland for mobilization to Richmond, the unit had grown to 70.

Woodland's Company F departed from Camp Kearny for France via England on July 26, 1918, lead by Captain

Lester Caldwell. Their first stop in France was LeHavre and then Grossouvre, where Company F soldiers stayed until October 28, 1918, at which time they were ordered to the front at Scermaize.

On the day of the company's arrival at Scermaize, its division was subjected to a spirited air raid by enemy planes. By way of understatement, Captain Caldwell related on his return to the U.S. that this air attack was "a very mild introduction to the real shell-hell" some members of Company F received in future experiences. (The Mail of Woodland newspaper, Apr. 20, 1919.)

Company F did not remain intact. Its members were used as replacements in other companies at various locations on the front to bolster weak spots in the defense. Woodland attorney Charles Hoppin (Post 77 Commander in 1920-21), who was promoted to Captain by the end of the war, explained that in this assignment as replacements, "Our best men ... made a splendid record, including the St. Mihiel salient and the Argonne campaign." (Woodland Daily Democrat, Apr. 28, 1919.) These two battles in which Yolo County servicemen fought were some of the most important in the United States' war participation.

The Battle of Saint Mihiel was fought between September 12th-15th, 1918, involving the American Expeditionary Force and 48,000 French troops under the command of U.S. General John J. Pershing against German positions. The United States Army Air Service (which later became the United States Air Force) played a significant role in this action. The attack at St. Mihiel salient was part of a plan by Pershing in which he hoped that the United States would break through the German lines and capture the fortified city of Metz. U.S. forces made a strong blow against the Germans. The attack faltered after the Americans outdistanced their artillery and food supplies. The attack on Metz was not realized, as the German Army reformed their positions. The Americans then turned their efforts to the Argonne offensive.

The battle in the Argonne Forest of France went on for one and a half months, Sept. 26 – Nov. 11, 1918. It was the biggest operation and victory of the American Expeditionary Force in World War I, and also its deadliest. U.S. deaths were 48,909, equal to approximately 40% of America's battlefield losses during the war. (Ellis & Cox, The World War I Databook.) In a dreadful irony, more American soldiers (53,000) died of Spanish Influenza before the end of World War I, than were killed in the Argonne. (Rickard, J. (2007) Meuse River - Argonne Forest Offensive.) The success of that offensive against the German Army led to the end of World War I.

Sgt. Oliver Grayson, who joined Company F in February of 1915, was wounded in the Argonne and after 28 days he died. The Woodland Daily Democrat explained the impact of Grayson's death back home. "Sad word of the death at a base hospital in France, October 23, of her son, Sergeant Oliver O. Grayson, was received by Mrs. W. A. More.... Mrs. W. A. More is overcome with grief over her loss." (Dec. 24, 1918.)

A 1914 enlistee into Company F, Roy Hamilton was killed in action October 6, 1918 at age 39.

Company F's Corporal Christ Hegelan was also killed in action. Born in Germany, he moved to Woodland and loved America enough to fight for the United States' cause against his mother country.

Others who had joined Company F fared better. Laurence Dieudonne, Hunter Ogden and Henry Biondini had all been through the thick of the fight in the Argonne Forest and made it out alive, as did Walter Green. "Walter Green, the only Winters boy seriously wounded in the great war had enlisted in Co. F. His company was up against a detachment of German machine guns and snipers." He was shot by a German soldier who was "up in a tree with a machine gun. Five machine gun bullets passed through Green. It was thirty hours after he was shot that he received hospital treatment." (Winters Express, Apr. 18, 1919.)

Woodland resident Harold Pierce fought bravely and fiercely during his eight days in the Argonne. "For many days after he was wounded by a bursting shell," Pierce continued to fight. He "bandaged his own wound and refused to tell the medical authorities of his injuries." (Woodland Daily Democrat, Apr. 16, 1919.)

In sum, Company F's Commander Caldwell noted after the final victory over the Axis powers, "Nearly all of the Yolo company [F] boys saw service in fierce fighting at one time or another before the armistice was signed." (The Mail of Woodland, Apr. 20, 1919.)

