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## AMERICAN LEGION COASTSIDE POST 474

www.coastsidepost474.org

May-June, 2008

### FROM THE COMMANDER

Aloha Members

Prayers for all MIA/POW's

Thank you to Ron and Pat Denchfield for all their generosity with their donation for the container. Bob Resch is working continuously on cleanup and the tree came down...looking better all the time.

We have a number of new members, some from Iraq and Afghanistan. Welcome aboard and welcome home.

Best wishes to Chaplain Val as he has not been feeling well.

May finds us doing Boys State luncheon.

Armed Services Day is May 17<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup> election of new officers and June 6<sup>th</sup> for e-board.

Thanks to Jane and Ooga for the hard work we are well over 100% of membership. Also thank you Dale for untiring efforts keeping us in tater chips and your work on the newsletter. And thanks Larry Gasbarri for a great job on license negotiations for special events and securing tent rentals.

And welcome "Printer Bill" the new fill in bartender.

We had nominations April 15th 2008

Tina Miles and Dave Brown were nominated for Commander

Ron Denchfield for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

Larry Gasbarri for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

Les Major for Finance Officer

There are positions open on the board of directors so we will be listening for suggestions.

We had another successful visit from the VA medical van and hope they continue to visit the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month. Dr. Miki's baby is due in May.

Gary Frederic, Commander Post 474

### COMING UP!!

May 6...E Board Meeting 6 p.m.

May 7...Aux Meeting 7 p.m.

May 11-17...Poppy Week

May 13...Sons Meeting 7 p.m.

May 16...Rock the Block

May 17...Armed Forces Day

May 18...Girls State Tea San Carlos

May 20...General Meeting 7 p.m.

May 21...Clam and Lobster Bake at Sam's Chowder House

May 26...Memorial Day

June 3...E Board

June 4...Aux Meeting

June 7...Sons Chili Cook Off

June 10...Sons Meeting

June 14...Party on the Pier

June 14...FLAG DAY

June 17...General Meeting

June 20...Auxiliary Dinner 5p.m.

For all the details on these events please contact the Post at 563-9209

### GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR THE TROOPS

Any American can give gift certificates on behalf of deployed troops across Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. The gift certificates can be redeemed at any of the 65 BX/PX facilities in that theater. "Gifts from the Homefront" can be purchased from [www.aafes.org](http://www.aafes.org) or by telephone at 877-770-4438 and can be sent to individual service members (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to any service member through the military relief agencies. Available in denominations ranging from \$5.00 to \$50.00, the American public has sent 92,907 "Gifts from the Homefront" totaling nearly \$2 million since the military exchange gift certificate program began in March 2003.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Spring and welcome to our busy time of year. We have had a full calendar for the last two months and it will continue to be very busy.

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the annual Poppy Lunch at Pacifica Unit 238 in addition to our regular District 26 meeting. If anyone would like to attend please call 712-8581 for details.

Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> is our regular meeting held at 7 p.m., on the agenda will be election of officers and more nominations may be made from the floor prior to voting. The following people were nominated at our April meeting:

President-Charlotte Johnson

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Bernice Marshall

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Linda Collette

Treasurer-Jane Major

Secretary-Aileen Elliott and Cheryl Lesser

Plan to attend and cast your vote, all voting is done by silent ballot.

Poppy Week is May 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, make a donation and wear your poppy with pride to honor those who gave their all. These poppies are hand made by veterans from several of our California VA facilities.

All proceeds from Poppy Week MUST be used for veterans, and will be put to good use.

On Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> the Sons and the Legion will have a food booth at Rock the Block in downtown Half Moon Bay, let's make sure we give them our support.

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the San Carlos Post the Girls State Tea will be held. This is an introduction to Girls State for both the girls and their parents. It would be great if we could have representatives from our Unit to show support for these special young women.

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day and we will be working with the Sons and the Legion to provide a meaningful program and a tasty lunch following. The program will be held at 11 a.m. with lunch afterwards. The Sons have volunteered to cook chicken and hamburgers for us with the Auxiliary providing side dishes. There will be a \$6.00 charge to help defer costs.

We look to this day as a one of reflection which also allows our veterans a chance to remember their comrades with honor and dignity.

There will be no Auxiliary dinner in May due to the other activities taking place.

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> the Sons are sponsoring a Chili Cook Off and are encouraging the Auxiliary to be involved.

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is the Pier Party at the harbor and the Legion will need help with their serving booths.

Our Auxiliary Friday night dinner will resume on June 20<sup>th</sup> with dinner being served at 5 p.m. for \$10.00.

