



POST 9650

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY - JUNE 2025



OUR MISSION

To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

OUR VISION

Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

FROM THE POST COMMANDER Greg Rogers

Greetings and Salutations, as my term as Commander of VFW Post 9650 comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for the

incredible support and dedication I've received throughout the past number of years. It has been an honor to serve alongside such passionate and committed individuals, and I am truly humbled by the collective effort that has made our post a beacon of service and camaraderie

A Heart Felt Thank-you

First and foremost, I extend my sincere thanks to our Board of Directors. Your wisdom, guidance, and unwavering support have been invaluable. To the Auxiliary and its Board Members, your tireless efforts and dedication to our mission have been nothing short of inspiring. To the Military Order of the Cootie, your unique contributions and enthusiasm have brought joy and comfort to many veterans. To the Honor Guard, your dedication has been nothing short of phenomenal when called upon and I ask that you continue in that vein going forward.

To our employees, who perform in many capacities as cooks, bartenders, laborers, and facility managers, I thank you for your devotion and contribution in providing a place of welcome and comradeship to the members of this great post. And to the countless others who have made these last year's so enjoyable and rewarding, I cannot thank you enough. Together, we have provided the best veterans' experience and service, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished.

Welcoming our Incoming Commander Trevor Brooke

As I step down on June 22nd, I ask that you extend the same respect, sage advice, and courtesies to my relief, Trevor George, as he takes on the role of Commander. Trevor is dedicated and passionate about our mission, and I am confident that under his leadership, Post 9650 will continue to thrive and serve our veterans with distinction.

OUR 2025/2026 POST OFFICERS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your 2025/2026 Post Officers

Commander
Trevor Brooke
Sr Vice Commander
Elizabeth George
Jr Vice Commander
Dale Huffman
Quartermaster
Greg Wilson
Asst Quartermaster (appointed)
Johnny Palmer
Adjutant (appointed)
Position Open
Chaplin
Stan Neutze
3 Year Trustee
Bob Shufelberger
2 Year Trustee
Russ Deedon
3 Year Trustee
Ed Adams

Your term of Office will begin after the VFW California State Convention on or June 22nd.

VFW DAY OF SERVICE TO DONATE PROCEEDS

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In honor of this year's VFW Day of Service we will donate 100% of our profits from the May 10th Breakfast and May 17th Dinner to the Anderson/Cottonwood Christian Food Bank.

Proceeds benefit Anderson-Cottonwood Cristian Assistance food bank.

Bring in any nonperishable foods, toiletries, etc. & receive \$1.00 off your meal.

Let's all come out and those in our community by having breakfast and dinner at the Post.

JOIN THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

As yesterday's defenders of freedom, we want to welcome today's military

service members into our ranks to become part of our elite group. Our common bond is the battlefield, whether it is service in the Persian Gulf, Korea, Kosovo, the Global War on Terrorism or peace-keeping expeditionary campaigns. Your courage and sacrifice have made a difference in preserving and defending world peace.

If you have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay, then you're eligible to join our ranks.

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

AT A GLANCE

May 2 Memorial Day Poppy Fundraiser (Day 1)
May 3 Memorial Day Poppy Fundraiser (day 2)
May 26 Memorial Day Observed at Anderson Cemetery/Flags
June 21 Bubba Summit Band 2-6 PM
June 21 Post Dinner 5 – 7 PM
Weekly Canasta – 11:00 AM
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
Weekly Each Friday - Open Pool in Canteen

House Committee Message

Comrades, please come out and attend our members General Meetings held at 6 p.m. Monday May 12th and June 9th at the Post. Your input and feedback on Post operations is welcome.

The House Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 28h and June 25th at the Post.

CANTEEN HOURS

FRIDAY
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – CLOSED 2 – 4 PM
REOPEN 4:00 PM
SATURDAY
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
SUNDAY
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
MONDAY
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM CLOSED 2 – 4 PM
REOPEN 4:00 PM
TUESDAY
4:00 PM OPEN
WEDNESDAY
OPEN 5:00 PM
THURSDAY
CLOSED

HONOR GUARD

The Post is currently looking for volunteers for our Post Honor Guard.

Honors are held on Monday's and Fridays, normally at the California State Veterans Cemetery, Igo, CA, however at times may be asked to perform services at other locations.

The Honor Guard provides full military funeral honors when requested, including a three-volley rifle salute, taps, flag folding and presentation to the Post Chaplain or next of kin.

Membership Requirements

Preferably Honor Guard members will be VFW members, although members from other military organizations (American Legion, DAV) as well as auxiliary members will be considered, however it is required that they be US Military Veterans. Candidates must submit a membership application to the Honor Guard Captain with pertinent data and contact information. Members must be in reasonable health and physical condition to perform required honor guard/color guard duties. Candidates must be deemed acceptable and voted in by the Honor Guard Captain and the membership. Members are expected to maintain adequate personal appearance and uniform standards.

Applications can be forwarded to the Post via email at vfwpost9650@aol.com or dropped off at the Post.

CHAPLIN'S MESSAGE

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"What lies behind us and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." – Henry S. Haskins

REDDING VA PHONE GUIDE

Advice Nurse	800-382-8387
Behavioral Health	530-226-7675
Business Services	530-226-7565
Community Care	877-881-7618
Dental, Eye and	
Hearing	530-244-8800
Emergency Billing	
(Hospital)	844-724-7842
General Billing	866-347-2353
Primary Care	530-226-7662
Radiology	530-226-7038
Specialty Care	530-226-7512
Crisis Line	Dial 988
Prescription	
Refills & Renewals	866-600-8279 press 1
for auto, Press 2 for a pharmacy clerk	
Patient Advocate	530-226-7508

TRIVIA QUESTION

Memorial Day was originally established to honor fallen soldiers of which war?

