



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

POST 9650 – ANDERSON, CA

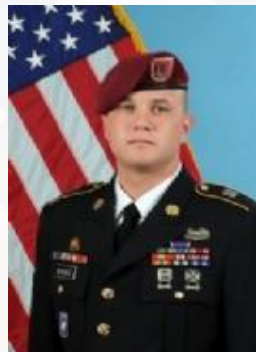
MAY 2026 – JUNE 2026

NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Trevor Brooke, Post Commander



Greetings Comrades,

I hope that you were able to spend the Easter Holiday in your own way and hopefully with family and friends.

Over the last few months, we have continued our improvements to the Post by completing our camera install, Wi-Fi upgrade and installation of two AED's and smoke detectors. We have upgraded the TV's in the hall for use for our amazing Bingo players as well as hall rentals. We are continuing to work on improvements with the county and will update you as they complete. Thank you Greg Wilson, and Ed Adams for your dedication to these upgrades

Next, our awesome bar manager, Kirk, coordinated with Stage 7 to bring some amazing bands in every Saturday night throughout the summer and into the fall. The concert series kicked off with 'The Groove' on April 25th and we will see bands such as 'Whiskey Kronic', 'The Groove' and 'Hook' play through May. More bands are scheduled to play, so keep an eye out for the upcoming flyers on our website and Facebook page.

April also saw our annual election of both Post and Auxiliary Officers. We also saw three of our Post members get elected to serve as California District 8 officers.

May is the beginning of our summer, and as always, it allows us to spend more time with the community. On May 2nd, we will host our 5th annual Day of Service, coordinated by our amazing Sr. Vice Commander, Beth George. This is a time for us to give back to the community and help show appreciation to those who appreciate us.



A Memorial Day Observance Ceremony will be held on May 25th at Anderson Cemetery. I hope you will join us on that solemn day to honor our brothers and sisters, who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day is always very meaningful to us as Veterans. To you, my brothers and sisters, who came home and left a friend behind; I share your sorrow, and you have my support always. When those thoughts and feelings come back, call me or another comrade, we will share that time together.

Lastly, I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our monthly meetings. They are held the second Monday of the month at 6pm. If there are things you would like to see done or changed, this is where you can have your voice heard. We are doing great things, and I want to hear your ideas on how we can be even better. I want to send a special thank you to Greg Rogers for supporting me in my first year as commander, and I want to send thanks to Marsha Kelley and the Auxiliary members for all you do. I would also like to thank our awesome bartenders Lisa and Nikki for your hard work and dedication.

Thank you to everyone, for all you do and have done. I hope to see you at the Post. – Trevor

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 – 2027 POST OFFICERS

Elections were held on April 13, 2026. Your Post officers are as follows:

COMMANDER

Trevor Brooke

SR. VICE COMMANDER

Beth George

JR. VICE COMMANDER

Greg Rogers

QUARTERMASTER

Greg Wilson

CHAPLAIN

Stan Neutze

3 YEAR TRUSTEE

Paul Guiducci

2 YEAR TRUSTEE

Dennis Crosby

1 YEAR TRUSTEE

Russ Deedon

ADJUTANT

Trevor Brooke

BENEFITS ADVISOR

Dave Davis

JUDGE ADVOCATE

Al Housewright

SURGEON

Dale Huffman

We are also lucky to now have three of our members represent California VFW District 8 as officers:

DISTRICT 8 SR. VICE COMMANDER

Greg Wilson

DISTRICT 8 JR. VICE COMMANDER

AJ Harris

DISTRICT 8 CHAPLAIN

Trevor Brooke

MESSAGE FROM THE AUXILIARY

Marsha Kelley, President



The St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner were a success. Our Post and Auxiliary members worked together to serve 47 dinners!

April has been quiet!

On Saturday, May 2nd the Post will conduct its Day of Service "Hooves & Heroes". This will be family fun time. (Please see the flyer printed herein.)

For the May 9th Monthly Breakfast, mothers joining us for breakfast will be served a complimentary Mimosa, in honor of Mother's Day which falls on May 10, 2026.

