

Woodland, California May - June 2008**(530) 662-9772****www.yolopost77.com**

**POST 77 DOES ITS PART WITH
UPCOMING MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE,
MAY 26TH**

Memorial Day this year is Monday, May 26th, the day we honor deceased American veterans. They made certain that we live in freedom. At the Post 77 Memorial Day ceremony, we will celebrate their memory and their accomplishments. We ask Post 77 members, their families, and others in the community to join us at 11 a.m., May 26 at the Woodland Cemetery, Cross Street entrance.

The main speaker for the Memorial Day ceremony will be Jim Mortensen, a combat veteran of the Korean War. He will speak on the topic of "What's Right with America." Jim served in the First Marine Division in Korea in which he fought in battles at Whachon Reservoir, French Bowl and the Spring Offensive of 1951, and was wounded in action.

There will be a special memorial commemoration to Corporal Albert Estrada, a Woodland High School graduate, who was declared missing in action on December 6, 1950 at age 19.

The Pioneer High School Choir and Nadine Salonites will sing. Following the program, there will be a no-charge luncheon at the Post hall.

Ed Trautt, Second Vice Commander

**AMERICAN LEGION GIRLS AND BOYS
STATE COMING UP SOON**

Warren Meyer has been working with all the six high schools in Yolo County to obtain the schools' selections for this year's Boys State week-long program in June at Sacramento State. Boys State delegates being sent by Post 77 will be: Ben Yordduangjun, Davis High School; Carlos Hernandez, Esparto High School; Gabriel Rodriguez, Pioneer High School; Cole Ruiz, Woodland Christian High School; Taylor Brickey, Winters High School; Jorge Preciado and Daniel Brian of Woodland High School.

Girls State will be in southern California at Pitzer College. Attending as the Post 77 Auxiliary representative from Woodland High School will be Taryn Cadena. Jessica Sharp will be the Girls State student from Winters High School.

*Mary Cogburn and Warren Meyer,
Girls and Boys State Chairs*

**AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO SELL
AMERICAN LEGION POPPIES**

The Poppy Program is the oldest and most widely recognized American Legion Auxiliary program. Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. The program provides multiple benefits to veterans and to the community. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families.

The poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars.

This year poppy sales will take place on May 17th at the Nugget Market in Woodland.

Maria Hernandez, Auxiliary President



Corbin Smith, Commander
Dave Isbell, 1st Vice Commander
Edward Trautt, 2nd Vice Commander
Terry Parkhurst, Immediate Past Commander
Gary Leach, Adjutant
Ron Gee, Assistant Adjutant
Warren Meyer, Financial Officer
Steve Waldeck, Treasurer
Vince Olvera, Sergeant-at-Arms
Gil Garcia, Chaplain
Zeke Plocher, Service Officer
Frank Eakle, Athletic Committee Chair
Larry Schapiro, Historian
Homer Swigert, Executive Committee
Dave Kauderer, Judge Advocate
William Allardice, Legislative Advocate
Albert Castillo, Post Website

EVENT CALENDARS

May 2008

3rd	7:00 p.m.	Pinochle Tournament dinner
1st	7:00 p.m.	Yolo County Veterans' Coalition meeting at West Sacramento VFW
21st	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee meeting
27th	7:30 p.m.	Membership meeting (Election of new Post 77 officers)
25th	9:00 a.m.	Put out small U.S. flags at cemeteries around the county
26th	6:30 a.m.	Put out flags on Main St. and Woodland Cemetery
26th	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Day program at Woodland Cemetery
26th	12 noon	Free Memorial Day luncheon at the Post hall
26th	4:00 p.m.	Take down flags from Main St. and Woodland Cemetery

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5th	7:00 p.m.	Yolo County Veterans' Coalition meeting at Post 77
10th	10:00 a.m.	Legion District meeting, Fair Oaks
14th	6:30 a.m.	Flag Day - Put out flags on Main Street, Woodland
14th	4:00 p.m.	Take down flags from Main St.
18th	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee meeting
19th-22nd		Legion State convention, Bakersfield
24th	7:30 p.m.	Membership meeting
28th	6:00 p.m.	Post 77 dinner, installation of new officers, \$12.

