



POST 9650

NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



As November unfolds, we enter a special time of reflection and gratitude. Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 11th offers us an opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans, past and present. This day reminds us of our commitment to support those who have defended our freedoms, and it is a privilege to gather and pay tribute to their contributions.

The holiday season is upon us. Please take some time for yourselves to recharge, spend time with friends and family, and enjoy the best of what this season engenders. We have had our successes and challenges this year, but we have made positive progress as we continue our efforts to evolve and modernize our Post. There is still a lot of work to do, and I know we as the Post membership are more than capable of getting things done! I have so many people to thank for all their dedication and great work thus far this year!

To the Post Officers: by stepping up to hold these leadership positions in the Post, you have shown your passion and desire to support and serve our fellow veterans. The Post would not

be nearly as successful without all the work you all do. I look forward to working with you all in the second half of our VFW year. You have my utmost gratitude, thanks, and support.

To our Post Auxiliary: it is an absolute fact that Post 9650 could not do any of our community service, Post activities, volunteerism, hold and run Bingo, the list goes on and on, without the support of what I consider the best Auxiliary group I have seen or know about. Words cannot adequately express the level of respect I have for everything each of you does for our Post and community. Thank you and I look forward to working with you in the second half of our VFW Year.

To the Post Staff: Thank you for your excellent support of the Post, our membership, and our patrons and guests. You keep the Post running and in good order. We are better for having all of you with us.

To the Post Chairs and Committees: We have brought back some committees and created some new ones this year. The idea behind these committees is to give more members a chance to participate and take a larger role in serving the Post. With more people working towards common goals, we can accomplish great things. My sincere gratitude and thanks to those who have accepted the appointments as committee chairs. Your leadership is greatly appreciated. To those who volunteer their valuable time and talent to serve on the committees, thank you for your dedication to the Post.

To our Membership: you are Post 9650. Without you, there is no Post 9650. Thank you for your military service. Thank you for your continued service to veterans and our community by being part of our stalwart organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Thank you for the support you have given me in my role as the Post Commander. I will continue to serve you in my capacity to the best of my ability. As we move through the holiday season and into the new year, let's take a few moments and remember all those who are currently deployed and away from their homes and families. They are serving our country to ensure that we have the freedom to enjoy the holiday season. We thank them all and wish everyone a safe return home.

I am pleased to announce that VFW Post 9650 has been recognized by VFW Department as an "All American" Post. My congratulations to the 2024/2025 Officers who made this milestone possible.





Merry Christmas

AT A GLANCE

Nov 2 Fall Back One Hour
 Nov 6 Poppie Fundraiser
 Nov 7 Poppie Fundraiser
 Nov 10 U.S. Marine Corps Established (1778)
 Nov 10 Membership/Auxiliary Meeting 6 pm
 Nov 15 VFW School of Instruction
 Dec 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Dec 8 Membership/Auxiliary Meeting 6 pm
 Dec 20 Post Holiday Dinner
 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

VFW 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 contacted and the offender will be subject to criminal and legal consequences. Offenders will lose their Post Membership.

POST DONATION TO ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Post was Honored to Donate \$25,000 to the Anderson Police Department on Saturday Night, October 11th for the Purchase of a new K9 Police Officer. This donation will benefit all within the Anderson Community.

This donation is our part as a post in help protect not only Veterans but the Anderson community in general.



VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

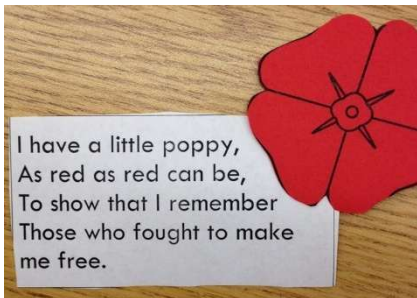




The Post participated in the first Veterans Resource Fair held at the Anderson District Fairground on Thursday, October 16th.

A special Thank you is extended to Greg Wilson for all your hard work! A Thank you is also extended to Larry Olinger, Greg Rogers and Chrisy Johnson for manning the Post Table.

POPPY DRIVE AND FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 6TH AND 7TH



We are seeking Volunteers to assist in our Poppy Fundraiser being held at businesses within the Anderson Community. Our Veterans Day Poppy Drive will be held on November 6th and 7th.

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance for fallen soldiers from World War I, a tradition that began after noticing poppies growing in the battlefields of Belgium.

All money collected goes to the VFW's relief fund, which provides aid and assistance to veterans and their families, and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children. It further assists our **children in the** community in providing scholarships as awarded with the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Program.

TREVIA QUESTION

Operation Urgent Fury was the codename for the American invasion of which island nation, formerly a British colony, in 1983?

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.

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

SAFETY CORNER

DECEMBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

- December brings us fun and family with the colder weather and Christmas, but it also causes us concern with home fire safety. Here are several areas we need to be aware of to prevent fire-related injuries and accidents.

Install smoke alarms on every level and near bedrooms.

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Plan escape routes from your home in case of fire; don't get trapped! Cook carefully.

