



Amador County Veterans Newsletter - July 14th, 2025

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Short Prayer For The United States Of America

Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions. Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all. May Your peace reign in our land, and may Your purposes prevail. In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river. Amen.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Live in each season as it passes: breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit."

– Henry David Thoreau

MILITARY HISTORY THIS WEEK

- 7/14/1950: Battle of Taejon begins
- 7/15/1918: Second Battle of the Marne begins
- 7/16/1945: First test of Atomic Bomb in New Mexico
- 7/17/1944: Port Chicago disaster
- 7/18/1943: P-38 shoots down plane of ADM Yamamoto
- 7/19/2003: In Spinboldak, Afghanistan, US forces, backed by helicopter gunships, killed up to 24 suspected Taliban insurgents after their convoy came under attack.
- 7/20/1943: Astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first human to set foot on the Moon.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

How one caregiver transformed her life

Finding Hope in the Journey with Building Better Caregivers

July 6, 2025 | Joseph Burks, Communications Director, VA Caregiver Support Program

For more than 16 years, Vicki has been the primary caregiver for her 77-year-old husband, an Air Force Veteran living with dementia, congestive heart failure and recurring blood clots. As his physical and mental health declined, Vicki became more and more stressed, tired and isolated. Like many caregivers, she struggled to keep going.

[Building Better Caregivers](#) (BBC) is a free, online, VA program designed specifically for caregivers of Veterans living with dementia, memory loss, PTSD, traumatic brain injuries or other serious health conditions. Vicki enrolled in BBC more than three years ago and has never looked back.

‘BBC changed my life’. To enroll in BBC, the caregiver must meet criteria and be willing to participate in the [Caregiver Support Program](#) in either the Program of Comprehensive Assistance or Program of General Caregiver Support Services.

[BBC](#) is self-paced, offering weekly online workshops and lessons that caregivers can access at any time of the day or night. After completing the workshop, participants can join a supportive alumni community and tap additional resources. Benefits of BBC:

- Enhanced caregiving skills and confidence.
- Stronger sense of community and reduced feelings of isolation.
- Increased awareness of personal health and self-care needs.

Ready to Enroll? Here's how to get started:

- Be enrolled in Caregiver Support Program Services.
- Online: Visit [online to enroll](#).
- By Phone: Call 1-844-516-1438 and choose option 1 (Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm PST).
- Through your [local Caregiver Support Team](#).

About the Caregiver Support Program (CSP). CSP promotes the health and well-being of Veterans' caregivers through education, resources, support and services. Every VA facility has a CSP team that offers vital information to keep caregivers informed and supported. Visit [CSP's website](#) or contact your local [CSP team](#) to learn more.

GENERAL INFO

[Sacramento VA Medical Center](#)

10535 Hospital Way

Mather, CA 95655-4200

Main phone: 916-843-7000

Mental health care: 800-382-8387

LINKS

[July 2025 Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)

[June 2025 Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)

[May 2025 Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)

[April 2025 Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)

[Compensation Disability Compensation Rates](#)

[Federal Benefits Guide \(2025\)](#)

[How to report a veterans death to VA](#)

[Million Veteran Program](#)

[PACT Act and your VA Benefits](#)

[Survivors Pension](#)

[Women Veterans Care - Mather](#)

Crisis Line. Veterans experiencing a mental health emergency can contact the Veterans Crisis Line by calling 988 and pressing 1. Veterans, service members or their family members can also text 838255 or visit [veteranscrisisline.net](#) for assistance.

POW/MIA

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Dwight M. Holmes, 27, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 24, 2025. In 1945, Holmes was assigned to 30th Bombardment Squadron, 19th Bombardment Group, V Bomber Command on the Bataan Peninsula, in the Philippines. He was captured on April 9 and held as a prisoner of war by the Empire of Japan in the Philippines until 1944 when the Japanese military moved POWs to Manila for transport to Japan aboard the transport ship Oryoku Maru. Unaware the allied POWs were on board, a U.S. carrier-borne aircraft attacked the Oryoku Maru, which eventually sank in Subic Bay. Holmes was then transported to Takao, Formosa, known today as Taiwan, aboard the Enoura Maru. The Japanese reported that Holmes died on Jan. 9, 1945, when U.S. forces attacked and sank the Enoura Maru.

Army Air Forces Cpl. Lester H. Libolt, 21, killed during World War II, was accounted for on June 11, 2025. During World War II, Libolt was assigned to 431st Bombardment Squadron, 11th Bombardment Group at Hickam Airfield on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. On Dec. 7th, 1941, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese aircraft expanded to Hickam Field. The attack lasted four hours. Libolt was reportedly killed during this time.

Army Pfc. Harold B. Dulyea, 23, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for May 30, 2025. In July 1950, Dulyea was a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 25 after the Battle of Yongdong in the vicinity of Yongdong, Republic of Korea (South Korea). Based on testimonies from returning prisoners of war, it was determined that Dulyea was a prisoner of war but was not among the POWs repatriated after the armistice agreement was signed on July 27, 1953. The Army determined that he had died in captivity and on Feb. 25, 1954, issued a presumptive finding of death.

Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. John M. Larkins, 26, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 13, 2025. In the summer of 1944, Larkins was assigned to the 678th Bombardment Squadron, 444th Bombardment Group (Very Heavy), Bomber Command. On June 26, Larkins was a crew member on a B-29 Superfortress when it crashed into a rice paddy in the village of Sapekhati, India after a bombing raid on Imperial iron and steel works at Yawata, Kyushu Island, Japan. All 11 crew members were killed instantly in the crash.

