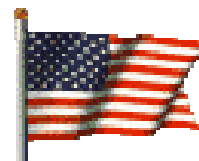


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DIXON LEGION DIGEST

April 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Girls' Softball Opening 9AM
4 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins/ Palm Sunday</i>	5 BINGO	6 <i>Passover</i>	7 Legion Post 208 Meeting	8 First Grade "Pledge" Ceremonies	9 <i>Good Friday</i>	10
11 <i>Persian Gulf War Ceasefire (1991) Easter Sunday</i>	12 BINGO	13	14	15 VFW Post 8151 Meeting	16	17
18	19 BINGO	20 Library Book Reading at Hall - 7-9PM	21	22 Library Book Reading at Hall - 7-9PM <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 VFW Steak Dinner 6PM
25 5 th District Meeting at Vacaville Post 165	26 BINGO	27	28 Post 208 Executive Comm	29	30 <i>Arbor Day</i>	

MAY EVENTS: 8th – May Fair Parade -

16th – Hall Work Party to revitalize the Hall

31st – Memorial Day Ceremonies -9AM at the Memorial in Women's Improvement Park

BINGO EVERY MONDAY NIGHT – 7 P.M.

		POST 208	OFFICERS		
Acting Commander	William Allard	447-9607	Chaplain	Ray Lein	693-0437
1st Vice	William Allard	447-9607	Sgt-at-Arms	Mike Brown	678-0718
2nd Vice	Tammy Cueva	678-9527	Service Officer	Jim Harris	678-6905
3rd Vice	Tony Chavez	678-2152	Judge Advocate	Kevin Kilkenny	693-0933
Adjutant	Ed Bartosh	678-8636	Historian	Ed Bartosh	678-8636
Finance Officer	Kevin Kilkenny	693-0933			

<i>UNIT 208</i>			<i>OFFICERS</i>		
President	Doris Kilkenny	693-0933	Secretary	Pam Cozzoli	678-9137
1st Vice Pres.	Bev Schillinger	693-0693	Treasurer	Marv Havlin	450-0125
2nd Vice Pres.	Freda Minderman	447-7781	Chaplain	Roxie Sanders	678-4395

Commander's Corner

Comrades,
 Elections are coming! We will need to fill some key positions; 1st vice, Chaplin and adjutant. **These positions must be filled.** It is your duty as a member to help out your post. The post will may not function at full capability if the positions are left open. Very little time is needed to perform some of these duties. Again you as members must help keep this post up and running. Meeting attendance is low; **we only have 1 meeting a month.** Most everyone can put aside 2 hours a month to attend a club that you the members expects benefits from. I would like to see Steve Alexander, Dale Disney, Bill Fairfield, Bob Fletcher, Tony Geronimo, Mike Hagerman, Ted Hickman, Heber Holbrook, Dick Reeser, Sandy Sanders, Cliff Watt and Mr. Webbs, among many others at the next post meeting. Most of you named and many others have put a number of years in to making this post what it is today. Without continued participation your hard work will have been nothing.

My message simple: We need to put aside quarrels and continue to serve members and the community as we once did. I need your help. I thank you in advance for that help.

William Allard
Acting Commander

Second Vice Commander

Happy Easter to all and Happy Spring too!
 Bingo is going well, the average pay out is increasing and so is the attendance. Please continue to pass the word around about Bingo it will be our funds for non-profit contributions to the community.
 God Bless

Tammy Cueva
Second Vice

Adjutant

Congratulations and thanks are due to the following comrades who have reached the "5" year milestone of continuous membership in the American Legion:

25 Years	15 Years	5 Years
Victor Craig Heber Holbrook Francis Nielsen	Bill Fairfield Mike Hagerman George Horn Bob Ikleman Lionel Morin Walter Scott Chester Hobbs Emma Dillon Joseph Klink	Bob Kmiecik Stanley Buck Ray Lein Heidi Palchik

Ed Bartosh
Adjutant

Chaplain

Easter

Easter is a time of love,
 A time of death and pain undone,
 So we may know the power of
 The love that lives in everyone.
 Each love we feel, unstained and free,
 Redeems us--as with you and me. --Nicholas Gordon

Thanks to all who donated at the Blood Drive on March 23rd. They collected 68 pints of blood.

Chaplain Ray

From the Auxiliary President

Ladies – Happy Spring.

As you know the Auxiliary hosts the 4th Monday of each month for bingo, there have been two since the last newsletter and we have been doing a great job. A great big thank you to those who are always there to help out.

April is Children and Youth month, if you have a son or daughter or know of someone who is interested, the post sponsors students interested in pursuing careers in environmental studies and forestry. There is a weekend workshop in May, have them contact Tony Chavez, Post #208 Third Vice for more information.

April 11th is Easter – be safe and have fun with your friends and families.

April 18th is the Yountville Spring party – we will need volunteers to help that day and we will need cookies and cakes donated. I will get you more information on at our next meeting.

April 25th is the next district meeting and will be held at the Vacaville Post #165.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7th – this is a very important meeting, as we need to elect officers for next year. Please consider if you would be willing to take an open office. I hope to see you there – take care and always remember our veterans – they made it possible for us to experience freedom each day of our lives.

