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DIXON LEGION DIGEST

June 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Legion Post 208 Meeting -Elections-	3	4	5
6 5 th District Meeting in Yountville D-Day (1944)	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day (Ceremony in Women's Improvement Park (7PM))	15	16	17 VFW Post 8151 Meeting	18	19 Casino trip Boys State Pgm
20 Father's Day	21	22 GI Bill signed into Law (1944)	23 Post 208 Exec Comm Meeting	24	25	26 Korean War Began (1950)
<i>Department Convention - Redding, CA 24-27th</i>						
<i>Boys and Girls State Program - June 19 - 26, 2004 - California State University, Sacramento</i>						
27 Dept Convention	28	29	30			

JULY EVENTS: July 4th - Independence Day

July 7th - Installation of Officers

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
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3rd Vice	Tony Chavez	678-2152	Judge Advocate	Kevin Kilkenny	693-0933
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UNIT 208 OFFICERS					
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

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Commander's Corner

Unfortunately we are losing a great member; Ed Bartosh, our Adjutant, is leaving us and moving down under. He will be missed. Our services will be limited with no one to fill the Adjutant position. No more news letters, updates or agendas. Again membership is low. We as members must show up and help out to make our post succeed.

The low membership participation will result in fewer services. Show up and help or your membership benefits may be lost.

Thank you

**William Allard
Acting Commander**

Third Vice Commander

Paige Kercher and Julian Castro attended the Youth Environmental Conference on May 19-23rd. We hope to have them address the membership at a future meeting.

Julian Cuevas and Julian Castro are scheduled to attend the Boys State event in Sacramento for a week starting June 19th. I attended the orientation luncheon in Santa Rosa this month. They had some past delegates attend and help prepare the new delegates. They talked about the experience as well as it being an assist for their future college and career goals.

**Tony Chavez
Third Vice**

Adjutant

We are at 107 percent of our membership goal for this year. We had 223 members at the end of last year and are not at 239. As Commander Allard mentioned, we do need some more active support for our programs to succeed.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed the camaraderie of the Post and of being of service to the veteran's cause. I wish you continued success in the Dixon community and will watch how things progress by my e-mail copy of the Legion Digest.

**Ed Bartosh
Adjutant**

Sergeant at Arms Notes

In my travels around, I've seen a lot of flags flown that were worn, dirty, or just improperly displayed. Remember, the stars should always be in the top left corner of a stationary flag or with the stars toward the front of a moving vehicle or person (like when you wear a flag shoulder patch).

On June 14th (Flag Day), we will hold a Dignified Disposal Ceremony for flags that have been turned in to us as unserviceable. The ceremony will start about 8PM in the Women's Improvement Park across the street from the Veterans Hall. Please take any unserviceable flags to Dixon Hardware or the Dixon Fire Station, or you can put them through the mail slot at the Hall for proper disposal. If you wish, you may bring them to the ceremony as well. Thank you.

**Mike Brown
Sergeant at Arms**

Chaplain

We had a good turn out for the Blood Drive. 74 Pints were collected.

June 14th is Flag Day, if you got em fly em.

Lloyd Ash's wife died. Lloyd was post Chaplain for many years.

Chaplain Ray

From the Auxiliary President



A special thank you to Vi Reeser, Poppy chairman for organizing the Poppy Week (May 9th-15th) activities. It takes a lot of time to prepare the letters for mailings and those who took time out of their busy schedules to collect the monies should know that our unit and Poppy Chairman is grateful for donating your time. Vi would also like to thank all of those in our community who so generously contributed to the Poppy funds.



May 31st is Memorial Day – the ceremonies will start at the War Memorial in the Women's Improvement Park and continue at the Silveyville Cemetery. The Auxiliary will be helping with the lunch after the ceremonies – 11:30-noon til 1:30-2pm. All Auxiliary members should bring a potluck dish to share with others. If you have any questions, please call me @ 693-0933.

Convention will be June 23rd – 27th in Redding. It would be great if you could go – lots of things happen at convention that pertain to our individual units.

BINGO every fourth Monday is hosted by the Auxiliary – we always have food on that night. A big thank you to the ladies who are always there to lend a helping hand. Join the fun and bring a friend – hope to see you there.

UNIT 208 CHANGE: *There will be no meeting on Wednesday for the Auxiliary, June 2nd at 7:00 pm.*

The World War II Memorial will be a dedicated in Washington DC on Saturday, May 29th. It is to be televised at 2 pm Eastern time, 11 am on the West coast. If you have the chance, try to watch it and let us never forget our veterans who have waited a long time to be honored for their years of dedicated service to our country.