Army Air Forces Pvt. Bennett H. Waters, 26, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 18, 2025. In 1945, Waters was assigned to 17th Bombardment Squadron, 27th Bombardment Group on the Bataan Peninsula, in the Philippines. He was captured on April 9 and held as a prisoner of war by the Empire of Japan in the Philippines until 1944 when the Japanese military moved POWs to Manila for transport to Japan aboard the transport ship Oryoku Maru. Unaware the allied POWs were on board, a U.S. carrier-borne aircraft attacked the Oryoku Maru, which eventually sank in Subic Bay. Waters was then transported to Takao, Formosa, known today as Taiwan, aboard the Enoura Maru. The Japanese reported that Waters died on Jan. 9, 1945, when U.S. forces attacked and sank the Enoura Maru.

Army Pfc. John R. Stovall, 22, who was killed during the Korean War, was accounted for June 10, 2025. In 1950, Stovall was a member of Company K, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 7 while fighting the enemy near Ch'onan, South Korea. He was never reported as a prisoner of war and subsequent searches of the battlefield failed to recover his remains. With no evidence of his continued survival, the Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Dec. 31, 1953. He was declared non-recoverable on Jan 16, 1956.

POW/MIA UNACCOUNTED FOR



According to DPAA,
as of July 10th, 2025,
there remain:

World War II:	71896
Korea:	7413
Vietnam:	1567
Cold War:	126
Gulf War/Libya:	7
Total:	81024

Current Identifications
By Conflict for FY 25
As of July 10th, 2025

World War II	111
Korea	40
Cold War	0
Vietnam	7

Army Pvt. Ira Warren, 26, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for June 11, 2025. In late 1942, Warren was a member of Headquarters Company, 194th Tank Battalion, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured, subjected to the Bataan Death March, and interned at the Cabanatuan POW camp. According to prison camp and other historical records, Warren died July 19, 1942, and was buried along with other deceased prisoners in the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery in Common Grave 312.

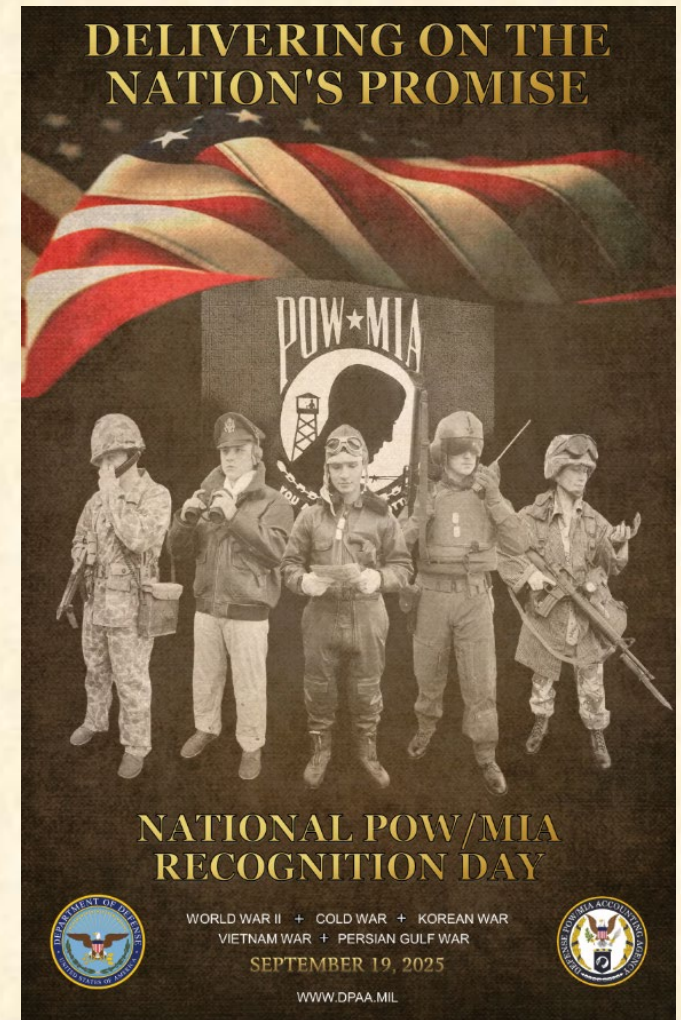
Army Pvt. Kenneth L. Kramer, 20, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for June 30, 2025. In the Summer of 1942, Kramer was a member of 19th Air Base Squadron, 20th Air Base Group, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured, subjected to the Bataan Death March and interned at the Cabanatuan POW camp. According to prison camp and other historical records, Kramer died June 29, 1942, and was buried along with other deceased prisoners in the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery in Common Grave 407.

Navy Carpenter's Mate Second Class William R. Burns, 25, killed during World War II, was accounted for on June 30, 2025. On June 8, 1944, Burns was assigned to the destroyer USS Glennon, which struck a mine off the coast of Quinnevill, France, forcing 16 sailors overboard. Ultimately, the majority of the crew had abandoned the vessel, but a few remained on board for salvage operations, including Burns. Two days later, on June 10, the Glennon was struck by multiple artillery barrages from German forces on shore, eventually causing the ship to sink late in the evening. Following the attack, 38 sailors had been wounded and 25 were missing, including Burns. Other than the rescued sailors thrown overboard from the initial mine strike, there is no report of any recovery of other missing sailors. The remains of Burns were not accounted for, and he was deemed non-recoverable on April 14, 1949.