Doris Kilkenny

President, Unit #208 Auxiliary

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS!

OFFICER NOMINATIONS THIS MEETING

According to our bylaws, Officer elections take place at the May meeting. This means that we will be opening nominations at the April 7th meeting. The elective officers of the Post are the Commander, the First Vice-Commander, the Second Vice-Commander, the Third Vice-Commander, the Adjutant, the Finance Officer, the Service Officer, the Sergeant-at-Arms and three members of the Board of Directors. Help keep our post active by considering serving in one of these positions or an appointed position (Historian, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms).

Legionnaire Insurance Trust Program – Legion Member Benefit

The American Legion, through the Life Insurance Company of North America, provides a FREE \$1,000 accidental death benefit program for all active (current) Legion members. You can obtain the FREE benefit by picking up a form at the Veterans Hall during a meeting or by calling 1-800-235-6943 and speaking to a customer service representative. This program also provides for additional low cost insurance for the Legion member and spouse, but you do not have to purchase anything to get your free \$1,000 coverage.

Dixon Vets Honor Guard Active Again

Your Post 208 and Post 8151 Color Guard formed up to open Dixon's Revitalization Ceremony on March 27th. Mike, Diana, Tammy, Mark and Bill displayed the colors while Nialani Green sang the National Anthem. The Dixon Downtown Business Assn had a Wine Stroll afterwards to bring the citizenry back to see the accomplishments after having the streets torn up for so long. The Color Guard will form again to celebrate the opening of the Dixon Girls Softball season on Saturday, April 3rd. The in May, we'll participate in the May Fair Parade and Memorial Day ceremonies at Women's Improvement Park and the Silveyville Cemetery on the south side of Dixon. If you'd like to participate, contact Mike Brown.

Bob Fletcher Honored by Dixon Chamber as Veteran of the Year - 2003

At their 41st Annual Dinner and Dance on March 6th, the Dixon Chamber honored this year's Veteran of the Year for 2003 – Bob Fletcher. As Sandy Sanders read a list of accomplishment of the nominee, it dawned on Bob Fletcher that he was invited to the event for more than dinner and camaraderie. He enlisted in the Army after high school in 1945 and served in Japan after the bombing of Hiroshima. Settling in Dixon, he has remained active in veteran's affairs for years. He has been Commander of Post 208, even to the distinction of rebuilding the post in the 1980's when the other option would have been to turn in the charter. He and other members contributed money and collected more to post the insurance bond necessary to continue. He has also been the commander of the Solano County Council, past commander of Outpost 5, and held all the offices up to and including Commander of the 5th District. Bob was instrumental in the VA siting a VA Clinic at Travis and helped collect \$31,000 to list the names of deceased Solano County veterans on the WWII monument in front of the Court House in



Fairfield. Congratulations, Bob, and thank you for your contributions to veteran quality of life in Dixon and Solano County. See our web site Vet News for the story and pictures - <http://www.dixonveterans.org/VetNews.htm>

Post 208 "Pledge of Allegiance" Education Program

This month, your post is again supporting its Community Relations, Americanism, and Children and Youth project to educate Dixon's first graders about our "Pledge of Allegiance." We will meet the first graders at each Dixon school at an appointed time on April 8th. We will recite the Pledge of Allegiance and explain the significance of each line to the group. Then each class will recite the Pledge in unison. To commemorate the event, each child will be given a certificate, a miniature American Flag, and a ruler with the Pledge and "Don't Do Drugs" reminder. This is the fourth year we have done this project. Thanks to Bob Fletcher for organizing and directing the program.

Dixon Residents in Need

Rick and Valerie Miner are Dixon residents. Rick Miner suddenly passed on March 22, 2004. Valerie has given birth to their 4th daughter on March 24, 2004. There is a trust fund set up at First Northern Bank for any one wishing to donate money. A diaper drive is also being ran as 3 of the girls are in diapers (any size will work 1-5 and pull ups) the diapers may be dropped off at Dixon Community Church, 955 East A Street or call Tammy Cueva 678-9527 for pick up (April's meeting is also okay). Please help out if you can. God Bless

TAPS



Comrade Victor Craig passed away on March 20th in Vacaville. Vic was a Senior Master Sergeant with the Air Force and had retired after 22 years service. He worked at the budget office of the 349th at Travis. He has been cremated and will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia at the end of April. His wife, Betty, asked that any remembrances be donated to the Fisher House at Travis AFB.

A colorful poster for a fundraiser dinner. The background is a pink and white checkered pattern. The text is centered on a white rectangular area. Surrounding the text are illustrations of various food items: a slice of Swiss cheese, a blue plate, a green glass, a chef's hat, a steak on a blue wire rack, a banana, and a hamburger.

Veteran's of Foreign Wars
Dixon Post 8151

**5th Annual Fundraiser
Steak Dinner**

When: Saturday, April 24th

Where: Dixon Veterans Memorial Hall
231 North First Street

Time: 6:00 p.m. No host bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner served

Cost: \$12.50 per person

For tickets contact:
Jim Harris at (707) 678-6905