



The Bugle Call



October 2021

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 11: Columbus Day
- Oct 13: US Navy Birthday
- Oct 27: Navy Day
- Oct 31: Halloween
- Nov 2: Election Day
- Nov 7: Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov 10: USMC Birthday
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 25: Thanksgiving

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Auxiliary Briefing

--Shelley Woeste,
President

This month, we are excited to welcome another 4 new members to the Ladies Auxiliary! October is going to be the return of BINGO! Please come out and join us for a fun evening on Wednesday, October 13.

Doors open at 5 and BINGO starts at 6.

We had some amazing dinners this month. Thank you to the ladies who cooked our Thursday Night Dinners in September. Mary, Cindy, Dawn, Debbie and Nanyeli. The dinners were fantastic, and we really appreciate you for stepping up. Be sure to check the menu for the dinners in October. There is sure to be something you like.

We are excited to welcome the Ride 2 Recovery again this October. The Auxiliary will be assisting with the decorations and the serving of the dinner. We will also be providing flags to grammar school so the children can welcome the riders to the school on their way out of town. This is a great Legion Family event and we look forward to being a part of it.

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October 6 will be our next general meeting. It will start at 7:00 pm at the Vet's Hall. Please come and see what we have planned for the upcoming holiday season. See you there!!

**SALS**

--Ted Ashlock

The month of September was almost like old times. The SALS installed Flags on Main St., hosted a most successful fundraiser BBQ and celebrated Patriot Day on September 9/11/21. The SALS will be prepping the 5th Thursday Night Dinner with a BBQ

honoring Deputy Sheriff Nick Dreyfus. The September monthly meeting was held on the patio at 5:30 9/15/21. The discussions included the follow up to Mitch Gregory's fundraiser BBQ, which was a success. Mitch's recovery has to benefit from seeing the outpouring and support from friends, clients and the town's folks.

Other items discussed were the Oct. 19th Ride 2 Recovery dinner. Steve recommends a crew 5 people minimum starting at 2 PM. There was a follow up discussion regarding the 9/11 ceremony, flag protocols and when the flags are half-mast and raised from half-mast. At the end of the month there will be a BBQ on Thursday 9/30/21 as the SALS prep Thursday night dinner and finally have a polite tribute to Deputy Nick Dreyfus. Many of you are aware of Deputy

Dreyfus, Grandson of Barbara and Don Campo who was shot on duty by a mentally disturbed assailant well over a year ago. Nick continues with corrective surgical therapies. Come out and support the Thursday night dinner. Presale tickets should be available from Jane.

The Ride 2 Recovery is Tuesday 10/19/21 and the typical meeting night would be 10/20/21. The plan was to make the Oct meeting on the night of the 10/19 dinner.

Right now we have our membership cards for the 2021-2022 year. Memberships can be paid at the bar, mailed to the Legion PO Box or delivered to the adjutant at the upcoming meetings. The Post # 432 SAL Squadron had a 100% membership number and received a ribbon from the state for the 2020-2021 Covid year.

The October meeting will be Tuesday 10/19/21, the evening of the Ride 2 Recovery dinner. Come down to the club, socialize with the riders and Legion family. It is a great evening to share with the ride participants and hear their story. It is an evening when the Squadron is able to serve those who served! Thank you, and I'll see you at the Thursday Nick Dreyfus BBQ and the Ride 2 Recovery dinner.



BINGO

Bring a Member and Join Us!

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 13, 2021
DRINKS - FOOD - PLAY

AMERICAN LEGION POST #432
1000 MAIN STREET, CAMBRIA, CA
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
BINGO STARTS AT 6PM

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Potter	Justin	Air Force
Schmidt	John	Army
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American Legion Post 432

*Club open 5:00 to 9:00 pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
Dinners served at 6:00 pm
Members & guests only*

October

Food and Drink



MONDAY BURGERS & BREW \$8



Get your favorite drink and a grilled burger with all the fixins'!

TUESDAY TACO FIESTA BAR \$7



All you can eat taco bar! Best deal in town!

THURSDAY AUXILIARY DINNER \$10

Something unique each week!!

10/7 Glenda: Chicken Pesto Pasta Primavera w/salad and bread

10/14 Susie: Stuffed Pork Loin w/Au Gratin potatoes, green beans

10/21 Mary: Chicken Fried Steak w/mashed potatoes & veggie

10/28 Jan: Mom's Mince over mashed potatoes w/Red Lobster Bay Biscuits. (This is a family recipe of ground beef and veg in a gravy)

Thursday Dinners: Non-member meals "to-go" available. Tickets on sale at 5 pm at the back door; dinner served at 6 pm.



FRIDAY BAR FOOD



Baked Potato Bar \$5.00

Hot Dog \$3.00

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American Legion Regular Post Meeting Minutes 1 September 2021

OFFICERS:	8
MEMBERS & GUESTS:	8
TOTAL:	16

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Commander Sheppard.