Army Cpl. Donald E. Nickel, 20, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for June 23, 2025. In late 1950, Nickel was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 3 in the vicinity of Hagaru-ri near the Jangjin (Chosin) Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered and on Dec. 31, 1953, the Army issued a presumptive finding of death.

Army Cpl. George C. Hagie, 18, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for June 12, 2025. In the winter of 1950, Hagie was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported killed in action on Dec. 12 after a major battle near the Jangjin (Chosin) Reservoir, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). Lacking any evidence that he was held a prisoner of war, Hagie was declared killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950.

Army Sgt. Ray Johnson, 20, who was killed during the Korean War, was accounted for July 9, 2025. In the fall of 1950, Johnson was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Sept. 1 after the enemy attacked his unit's position near Changyong, South Korea. He was never reported as a prisoner of war and subsequent searches of the battlefield failed to recover his remains. With no evidence of his continued survival, the Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Feb. 23, 1954.



Note: It is our intent to host a small, open to the public commemoration of POW/MIA's on Friday, September 19th. We are putting together the details, but it will be a short event, most likely held at the Ione Veterans Memorial Hall with a time TBD. We further expect to have some light refreshments afterward.

Army Capt. Paul E. Pearson, 38, of Manhattan, Kansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for March 18, 2025. In April 1942, Pearson was assigned to II Philippine Corps on the Bataan Peninsula, in the Philippines. He was held as a prisoner of war by the Empire of Japan in the Philippines from 1942 to 1944 when the Japanese military moved POWs to Manila for transport to Japan aboard the transport ship *Oryoku Maru*. Unaware the allied POWs were on board, a U.S. carrier-borne aircraft attacked the *Oryoku Maru*, which eventually sank in Subic Bay. Pearson was then transported to Takao, Formosa, known today as Taiwan, aboard the *Enoura Maru*. The Japanese reported that Pearson was killed on Jan. 9, 1945, when U.S. forces sank the *Enoura Maru*. Pearson will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, in March 2026.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Frank A. Johnstone, 20, of Beaumont, Texas, killed during World War II, was accounted for Feb. 6, 2025. In the winter of 1945, Johnstone was assigned to the 721st Bombardment Squadron, 450th Bombardment Group, 15th Air Force. On Feb. 25, he served as a navigator aboard a B-24J on a bombardment mission to Linz, Austria. During the mission, his aircraft was shot down by enemy fire and crashed near Großraming, Austria. Nine of the twelve crewmembers bailed out of the aircraft while the remaining three, including Johnstone, went down with the plane. His remains were not recovered after the war. Johnstone will be buried on a date yet to be determined.

Army Air Force 1st Lt. Wylie W. Leverett, 28, of Wortham, Texas, killed during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 21, 2024. In late 1944, Leverett was assigned to the 708th Bombardment Squadron, 447th Bombardment Group, 4th Combat Bomb Wing, 3rd Air Division, 8th Air Force, in the European Theater. On Dec. 30, Leverett, the pilot onboard a B-17G "Flying Fortress" *Fuddy Duddy*, was lost when his aircraft collided with another American aircraft while on a bombing mission to Mannheim, Germany. As the formation of bombers neared their attack location, a bomber in the low position of the lead squadron suddenly lost altitude. At the same time, *Fuddy Duddy* rose in altitude. It's not known why these two aircraft unexpectedly changed their altitude simultaneously, but witnesses suspected the prop-wash from the formation created turbulence around the bombers. Surviving aircrew reported seeing the first Flying Fortresses' propellers slicing through *Fuddy Duddy's* thin aluminum skin cutting the aircraft fuselage in two. *Fuddy Duddy* then rolled over and went into an uncontrolled spin downwards. The other aircraft, also badly damaged, careened downward, falling through the clouds. Leverett will be buried in Dallas, Texas, in 2025.

AMADOR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Live Whole Health #280: Mobility through movement

July 7, 2025 | Alison M. Whitehead, MPH, C-IAYT, RYT-500

National Program Lead for the Integrative Health Coordinating Center in the VHA Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation

As I age, I notice that it takes longer for my body to recover from intense activity, such as playing in my co-ed, recreational soccer league, lifting weights or carrying my growing toddler. And if I go too many days without exercising and sitting at the computer too long, I notice joint stiffness and tightness from lack of movement. Can you relate?

Physical activity is important to maintain mobility and independence as we age. Movement can help with joint health. It increases the circulation of blood and synovial fluid, providing nutrients and lubrication to the joints. We often lose mobility and flexibility as we age, but it's never too late to maintain it or get it back.

Mobility supports daily activity and can help you live your life to the fullest. For example, good ankle mobility can help improve our balance, helping to prevent falls. Hip-joint mobility also helps our balance and stability. Good mobility of the thoracic spine, or the middle back, supports movement of our arms up and overhead. We need this when we lift something up to the top shelf. It also helps us twist to pass something back to the toddler in the back seat.

When your days seem to get busier and busier, you can still practice simple mobility exercises. These can be done quickly and easily, in a small space, sitting in a chair and without any equipment.

It's important to listen to your body throughout any movement or exercise. Being present and bringing awareness to your physical body before, during and after movement activities can help prevent adverse events or injury.

Join me in this 12-minute chair based joint mobility session and see what you think.