Doris Kilkenny
President, Unit #208 Auxiliary

LATE NEWS

Memorial Day Events:

On Monday, May 31st, American Legion Post 208 and VFW Post 8151 together will hold memorial ceremonies as we have done in the past. At 10 AM, we will gather at the Dixon War Memorial in Women's Improvement Park (1st and C Streets) for a posting of the colors and remembrance of our combat casualties. Following these remembrances, we will move to the Silveyville Cemetery southwest of the May Fair grounds to place a wreath at Dixon's grave of the unknown soldier, where the remains of a civil war soldier symbolize all of our unknown war casualties. The services will conclude at the Veteran's Flagpole on the south side of the cemetery where we will place another wreath and put the flag at half-staff. A reception will then be held at the Veterans Hall hosted by the Unit 208 Auxiliary. All residents are welcome.

D-Day – 60th Anniversary

June 6th is the 60th anniversary of D-Day. We'll be having an Honor guard at the War Memorial for a salute to remember it at noon. Contact Mike Brown to help.

VFW News

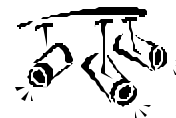
VFW Post 8151 installed its new officers at the May meeting. The new slate of officers is: Brock McMahon - Commander, Tony Chavez - Senior Vice Commander, Mel Greene - Junior Vice Commander, and Bill Lower – Quartermaster

Brock asks all VFW members to please go on the website (www.dixonveterans.org/VFW/) and check that their information on the roster is current. If they do not have access to the website, they can call Brock McMahon at home (678-8286) and he will go over their roster information with them.

District News

5th District will hold its next meeting June 6th at the Yountville Veterans Home. It starts at 10AM in Grant Hall. Lunch will be available at nominal cost.

Spotlight on American Legion Boys State



As a program of The American Legion, Boys State developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government. As such, it is an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship.

American Legion Boys State is easily classified as a leadership action program where qualified male high school juniors take part in a practical government course designed to develop in the young citizens a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon them the fact that government is just what they make it.

Objectives and Goals

A program of this scope encompasses many important objectives. Those which we, The American Legion, feel are most important and for which we strive the hardest are:

To develop civic leadership and pride in American citizenship.

It is our earnest hope that each young man attending a Boys State will return to his community a better citizen and that we will have aroused in him a desire to demonstrate this fact by his willingness to make civic contributions that will help to make his community a better place in which to live.

To arouse a keen interest in the detailed study of our government.

Here we desire to create more than just a passive interest in the actual study of government; we strive to create an interest that will be born of the desire for knowledge.

To develop an understanding of American traditions and belief in the United States of America.

Here we desire to impress upon the young men the glorious traditions which have made this country what it is today.

To arouse in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government.

This we attempt to accomplish in many ways but primarily by bringing them into the full realization of how wonderful it is to be an American!

The final two objectives are taken from the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation . . ."

"To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy. . ."

The Instructional Program is carried out in three phases: limited classroom instruction, functional activities, and general assemblies. It is important to note that about 50 percent of the program hours of Boys State are devoted to government instruction and practice.

Classroom Instruction is held on subjects such as law, civil service, election procedure and parliamentary procedure. Other special 'schools' are held to inform candidates of the duties of the office they seek, and, following election and appointment of officers, to instruct in the operation of the respective offices held by the citizens. Some states use general assemblies to instruct on many phases of government with individual instruction given for particular Boys State officials.

All citizens of a Boys State receive instruction in Parliamentary Procedure, and every citizen is expected to participate in a special school such as law, civil service, election officials, peace officers, office holding, civic planning, public safety, etc., when such school is provided. Classroom instruction includes detailed explanation and instruction on the legislative, executive and judicial procedures of the respective state government.

Functional Activities start with a caucus or other method of nominating candidates for city offices and conclude with the election and inauguration of the Governor of a Boys State. Here is the heart of the instructional program.

The functional activities (citizenship practice) such as elections, caucuses, conventions, operation of the courts, legislative assemblies, administration of law enforcement, and public welfare are government in operation. These activities take a considerable portion of the time allotted for instructional purposes and constitute the chief means through which citizens 'learn by doing'.

General Assemblies are for all citizens and are intended as a means to spur enthusiasm and spirit, inspiration and patriotism, political fervor and a real zeal for 'the American way'. In short, every citizen becomes an integral part of Boys State, assuming responsibilities and performing duties either as an elected or appointed official, or otherwise fulfilling an assignment entailing the duties of responsible citizenship.

(The American Legion Auxiliary has a similar program for girls called "Girls State")

The 67th Session of The American Legion California Golden Boys State will be held from June 19 - 26, 2004 on the campus of California State University, Sacramento.

For more information, see the web pages at http://www.calegion.org/programs/boys_state/boys_state.html and <http://www.calegionaux.org/programs.html#GirlsState>.