The leader of the American forces in Europe, General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, stopped in Woodland after the war. While on the platform of the train's end car, General Pershing told the huge mass of those from Yolo County in attendance what many already knew about their brothers, sons and friends: "America had the finest army in the world and the men who came from this part of the country were of the best." (The Mail of Woodland, Jan. 24, 1920.)

No doubt expressing the feelings of World War I servicemen from Woodland, Darrell Johnston reflected upon his return, "this burg looks good and I'll never leave it again." (Woodland Daily Democrat, Apr. 4, 1919.)

Larry Schapiro, Post Historian

P.S., there will be more in the next newsletter about locals who served America in World War I.



ARMY NEW RECRUIT COULD NOT WAIT TO JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION

David Haggard of Woodland went off to Army basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky on March 2nd. But before he left for the east, he took care of something that was very important to him. Private Haggard wanted to become a member of the American Legion at the very first opportunity he had. He already knew about the good work done by the Legion over decades, including for those currently in uniform. Now was his opportunity to become a part of the American Legion team. Two weeks before flying off to Fort Knox, Private Haggard came by the Post 77 hall and signed up to become a Legion member.

Post 77 is very proud of our newest member. He wants to serve his country. Haggard chose tank operator as his MOS. We know he will be successful.

Private Haggard and his wife Kimberly have already decided where the welcome home party will be after his training is completed. Where else? At the American Legion.

Dan Cameron, Post Executive Committee

WELCOME, NEW POST 77 MEMBERS

- Frank Siefertman, Sr., Merchant Marines, World War II
- Ernie Head, Army, World War II, served in the Pacific and was among the first troops to occupy Japan
- Ron Wrobel, Navy Sea Bees, 1961-66, assigned to bases throughout the Pacific
- William Dahler, Marines, 1946-49, prepared islands for atomic bomb tests
- Steven Simmons, Army, 1970-73, served in Korea with U.S. Army Strategic Command
- Brian Hallet, Army, 1969-71, Vietnam
- Daniel Lavorico, Navy, 1965-69, including service in Vietnam
- Wally Owens, Army, 1945-47, Aleutian Islands
- Darrel Hayes, Army, 1944-45, Medic, France, Germany, Philippines
- Russ Osborne, Navy, 1959-62, Bay of Pigs and on observer ship that shot the 1st missile from below the surface (rather than surfacing to shoot missiles)
- Gregory Weicher, Air Force, six years active duty and 14 ½ years in the reserves
- Thomas Wells, Army National Guard, 1984-97
- Ron Krueger, Army, 11th Armored Cavalry, 1966-72, served in Vietnam

Marty Bernavage, Second Vice Commander



The Post 77 Honor Guard takes part in funerals of veterans all over Yolo County and at the U.S. veterans Cemetery in Dixon, whether they are American Legion members or not. Here, on Feb. 17, 2010, Post members (l. to r.) Vince Olvera, Dan Cameron and Gary Leach perform as a rifle squad in the funeral Navy veteran William Wilson at Davis Cemetery. For the last few years, American Legion Post 77 is the only veterans' service organization in Yolo County to perform military honors at funerals. This includes folding and presenting of the United States flag, playing of taps, and firing of rifles in honor of the veteran.



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ONE OF POST 77's BEST MEALS OF THE YEAR IS COMING UP ON MARCH 13

In celebration of the American Legion's 91st birthday in March, Post 77 will hold its annual **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICAN LEGION**

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on
 Saturday, March 13, 2010
 6:00 p.m.

If you are one of those people who likes good food, don't miss the Post's annual corned beef and cabbage dinner!

Get your tickets at \$12. for this highly popular corned beef and cabbage dinner by stopping at the Post clubroom or calling (530) 662-9772.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 AMERICAN LEGION
 BORN MARCH 15-17,
 1919.**

BREAKFAST AT THE POST

Have breakfast at the Post on Saturday morning, April 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Chef Jim Webber's menu is eggs to order, sausage or bacon, hash brown potatoes, and toast, all for \$5.50. It will be tasty. You can pick up your breakfast ticket in the Clubroom the week before the breakfast or at the door on the day of the breakfast.

IN MEMORIAM

***CLIFF BECK
 ROMEO BERRETTONI***

"Farewell, My Comrades."