



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

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NEWSLETTER

POST 9650

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



, Auxiliary, friends, and community members, March is here, and with it comes an important time for our Post —nominations for VFW Post 9650 officer positions. If you've ever thought about stepping up to help lead, now is the time. Elections will be held in April, but this month is when we start the process of selecting the team that will guide us into the next year. The new officers take over the last week of June with the official VFW year starting July 1.

The VFW is only as good as we make it. If we don't step up, get involved, and support one another, we are not truly serving the greater good of our membership and the

veterans who depend on us. Leadership is not just about holding difference. The General Meeting will be held at 6 pm. Monday, March 9th at the Post, with the election of officers being held at our April 13th General Membership Meeting. Your input and feedback on Post operations is welcome.

New Officers to be Elected

Post officers for the Year 2025-2026 will be nominated during the March meeting and elected in April. All members are urged to consider one of the positions. Contact the Commander or one of the other current officers for more information on the positions. All positions are open to be filled. The elected positions and some of their areas of prime interest are commander, senior vice commander (membership), junior vice commander (activities), quartermaster (accounting/finance), chaplain, three-year trustee (oversight), house committee (Post Home). Additionally, there are appointed positions such as adjutant (admin), advocate (parliamentarian), surgeon (welfare and hospital), officer of the day, guard, historian, and publicity chairman to be filled.

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Hello everyone, we're moving in the right direction. We've spent a tremendous amount of money on much-needed upgrades to the building to include repairs to plumbing and electrical issues. We've replaced the small Bingo TV monitors in the Hall with 70-inch mounted TV's and in the process of making them ZOOM Capable for utilization during Hall Rentals and Post Membership Meeting to include an upgraded speaker system. Our Wi-Fi system has been completed and strengthened, making it accessible to the far

reaches of the Hall. The post Security Camera System, both inside and out, has been completely replaced with state-of-the-art cameras. In addition, the Lights above the bar have been replaced with LED lighting. There's still a lot of work that needs to be accomplished so look for more info in future Newsletters.

Have a wonderful day and as always, we are in need of volunteer help. So, if you have a skill, please call or come buy. Thanks in advance.

Greg Wilson, Quartermaster

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE:

To think it's been 26 years since all the Y2K scares and the life altering events that were to come with it. As of the beginning of 2026 the post has gone through some very much needed upgrades, we have installed a new Wi-Fi System throughout the post, upgraded the Bingo Monitors in the Hall with two 70-inch TV's and removed the old system. Our new Security Camera System installed gives us an overview of the entire building and parking lots

Technology continued to advance along with many other things in our daily lives. How does that relate to this newsletter, you might ask? On a much smaller scale, I think about that with our Canteen operations and the events we hold. We try to provide new and exciting offerings and events to keep things fresh. We plan to continue with that philosophy in 2026. To do that, it takes a little help from many people. We need creative ideas, and a plan to go with them, and most of all, a willingness to help. It also requires an open mind. One person's way isn't always the best or only way. When we all work together with nothing but the best interest of our post and members in mind, great things happen. By the time you receive this

newsletter we may already have one new item in place. Let's continue to build on the success of those that came before us and make 2026 another amazing year.

Thanks for all you do!
Ed Ames
House Committee Chairman

AUXILIARY NEWS

Submitted by
Marsha Kelley, President

We are sad to announce that long-time Auxiliary member Sandra Russ passed away in December. We will have a Draping of the Charter for her at our March 9th meeting.

The Auxiliary is excited to see changes being made at the Post as the current leadership has plans for some modernization.

The building that is home to Post 9650 is owned by Shasta County. Any modifications to the building must be approved by the County; and some must be completed by the County, as well.

Auxiliary members continue to assist the Post with its monthly pancake breakfasts served from 8 am – 10 am on the second Saturday of each month. In early May the Post will conduct a Buddy Poppy Drive. Volunteers are needed. If interested, please leave a message at the Post for Senior Vice Commander Beth George.