Trying to think of a "different" Father's Day (June 21st) gift for the fathers that are Veterans in your life? Why not honor them with a nameplate on one off the Walls at Anderson's Veterans Walk of Honor at 1901 East Center Street? I cannot think of a better way to celebrate fathers that have "served". If interested, please leave a voice mail message for me at 530-355-9574. I am glad to send you a brochure.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 – 2027 POST AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Elections were held on April 13, 2026. Your new Post Auxiliary Officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT

Marsha Kelley

SR. VICE PRESIDENT

Missy Sisneros

JR. VICE PRESIDENT

Susan Crosby

SECRETARY

Rebecca Hibbs-Mayberry

TREASURER

Rachel Tomasini

CHAPLIN

Connie Heemeyer

GUARD

Jo Ann Adams

CONDUCTRESS

Bonnie Short

#1 TRUSTEE

Susan Crosby

#2 TRUSTEE

Jo Ann Adams

#3 TRUSTEE

Connie Heemeyer

PRO TEM TRUSTEE

Bonnie Short

PRO TEM TRUSTEE

Sherri Propst

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

MAY

- May 2** – 5th Annual Post Day of Service (11-1)
- May 2** - STAGE 7 – Sweet Revenge (8 pm)
- May 9** - Post Breakfast (8 am)
- May 9** - House Comm Mtg (11 am)
- May 9** - Cooties Meeting
- May 9** - Stage 7 – Whiskey Kronic (8pm)
- May 11** - Membership & Auxiliary Meetings (6 pm)
- May 15** - Swing Dance (Additional Night)
- May 16** - STAGE 7 – The Groove (8 pm)
- May 22** - Buddy Poppy Drive
- May 23** - STAGE 7 – Hook (8 pm)
- May 25** - Memorial Day Services – Anderson Cemetery

JUNE

- June 6** - STAGE 7 – TBD (8 pm)
- June 8** - Membership & Auxiliary Meeting (6 pm)
- June 13** - **Blood Drive** & Breakfast (7:30-10 am)
- June 13** - House Committee Mtg (11 am)
- June 13** - STAGE 7 – TBD (8 pm)
- June 20** - STAGE 7 – TBD (8 pm)
- June 27** - STAGE 7 – TBD (8 pm)

WEEKLY

TUESDAYS

Cornhole – 5-10pm

WEDENS DAYS

Country Swing Dance – 6-10pm

FRIDAYS

Pool – Open to public

SATURDAYS

STAGE 7 – Starts at 8pm

Lisa's Tacos –11:30–1:30

SUNDAYS

K-9 Service Dog Training – 11-1

BINGO – Starts at 2:45pm



MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES

Cooties are the 'honor' degree of the VFW and being one requires you to commit to serving veterans with a focus on the hospitalized or ill veterans as well as surviving spouses and children of veterans. In fact, the Military Order of the Cooties and our Auxiliary started the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan 100 years ago to support Military Families, Surviving Spouses and their Children! To learn more about the National Home and their mission please follow this link: <https://vfwnationalhome.org/>

Our next regular Scratch/Meeting is May 9th and again on June 13th.

Hope to see you there

Keep Them Smiling in Beds of White!

MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 25, 2026



In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders fields.

VFW POST 9650 HONOR GUARD



The main purpose of the VFW is to honor our veterans, both living and deceased. The Honor Guard of Post 9650 strives to achieve this goal by providing military honors to our fallen warrior brothers and sisters. The Firing of the Volley, Playing of Taps, Folding and Presenting of the flag to the next of kin is always emotional for us. Our veterans earned this honor for their service and dedication to Duty, Honor, and Country. We hope this brings some sense of closure to their grieving family.

If any VFW veteran is interested in helping us achieve our goal, please contact Honor Guard Captain Dale Huffman, or any Honor Guard member. You may also leave your contact information at the Canteen and you will be contacted.

BUDDY POPPIES



We are seeking Volunteers to assist in our Poppy Fundraiser being held at businesses within the Anderson Community. Our Memorial Day Poppy Drive will be held on May 22nd. at both Safeway and Grocery Outlet.

May is our bi-annual Buddy Poppy Drive. Originating from the red poppies that grew in Flanders Fields during World War I, distribution began in 1922, symbolizing the sacrifice of soldiers. Hand crafted by disabled Veterans, the Buddy Poppy continues to serve as a reminder of those who have served and sacrificed. The Buddy Poppy drive serves as a means to support national rehabilitation and service programs as well as the VFW National Home.

Sign-ups will be held at the May 11th Post meeting. We need volunteers for that weekend. Please contact our awesome Buddy Poppy Chair, Beth George, if you are interested in helping out. Even if you can't volunteer, just drop by for moral support and let another comrade take a break for a coffee or a meal.

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.

EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

AJ HARRIS

JOEL MCATEE

POST CANTEEN HOURS OF OPERATION

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE.

Call the Post at
(530) 365-9650 for more details

THE POST WILL OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS HOURS:

MONDAY 4 pm – Close	TUESDAY 4 pm – Close	WEDNESDAY 4 pm – Close	THURSDAY CLOSED
FRIDAY 4 pm – Close	SATURDAY 10 am – Close	SUNDAY 10 am – Close	

NOTE: The Post Closing Time is Dependent Upon Attendance and Varies Per Day.