INFORMATION



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Hours:
Mon, Tue, Wed (9-4)
by appointment
Thu (9-1) & (2-4) Walk-ins
Fri – No appointments

VA News

Jun 27: [How to stay safe and healthy during extreme heat](#)

IONE MEMORIAL POST & AUX 8254

Action Corps Weekly – July 14th, 2025

VA on Track for Total Staff Reductions: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it is on track to reduce its staff by nearly 30,000 by the end of the current fiscal year, Sept. 30, 2025. The reduction will be achieved through attrition, early retirements, deferred resignations, and the federal hiring freeze. These options have been effective leading to nearly 17,000 fewer staff so far this year, eliminating the need for a large-scale reduction in force. An additional 12,000 employees are expected to leave by the end of September. VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt responded to the announcement by saying he applauds VA Secretary Collins for taking a “scalpel approach” to these reductions. [Read more.](#)

Urge Your Senators to Act Now to Keep Veterans in Their Homes: VA ended its temporary Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase (VASP) program in May with no replacement in place, leaving thousands of veterans at greater risk of foreclosure. The House has passed [H.R. 1815](#), VA Home Loan Program Reform Act, introduced by VFW member and House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Chairman Derrick Van Orden, to allow VA to cover delinquent payments and work with lenders to prevent unnecessary foreclosures. The VFW is now calling on the Senate to immediately pass this legislation. [Tell your senators](#) to keep veterans in their homes!

VFW Meets with VA Deputy Secretary: VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci and National Veterans Service Director Mike Figlioli met with VA Deputy Secretary Paul R. Lawrence, Ph.D., at the VFW Memorial Building to discuss their shared priorities including the modernization of the Electronic Health Record system, the VA benefits process, and timely access to care for all veterans. This was the deputy secretary’s first visit to the VFW Washington Office since his confirmation in March.

Rhode Island Enacts Law to Shield Veterans from Predatory Claims Agents: Before adjourning in June, the State of Rhode Island General Assembly became the latest state legislature to pass a law aimed at protecting veterans from predatory, unaccredited claims agents, often referred to as Claim Sharks. These entities charge steep fees to “coach” veterans through the VA disability compensation claims process, despite lacking VA accreditation, training, or oversight. Rhode Island’s new law prohibits anyone from advising or assisting a veteran with a VA disability claim, unless authorized under federal law, and empowers the state to enforce penalties under its deceptive trade practices statute. [Read the bill.](#)

DOD Assessing Budget Reduction for Discretionary Service Relocations: The Department of Defense (DOD) services are currently reviewing their budgets for discretionary permanent change of station (PCS) moves with a 50% reduction goal by fiscal year 2030. A recent survey of military spouses cited PCS moves as the main reason for dissatisfaction with military life as these relocations can be extremely disruptive to family members’ employment and education. Only approximately 20% of PCS moves are considered mandatory. The services have been directed to look at limiting non-essential relocations and extending assignment tour lengths where appropriate. The intended result is to improve stability and quality of life for service members and their families, while maintaining mission readiness at all times. The services have a deadline of September 22 to submit their proposed plans. [Read more.](#)

There is no Action Corps Weekly for July 7th. If the July 14th issue is posted before we release this issue, then it will be included.

Post 8254. Traditionally, the month of July is a very slow month post July 4th. While that is true, we do have three commemorations over the next two weeks which we will discuss in the newsletter: the Port Chicago Disaster (July 17th), Korean Armistice Day (July 27th), and Buffalo Soldiers Day (July 28th).

Updated Post Hours. Effective July 10th, our Post is going to change its hours. The Post will be manned and open on Thursdays from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. We will announce future open hours as the plan becomes more clear.



Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the Month. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM with the meeting starting at 6:00 PM sharp. Our meetings **DO NOT** last more than one hour 15 minutes.

Post Hours: Thursdays 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LINKS

[National Website](#)

[Post Website](#)

[Post Facebook Page](#)



Post and Auxiliary 8254



We're having our monthly
Dinner & a Meeting
Wednesday, August 13th
Dinner 5:00 PM | Meeting 6:00 PM
Ione Memorial Hall
215 S. Amador St., Ione, CA
209-274-4956

DAV CHAPTER 118

H.R. 2878, the Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act, would help improve service members transition to civilian life by ensuring they have the tools to address service-related mental health challenges, and reduce veteran suicide.

The period following military separation is marked by heightened mental health risks, including increased suicide rates. However, many veterans are unaware of the support available to them through the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DOD).

This legislation would require VA/DOD pre-separation programs to increase mental health support for transitioning service members. Specifically, the bill adds provisions to the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) to help servicemembers address PTSD, depression, chronic pain, substance abuse, suicidal ideation and other service-related mental health conditions.

Additionally, H.R. 2878 would strengthen VA's existing Solid Start Program by improving outreach and information for veterans about mental health programs and counseling services that are available post service.

Consistent with DAV resolution No. 68, we proudly support this crucial legislation that improves mental health resources for veterans during the critical transition period to civilian life, helping prevent the tragedies we have seen all too often.

We ask you to contact your Representative and urge them to cosponsor and support H.R. 2878. Please stand up with us in reducing veteran suicide.



*Meetings are held on the Third
Thursday of the Month at 7PM at the
Ione Veterans Hall, 207 S. Amador St..*

Commander: Gareth Hall

LINKS

[DAV National Website](#)

[DAV Department of California Website](#)

[DAV Department Newsletter – June 2025](#)

[DAV Twitch Video Games](#)

[Veteran Caregivers](#)

[Battle of Iwo Jima Veterans Share
Reflections 80 years later.](#)

[Unraveling the mystery of VA rating math](#)

AMERICAN LEGION – POST 108



Challenge runs through Oct. 31; every mile ridden contributes to \$1 million donation to support military, veterans and first responders.