DATES OF INTEREST IN U.S. HISTORY

May 1	Loyalty Day
May 7	Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces signed (1945)
May 8	V.E. Day Declared (1945)
May 15	Peach Officer Memorial Day
May 15	Women's Army Corps Founded (1942)
May 20	Armed Forces Day
May 26	Memorial Day
Jun 6	D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe (1944)
Jun 14	U.S. Army Founded (1775)
Jun 22	Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942)
Jun 22	GI Bill Signed into Law (1944)
Jun 25	Korean War Began (1950)
Jun 27	National Post- Traumatic Stress Awareness Day
Jun 30	post-9/11 GI Bill Signed into Law (2008)

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.

TABLE BINGO STARTS @ 2:45 PM
REG BINGO STARTS AT 5:00 PM
15 REG. GAMES PLUS SPECIALS
1ST BOOK - \$20.00
2 BOOKS - \$30.00
3 BOOKS \$35.00
\$5.00 EACH
ADDITIONAL BOOK

FROM THE CANTEEN 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

Country Swing Dance – Every
Tuesday at 6:45 pm

Cornhole – Every Thursday at 5:30 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 7:30 pm

Hall Rentals – Make your Reservations
now for Renting our Hall, Dining Room
and kitchen facilities before the
Calendar fills up.

GET WELL WISHES EXTENDED TO OUR COMRADES AND LADIES

Kenny Williams
Bill McKenney
Frank Mazur
Ace Crawford
Greg Rogers
Kim Chamberlin (Auxiliary)
Julie Santos (Auxiliary)
Aaron Haynes (Auxiliary)

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

The Civil War

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.

Our Training Program is held each
Sunday from 11:00 am until Noon
in the Post Conference Room.



For additional information call
Bruce Riecke, Director at 530-529-
4433 or email
vfwpost9650@aol.com

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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POST HALL AND DINING ROOM RENTALS

Our Swamp Coolers have been removed and a new HVAC System has been installed within the Hall making our summer months much more comfortable.

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.

VFW
BREAKFAST

suggested donation \$12

Pancakes - Ham - Fruit - Scrambled Eggs - Coffee

Saturday, May 10, 2025
8am - 10am, open to the public
Moms eat free!

Proceeds benefit Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance food bank

Bring in any nonperishable foods, toiletries, etc & receive \$1 off your meal!

Visit us at www.vfw9650.org

VFW POST 9650
MONTHLY DINNER

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Saturday, May 17, 2025
Time: 6-8 pm
includes: spaghetti, salad, rolls & dessert

- Become a member of the VFW/Auxiliary & receive a free meal!
- Bring in your DD214 or call 530-365-9650 for more info!

CANTEEN/BAR OPEN FOR DRINKS
BRINGS BY DONATIONS, DRINKS
(SUGGESTED DONATION \$10.00)
MEALS TO GO AVAILABLE

Proceeds benefit Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance food bank.

Bring in any nonperishable foods, toiletries, etc. & receive \$1.00 off your meal

**ANDERSON VFW POST 9650 APPRECIATES ALL OUR 2024 SPONSORS WHO
HAVE DONATED \$100.00 OR MORE TOWARDS OUR POST. WE ENCOURAGE
OUR MEMBERSHIP TO SUPPORT THESE HONORED SPONSORS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO COME**



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May

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Poppy Fundraiser 10 AM – PM	Poppy Fundraiser 10 AM – PM
BINGO 4	CANASTA 11:00 AM 5	CORNHOLE - HALL 6	SWING DANCE - HALL 7	8	9	10 POST BREAKFAST 8 – 10 AM COOTIES 1:00 PM CUDDLE FISH 12:00 PM WEDDING – HALL FIRE LINE SAFETY
BINGO 11	CANASTA 11:00 AM 12 MEMBNSHIP/ AUXILIARY MTT 6:00 PM	CORNHOLE - HALL 13	SWING DANCE - HALL 14	15	16	17 POST DINNER 6:00 – 8:00 PM AHS CLASS REUNION
BINGO 18	CANASTA 11:00 AM 19	CORNHOLE - HALL 20	SWING DANCE - HALL 21	22	23	24 SWING DANCE – HALL FIRE LINE SAFETY COMMEDY NIGHT 7:00 PM
BINGO 25	CANASTA 11:00 AM 26 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES 10 AM – 12 PM	CORNHOLE - HALL 27	HOUSE/OFFICER MTG 9:00 AM 28 SWING DANCE - HALL	FUNDRAISER IN HALL 29	30	31 CORNHOLE – HALL 9 AM

June

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BINGO 1	CANASTA 11:00 AM 2	CORNHOLE - HALL 3	SWING DANCE - HALL 4	5	HS GRAD PARTY - HALL 6	7
BINGO 8	CANASTA 11:00 AM 9 MEMBNERSHIP/ AUXILIARY MTT 6:00 PM	CORNHOLE - HALL 10	SWING DANCE - HALL 11	12	13	14 POST BREAKFAST 8 :00 - 10:00 AM COOTIES 1:00 PM FIRE LINE SAFETY
BINGO 15	CANASTA 11:00 AM 16	CORNHOLE - HALL 17	SWING DANCE - HALL 18	19	20	21 POST DINNER 5 :00– 7:00 PM BUBBA SUMMMIT BAND 2 – 6 PM
BINGO 22	CANASTA 11:00 AM 23	CORNHOLE - HALL 24	HOUSE/OFFICER MTG 9:00 AM 25 SWING DANCE - HALL	26	27	28 FIRE LINE SAFETY
BINGO 29	CANASTA 11:00 AM 30					