VFW POST RULES

Reminder, while marijuana is legal, VFW Post 9650 is a Drug Free Zone. **Drug use of any kind, is NOT allowed on our property** and puts our ABC liquor license in jeopardy, as well as our Post Charter with the National VFW. Alcohol is also not allowed outside the building or in the parking lot, per ABC, State and County rules and regulations.

Please report any violations of drug or alcohol use immediately to the bartender or a Post officer. Law enforcement may be called, and the offender may be subject to criminal and legal consequences. Offenders can lose their Post Membership.

TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the name of the esteemed U.S. military cemetery directly across the Potomac River from Washington D.C. which was founded during the Civil War to hold the deceased from the nation's conflicts? The cemetery is operated by the United States Department of the Army.

WE WANT YOU - TO JOIN THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



Members are our backbone, and without you our efforts would certainly fail. Your VFW is here for you, whenever you choose, and in whatever capacity you choose. Every membership the VFW gives us a continued voice heard in congress. 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

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, 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.

WE EXTEND GET WELL WISHES TO OUR FELLOW MEMBERS

Al Housewright
Bill McKinney
Larry Olinger
Tom Schnieder
Suzie Crosby (Auxiliary)
Sherry Propst (Auxiliary)
Shirley Pochop (Auxiliary)

US HISTORY – SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST

AMERICA



May 7, 1945 - Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces
May 8, 1945 - V-E Day Declared
May 8 - Military Spouses Day
May 15, 1942 - Women's Army Corps Founded
June 7, 1944 - D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe
June 14, 1775 - U.S. Army Founded
June 22, 1942 - Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress
June 22, 1944 - GI Bill Signed into Law
June 25, 1950 - Korean War Began (1950)
June 27 - National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day
June 30, 2008 - Post - 9/11 GI Bill Signed into Law

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

Arlington National Cemetery

TACO SATURDAY'S WITH LISA



JOIN US SATURDAY'S FOR DELICIOUS TACOS MADE BY OUR AMAZING BARTENDER, LISA!

Every Saturday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

3 Tacos for \$5.00 or 2 Tacos for \$4.00

SUNDAY BINGO

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM

TABLE BINGO - Starts at 2:45 pm
REGULAR BINGO - Starts at 4:30 pm

GAMES PLUS SPECIALS

SPECIALS: 1st BOOK: \$12.00, 2 BOOKS: \$22.00 - \$5.00 EACH ADDITIONAL BOOK

Connie does a lot, but she can not do it all. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to help with Bingo, please let us know.

CALL CONNIE AT:

(530) 945-6871

OR EMAIL:

VFWPOST9650@AOL.COM

K-9 SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

Meeting every Sunday from 11am – 1pm

The Anderson VFW has the distinction of being one of the very first K-9 programs, and we are proud to keep that tradition alive and well to this day. Pairing man's best friend with a service member who needs them the most. Our primary objective is to give back to those Veterans who gave themselves to serve our country, sustaining injuries both visible and, especially those we can't see.

We will assist in locating, matching and training a K-9 to the level desired by the veteran to provide both assistance and companionship.

Our goal is to be involved in establishing a Veteran / K-9 bond that will result in a life-changing experience for both.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please reach out to:

Bruce Riecke by phone at: (530) 529-4433 or email at: bariecke@gmail.com

Greg Rogers by phone at: (530) 526-5022 or email at: vfwpost9650@aol.com

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

— PRESENT —

EX♥DUS
FARMS

HOOVES & HEROES

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Featuring

- ★ MINI HORSES,
- ★ FACE PAINTING,
- ★ BOUNCE HOUSES
& MORE!

SAT. 5/2/26 • 11AM - 1PM

★ VFW POST 9650 ★
— 3210 W. CENTER, ANDERSON —

Join us in celebrating the 5th Annual

“DAY OF SERVICE”

Help Give Back to Our Local Community!

INTRODUCING AN ALL-NEW CONCERT SERIES!!

STAGE 7



STARTING

APRIL 25, 2026

AT 8PM

\$5.00 Cover Charge

\$4.00 Beer, Wine & Well

MUSIC AND DANCE VENUE

INSIDE THE VFW HALL

3210 W. CENTER ST.
ANDERSON, CA 96007

WITH SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE
NOR-CAL BANDS
EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT!

