



The Bugle Call

June 2018

A Monthly Publication for Members of the American Legion Post 432, Sons Squadron 432, and Auxiliary Unit of 432 of Cambria, California

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 6: D Day
 Jun 14: Army Birthday
 Jun 14: Flag Day
 Jun 17: Fathers Day
 Jun 23: Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
 Jun 27: PTSD Awareness Day
 Jul 4: Independence Day
 Jul 29: Anniv. Of Army Chaplain Corps

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Commander's Corner

--Dave Ehlers
 Commander

Thank you to everyone who made our Memorial Day observance a memorable event that kept the focus on those who have gone before and paid the ultimate price for each of us and this Great Country. Our guest speaker, Brigadier General Dana Hessheimer, Director, Joint Staff, California Military Department in Sacramento, spoke of the sacrifices of our service members who gave their lives in service to our country and the contributions of the National Guard and all who serve worldwide to keep us safe. Remember those who lived, served, and died for us. He also recognized Will Azevedo on completion of Marine Corps Military Police training and we wished him well as he deploys to Japan for 2 years. Stop by and view our newly dedicated Blue Star Memorial Marker installed along Main Street at our Memorial. Mel honored Miguel Sandoval as the Merchant of the Year for all his contributions to our veterans including supporting our need for rooms and food.

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Thank you, Miguel. Brian Griffin spoke on the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration and handed out lapel pins and certificates to our Vietnam Veterans. Three of our WWII veterans assisted with placing the memorial wreath. Thank you, John Angel, Frank Buttress, and Lou Fedor. The Cambria Chorus was in perfect form and significantly added to our ceremony with the Hymn to the Fallen, the Service Songs, and God Bless America. We remembered 9 of our members who joined post everlasting this year with Alan Doctor playing Taps. Thank you to those who setup and broke down the event, our Scouts and 4-H who assisted throughout, and our Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary who prepared and served an outstanding BBQ lunch. As we go forth and Memorial Day fades into the past, may we always remember those who have departed and care for their families who sacrificed so much.

There was a small gathering at the Cambria Cemetery to honor our veterans who had joined Post Everlasting and had been laid to rest. It was a special time to reflect, remember, and spend some time with those who stopped by. Thank you, Ron, for hosting the gathering at the cemetery and to those who stopped by.

At our general meeting on June 6, we will be voting on Post officers. We will be doing the installation of Post and Auxiliary officers during the meeting as we did last year. Please attend the meeting, vote, and participate in the installation of your officers.

4th of July is a month away and planning continues. We need the support of our members to make this event successful. Please sign up to assist, as there are many fun ways to participate in this community event. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in our Legion Patio. I expect it to be a fun-filled day and evening of fireworks!

Auxiliary Briefing

--Shelley Woeste,
President



I am hopeful that everyone has received their poppy in the mail. Thank you to everyone who has donated money to our poppy fund. This money is strictly used to help Veterans in our local areas. It is not too late to donate if you are still thinking about it.

Last meeting we voted on the new Executive Board members. The following will be the ladies running your Auxiliary for the next year. President- Shelley Woeste, First Vice- Lesli Murdoch, 2nd Vice- Cheri Silveria, Secretary- Jade Lehrmann, Treasurer- Mary Woeste. The appointed executive members are Chaplain- Bambi Fields, Historian- Sarah Mosby, Sergeant at Arms- Ellie Brown, Parliamentarian- Sha Fouts, Musician- Jade Lehrmann, and Marshal- Sandy Mosby. Thank you to all these fine women for stepping up.

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The 4th of July is right around the corner. We will be needing help on the last two shifts from 3:30 – 6:00 and from 6:00 – 8:30 for the food booth. Please, please, please, if you can help let me know. 927-2544. We will also be doing the corn shucking on July 3 at 6:00 at the Legion. Come on down and help if you are available.

Our next General Meeting will be Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in the Vet's Hall. I hope to see you all there.

**SALS**

--Ted Ashlock

Hope all are well following the Memorial Day ceremony down at the Vet's Hall parking lot, the beautiful flagpole and Veteran's Memorial. The community of Cambria, the Legion and some very dedicated volunteers has made the flagpole into a very special monument. It is tremendous.