Many thanks to Brain F, Dave B and several other Sons and Legion members who always help us with our set up and tear down for our events. You guys always come through and we deeply appreciate your constant help and support. Also a special word of thanks to many of our members "better half's" who tag along to fetch and carry for us. You are often overlooked and we do appreciate your PATIENCE and support.

These events allow us to do such things as contribute to the VA Spinal Cord Injury Special Olympics and to purchase phone cards for the USO to distribute to our military.

We are still collecting manufacturer's coupons for military families stationed overseas. There is a collection box at the Post for coupon deposits. A big thanks to Phyllis, Dee, Linda, Naomi and Charlotte for cutting and counting our last batch of coupons worth more than \$6,600.

A note of remembrance for long time member Mary Jane Tucker who passed away January 23, 2008. Our condolences to her family.

If you, your family and or friends know of any member in distress, ill or have suffered the loss of a loved one, please contact our Chaplain Marylan, or leave a message for her at the Post. On the days the VA Medical Van comes to the Post our faithful cook Dee serves a wonderful and most appreciated lunch. Tell her thanks when you see her it's the least we can do.

There are often times when events come up at the last minute which is why it's a good idea to call the Post directly for all the latest happenings. The number is 563-9209.

Keep our veterans military and their families in your hearts and prayers. Until next time, God Bless America! Charlotte Johnson, Pres.

PS ALIS-ANN-AILEEN-ANGELA-  
BERNICE-BETTY-CHARLOTTE-CANDICE-  
CHRIS-CHERYL-DENA-DEBRA F-DEBRA  
I-DEE-GLENDA-JANE-JULIE-KATHY-  
KAREN-LAURIE-LINDA C-LINDA K-

MARYLAN-NAOMI-PAT-PHYLLIS-RENATE-SANDI-SHERRI-TINA.

Thank you ladies for your continuous support. Is your name on the list or do you “just belong”?

If you have any questions about how you can help, ASK!!!

### **CHAPLAIN VAL**

Another Legion year coming to an end and the beginning of a new one starting with nominations and election of officers. The Legion has been a large part of my life and I hope the new officers will dedicate as much time and honor to the Post as past officers and as I do now. The new officers will (I hope) do their best to make Post 474 a place they would like to bring their family and friends.

As the year progresses and more events are planned volunteers are needed all the time. The simplest of things can make a huge difference to those who are always “the ones” at all the events, working, cleaning, cooking, serving. Try lending a hand next time rather than sitting around expecting or telling everyone how it should be done. Post 474 must be a clean and fun place we can be proud of and this only happens with co-operation. We have a strong membership now and we need to maintain it. Let’s make this a good year, give your support to the new officers or better yet go to the next meeting to nominate and vote! We are an asset to our community, let’s keep it that way!

God Bless.....Val Salet, Chaplain

Great granddaughter update, Guess who has her first new bike? She has all the battle scars that a first time biker should have, and so do we!

### **CHAPLAIN MARYLAN**

Spring is here with summer fast approaching. Everything is green, blooming and beautiful. Soon we will have our summer fog and busy beaches. Let us remember at this wonderful time of year to hope and pray for peace worldwide, also remember a thank you and a prayer for our service men and women in combat. Marylan Askins, Chaplain

### **The big dead tree removal project (Saturday, 03-29-08)**

Thanks to the following for their financial support:

Robert and Sherry  
Pat and Ron  
Bob R  
Dave B  
Rusty and Charlotte

Larry and Julie  
Gary and Dee  
Les and Jane  
Ken and Angela  
Ladies Auxiliary

Thanks to the following for their Labor

Brian F

Ron D

Pete

Scott F

Dave B

Steve C

Ooga

Bob R

And, the Auxiliary and Aileen for the work crew lunch

**Also, Tyler and Ken from All Area’s Tree Experts Contact Tyler for any tree work you might need and mention the American Legion 650 728-7769 Or 650 455-5401**

**Also, Thanks to Josh Hutchins for the grading work adjacent to the creek.**

**JC Hutchins Construction 650 867-7669**

My apologies if I have missed anyone.

Bob Resch

### **FIREWORKS FUNDRAISERS**

\*\*\*Wednesday, May 21 (Fireworks Fundraiser)

Clam and Lobster Bake

Sam’s Chowder House

Includes wine tasting, beer and auction

\$85.00 712-0245 for details

\*\*\*Saturday, June 14 (Fireworks Fundraiser)

Party on the Pier

10:00 am—10:00 pm

Princeton Harbor

\*\*\*Friday, July 4

4th of July Town Picnic

1:00 pm

American Legion Post 474, Princeton

4th of July Fireworks

After sunset

Princeton Harbor

\*\*\*Saturday, July 5

Blues Festival

Hosted by Stan Erhart

1:00 pm—5:00 pm

American Legion Post 474, Princeton

[www.americanlegioncoastsidefireworks.org](http://www.americanlegioncoastsidefireworks.org)