Harley-Davidson is proud to announce the 2025 Let's Ride Challenge™ – Ride for Heroes, a powerful tribute to the military members, veterans, and first responders who sacrifice so much to protect and serve our communities. This year, Harley-Davidson invites riders across the country to ride with purpose. By logging miles and connecting with authorized Harley-Davidson® dealerships, every ride becomes a statement of gratitude.

Every mile matters, because each one brings us closer to a \$1 million donation in support of the heroes who have our backs every day. This is more than a ride. It's the biggest and most ambitious challenge Harley-Davidson has ever launched, built on unity, respect, and the power of the open road. And as riders rack up the miles, they will also have a chance to win one of five brand-new Harley-Davidson® motorcycles. The [Let's Ride Challenge™ Ride for Heroes](#) runs from March 28 to October 31, 2025.

"Harley-Davidson owners live to ride – for freedom and for adventure – but they also ride with heart," said Theo Keetell, Harley-Davidson Vice President of Marketing. "The Let's Ride Challenge – Ride for Heroes is about getting out on the open road and riding with purpose. It's a meaningful way for riders to support the communities that serve us all, simply by doing what they already love to do: ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles. It's the ultimate expression of our 2025 campaign: Our Road. Our Rules. Let's Ride."

The organizations supported by Let's Ride Challenge Ride for Heroes are: [1 Soldier 1 Dog 1 Team](#), [American Legion Riders](#), [Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association®](#), [Hanks for Our Troops](#), [Motorcycle Missions](#), [National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers™](#), [Rolling Thunder®](#), [Wounded Warrior Project®](#), and [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#).

"I encourage our American Legion Riders who ride Harley Davidson motorcycles to eagerly participate in this challenge," National American Legion Riders Chairman Mark Clark said. "Pairing The American Legion Riders with the great American motorcycle company Harley-Davidson is as American as apple pie. This partnership demonstrates both organization's commitment to supporting our nation's veterans and first responders. We are going to ride all summer long, so let's make those miles count and show the rest of the riding community how it's done."

U.S. residents with a Harley-Davidson VIN are invited to participate. Contestants are not required to be members of the Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®). However, H.O.G.® members have an opportunity to earn exclusive rewards with each mile they ride, including a \$5,000 bonus if they win one of the five new 2025 Harley-Davidson® motorcycles, and those who join H.O.G.® between Mar. 28 and April 30 using a dealer referral code will earn 1,000 extra bonus points.

To enter the Let's Ride Challenge, visit any authorized [Harley-Davidson® dealership](#), scan the 2025 Let's Ride Challenge Ride for Heroes in-store QR code and enter the registration information, including your motorcycle VIN. A dealer representative will then validate your mileage. The more you ride, visit dealers to update your mileage and collect keywords between March 28 and October 31, 2025, the higher your Rev Score. The highest Rev Score for each of the five tiers will win a 2025 Harley-Davidson® motorcycle.

A Harley-Davidson motorcycle will be awarded to the top rider in each of five tiers: Silver Tier: 2025 Harley-Davidson® Nightster® model Gold Tier: 2025 Harley-Davidson® Street Bob® model Platinum Tier: 2025 Harley-Davidson® Fat Boy® model Diamond Tier: 2025 Harley-Davidson® Street Glide® model Black and Orange Tier: 2025 Harley-Davidson® CVO™ Road Glide® model Special rewards can be earned by reaching Let's Ride Challenge™ Ride for Heroes milestones.

Go to [H-Dletsride.com](#) for more contest details and complete rules*. Then visit an authorized Harley-Davidson dealership and start riding!

LEGION INFO



Post Cdr:	Mike Green	209-267-9493
Riders:	Pat Burkhardt	530-635-3878
Sons:	Robby Boughner	916-990-4252
Office	Kathleen Gast	209-267-9493
Hours	Tue, Wed, Thu	10 AM – 2 PM

	Dues
Legion:	\$50
Riders:	\$30
Sons:	\$10

	Meetings
Post	1 st Thursday at 7:00 PM
Riders	2 nd Monday at 6:30 PM
Sons	2 nd Monday at 6:00 PM

2025 Blood Drives: August 4th, September 29th, and December 1st. As for 2025, the Blood Drives netted a total of 167 units of whole blood. Thank you Amador County!

Please call 877-258-4825 to make an appointment. Or you can donate your blood as a 'walk-in'. The Blood Drive will be held at the American Legion Hall.

Karaoke. Jack Magee will be hosting Karaoke on the third Saturday of each month from 7:00 PM to Midnight.

Bingo. Bingo will start up at the Legion Post on the Second Thursday of each month.

Links:
[Be the One Program](#)
[Library & Museum](#)
[Scholarship Information](#)



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MOTHER LODGE DETACHMENT 1080



There Are Many Like It: 250 Years of Marine Corps Service Rifles Since its founding in 1775, the Marine Corps has earned a reputation as one of the world's premier fighting forces. This legacy was forged in combat using a tool of warfare that has evolved dramatically over the last 250 years - the rifle. Follow the link to discover 250 years worth of rifles Marines have used to defend the Nation.

<https://marines.mil/News/News-Display/Article/4235049/there-are-many-like-it-250-years-of-marine-corps-service-rifles/>

I realize that it's hard to read the flyer, but our annual Marine Corps Ball will be held at American Legion Post 108 in Sutter Hill on November 10th.



