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Presidents Message:

It is an honor to participate with the Ventura County Military Collaborative. There are many other organizations devoted to helping all our veterans and active service personnel. Each meeting is a gold mine of information of services and events. Following are just a few of the events mentioned at our last meeting. If you can attend any of these events, I think it would be worth your while.

- Veterans Book Club: meets the second Thursday of every month from 18:00-19:30 hrs at the City of Camarillo Public Library, 4101 Las Posas Road.
- April 27 @ 13:00-17:00 hrs: Free VA Benefits & Criminal Record Clearance Legal Clinic: E.P. Foster Library-Topping Room, 651 E. Main St. Ventura. Call to make an appointment: 213-261-8931.
- Saturday, April 30 @ 17:30 hrs: American Legion Post 48 Junior Auxiliary Fashion Show: fundraiser for Junior Auxiliary and military car-packages for the Collaborative; Cost- $20.00 or $10.00 plus a care package for show, appetizers and dinner.
- May 3 @ 10:00 hrs: County Board of Supervisors, Recognition of Military Appreciation Month.
- May 6 @ 10:00 hrs: Livingston Memorial Military Spouses Appreciation Day @ The Bonaventure, 10949 Telegraph Road, Ventura [Dining Area].
- May 14 @ 18:00 hrs: Pets For Vets Gala Dinner. Ronald Reagan Library. See web site for more information: ventura-ca.petsforvets.com.
- May 15 @ 16:00 hrs: Film-Never The Same, the Prisoner of War Experience Narrated by Loretta Swit. Studio Movie Grill, 1555 Simi Town Center Way, Unit B-100, Simi Valley.
- July 29-31 @ Army National Guard Armory, 1270 Arundell Ave. Ventura; for more info: www.venturacountystanddown.org.
- August 27 @ 10:00-14:00 hrs: Military and Veteran Expo, 1605 Burnley St. Camarillo.

I appreciate Kim Evans and the entire Military Collaborative for all they do for us veterans.

Dave Wilson

POW/MIA Chair Person's Message:

POW/MIA Report April 2016

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that the remains of 4 U.S. serviceman, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Army Pfc. Roy A. Henderson, 18, of Newark, Ohio, will be buried April 8 in Follansbee, West Virginia. On July 27, 1950, Henderson was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, when his unit set up a defensive position near Anui, South Korea, in an attempt to stop invading North Korean forces.

Army Cpl. Robert P. Graham, 20, of San Francisco, will be buried April 8 in Colma, California. In February 1951, Graham was assigned to Company A, 13th Engineer Combat Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, which was engaged in a battle near Hoengsong, South Korea. Under heavy enemy attack, his unit was ordered to withdraw south to Wonju

Army Pfc. Aubrey D. Vaughn, 20, of Union, South Carolina, will be buried April 12 in his hometown. On April 23, 1951, Vaughn was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 5th Regimental Combat Team Repatriated American prisoners of war reported that Vaughn died while in captivity at POW Camp 1 in 1951.

Army Cpl. Dennis D. Buckley, 24, of Detroit, will be buried April 14 in Rittman, Ohio. On Feb. 5, 1951, Buckley was assigned to A Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, which was supporting the South Korean Army attacks against units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) in the area known as the Central Corridor in South Korea.

A repatriated American prisoner of war provided information that Buckley was captured by the CPVF and died in their custody at the Suan POW camp. Based on this information, the U.S. Army declared Buckley dead on June 30, 1951.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that the remains of 2 U.S. serviceman, missing from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military

Army Air Forces Flight Officer Dewey L. Gossett, 23, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, will be buried April 11 in Wellford, South Carolina. On Sept. 27, 1943, Gossett was assigned to the 527th Fighter Squadron, 86th Fighter Group, 12th Air Force, and was the pilot of a single-seat A-36A "Apache" aircraft, disappeared near Acerno, Italy.

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POW/MIA Chair Person's Message (Cont.):

Army Air Forces Capt. Arthur E. Halfpapp, 23, of Steelton, Pennsylvania, will be buried April 14 in Annville, Pennsylvania. On April 24, 1945, Halfpapp was assigned to the 87th Fighter Squadron, 79th Fighter Group, and was the pilot of a P-47 aircraft that crashed during an armed reconnaissance mission southeast of Alberone, Italy

Ron Fitzgarrald,
POW/MIA Chairman

Work Party/ Parades Chair Person's Message:

Yep, another election has gone by, we need to thank all of those who have served.

We have a few parades coming up as well as events:
May 30th at 8:00 AM we were invited to attend a free breakfast at the American Le3gion in downtown OjAi. Afterwards, there will be a ceremony at Ivy Lawn at 10:30. Present a flag presentation for the VVVC, as well as leave flowers for Dave Betti. Please let me know about Ivy Lawn.

We have been asked to lead off the Ojai 4th of July Parade again this year. I will need volunteers to carry flags so we can lead it off. Please contact me if you would be able to carry a flag.

The Ventura County Fair Parade will be August 6th. We would love to see everyone show up again like last year, we had a great group.
Brother John Cabrera

Membership Chair Person's Message:

Current Membership:
Life members 87
Annual members 38
Total membership 125

The following membership will expire in May:
Dale Dean 5/1
Dennis Hartman 5/14
Frank Mutz 5/16
Stacey Mutz 5/16
Ken Dalrymple 5/18
David Ogden 5/25
Antonio Aguilera 5/29

Important Sates:

Sunday, May 8th – Mother's Day

Saturday, May 21st – VVVC Meetings
Ventura Veterans Home
10900 Telephone Rd., Ventura
Board Mtg. – 5:15PM
General Mtg. – 6:00 PM
Potluck, bring your favorite dish.

Monday, May 30th – Memorial Day
Memorial Day Services @ 10:30 AM
Ivy Lawn Memorial Park

Tuesday, June 14th – Flag Day

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Sunday, June 19th – Father's Day

Treasurer's Message:

At the April book club meeting we discussed the book "What it's like to go to war" by Karl Marlantes. Excellent book and well received by the group, which led to a very "spirited" discussion.

Message from Board Member Larry Seguin:

On Saturday April 16, I was honored to represent the VVVC at a funeral at Ventura Missionary Church. The funeral was for Aaron Howery, the son of long time VVVC member Hank Howery. Aaron was only 42 years old, but was well known and loved by many. By my count, there was close to 250 people attending the service. That speaks volumes on a person's impact on his community. I'm going to ask Hank to share a little bit about his son with the membership at the May meeting.
Respectfully submitted,
Larry Seguin
Board Member

Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long and Richard Camacho, pose for a picture while attending the recent Ventura Vet Center Open House / Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony.

A message from Jan:

After serving as your editor of the Listening Post for 7 ½ years, (April 2009 – May 2016), I feel it is time for a change. While I have enjoyed the experience of putting this news letter together, I feel it's time for someone new to add a fresh approach to take over as editor.

Beginning with the June 2016 edition of the LP, Laurie Richardson will take over the post of Editor. I want to thank Laurie for accepting the challenge, and I know she will do a great job. Please forward your LP articles for the June edition to Laurie Richardson at josephpr@sbcglobal.net .

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