Our Auxiliary Secretary Candy Hibbs-Mayberry and I attended the Auxiliary's District 8 meeting in Red Bluff in January. Another District 8 meeting is scheduled in Burney on April 25th.

Election of your Auxiliary officers will be conducted at its April 13th meeting. Many of our current officers are holding two offices ... so, I am pleading with you to please attend meetings and be more involved with your Auxiliary.

Daylight Savings Time starts March 8th ... don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour!

The first day of Spring will be here before we know it, then just a few weeks later will be Easter!

Where does the time go?

Stay safe and healthy everyone.

AT A GLANCE

- Mar 8 Daylight Savings Time – Move clocks forward 1 hour
- Mar 9 Membership/Auxiliary Meeting – Nomination of Officers 6 pm
- Mar 14 Post Breakfast 8 am
- Mar 14 Blood Drive 7:30 am
- Mar 17 Saint Patrick's Day Dinner 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Mar 28 Band in Hall Sweet Revenge
- Apr 4 Comedy Show 5 pm
- Apr 5 Easter Sunday
- Apr 11 Post Breakfast 8 am
- Apr 13 Membership/Auxiliary Meeting – Nomination/ Election of Officers 6 pm
- Apr 18 Double Crossed Band in Hall
- Apr 25 District 8 Quarterly Meeting/Elections - Burney
- Weekly Lisa's Taco's – Saturday 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- Weekly Country Swing Dancing Wednesday 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Weekly BINGO each Sunday
- Weekly K9 Service Dog Training Every Sunday
- Weekly Cornhole each Tuesday at 5 pm – 10 pm
- Weekly Each Friday - Open Pool in Canteen

OPERATION HONOR GUARD

Did you know that by law, every eligible U.S. veteran is entitled to a military funeral honors ceremony — including the playing of Taps and the folding and presentation of the American flag?

Under federal law, the U.S. Department of Defense is required to provide a minimum of two uniformed service members for the ceremony. At least one must represent the veteran's branch of service.

What many people don't realize, however, is that in communities

across the country, volunteer honor guards often step in to provide additional ceremonial support — standing watch, rendering rifle volleys, and ensuring that no veteran is laid to rest without dignity and respect. These volunteers give their time freely, often traveling long distances, simply because they believe every veteran deserves to be honored.

It's not just tradition. It's the final salute.

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[#militaryfuneralhonors](#) [#military](#)
[#veteran](#)

FW POST 9650 HOURS OF OPERATION

Subject to change without advance notice call Post at (530) 365-9650 for details)

The Post will observe the following business hours:

Saturday 10 am – Close
Sunday 10 am - Close
Monday 4 pm – Close
Tuesday 4 pm – Close
Wednesday 4 pm – Close
Thursday - CLOSED
Friday 4 pm – Close

Note: The Post closing time is dependent upon attendance and varies per day.

If you have questions on these guidelines, please call the Post at (530) 365-9650.

VFW Post 9650 is a Drug Free Zone. If drugs are used on our Post's property, it will put our ABC liquor license in jeopardy, as well as our Post charter with the National VFW.

Please report any violations of drug use on Post property immediately to a Post officer. Law enforcement will be called; the offender will be subject to criminal and legal consequences. Offenders will lose their Post Membership.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Although he had graduated from West Point and served with distinction in the Mexican American War, this future President abruptly resigned his army commission in 1854 and returned to his family, living with them in poverty for seven years before re-enlisting. Who is he?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Wars might be fought with weapons, but they are won by men." This quote highlights the importance of human courage, discipline, and teamwork in achieving victory, rather than relying solely on military technology. It reminds us that the true strength of any military lies in the people who serve.

POST 9650 -- WANTS YOU! JOIN THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



"Members, you are our backbone and without you our effort would certainly fail. Your VFW is here for you whenever you choose and in whatever capacity you choose, as a active member, semi active or inactive. Your greatest contribution alone is your continued membership at Post 9650"

To become one of the 'elites' contact the post, call us (530) 365-9650, or email us at vfwpost9650@aol.com

CHAPLIN'S

PRAYER

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, & the wisdom to know the difference.