AUXILIARY

May 2008

6th	7:00 p.m.	Regular meeting
17th		Selling American Legion Auxiliary Poppies at Nugget Market, Woodland
26th	12 noon	Auxiliary's annual Memorial Day luncheon, open to the public

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3rd	7:00 p.m.	Regular meeting
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Maria Hernandez-President
 Janet Lough-First Vice President
 Mary Lavorico-Second Vice President
 Carolyn Smith-Secretary/Treasurer
 Ashley Hernandez-Sergeant at Arms
 Mary Cogburn-Immediate Past President

If you have any questions about the Post 77 Women's Auxiliary or would like a ride to an Auxiliary meeting, call Mary Cogburn at 662-0624 or Maria Hernandez at 661-2210.

MISCELLANEOUS GOINGS-ON

Post 77 is seeking funds to remodel the Veterans Memorial at the Woodland Cemetery. About \$14,000 has been collected. The Post 77 Auxiliary has donated \$500. Approximately \$3,000 more is needed to pay for the improvements. For a contribution of \$500 or more, your name will be memorialized on a plaque to be placed on the Veterans Memorial. Contributions towards the completion of this fitting monument honoring your service and that of all other veterans can be sent to Woodland Cemetery Monument Project, P.O. Box 1195, Woodland, CA 95776.... Thanks to Post 77 member Bill Allardice for signing on as Legislative Advocate. Bill has already attended the annual American Legion, Department of California Legislative Lobbying Day at the State Capitol, which included going to the State Assembly Committee of Veterans Affairs meeting, where the new veterans' home set to open soon on Redding was discussed.... The City of Woodland says that they will construct 85 new flag pole holes at the Woodland Cemetery before Memorial Day. These additional flag pole holes will allow the Post to fly all its donated casket flags. The new flag post locations will include all along the fence on the Cross Street side of the Woodland Cemetery.... Post 77 Second Vice Commander Ed Trautt regularly visits five veterans at two homes for the aging in Davis. What a guy.... Our American Legion Area Commander Glen Mayer let us know the very sad news. The patrol of his son, David, serving in Iraq was attacked. All were seriously injured. David lost both legs at the knee. Our prayers go out to a patriot, David Mayer.... A little known job undertaken by the Auxiliary and the Post is to iron the hundreds of small flags that are put out for Memorial Day each year at the grave sites of veterans buried in the Woodland Cemetery. For those who would like to assist, please come to the Post hall at around 7:00 p.m., May 6.... Past Post Commander Steve Hedington may have the record among all Post 77 members for having been in the most services. Steve started in the Army National Guard, then went into the Navy, followed by the Air Force. He finished up in the Navy Reserve and the California Military Reserve.... The Post 77 Honor Guard opened the Local Little League season with a little patriotism for the kids. The honor guard marched and raised the U.S. flag. On April 26, the Post Honor Guard marched in the Winters Youth Day parade.... As Post 77 advisor to Boy Scout Troop 68, I am pleased to announce two more members of the Troop getting their Eagle. Robert Burgren and William Burgren will receive their Eagle rank on May 10, 2:00 p.m. at the Woodland Boy Scout Cabin, 515 Lincoln Ave.... The coach for the Post 77 baseball team, Matt Castles, is starting his 14th year in that position. And he has done a great job.... Post 77 will once more be awarding a scholarship for college to a senior student at Woodland High School on May 21 and a second scholarship for a Pioneer High School senior on May 15. Warren Meyer is again in charge of the Scholarship Selection Committee.... Doyle Gasperson is looking for players on an over-65 baseball team. You can reach Doyle, if you are interested in playing, at (530) 662-5740.... The Yolo County Office of Education will award high school diplomas to veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War who left high school early to serve in the military. Patti Robles has more information. She can be reached at (530) 668-3755.

Vince Olvera, Sergeant-at-Arms

**WHO COULD MAKE SPAGHETTI BETTER
THAN THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE? BE
SURE TO FIND OUT ON MAY 10**

The Post 77 Athletic Committee invites you to its all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner. That's spaghetti, meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and wine. Don't get nervous. The food will be prepared by the famous Woodland chef, John Benedict. The funds from this event will help maintain the Post's highly successful baseball program for another year.

As an extra, Post 77 member Larry Martinez, local baseball historian, will be speaking on "the history of baseball at Woodland's Clark Field," including the day that Joe DiMaggio came to town. Clark Field would now be a housing development if it were not for Post 77. Find out the details.

Please join us on Saturday, May 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Post hall. The dinner is open to all -- \$12 per person. Tickets are available at the Post clubroom on weekdays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., by calling the Post at 662-9772, or at ABS Sports Store in the County Fair Mall at 1264 East Gibson Road, Woodland..