**Thanks to the work crew, Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>,  
131 California**

Ron D  
Gary F  
Bruce A  
Tina M  
Tom P  
And  
Justin  
Sorry if I missed anyone  
Bob R

**MANUFACTURERS COUPONS COLLECTION**

The Auxiliary is still collecting manufacturer coupons like those we get in our Sunday paper. Please save the coupons and drop them off at the Post, where there is a drop box for the coupons. The coupons are still considered valid up to 6 months of expiration date. No clipping is necessary we have a "Clipping Party" that will handle this chore. It's simple enough to do.....drop off those coupons!

**BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS**

<http://www.booksforsoldiers.com/> During the first Gulf War, several of my friends from school were in the reserves and were activated to fight the Iraqis. CNN reported that once the soldiers were deployed, they were faced with massive downtime and were restricted to their base due to the travel limitations set by the Saudi government.

I am a voracious reader and at the beginning of the Gulf War, I had a closet full of paperback books. Books that were not being used. So instead of selling them at the used book store, I packed them up in small care packages and sent them out to all the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen I had addresses for. Within a few weeks, I ran out of books before I ran out of addresses. Friends and family members began donating their paperback books and in the end, over 1000 books were sent to the Gulf.

After the war, we received many thank-you notes from soldiers who got one of our books. Unless it was time for them to fly back home, mail-call days were one of the most anticipated events of deployment. Regardless of why the military is deployed, the men and women of our armed services are there for us. They deserve our support and if we can make their deployment easier, then all the better.

Currently, BFS is a non-profit corporation, operated as a ministry of the non-denominational, interfaith Order of the Red Grail church in North Carolina.

*If you would like to contribute to, or have any questions regarding the newsletter please contact;  
Dale Larsen at 726-2042.  
Charlotte Johnson 712-8581  
Gary Frederic 270-8515 or  
The Post 728-9224 / 563-9209  
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**Support the Coastside Fireworks**

Wells Fargo has a program called Sharing Advantage. The program enables you to support a worthy local cause at no cost to you. When you close a purchase or refinance a loan with them, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage will make a \$300 contribution to a non-profit organization of your choice.

If you are in the market to purchase or refinance a loan consider Wells Fargo and make a \$300 contribution to the American Legion Post 474 Coastside Fireworks.

Call today  
Bill K. Griffis  
Home Mortgage Consultant  
132 San Mateo Road  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019  
650 726-6392 – office  
831 214-2161 – mobile  
[Bill.k.griffis@wellsfargo.com](mailto:Bill.k.griffis@wellsfargo.com)

**MAY 11-17 POPPY WEEK  
MAKE A DONATION AND WEAR YOUR  
POPPY WITH PRIDE  
100% OF POPPY WEEK DONATIONS ARE  
USED FOR VETERAN NEEDS**

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**SONS CHILI COOK OFF  
JUNE 7, 2008  
TALK TO MIKE SANTIAGO  
HE WILL FILL YOU IN**

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**AUXILIARY DINNER  
FRIDAY JUNE 20, 2008  
IT'S A YUMMY TIME**

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**SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS  
YOU WILL GET YOUR NEWSLETTER  
FIRST!! SAVE A TREE ...SAVE  
POSTAGE!!!**

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DALE LARSEN [dale@coastside.net](mailto:dale@coastside.net)

**MONDAY MAY 26 IS**  
**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED**

This year May 30 is Memorial Day, observed in the United States in commemoration of those members of the armed forces killed in war. It is officially observed on the last Monday in May. Also called *Decoration Day*.

On Monday May 26 we will observe Memorial Day at the Post with a ceremony beginning at 11 a.m.

This truly is a very moving experience for those of you who have never attended.

To stand quietly scanning the crowd of vets in attendance and watching the flag as it is handled with respect and dignity. You wonder as you look amongst the sea of faces what their stories are and what they would rather forget, than speak of.

Memorial Day is not about the big sales at the malls or the first holiday officially opening the summer vacation window. It is ONE day to remember the men and women who have proudly served their country.

Fly your flag and come to the Post if you can, to **remember** is all we ask.

Following the ceremony a lunch will be served; more details may be obtained at the Post. 563-9209

Dale Larsen, Editor

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**General Meeting**

Third Tuesday – 7:00PM

Meeting Hall, 470 Capistrano Rd

**Executive Board**

First Tuesday – 6:00PM

**Women's Auxiliary Meeting**

First Wednesday – 7:00PM

Meeting Hall, 470 Capistrano Rd

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**Sons of the American Legion**

Second Tuesday – 7:00PM