GENERAL INFO

207 S. Amador St.

Lone, CA 95640

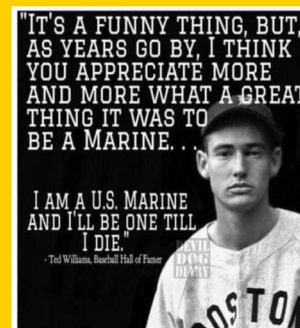
Phone: 209-274-4956

Det Commander: Tom Correa

NEXT MEETING



Det 1080 Monthly Meeting
Saturday, August 2nd, 10:00 AM
215 S. Amador St., Lone



LINKS

[Marine Corps Website](#)

[Marine Corps League Membership](#)

[Application](#)

[Marine Corps League Recommended](#)

[Reading](#)

USMC
1775 - 2025

Birthday Ball
250 Years

You are invited!!
Marine Corps League Motherlode Detachment 1080
Annual Birthday Ball November 10, 2025.
To be held at the American Legion Post 108 in Jackson, CA.
More Information Contact
Commandant Tom Correa at (209) 293-3331

TRICARE

Benefits During a Disaster

TRICARE Newsroom

When the government issues a state of emergency, TRICARE may allow different processes than usual for your medical care. This might include:

- *Early prescription refills*
- *Blanket waivers for referrals and authorizations*
- *Other emergency benefits*

[TRICARE Disaster Alerts](#) will announce any emergency benefits.

Primary Care Manager Referral Waivers

- *If you're displaced during a disaster, you might not be able to get to your primary care manager if you need a referral for care.*
- *If a referral waiver is in place, you may not have to get a referral from your PCM to see a TRICARE authorized provider. The disaster alert will include which areas are in the waiver and other instructions.*

Emergency Prescription Refills

To get an emergency refill, take your prescription bottle to any TRICARE retail network pharmacy. To find a network pharmacy:

- *Call Express Scripts at 877-363-1303.*
- *Search the [Find a Pharmacy tool](#).*

If you can, visit the pharmacy where you originally filled the prescription.

- *If you use a retail chain, you can fill your prescription at another store in that chain.*
- *If your provider is able, they may call in a new prescription to any network pharmacy.*
- *You can ask for help at another pharmacy. But it's at that pharmacy's discretion to help you.*



Links

[DEERS INFO](#)
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PORT CHICAGO DISASTER

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The date was July 17, 1944. The place: the munitions facility at Port Chicago, California, 35 miles north of San Francisco. Black Navy personnel units had been assigned to the dangerous work of loading munitions, with loading happening around the clock. On the evening of July 17, empty merchant ship SS Quinault Victory was prepared for loading on her maiden voyage. The SS E.A. Bryan, another merchant ship, had just returned from her first voyage and was loading across the platform from Quinault Victory. The holds were packed with high explosive and incendiary bombs, depth charges and ammunition -- 4,606 tons of ammunition in all. There were 16 rail cars on the pier with another 429 tons. Working in the area were 320 cargo handlers, crewmen and sailors.

At 10:18 p.m., an explosion ripped apart the night sky. Witnesses said that a brilliant white flash shot into the air, accompanied by a loud, sharp report. Flashing like fireworks, smaller explosions went off in the cloud as it rose. Within six seconds, a deeper explosion erupted as the contents of the E.A. Bryan detonated in one massive explosion. The seismic shock wave was felt as far away as Boulder City, Nevada.

The E.A. Bryan and the structures around the pier were completely disintegrated. A pillar of fire and smoke stretched more than two miles into the sky above Port Chicago. The largest remaining pieces of the 7,200-ton ship were the size of a suitcase. A plane flying at 9,000 feet reported seeing chunks of white hot metal "as big as a house" flying past. The shattered Quinault Victory was spun into the air. Witnesses reported seeing a 200-foot column on which rode the bow of the ship, its mast still attached. Its remains crashed back into the bay 500 feet away.

All 320 men on duty that night were killed instantly. The blast smashed buildings and rail cars near the pier and damaged every building in Port Chicago. People on the base and in town were sent flying or were sprayed with splinters of glass and other debris. The air filled with the sharp cracks and dull thuds of smoldering metal and unexploded shells as they showered back to Earth as far as two miles away. The blast caused damage 48 miles across the bay in San Francisco.

The disaster sparked controversy in its aftermath. It was determined that inadequate training, hazardous conditions and irresponsible labor practices contributed to the disaster. Many of the surviving sailors felt that their commanders had not properly addressed these issues when they asked them to continue to work. In response, they protested with a work stoppage.

Although no violence or threat of violence occurred, the Navy viewed the work stoppage as a mutiny. In September 1944, the Navy charged 50 of the Port Chicago sailors with disobeying orders and initiating a mutiny. A court-martial found them guilty in October.

The disaster at Port Chicago and its aftermath are important moments in Black history. The events caught the attention of civil rights activist and chief counsel of the NAACP, Thurgood Marshall. He believed that the court-martial unjustly charged the sailors with mutiny.

Furthermore, he called for a government investigation of the Navy's practice of assigning Black service members to segregated support roles, as well as the unsafe conditions in which the sailors worked. Bringing national attention to these issues contributed to the executive order that desegregated the military in 1948. The legacies of the Port Chicago sailors still resonate today.

More information about the Port Chicago disaster: [Naval History and Heritage Command](#)

PICS FROM NAVAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE COMMAND



Northward view of the effects of the 17 July 1944 explosion, showing the damage to buildings and munitions pier beyond (U.S. Navy).



Debris-impact area and blast-effect radius of the Port Chicago Naval Magazine explosion.