THE GROOVE – APRIL 25th – 8pm

SWEET REVENGE – MAY 2nd – 8pm

WHISKEY KRONIC – MAY 9th – 8pm

THE GROOVE – MAY 16th – 8pm

HOOK – MAY 23rd – 8pm

For more information, contact Jason Bailey at (530) 776-4978



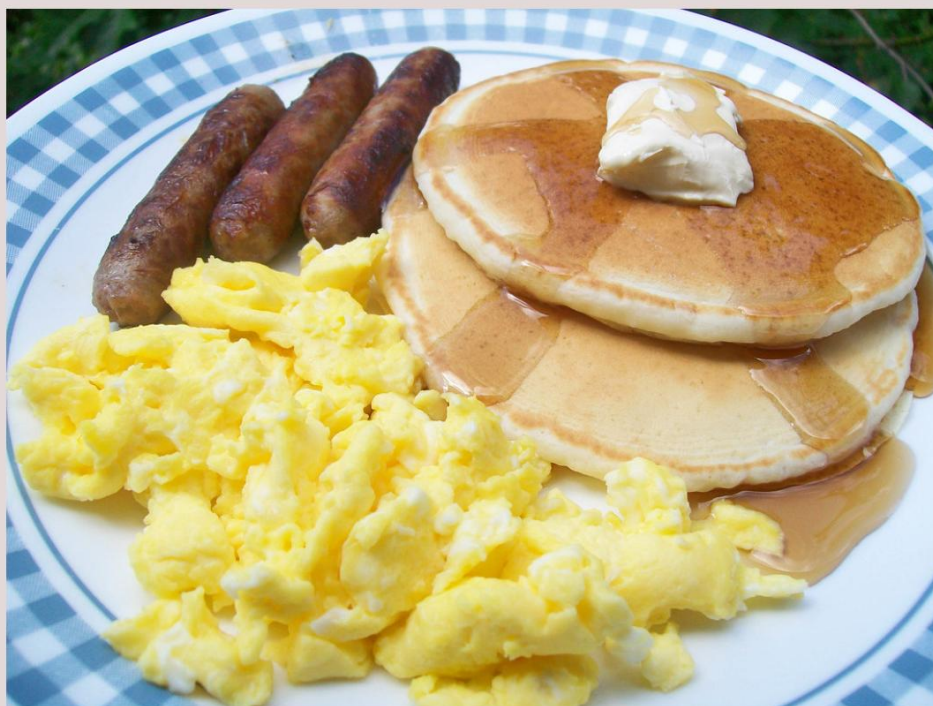
VFW POST 9650 BREAKFAST



**Pancakes - Sausage - Scrambled Eggs - Fruit -
Coffee - Juice**

Sat. May 9, 2026

8am-10am



New member sign-ups receive a complimentary breakfast!

**suggested
donation \$10**



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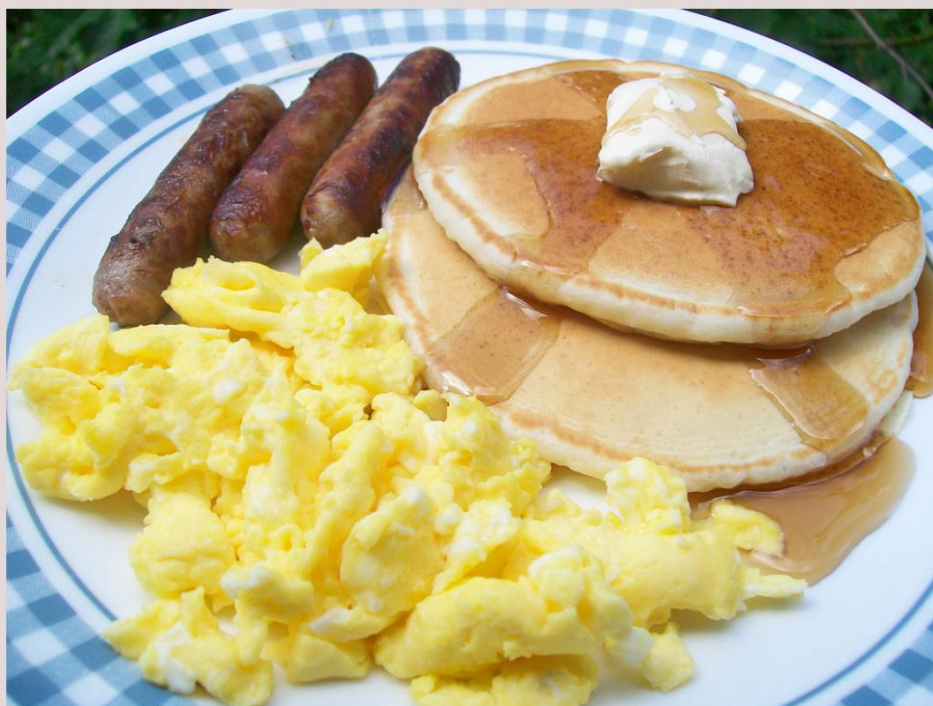
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Sat. June 13, 2026

07:30am-10am



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