TAPS

Our fellow member who is now guarding the "Gates of Freedom":

Ronald J Hardin
Frank Mazur
Richard Hagerman
William Arterberry
Sandra Russ (Sandy) Auxiliary

May his soul and the soul of our departed comrades Rest in Peace—Amen!

GET WELL WISHES EXTENDED TO OUR COMRADES AND LADIES

Kim Chamberlin (Auxiliary)
Shirly Pochop (Auxiliary)
Donna Davis (Auxiliary)
Suzzie Crosby (Auxiliary)
Al Housewright
Bill McKinney

DATES OF INTEREST IN U.S. HISTORY

Apr 1	Armed Forces Day
Apr 6	Army Day
Apr 9	National Former POW Recognition Day
May 7	Unconditional Surrender of all Germa Force Signed (1945)
May 8	V.E. Day Declared (1945)
May 8	Military Spouses Day
May 15	Women's Army Corps Founded (1942)
May 16	Armed Forces Day
May 25	Memorial Day
Jan 17	Persian Gulf War Begins (1991)

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER Ulysses S. Grant

TACO SATURDAY



Join us each Saturday in the Canteen from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm
THEY'RE LIP SMAKIN GOOD!!!

BINGO EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT

TABLE BINGO STARTS AT 2:45 PM
REG BINGO STARTS AT 5:00 PM REG.
GAMES PLUS SPECIALS
At the VFW Hall in Anderson, 3210 W. Center St.

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM

TABLE BINGO STARTS @ 2:45 PM
REG BINGO STARTS AT 5:00 PM
15 REG. GAMES PLUS SPECIALS
1ST BOOK - \$12.00
2 BOOKS - \$22.00
3 BOOKS \$27.00
\$5.00 EACH
ADDITIONAL BOOK

BINGO IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO WORK SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING. IF INTERESTED CALL CONNIE AT 530-945-6871 OR EMAIL [VFWPOST9650@AOL.COM](mailto:vfwpost9650@aol.com)

FROM THE CANTEN MANAGER

Taco's – Taco Saturday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Pool – 9 Ball Pool each Friday beginning at 5:30 pm

Pool – 8 Ball "Mixed" Scotch doubles every 3rd Saturday beginning at 12:00 PM

Bingo – Every Sunday beginning at 2:45 pm for Early Bird Bingo and 5:45 pm for Regular Bingo

Cornhole – Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Country Swing Dance – Every Wednesday at 6:45 pm

Post Breakfast – Every 2nd Saturday of the month from at 8:00 until 10:00 am

Post Dinner – Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm

Hall Rentals – Make your Reservations now for Renting our Hall, Dining Room

and kitchen facilities before the Calendar fills up.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY

Please notify the Post if you have moved or have a new email address so that we can keep you informed and plugged into Post Activities Please send your email address to the Post Adjutant so we can send you the Newsletter electronically. Thanks.

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SERVICE DOG TRAINING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the program is to give back to Veterans who gave of themselves to serve our country, sustaining both injuries visible and those we cannot see.

We will assist in locating, matching and training a K9 to the level desired by the veteran to provide both assistance and companionship.

Our goal is to be involved in establishing a Veteran/K9 bond that will result in a life-changing experience for both.

Requirements to Participate

1. Must provide a copy of DD-214
2. Must provide a disability rating for PTSD or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), or recommendation from a medical provider for the need of a service dog.

3. Currently be, or become, a VFW member for the duration of the training with possible options.



Pictured below are our new recruits – 10- week-old Rottweilers



HALL AND DINING ROOM RENTALS AVAILABLE

For additional information on rentals call the post at 530-365-9650



The Post Canteen is open to all Veterans and is a cozy quiet place to just get away. Come and play some pool on one of our two pool tables.



The Hall will seat up to 320 people and is an excellent venue for Weddings, Class Reunions and parties. Hall includes a Mini Bar and Stage.