2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb 16:	Liversedge/Two Jima Remembrance	11:00 AM	Volcano
Mar 15 & 16:	Dandelion Days		Downtown Jackson
Mar 22 & 23:	Capital Air Show		Mather Field
Mar 29:	National Vietnam War Veterans Day		
Apr 16-19:	Military Vehicle Show (MVCC)		County Fairgrounds
Apr 26:	Ione Walk for the Troops	11:00 AM	Ione Veterans Memorial Park
May 1:	Loyalty Day & Silver Star Service Banner Day		
May 3:	VFW National Day of Service		
May 8-11:	Ione Homecoming		Ione Main St./Howard Park
May 10:	Military Spouse Appreciation Day		
May 18:	Armed Forces Day		
May 19-20:	Veterans Homeless Resource Fair		Detert Park, Jackson
May 19-26:	Memorial Weekend Events		Various
Jun 6:	D-Day		
Jun 14:	Flag Day & Army Birthday		
Jun 21:	Ione Car Show & Chili Cookoff		Main St. Ione
Jul 4:	Independence Day & Volcano Car Show		Volcano (Car Show)
Jul 27:	Korea Armistice Day		
Jul 31 – Aug 3:	Amador County Fair		Plymouth Fairgrounds
August	Cootie Hospital Visit	TBD	Veterans Home Yountville
Aug 4:	Coast Guard Birthday		
Aug 7:	Purple Heart Day	10:00 AM	Plymouth
Aug 29:	79 th Birthday – Post 8254	TBD	Post 8254
Sep 2:	Labor Day & V-J Day		
Sep 11:	Patriot Day Ceremony		Ione Fire Department
Sep 11-14:	MVCC Fall Show		County Fairgrounds
Sep 18:	Air Force Birthday		
Sep 19:	POW/MIA Recognition Day	TBD	Post 8254
Sep 29:	Gold Star Mother's Day & VFW Day		
Oct 7:	Start of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM		
Oct 13:	Navy Birthday		
Nov 3:	IVMP Shoot	9:30 AM	Camanche Hills
Nov 10:	Marine Corps Birthday Ball	5:00 PM	Sutter Creek
Nov 11:	Veterans Day Parade	10:00 AM	Main St. Jackson
Dec 7:	Pearl Harbor Day		
TBD:	IVMP Tree Lighting	7:00 PM	Ione Veterans Memorial Park
Dec 13:	National Guard Birthday		
Dec 13:	Wreaths Across America & Ione Xmas Parade	9:00 AM	Ione & Jackson (Wreaths)
Dec 20:	Space Force Birthday		

NOTES:

- This is a living document subject to change as the events warrant...or corrections require. If text is red, that means it is a change from a previous copy.**
- Poppy Drives are held:** May 23rd – 25th, July 1st – 3rd, August 29th – 31st, and November 7th – 9th, and November 11th. All will be OUTSIDE OF WAL-MART from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Unaccompanied Veterans Ceremony.** Held at 2:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery (Dixon) at Shelter 1.
- Blood Drives.** Getting the dates from the Legion, but the times are generally 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM. In 2025, the remaining dates are August 4th, September 29th, and December 1st.
- Ex-USS LUCID (MSO 458) working parties** are on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month.
- Kaiser Truck.** Visits Post 8254 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month. Expected times are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Amador Veterans Reference Guide

Place	Name	Phone	Social Media or Website	E-mail
VFW/DAV	Rick Boughner	209-274-4956	www.facebook.com/vfw8254.org	Brady8246@sbcglobal.net
American Legion Post 108	Kathleen Gast	209-267-9493	www.alpost108amador.org	
Marine Corps League Det 1080	Rick Boughner	209-274-4956	www.facebook.com/MCLMotherlode	0311usmc8162@gmail.com
Ione Memorial Hall Rental	Megan Buchanan	209-274-0274		Hall Rental Info (Click Here)
County VSO	Angela Sheble	209-223-6476	Amador County Office CACVSO	asheble@amadorcounty.gov
Veterans Crisis Line:		988 (then press 1)	https://www.veteranscrisisline.net	
Caregiver Support Line:		1-855-260-3274		
Help for Homeless Vets:		1-877-424-3838		
Plymouth Vets Memorial Park:	Jim Wise			jwise@pacellp.com
Amador Interfaith Food Bank	Beth Stanton	209-267-9006	www.feedamador.org	bstanton@feedamador.org
CA Military Funeral Honor Program	CA NG HQ	916-616-6412		Nhut.t.le.mil@mail.mil

Office Hours

Legion Post 108 (Sutter Hill)	Kathleen Gast	Tue-Thu, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	209-267-9493
VFW, DAV, MCL (Ione)	Rick Boughner	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	209-274-4956
Amador County Veterans Service Office	Angela Sheble	Refer to CVSO Page	209-223-6476