The 2018 celebration was again challenging for the SALS. The usual suspects again did what they had to offer, but the SALS were shorthanded, the cleanup crew was shorthanded and we assume the Legion was shorthanded. But under these circumstances it is more important than ever to say thanks volunteers that made the Monday 5/28/18 ceremony a great success. Most

importantly, the community and Legion family slowed down and honored past patriots who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Simultaneously it is a day when the community also goes out of the way to say thank you to those that served. The crowd was a great turnout and the ceremony was a great ceremony. Thank you to all the volunteers that make the ceremony and BBQ a success. What was with the gun salute or the lack of the gun salute? Ay caramba!! Maybe that is how shorthanded the ceremony was that the Honor Guard could not offer up the gun salute. Ortro, ay caramba!!

Well what is on the June calendar for the SAL Squadron you ask? The foremost item on the calendar is the update on Rocky's progress. The Cambrian newspaper just provided a recent update. Rocky is in his new digs, the network is providing amazing support and Rocky is formally retired from the CUSD. Most importantly Rocky is home and still with us. Blessings.

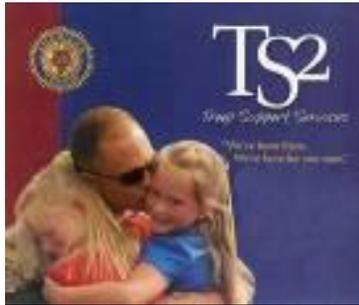
Other items on the June calendar is the monthly meeting will be hosted at 6:30 on Wednesday 6/20/18 on the patio. This is officer and election month. That is an interesting concept for a group whose attendance is so low that there was not a May meeting. In May two members showed up and conversed about kids, family and stuff. The SAL Squadron has had a very enjoyable and successful 15 to 20 year run. For a very loosely construed group, from a variety of backgrounds the SALS have had some phenomenal success: fundraising for

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youth sports, supporting local philanthropy and honoring God, Country, Veterans and the local Legion Post. It is not that SALS are out of gas, but recently we don't have anybody to check the gas and nobody to fill the gas tank. Presently as a group the SALS are pulled over on the side of the road with a white flag hoisted. Well, to be forward looking, let's plan on the attendance of the June meeting to be grater then that of the May meeting. Keep the fingers crossed. But I'll see you at the June meeting and Installation Dinner?





Troop Support Services Active Duty Roster

| Last | First | Branch | Stationed |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Azevedo | Will | USMC | Camp Pendleton, CA |
| Balderama | Alexis | Army | Ft. Steward, GA |
| Balderama | Anthony | Army | Ft. Stewart, GA |
| Baldwin | Nathan | Army | Ft. Benning, GA |
| Brewer | Brendan | USMC | Camp Pendleton, CA |
| Burres | Robert | Army | Ft. Lewis, WA |
| Cartmill | John | Army | 75th Ranger Regiment |
| Correa | Ernie | Navy | San Diego |
| Cuevas | Emily | Navy | Fort Gordon, GA |
| DeRose | Brian | USMC | Camp Lejeune, NC |
| Dewey Jr. | Ronald | USMC | Cherry Point, NC |
| Estrada | Scott | Air Force | Elemendorf-Richardson AFB, AK |
| Ewers | Michelle | Army | Kentucky National Guard |
| Gomez | Timothy | Army | Lewis-McChord, WA |
| Guidi | Robert | Army | Fort Bliss, TX |
| Harbeson | David | USMC | Camp Pendleton, CA |
| Harsh | Aaron | Navy | Coronado, CA |
| Matteson | Morgan Rose | Air Force | South Ogden, UT |
| McGhie | James | Army | Ft Drum, New York |
| Mislang | Rozel | Air Force | Tinker AFB, OK |
| Myers | Alex | Army | Fort Lee, VA |
| Patrick | Anthony | Army | Germany |
| Perez | April | USMC | Westover Air Reserve Base, MA |
| Potter | Justin | USAF | Minot AFB, ND |
| Schmidt | John | USA | Fort Gordon, GA |
| Taron | Zachary | Army | Ft. Belvoir, VA |
| Torell | Jake | Air Force | Misowa AFB, Japan |
| Vialpando | Dylan | Army | Fort Leonard Wood, MO |