We all want to enjoy safe, wonderful times and delicious family meals, yet cooking incidents are the leading cause of home fires. Unattended stoves and ovens can be the source of tragedy. Keep an eye on the food being cooked, and use the stove vent to lower the level of carbon monoxide.

CHAPLIN'S PRAYER

Father, please turn your gaze to those men and women who in their military service have sacrificed time, comfort, strength, ambition, health and prosperity for the peace and safety of family and friends and others they've never even known. Please reward them a hundredfold for all their sacrifice and service. Bless them far beyond all their expectations. Reward them richly for all they have given.

GET WELL WISHES EXTENDED TO OUR COMRADES AND LADIES

Kim Chamberlin (Auxiliary)
Shirly Pochop (Auxiliary)
Al Housewright
Kenny Williams
Bill McKenney
Frank Mazur
George Weaver

WELCOME EXTENDED TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dustin Phillips
Lo Saelee
David Davis
Joseph Lewallen

WELCOME ABOARD!

DATES OF INTEREST IN U.S. HISTORY

Nov 10	U.S. Marine Corps Established (1778)
Nov 11	Signing of WWI Armistice (1918)
Nov 21	Grenada Campaign Ended (1983)
Dec 6	Somalia Campaign Began (1992)
Dec 7	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec 8	War Declared on Japan (1941)
Dec 11	German and Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941)
Dec 11	Veterans Day
Dec 15	Iraq War Ended (2011)
Dec 20	Panama Campaign Began (1989)
Dec 20	U.S. Space Force Established (2019)
Dec 31	Official End of WWII (1946)
Dec 31	Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)

THE POST IS LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

Breakfast and Dinner

- cooks,
- servers,
- clean up

Bingo (Sundays Only)
Honor Guard
Poppy Drive (Nov and May)
Post Recruiting
Flag Routes

We need volunteers to assist in all programs. If interested in volunteering of any of these positions please call the Post Commander at 530-365-9650.

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

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
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. Vfwpost9650@aol.com

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

Grenada

POST 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 APPRECIATES ALL OUR 2025 SPONSORS WHO
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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ANDERSON VFW POST 9650 MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 am

Menu includes:

BISCUITS AND GRAVY

EGGS

BACON

FRUIT

COFFEE & JUICE

**BLOODY MARY'S (AVAILABLE
IN CANTEEN)**

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

**ANDERSON VFW POST 9650
MONTHLY**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

**THE NOVEMBER 2025
POST DINNER HAS BEEN
CANCELLED
PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR HOLIDAY DINNER
ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 2025**



**ANDERSON VFW POST 9650
MONTHLY BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 am

Menu includes:

**CHICKEN FRIED STEAK w/White Gravy
HASH BROWN POTATOES**

EGGS

BISCUITS

FRUIT CUP

COFFEE & JUICE

**BLOODY MARY'S (AVAILABLE IN
CANTEEN)**

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**PROCEEDS WILL BE APPLIED TO A
SPECIAL VETERANS DAY FUNDRAISER**

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**VFW POST
9650
HOLIDAY DINNER**

December 20, 2025

5:30 to 7:00 pm

3210 W Center St | Anderson, CA

TURKEY

HAM

MASHED POTATOS

GREEN BEANS

CRANBERRY SAUCE

SALAD

**NO COST DINNER JUST BRING A
DESSERT OF YOUR CHOICE TO SHARE**

RSVP

**530-365-9650 OR vfwpost9650@aol.com
ANDERSON VFW POST 9650**



November

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 BINGO 	3	4 SWING DANCE VOTE SPECIAL ELECTION	5 CORNHOLE	6 POPPY FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS TO RELIEF FUND	7 POPPY FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS TO RELIEF FUND	8 POST BREAKFAST 8:00 – 10 AM HOUSE/OFFICER MTG COOTIES
9 BINGO	10 MEMBERSHIP/AUXILIARY MEETING 6 PM	11 SWING DANCE VETERANS DAY - FLAGS	12 CORNHOLE	13 NATIONAL GUARD PARTY	14 SWING DANCE	15 VFW OFFICER SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION POST DINNER - CANCELLED
16 BINGO	17	18 SWING DANCE	19 CORNHOLE	20	21	22 BIRTHDAY PARTY - HALL
23 BINGO	24	25 SWING DANCE	26 CORNHOLE	27 Thanksgiving Day 	28 SWING DANCE	29 CORN HOLE TOURN
30 BINGO						

December

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		SWING DANCE	CORNHOLE		CHRISTMAS FOR THE TROOPS	CUTTLE FISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
BINGO	MEMBERSHIP/AUXILIARY MEETING 6 PM	SWING DANCE	CORNHOLE		CORNHOLD TOURN	POST BREAKFAST 7:30 – 10 AM CUTTLEFISH HOUSE/OFFICER MTG COOTIES RESTPEDD HOLIDAY PARTY
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BINGO		SWING DANCE	CORNHOLE			POST HOLIDAY DINNER
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
BINGO		SWING DANCE	CORNHOLE	 CHRISTMAS DAY		
28	29	30	31			
BINGO		SWING DANCE	NEW YEARS EVE			