Minutes of the August Regular and EBoard minutes were approved as published.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Commander Sheppard noted that we are a private organization and therefore masks are not required.

Karina Tiwana has joined a new law firm. She is collecting funds for uniforms for the Honor Guard.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice: Brian Griffin reported that the 2020 paid membership was 114.

2nd Vice: Dave Ehlers served stroganoff on penne pasta and salad for the fellowship dinner. Dave reported income was \$175. Pancake breakfasts are ongoing.

Jr. Past Commander: Phil shared his personal experience with us.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Veterans Can Train and Adopt Service Dogs Under a New Law Signed By Biden

A new program through the Department of Veterans Affairs aims to connect service dogs in training with veterans who have post-traumatic stress disorder. The effort was years in the making and became a reality when President Biden signed the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) for Veterans Therapy Act into law on Wednesday during a ceremony attended by a bipartisan group of lawmakers.

"We know service dogs are a proven life-changing and life-saving form of therapy for our veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress," said Rep. Mikie Sherrill, D-N.J., in a statement.

"With this new law, we are addressing the high-cost barrier that prevents many from accessing these incredible dogs," Sherrill, a Navy veteran, added. Under the law, the VA will partner with nonprofit organizations for a pilot program in which veterans will be able to train aspiring service dogs. The dogs will learn how to shield a veteran from an overwhelming crowd or wake them up if they're having a nightmare, lawmakers said.

At the end of the program, the veteran trainers may adopt their canine pupils.

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Watching Afghanistan Fall Reminds These Veterans of Who They Left Behind

As many as 30% of veterans who served in conflicts over the past several decades suffer from PTSD, and an average of 20 veterans die by suicide each day, the lawmakers said. Timothy Griffin has been having a lot of long nights. "I probably have not slept since it happened," Griffin says, "since I woke up and the headline was Afghan president flees the country, Taliban are in Kabul."

Griffin did a tour in Afghanistan under an Obama-era program where he learned Pashto to help the Americans better communicate with Afghans. He was stationed out of Fort Campbell, an Army base outside of Nashville, Tenn. He says he hasn't been sleeping so that he can bridge the time difference with the translators he worked with during his tour. "Some of them are trapped in Kabul trying to get on one of those planes," he says. "Some of them are, unfortunately, too far away from Kabul to even attempt to get out." Griffin has been trying to put their names in front of politicians and the U.S. State Department — anyone who could help them escape. "We decided to completely abandon them". He says his heartbreak about what is happening in Afghanistan is eclipsed by worry for those translators. Even though he believes it was time to withdraw, he wishes more could have been done for the people being left behind. Griffin says there is a "weird duality" in the way people assume there were only two options with Afghanistan: stay 20 more years, or abandon the

country. "We decided to completely abandon them," even though, as he puts it, there were "a million other options."

This is a familiar refrain for veterans who served in Afghanistan: More could have been done. They walk around with constant reminders of their service — a list of physical injuries from what they did, or emotional scars from what they saw and who they lost. Now, those wounds feel fresh again as they watch two decades of work unravel in days.

"It's a little hard not to be cynical," says Alex Dudley, a veteran who spent six months in Zabul Province in 2010. Dudley lives in Nashville now. When he heard the news, his thoughts turned to one of his friends and fellow soldiers who died years ago. "If we hadn't been over there, he'd still be alive," Dudley says. "It's kind of hard to talk about." He tears up, apologizing, and says his friend didn't die in combat. "He did end up taking his own life," Dudley says. "The situation he was in, he would not have been there if we had not been in Afghanistan. Remembering the good. Healthcare providers worry the government collapse in Afghanistan might push more veterans into crisis. They are encouraging those who served to seek help and to check in with one another.

That's what Dudley has been doing. If his friend were still alive, he believes he would probably feel the same way he does — let down. "You feel like there was something else we could have done," he says. "But at the same time we've been there for 20 years, and I

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don't think another 20 years would have necessarily made a difference." During his time in Afghanistan, Dudley carried his camera with him, taking photos. His images show little girls in brightly colored clothing, staring inquisitively at the camera. Their small hands grip the green pencils he handed out. He laughs as he remembers helping one girl fend off a bully who was trying to take her pencil. "Helping to provide those opportunities for those young girls...I definitely from time to time still think about that experience and wonder where those girls are," Dudley says. "Especially within recent events." Those memories were once comforting, but now they're also a source of worry.