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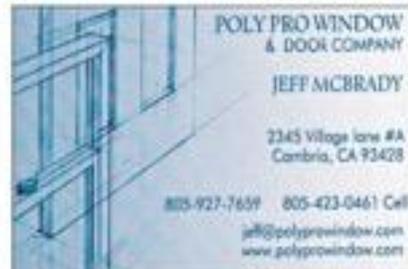
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American Legion Regular Post Meeting Minutes

John F. Ehlers, Adjutant
DATE: 2 May 2018

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| OFFICERS: | 8 |
| MEMBERS & GUESTS: | 25 |
| TOTAL: | 33 |

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Ehlers with the usual opening ceremonies.
2. Our congressional representative Salud Carbajal was our speaker tonight. He is a veteran of Desert Storm. He is a member of the Armed Service committee and the Budget committee. He is proud of his bipartisan participation in congress.
3. April Meeting Minutes and Eboard Minutes were approved as published.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

1. Memorial Day services will be held at 11 AM on May 28. Our speaker will be General Dana Hessheimer
2. 4th of July meetings are coming along. Signup sheets are posted in the patio. Next meeting will be May 21.
3. The pancake breakfast was a busy time during the car show and chili cookoff. The next pancake breakfast will be May 18.

OFFICER REPORTS

Second Vice: Our Fellowship dinner tonight was chili. It was particularly tasty.

Finance Officer: Come to the meeting to see the financial report.

Chaplain: Tom Weaver is in French hospital with a heart problem.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

French President Honors Devil Dogs With White House Belleau Wood Tribute

French President Emmanuel Macron said Sunday that he is bringing a living tribute to "Devil Dog" Marines who fell in the World War I battle of Belleau Wood to the White House this week as a symbol of the two nations' enduring ties.

The oak sapling from the battle site will be presented to President Donald Trump in hopes that it will be planted in the White House garden, Macron said in an interview on the "Fox News Sunday" program from the Elysee Palace in Paris. Macron arrives in the U.S. Monday on a three-day visit that is expected to focus on the way forward in Syria following the April 13 missile strikes, and on France's concern that Trump next month may pull the U.S. out of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action to halt Iran's nuclear programs.

'Retreat? Hell, we just got here'

The battle of Bois de Belleau, or Belleau Wood, about 60 miles north of Paris near the Marne River in the Champagne region, has entered Marine Corps lore. It's best known among Marines as the place where they were first called "Devil Dogs" for their fierce defense in June 1918 that blunted the German spring offensive.

A dispatch from the German front lines to higher headquarters described the
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Americans blocking their way and mounting counter-offensives as fighting like "Teufel Hunden," or "Hounds of Hell."

At one point, French forces moving to the rear to regroup urged the Marines to join them. The response from a Marine, attributed to either Capt. Lloyd W. Williams of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, or Maj. Frederic Wise, was, "Retreat? Hell, we just got here."

Once they consolidated their positions, the Marines would attack six times through mustard gas and withering machine-gun fire before the Germans were driven from the wood. An estimated 2,000 Marines were killed.

An official German report later described the Marines as "vigorous, self-confident, and remarkable marksmen."

Army Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force on the Western Front, marveled at the tenacity of the "Devil Dogs" of Belleau Wood in a quote that has also become part of the Marine legend.

"The deadliest weapon in the world is a United States Marine and his rifle," Pershing said.

He added that, "the battle of Belleau Wood was for the U.S. the biggest battle since Appomattox and the most considerable engagement American troops had ever had with a foreign enemy" to that time.

The oak sapling Macron will give to Trump was taken from a site near the so-called "Devil Dog Fountain," where U.S. troops gathered after the battle of Belleau Wood. The fountain's spout is in the shape of the head of a bull mastiff

Mattis, House Subcommittee Back 2.6 Percent Military Pay Raise

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and a House subcommittee Wednesday backed the White House proposal for a 2.6 percent military pay raise next year, which would be the largest increase since 2010.