**HELP SUPPORT POST 77 BASEBALL AND
OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES.**

*Your Athletic Committee: Frank Eakle, Gil Garcia,
Steve Hedington, Frank Lucchesi, Vince Olvera,
Doyle Gasperson, Val Mata, Dave Isbell, Zeke Plocher*



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are available for rental for your
special parties and events.
Contact Dave Isbell at (530) 219-3174



**POST 77 DINNER ON JUNE 28
WILL INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF
NEW POST 77 OFFICERS**

Let's all get together at the Post 77 Hall for dinner on Saturday, June 28th, 6:00 p.m. Along with dinner, there will be the swearing in of the new Post 77 officers. Those officers for the 2007-08 year are: Dave Isbell, Commander; Ed Trautt, First Vice Commander; Ruben Ramos, Second Vice Commander; Gary Leach, Adjutant; Ron Gee, Assistant Adjutant; Gil Garcia, Chaplain; Warren Meyer, Financial Officer; Steve Waldeck, Treasurer; Larry Schapiro, Historian; Dave Kauderer, Judge Advocate; and Pinky Swigert, member of the Executive Committee.

The price for the dinner is \$12. Dinner tickets can be obtained by calling the Post at 662-9772 or by purchase at the door on June 28. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Dave Isbell, First Vice Commander

**YOU'VE DONE IT!
WE HAVE ACHIEVED**

100 PERCENT MEMBERSHIP

For the second year in a row, Post 77 has reached 100 percent of the membership goal set for us by the State American Legion. Post 77 has 373 members. We're proud of all of you. Thanks.

Corbin Smith, Commander

**VETERANS BENEFITS AND SERVICE-
CONNECTED DISABILITY**

The State of California has information about veterans' benefits, including the 2008 edition of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" at its web site: cdva.ca.gov.

For those veterans who think that their medical ailment may be connected to or aggravated by your time in the Armed Forces, stop by the Yolo County Veterans Service Office, 120 West Main St., Suite A, Woodland, with your discharge document to discuss your situation and whether you may be entitled to monetary disability benefits. Eventually, a letter from your doctor explaining the nature of your disability being service connected will be helpful.

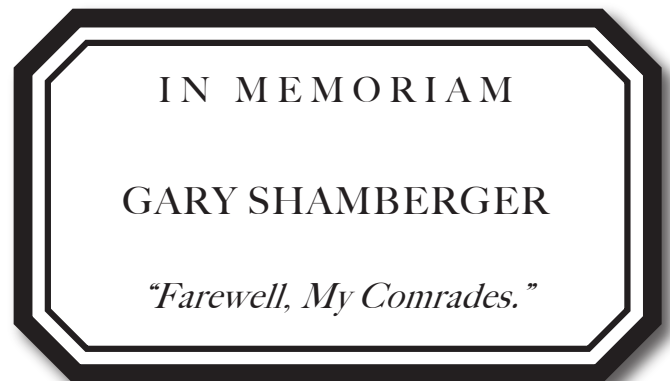
For questions, contact the Yolo County Veterans Service Office at (530) 406-4850.

Zeke Plocher, Post 77 Service Officer

**POST BASEBALL FAN APPRECIATION
RAFFLE**

This year's fan appreciation raffle tickets will soon be arriving in your mail. Please support our baseball program by purchasing yours. The Athletic Committee would like to sustain this highly successful baseball program, but we cannot do it without your support. Thank you.

Frank Eakle, Athletic Committee Chairman





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Post 77 Sergeant-at-Arms, Vince Olvera (l.) and Post Adjutant Gary Leach (r.) present Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awards to: (left to right) Curtis Reese, California Highway Patrol, who has served three tours of duty in Iraq as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard and has been awarded two Bronze Stars; Mark Tingley, West Sacramento Police Department, formerly a U.S. Air Force Sergeant; and Woodland Police Department Officer Darryl Moore, U.S. Army veteran.



Post 77, in sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 68, participates in each of the Troop's courts of honor ceremonies for the awarding of Tenderfoot to Eagle ranks. Here, Post Commander Corbin Smith presents Eagle Scout recipient Ian Dougerty with an American Legion certificate, while Post 77 Boy Scout advisor, Vince Olvera holds the plaque from the wall at Post 77 which contains the names of all Troop 68 scouts who have been awarded their Eagle.

If you would like a ride to monthly Post 77 meetings, please call Larry Schapiro at telephone number 304-6099