

# October—December 2002

## Commander's Comments

It is noticeable these days that we are seeing many new faces at our monthly meetings. This is a good thing! Our Post is becoming more involved in our community, and most recently we participated in the 9-11 ceremony, the swearing in of the new Police Chief, fundraisers, member memorial services, and numerous other events. There are new events and ideas being mentioned all the time. Thanks for your dedicated contributions.

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Our new member Ed Bartosh has established a Post 8151 temporary web site at <http://www.dixon.lib.ca.us/VFW/>. He is in the process of getting us on the California "find a post" page. Ed is accepting any comments and recommendations for site. Starting with this issue, you can access our newsletters online. Feel free to contact Ed at [ebartosh@bartosh.com](mailto:ebartosh@bartosh.com) or call him at 678-8636.

## Monthly VFW Meetings

Every third Thursday of each month @ 7:30 P.M.

October 17, 2002—November 21, 2002—December 19, 2002

## Welcome New Members

Ed Bartosh — a Life Member transferring in to our Post.

## Oct 24<sup>th</sup> — Chevy's Fundraiser

Come-one...Come all! Bring your family and friends to Chevy's in Dixon for our second Veterans Programs fundraiser. Chevy's will give us 20% of the proceeds for all meals bought with proof of purchase. Remember October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 10:00 P.M. These proceeds go back into veterans programs and the community.

## Nov 9-11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day and Buddy Poppies

There will be two tables set up and the locations have not been established yet. But they will probably be at Safeway, Hometown Market and/or Ace Hardware. Sign up sheets will be available at the Oct 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. It would be great to get some commitments and some backups for this three-day weekend. If you want to get

involved, this is a great way to help out. For more information, call Brock McMahon at 678-8286. Veterans Day ceremonies to be discussed our October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 monthly meeting.

## November 30<sup>th</sup> —Next District 16 Meeting

We have become regulars at the District meetings. The district appreciates it and we like going. The meetings are informative. If you've never been, you should. You get a good appreciation of how the district and state organization's work, what they do for us, and how important they are in supporting local Posts. Commander Harris is the car pool coordinator. Give him a call for a ride.

## Dec 14<sup>th</sup> —Bear Griffith Memorial Fundraiser Planned

This is the tentative date. Stay tuned for more information on this.

## Commander Harris is Recognized

Our own, Commander Jim Harris, was recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation plaque by the District 16 commander for loyal and dedicated service to the causes and furthering aims of the VFW. Jim said it goes to all of us.

## Veterans Cemetery Coming to Solano County

Solano County will be the new home to a new national cemetery under a plan unveiled Friday by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The facility, which would sit on 400 to 500 acres southeast of the intersection of Midway and Lewis roads, would serve veterans within a 75-mile radius of Sacramento, a region where an estimated 400,000 veterans live.

## Retired Military To Be Honored

Retired Military from all branches and their families are invited to attend Retirement Appreciation Day at TAFB on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event will begin with refreshments at 8 a.m. in the Conference Center on base. Opening ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. will feature speakers from the base. Congressman Doug Ose will speak at about 11:15 a.m. followed by a lunch break. Afterwards, auto registration and decal information will be available at Building 381. Medical screening will be offered in the Galaxy Room at the Conference Center from 1-3 p.m. For amore information, call Joe Roland at 424-3905

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## **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

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