In prepared remarks for a closed hearing of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Mattis said the 2.6 percent increase for those currently serving and retirees would contribute to his goals of modernizing the force and increasing its lethality.

Separately, the House Armed Services subcommittee on military personnel also backed the 2.6 percent pay raise, saying it would help "recruit and retain America's best and brightest."

In its markup of the fiscal 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, the subcommittee said in a statement that its proposals would also extend existing special pay and bonuses for service members. In addition, the subcommittee proposed making permanent the services' career intermission programs, which allows servicemembers to take a break from active service to pursue personal interests, family needs, professional education, or career opportunities.

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In February, Trump cited the 2.4 percent military pay raise in the fiscal 2018 budget as one of his reasons for reluctantly signing a \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill to fund all government agencies and avoid the potential for another government shutdown.

Also in February, the White House went along with the Defense Department's initial request for a 2.6 percent pay increase in fiscal 2019 as part of a budget that included modest increases in the end strengths of the services, and major rebuilding programs aimed at retaining the U.S. edge over China and Russia.

Pentagon Comptroller David Norquist said at the time that the 2.6 percent pay increase proposal for fiscal 2019 would boost the pay of a staff sergeant by \$1,169.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Today is Chuck McMillan's 90th birthday.

NEW BUSINESS:

It is time for nominating committee. There are many positions open and available.

It was moved and passed that the vote on Post Officers be delayed until the June meeting.

Ron Waltman described a new program whereby Viet Nam vets can be guardians for WWII or Korean War vets on Honor Flights.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**American Legion Post 432
Executive Board Minutes**

Compiled by John F. Ehlers, Adjutant
DATE: 21 May 2018

The meeting was called to order by Commander Ehlers at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Officers Present: D. Ehlers, J. Ehlers, Johnson, Angel, Griffin, Lackman

Officers Absent: Waltman, Hollingshead, Wood, Wilson

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

1. Money had to be rolled into the club to maintain a cash balance in the bank. There has been a relatively large purchase of inventory.
2. It was moved and passed that the bar be open this Thursday night.
3. Current 2018 paid membership is 198.
4. Brian Griffin presented Viet Nam commemoration material.
5. The 4th of July planning meeting was held earlier today.
6. Moved and passed that Post 432 host District 16 in February 2019.
7. Moved and passed that Post 432 support the Vets Express Shuttle Benefit Concert.
8. Memorial Day speaker will be Brigadier General Dana A. Hessheimer.
9. August 5 there will be a Louie Ortega concert held by the Veterans Express that we are supporting.
10. Pancake breakfast will be held on June 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

CALENDAR

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | Thursday Dinner First Come, First Served, Max 65 | 1 Hot Dogs \$2 | 2 Club Closed |
| 3 Club Closed | 4 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6 Weight Watchers 10 AM | 5 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900 | 6 POST General Mtg 1800 Dinner 1900 Mtg. ALA Mtg 1900 | 7 Dinner 1800 \$8 Pat's Pulled Pork with Roasted Potatoes | 8 Hot Dogs \$2 | 9 Club Closed |
| 10 Club Closed | 11 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6 Weight Watchers 10 AM | 12 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900 | 13 Club Closed | 14 Dinner 1800 \$8 Mary's Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice | 15 Hot Dogs \$2 | 16 Club Closed Pancake Breakfast 0800- 1100 |
| 17 Club Closed | 18 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6 Weight Watchers 10 AM <u>EBoard Meeting</u> | 19 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900 | 20 Club Closed | 21 Dinner 1800 \$8 Lesli's Fried Chicken | 22 Hot Dogs \$2 <i>Bugle Deadline</i> | 23 Club Closed |
| 24 Club Closed | 25 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6 Weight Watchers 10 AM | 26 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900 | 27 Club Closed Native Sons Dinner | 28 Dinner 1800 \$8 Your choice of Mary's Chicken or Beef Pot Pie | 29 Hot Dogs \$2 | 30 Club Closed |

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