



The POW/MIA remembrance table is a well known part of Military Life. This photo was taken by Post Chaplain Ted Hillyer during a tour of the USS Midway in San Diego. Every part of the display has meaning and the following describes the meaning of the table. We at Post 77 honor our POW's and MIA's since they are not able to attend but are not forgotten.

– Alberto Castillo, Past Commander

The Meaning of the POW/MIA Table,

You may notice this small table here in a place of honor. It is set for one.

Those who have served and those currently serving the uniformed services of the United States are ever mindful that the price of enduring peace and freedom comes at the highest prices of personal sacrifice.

This table symbolizes our fallen and missing comrades. They are commonly called P.O.W.'s or M.I.A.'s, we call them brothers.

They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.

This table set for one is small... it symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors.

The table cloth is white... it symbolizes the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to

arms.

The single red rose signifies the blood many have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of the United States of America.

The yellow ribbon represents all those who demand a proper accounting of our missing comrades.

A slice of lemon is on the bread plate... to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is salt upon the bread plate... symbolic of the family's tears as they wait.

The glass is inverted... they cannot toast with us tonight.

The chair is empty... they are not here.

The candle is the light of hope that lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

Remember... all of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended on their might and aid, and relied on them... for surely... they have not forsaken you.

You are not forgotten as long as there is one left in whom your memory remains!



Delbert Giese, Commander

Ted Mar, 1st Vice Commander

Richard West, 2nd Vice Commander

Gary Leach, Adjutant

Albert Castillo, Immediate Past Commander

Kevin Phelps, Finance Officer & Assistant Adjutant

Steve Waldeck, Treasurer

Vince Olvera, Sergeant-at-Arms

Ted Hillyer, Chaplain

Billy Wagster, Service Officer

Frank Eakle, Athletic Committee Chair

Vacant, Historian

Vacant, Judge Advocate

William Allardice, Legislative Advocate

Jim Webber, Executive Committee

Frank Lucchesi, Executive Committee

POST 77 GOES WEST. RICHARD WEST, THAT IS.

After his 38 years as a Post 77 member, Richard West has been elected as our Second Vice Commander. A down to earth guy, Post members have already observed his enthusiasm, hard work and, best of all, friendliness. You'd never know that he once was an Army Drill Sergeant.

But first came Richard's four years in the Air Force. For his initial duty assignment, in 1972, he was shipped off to serve in Vietnam. After that, West had some nice duty in Holland and Panama.

Maybe life was too easy. So in 1976 and for the next twenty years Richard trained and harassed new Army recruits as a Drill Sergeant.

Not nearly as threatening now, our new Second Vice Commander looks forward in the next year to meeting as many Post 77 members as he can. "That sounds like the best part of my new position," he says with his usual passion. Further, he promises not to yell out at members, "Step lively, recruit."

POST 77 MEMBERS TO RECEIVE CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS

American Legion Post 77 members Carl Salonites, Columbus Frank, and Frank Chacon will be receiving, on September 26, Special Congressional Recognition Awards. The Awards, which will be presented by Congressman Wally Herger, are in honor of their service in combat.

As part of the Army's 37th Division in World War II, Carl Salonites saw combat action at Bougainville, Lingayen Gulf, Manila, Bagio, Trinidad, Balete Pass, and Northern Luzon.

Post 77 member Columbus "C.A." Frank joined the Marine Corps after graduation from Woodland High School. Among his assignments, he fought for 30 days in taking the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese army. His unit had a 93 percent casualty rate.

Sgt. Frank Chacon fought for months in the hills and field of Vietnam, including during the Tet Offensive, during which he was shot in the stomach and also wounded when a hand grenade blew up next to him.

Among many members of Post 77, these men are heroes.

EVENT CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER 2012

11th		Flags on Main Street
12th	7:00 PM	Special Meeting - Boys/Girls State
19th	7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
25th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting

OCTOBER 2012

13th	10:00 AM	Legion Riders
17th	7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting (Bob Dahl Award Committee - Gary Leach)
23rd	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting

NOVEMBER 2012

3rd	6:00 PM	Veterans Day Dinner
11th		Flags on Main Street
11th	11:00 AM	Veterans Day Ceremony - Court House
21st	7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
27th	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting

Please Check our website for updates to our Calendar
www.yolopost77.com

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

September 8	7:00 p.m.	Sons Membership meeting
October 13	7:00 p.m.	Sons Membership meeting
November 10	7:00 p.m.	Sons Membership meeting

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

AUXILIARY

Officers:

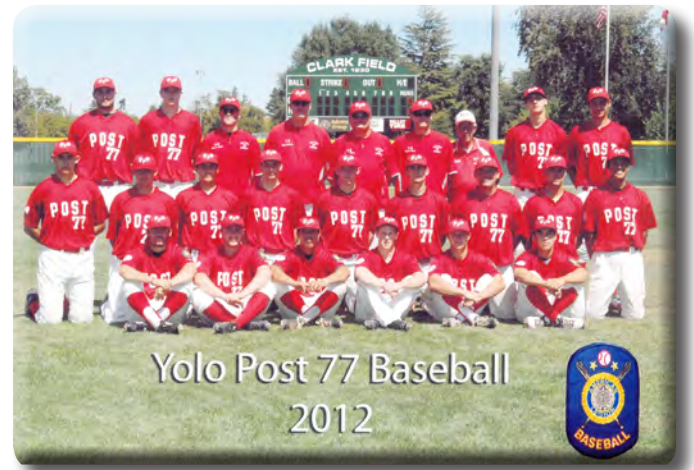
Maria Lopez – President • Arlene Sandoval – Secretary
Donna Graham – Treasurer • Mary Cogburn – Chaplain
Maria Hernandez – Sergeant at Arms • Connie Zenger - Historian

Membership Meeting 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month 6:00 p.m.

For Information on the American Legion Auxiliary contact Maria Lopez
at (530) 908-4087 or Christine Rogers at (530) 908-5686
We can also be found on the web at: www.post77.org



Legion Rider Members Dan and Kathy Neubauer collect money from a customer during the Yolo County Fair fundraiser. It was another successful year for the post and we would like to thank all those that helped out with this critical event. The money raised maintains the post building and funds many of the post programs such as Boy Scouts and school scholarships.



THANK YOU FOR POST 77 BASEBALL SUPPORT

The Yolo Post 77 Athletic Committee wants to thank all of you that supported our Baseball program during the past season. This was another successful season due to your support.

The winners of the baseball prizes were:

- First Place – Gnos Family
- Second Place – Stacy Gale
- Third Place – Mike Trask
- Fourth Place – Heidi Estrada
- Fifth Place – Jim Castles

In preparation for next season we are planning for our annual crab/prawn feed fund raiser on January 26, 2013. We hope that you will support this event. Tickets should be available in November 2012. Thank you again for your support.

Frank Eakle
Post 77 Athletic Committee Chairman



Post 77 Member Tony Montoya Dances with his daughter at the Annual Sons of the American Legion Hoe Down.



Braxton Difuntorum and Shelby Dreyer receive the Holy Rosary School Awards from Post Chaplain Ted Hillyer during the August General Membership Meeting.





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Post 77 Adjutant and Department Parliamentarian Gary Leach shows his disappointment at having to escort these NFL cheerleaders during the annual Yountville picnic. A white hat and a big bushy mustache has its privileges.

POST 77 WINS AWARDS

Did you know that you are reading an award winning newsletter? Well you are! During the Department of California Convention Post 77 received three awards, we won the Children and Youth Award in our category and it was presented to Commander Del Giese on the convention floor. In addition Past Commander Albert Castillo received two awards for the post Newsletter and Website. Al serves as Editor of this Newsletter and also as Webmaster for the post website. The Newsletter placed FIRST in the department and the Website place THIRD in the Department. None of this would not be possible with the efforts of every post member that participates in all the programs we sponsor. So credit for these awards can only go to all you!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DISTRICT 6 NEWS

In July, the American Legion Riders District 6 members voted to request that Yolo Post 77 allow them to become American Legion Riders Chapter 77. This requires the same paperwork as establishing a brand new Chapter and is contingent on the American Legion Rider Department of California approving the transition from ALR District 6 to ALR Chapter 77.

At our August meeting we were visited by representatives of ALR Area 1. They supported our decision to transition from ALR District 6 to ALR Chapter 77. In preparation for the transition, our Adjutant/Treasurer, Al Castillo, drafted new By-laws for a Chapter 77. After the meeting, we took a short ride into the Delta, stopping for lunch in the town of Locke, at "Al the Wops."

Our September meeting will be held at the Post, beginning at 0900 on September 8th. There is a breakfast being served that morning from 0700 to 0900 by the SALs. After the meeting we will ride to the Dixon Fairgrounds to attend the 7th Annual Renegade Rendezvous Motorcycle Show and Tattoo Expo.

As always, Post 77 members are welcome to ride along with us and check us out before joining.