That's why veteran Ross Schambon prefers not to think about Afghanistan at all. Leaving Afghanistan behind "It was a complete waste," he says. He criticizes President Biden for the withdrawal, saying he should have left more troops in place to stand up to the Taliban. "They just kind of lay down. They're laying down for everything," Schambon says. "Whereas the previous president, he actually had a backbone." Schambon has unsentimental opinions about the war. He says he has to. He served in Afghanistan with the Rakkasans out of Fort Campbell and moved back to Glasgow, Ky., after his service. In his brigade combat team, he was a military sniper. He remembers watching from a mountain top as one of his fellow soldiers was hit by a mortar and died. He is reminded of the things he saw with every step he takes — he has stress fractures in his legs, bone fragments in his knees,

damage to his lower back and more. But he tries to ignore the pain and the memories and move forward. "I've got my kids to think about," he says. One is 6 and the other is 10 months. They are his future, he says. The war is over, and no matter the outcome, he says he just wants to leave it in the past.

U.S. Veterans struggling with the news out of Afghanistan can talk to a counselor at the Veterans Crisis hotline. The number is 1-800-273-8255

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Roland Soucie taken to the hospital this morning with high fever and an infection.

Bruce Marchese announced that Alan Doctor died last Monday. Services at Santa Rosa Catholic church on September 16 at 1100.

David Pierson announced 9/11 service will be at 6 pm

Brian Griffin offered the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 2015.

American Legion Post 432 Executive Board Minutes

DATE: 16 September 2021

The meeting was called to order by Commander Sheppard at 1905 with a quorum present. Chuck McMillen offered the opening prayer,

Officers Present: Bahringer, D. Ehlers, J. Ehlers, Griffin, Kispersky, Maston, McKinnon, McMillen, Tiwana

Officers Absent: McCollogh, Lackman

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

1. First quarterly meeting of two representative for the three Legion family groups was held. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss common goals, involvement, membership drives, ceremonies participation, and scholarships.
2. Final artwork for the trifold brochure was reviewed.
3. The American Legion birthday will be a Legion family celebration.
4. Auxiliary has requested that the big sign be used to promote the Thursday night dinners. Sign content is to be approved by the EBoard.

First Vice. Brian Griffin reported our current 2022 paid membership is 108. Hometown Heroes Dinner is now scheduled for May 4.

Second Vice: 47 Pancake breakfasts were served last Saturday, bringing in \$412 for our Charity account. New Square POS is being used, streamlining the order process and accounting.

Service Officer: Rob Maston reported that Jane has the Bar covered while she is out of service.

Sgt at Arms: Karina reported that she resigned her position and has been swept up by a new Law Firm and is now doing what she has been doing all along. Her parting gift was \$250 as a donation for Honor Guard uniforms. She donated \$250 of her own funds and made a plea for more funds to buy uniforms for the Honor Guard. Auxiliary has donated \$200. SAL has donated \$700. Karina will provide a budget required to complete the uniform purchase.

Adjutant: Upon research, Flag Memorial half staff protocol we follow is correct. The service flags can remain a full staff as long as the American Flag at half staff still has the dominant position.

SAL Liaison:

1. Doug has arranged for the buses to be available at 5 PM on October 19. Dinner preparation will begin at 1400
2. SALs voted to pay the bill for the Honor Guard uniforms.
3. SALs requested to be in charge of erecting the parking lot flags and to do this on Patriotic weekends as well as Legion events.
4. They are planning for 150 meals on their fifth Thursday dinner in September. Brian Griffin reported that Alan Doctor was laid to rest last Thursday.

Meeting was adjourned at 2048.

CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Thursday Dinner First Come, First Served, Max 65	1 Baked Potato \$5 Hot Dog \$3 1800	2 Club Closed
3 Club Closed	4 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$8	5 Taco Fiesta Bar \$7 1800	6 POST General Mtg 1800 Dinner 1900 Mtg. ALA Mtg 1900	7 Dinner 1800 \$10 Glenda's Chicken Pesto Pasta	8 Baked Potato \$5 Hot Dog \$3 1800	9 Club Closed
10 Club Closed	11 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$8	12 Taco Fiesta Bar \$7 1800	13 Club Closed	14 Dinner 1800 \$10 Suzie's Stuffed Pork Loin	15 Baked Potato \$5 Hot Dog \$3 1800	16 Club Closed Pancake Breakfast 0800- 1100
17 Club Closed	18 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$8 EBoard 1900	19 Taco Fiesta Bar \$7 1800 Ride 2 Recovery Dinner	20 Club Closed 9:30 AM Ride 2 Recovery Hwy 1 Cheering On	21 Dinner 1800 \$10 Mary's Chicken Fried Steak	22 Baked Potato \$5 Hot Dog \$3 1800	23 Club Closed
24 Club Closed	25 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$8 ALA EBoard 1900	26 Taco Fiesta Bar \$7 1800	27 Club Closed Native Sons Dinner	28 Dinner 1800 \$10 Jan's Moms Minced over Mashed Potatoes	29 Baked Potato \$5 Hot Dog \$3 1800	30 Club Closed

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