

THE REVEILLE

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IT'S BUDDY POPPY TIME WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO DISTRIBUTE BUDDY POPPIES



Comrades, it's that time again to distribute Buddy Poppies. We need your help. We will be at the Clayton Safeway and at Sam's Club on Friday, November 6th and 7th. We are in need of volunteers to distribute Buddy Poppies. We need **YOU!** If you can spare a couple of hours, please call Mark Steinberg, Quartermaster, at 925-389-0057

or coachsteiny@msn.com

We may need four additional at Safeway on Friday, and one on Saturday. The Auxiliary is scheduled for the second door but may not have enough volunteers. Will advise if needed. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, so please call me if you can do a shift or two!

Fisher House

On Sept. 25, several members of Post 1525, Paul Carroll, Don Black, Jerry Hudson and Duane Peterson, went to Travis AFB as guests of Fisher House. 1525 has given generously over the past several years to this institution, and yearly, the charity likes to recognize their contributors by way of a luncheon. This recognition also included distribution of many awards, and Post 1525 now sports a handsome clock and photograph attached to polished stone at Concord Veterans Hall. Lest the reader feel the charity is wasting its money on trinkets, the awards themselves were gifts, as was the lunch. Our donations went 100% into the foundation for its work.

Fisher House was founded by Zachary Fisher, a prominent builder and philanthropist, who saw the need for housing families of wounded military personnel near military hospitals. Staying at hotels, say, in expensive Washington, D.C. to be near a loved one undergoing extensive surgery and recovery could quickly bankrupt a family of ordinary means. Mr. Fisher funded the construction of two houses in 1991, one near the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, and another near Walter Reed Hospital in D.C. The Fisher House Foundation was organized, and carried out many more such projects, including one at Travis, AFB, near the Air Force David Grant Medical Center located on that base.

Sign in—Check up

Have you checked your contact information on the national website? Do they spell your name properly? Do you know someone who should be receiving the VFW magazine but isn't? All members should check in periodically to see that National has your current address, email and phone numbers, etc. The process is easy: just go to www.vfw.org, "log in" and "create an account" using your email address and member number. Once established, you will have access to your own account information as well as special members-only content concerning the organization, such as committee guides and program information. It's also easy to pay your dues or upgrade your membership on line.

If you have trouble getting logged on, just ask one of the Post officers to meet with you. We will be happy to show you the ropes.

When Zachary Fisher passed away in 1999, his nephew, Arnold Fisher and later grand-nephew Kenneth Fisher became chairman and CEO of the Foundation. They have carried on the same effort ever since. Fisher House has been awarded four stars by Charity Navigator for 11 consecutive years, thanks to the efficiency of the charity and the honesty with which it is administered.

Travis now boasts two Fisher Houses. They are large, 5000 and 13000 sq. ft., and both sport large and well-appointed kitchens, huge family and living rooms, and numerous guest rooms. Some 3200 guests have stayed at Travis Fisher Houses since the construction of the first one in 1994. You can read more about Fisher House at <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>.



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NOVEMBER 2015



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Lunch Bunch 1200 Monument Grill		Poppies Sam's Club + Clayton Sta. Safeway	Poppies Sam's Club + Clayton Sta. Safeway Blue Star Moms 5k/10k Run/Wlk Hillcrest 0815
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday Breakfast 0800 - 1100 Veterans Hall Auxiliary Bake Sale	Officers planning meeting 1830 Veterans Hall		Veterans Day 1100 2748 Olivera followed by Softball Tournament			Membership Meeting 1000 Veterans Hall
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Lunch Bunch 1200 Dickie's BBQ			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sunday Breakfast 0800 - 1100 Veterans Hall			Lunch Bunch 1200 Back 40	Thanksgiving Day		
29	30					



DECEMBER 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
			Lunch Bunch 1200 Buttercup Grill			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Hanukkah		Lunch Bunch 1200 Panera Bread (Walnut Cr.)			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Breakfast 0830 - 1100 Veterans Hall Auxiliary Bake Sale			Lunch Bunch 1200 Hunan Restaurant			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Christmas Luncheon Back 40 1200 (also membership meeting)			Lunch Bunch 1200 Monument Grill		Christmas Day	
27	28	29	30	31		
Breakfast 0830 - 1100 Veterans Hall			Lunch Bunch 1200 Digger's Diner			



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Veterans Day is being organized by your Post officers, our Auxiliary and the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 264. We are also teamed with the Concord Vet Center and the County Veteran Service Office to sponsor the 3rd annual Veterans Softball Tournament. Check the adjacent poster for details.

This year's ceremony will be bigger and better (but not longer) than previous events. Our adopted Marine Reserve unit, 6th ANGLICO will be providing Color Guard. And music will be live from the 40-voice chorus, Ladies First from Concord High School. A flyover by Vietnam Helicopters, Inc. is scheduled and other details are being arranged. You don't want to miss it!

Many retailers make a special effort to honor veterans, especially on and approaching Veterans Day. Make sure your Post commander has your email address so he can keep you posted.

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The poster features several military and organizational logos at the top, including the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, Department of the Air Force, and Department of the Marine Corps. The main title is "2015 Veterans Day Ceremony for Concord and Clayton Softball Tournament". Below the title is an illustration of a softball glove, two bats, and a ball. A central text box contains the event details: "Join the Cities of Concord and Clayton for a special Veterans Day Ceremony sponsored by VFW Post 1525 and KWVA 264, followed by a day of baseball at the 3rd Annual Veterans Day Invitational Softball Tournament November 11, 2015 at 11:00am; Willow Pass Softball Fields". A list of tournament rules is provided below, and a contact box at the bottom asks to contact Maurice Delmer at Maurice.Delmer@va.gov or (925) 680-4526.

The poster is framed by a border of green Christmas trees. The text is centered and reads: "VFW Post 1525 Christmas Luncheon To be held at the BACK FORTY Texas BBQ 100 Coggins Drive, Pleasant Hill At 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Sunday December 20, 2014 Make your reservations NOW! Only \$25 per plate for Post members, family and friends After a brief meeting, a buffet lunch will be served, consisting of all the good food Back Forty is known for, like ribs, sliced beef, barbecued chicken and all the fixin's. There will be entertainment and a drawing for prizes plus a 50/50 drawing, so bring lots of cash to participate in the fun. We contribute to the Marines' Toys-for-Tots program too, so be sure to bring new unwrapped toys to put under the tree. Make your reservations no later than December 10! Make your check out to 'VFW Post 1525' and mail it to: Quartermaster, VFW Post 1525 P.O. Box 79, Clayton, CA 94517-0079".

Support your local VFW Post!
Sunday Morning Breakfast,

Now **TWICE** each month!
From 8:00 to 11:00 AM
Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Bring your family and friends to
breakfast at the Vets' Hall.

A bargain at only \$5.00!

The Auxiliary offers
yummy baked goods for sale
on second Sundays.



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"There is a rank due to the United States, among nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war." —George Washington, 1793

**Wednesday
 Lunch Bunch
 Come One,
 Come All**



Remember... the Lunch Bunch meets at noon every Wednesday and is open to all members, potential members and their guests.

Everybody is welcome.

For details check the web site calendar at
www.vfwpost1525.org

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