Our Dining Room is a little cozier and will seat up to 60 people. The Post Canteen is available for drinks.

Hall and Dining Room Rentals are open to the Public and reasonably priced at \$750.00 for Hall and \$225.00 for Dining Room plus refundable deposits.



ANDERSON VFW POST 9650

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 14, 2026

and

April 11, 2026

Time: 7:30- 10:00 am

Menu includes:

PANCAKES

(all you can eat pancakes)

EGGS

BACON

FRUIT

COFFEE & JUICE

BREAKFAST IS BY DONATIONS ONLY

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10.00

FOR SPECIAL VETERANS DAY FUNDRAISER

MEALS TO GO AVAILABLE

BREAKFAST IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**Become a member of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary
and receive a FREE BREAKFAST- requires copy
of DD-214**

**For addition information call the post at 530-
365-9650 - 3210 W. Center St, Anderson, CA**

A colorful event poster for a "VARIETY SHOWCASE" at Anderson VFW. The poster features a central photo of headliner Trent Babb, a microphone icon, a musician playing guitar, and a magic hat. Text includes "NEW AIR COND! FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE!", "10 ENTERTAINERS!", "SAT APRIL 4 @6:30PM", and a list of performers: Amber Mae Taylor, Bryan Gilles, Candee Anne, Ben Main, Gabe Phillips, Mishee McGee, Michelle Brown, Patrick Smith, and Dan McGowan. Ticket prices are listed as \$20 VIP (table seating) and \$15 General Audience, with a \$1.40 service fee. A QR code is provided for scanning tickets. The location is 3210 W CENTER ST / ANDERSON. The poster also mentions "AMPLE PARKING ANDERSON PG-13".

AMPLE PARKING ANDERSON PG-13

VARIETY SHOWCASE

NEW AIR COND!
FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE!

HEADLINER
TRENT BABB
OPENER FOR JAY LENO

COMEDY!
MUSIC!
MAGIC!

10 ENTERTAINERS!

SAT APRIL 4 @6:30PM

Amber Mae Taylor • Bryan Gilles • Candee Anne • Ben Main • Gabe Phillips
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ANDERSON VFW
3210 W CENTER ST / ANDERSON
\$20 VIP (table seating)
\$15 General Audience
\$1.40 SERVICE FEE ADDED TO PURCHASE

SCAN FOR TICKETS



MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BINGO	2	3 Cornhole - Hall	4 Swing Dance - Hall	5	6	7
8 BINGO Daylight Savings Time – Move clocks forward 1 hour	9 Membership/Auxiliary Mtg - Officer Nominations	3 Cornhole - Hall	11 Swing Dance - Hall	12	13	14 Post Breakfast 8 am Blood Drive 7:30 am House Comm Mtg 11 am Cooties 1 pm
15 BINGO	16	17 Saint Parick's Day Dinner 5:30 – 7:30 pm Cornhole - Hall	18 Swing Dance - Hall	19	20 First Day of Spring	21 Cornhole - Hall
22 BINGO	23	3 Cornhole - Hall	25 Turkey Feed ??? Swing Dance - Hall	26	27	28 Fire Class 8 am Band in Hall Sweet Revenge
29 BINGO	30	3 Cornhole – Hall Fire Crew Training				



APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Swing Dance - Hall	2	3	4 Comedy Show 6 pm
5 EASTER SUNDAY NO BINGO TODAY	6	7 Cornhole - Hall	8 Swing Dance - Hall	9	10 Swing Dance - 5 pm	11 Post Breakfast 8 am House Comm Mtg 11 am Cooties 1 pm Swing Dance 5 pm
12 BINGO	13 Membership/Aux meeting - Post/Aux Elections	14 Cornhole - Hall	15 Swing Dance - Hall	16	17	18 Music in the Hall – Double Crossed Band
19 BINGO	20	21 Cornhole - Hall	22 Swing Dance - Hall	23	24	25 District 8 Quarterly Meeting - Burney
26 BINGO	27	28 Cornhole - Hall	29 Swing Dance - Hall	30		