Emergency Contacts

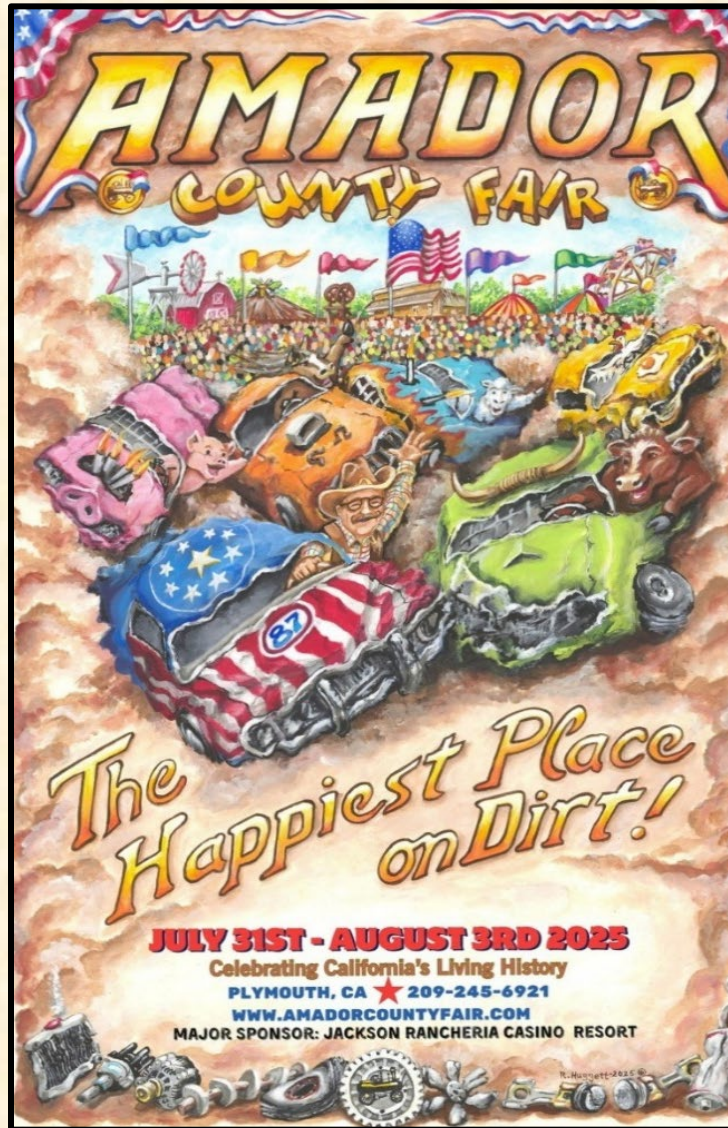
Ione PD:	209-274-2456		Sutter Amador Hospital:	209-223-7500
Jackson PD:	209-223-1771		Amador Fire:	209-223-6391
Sutter Creek PD:	209-267-5646		Burn Day Hotline:	209-223-6246
Amador County Sheriff:	209-223-6500		American Red Cross:	www.redcross.org
Amador County Jail:	209-223-6522		FEMA Disaster Assistance:	Veterans disasterassistance.gov

Important Internet Resources

Amador County Emergency Info/Resources	Fisher House – DGMC Travis AFB	USS LUCID Project
California Department of Veterans Affairs	IRS Information for Veterans	VA Dental Information
California Veterans Resource Book	Marine Corps League Website	VA Disability Rates
DAV Death Benefits Guide	Military Order of the Purple Heart	VA Mather Website
Disaster Assistance for Veterans	National Archives for Veterans	Wood Angels
DOD Military One Source	National Park Service Benefits	Year-round veterans discounts
DPAA YEAR IN REVIEW 2024	Sew 4 Vets	
Exhale Farms	State Tax Information for Military Pay	
Federal Benefits For Vets, Dependents & Survivors	TRICARE	

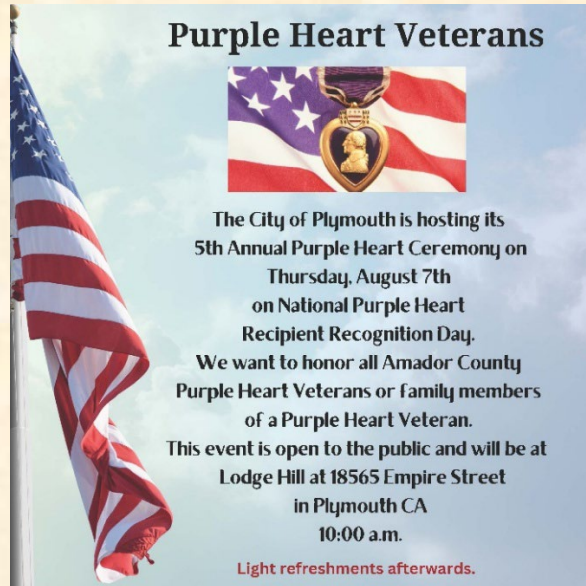
UPCOMING EVENTS

*End of July...
Amador County Fair*



UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

AUGUST 7TH



One of the bigger commemorations this ceremony is open to the public. It is a brief event honoring Purple Heart recipient.

We expect to have a joint VFW/Legion Honor Guard, a performance from Prior National Auxiliary Soloist Juliet Kennedy.

AUGUST 29TH

Ione Memorial Post 8254 will be celebrating our 79th Birthday with a small celebration. More details to follow...

SEPTEMBER 11TH



The annual commemoration put on by the Ione Fire Department takes place at Ione Fire Department, Station One at 8:56 on September 11th.

This is a VERY short event which honors the victims and first responders of that day.

VETERANS CALENDAR – JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 29 Legion State Convention (Vi	30	Jul 1 8 AM VFW Poppy Distro	2	3 7 PM Legion Mtg	4 Independence Day Volcano Car Show	5
6	7	8	9 5 PM 8254 Mtgs	10	11	12 LUCID WKG PTY Redneck Yacht Club Vets Eve 10 AM MCL Mtg
13	14 6 PM Sons Mtg 6:30 PM Riders Mtg	15	16	17 Port Chicago Disaster 7 PM DAV Mtg	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 LUCID WORKING PTY
27 Korea Armistice Day	28 Buffalo Soldier Day	29	30 5:30 PM Post 8254 Bingo	31	Aug 1 Amador County Fair	2 10 AM MCL Mtg

July begins the new “Fiscal Year” for our organizations, and the majority of our activities will be confined to administrative tasks, such as planning, budgets, and training.