



Amador County Veterans Newsletter - June 16th, 2025

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

An Old Soldier's Prayer

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory. Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know thee... and to that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge. Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high, a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past. And after all these things are his, add, I pray enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom and the meekness of true strength. Then, I his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain".

Amen.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!" – Helen Keller

"In the essence of June, find the rhythm of your soul dancing with the light of longer days." - Unknown

MILITARY HISTORY THIS WEEK

- 6/16/1864: Battle of Lynchburg, VA
- 6/17/1916: American troops under Gen. Pershing marched into Mexico to get Pancho Villa.
- 6/18/1812: War of 1812 begins.
- 6/19/1778: Washington's troops left Valley Forge after a winter of training to intercept the British force on its way to New York City.
- 6/20/1898: During the Spanish-American War on the way to the Philippines to fight the Spanish, the U.S. Navy cruiser Charleston seized the island of Guam.
- 6/21/1945: The Battle of Okinawa ended. Japanese forces on Okinawa surrendered to the Americans.
- 6/22/1942: A Japanese submarine shelled Fort Stevens, Oregon, at the mouth of the Columbia River.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Why caregivers for Veterans should know CPR

It could save a Veteran's life

June 13, 2025 | Caregiver Support Program

More than 300,000 Veterans suffer a cardiac arrest each year—most often at home—and on average only 20% survive. However, immediate [CPR](#) (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) can double or triple the Veteran's chances of survival. If you're a Veteran's caregiver, that's why it's important for you to know CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

CPR works by manually pumping the heart to keep blood and oxygen moving to vital organs until medical help arrives. It's a simple technique that almost anyone can learn.

Likewise, an AED, when used quickly, can restart a heart that has stopped beating.

<https://youtu.be/DBL2QIu5oec>

Now is the best time to learn hands-only CPR. You never know when a Veteran in your life will need you the most.

<https://youtu.be/xPusomUzX20?si=1Vqzv76kySPzKRwE>

Do you know how an AED can save a Veteran's life? Watch this video and learn how this critical life-saving device can guide you through what to do during a medical emergency.

Hands-on training to save a life. VA offers hands-on, immersive sessions where you can learn and practice using CPR and an AED. Training is available at almost every medical VA medical center nationwide and it takes less than one day to complete.

Diana Loveland, a nurse and caregiver, had just received the training when her father-in-law went into cardiac arrest. She found him in his room not breathing and without a pulse. Her training kicked in immediately. She turned him over and started CPR while her mother-in-law called 911. She did compressions for nearly 15 minutes before paramedics arrived.

"I kept thinking, 'hard and fast, hard and fast!'" said Loveland. Nine months later, her father-in-law has made a full recovery, and he is exercising regularly and feeling better than ever.

To enroll in CPR and AED training, call the [Caregiver Support Line](#) toll-free at 1-855-260-3274 or visit the [CSP Teams/Caregiver Support Team Locator](#).

Emergencies are stressful, but training can give you a clear plan of action and reduce panic and uncertainty. You'll not only be more capable, but you'll also feel more capable.

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

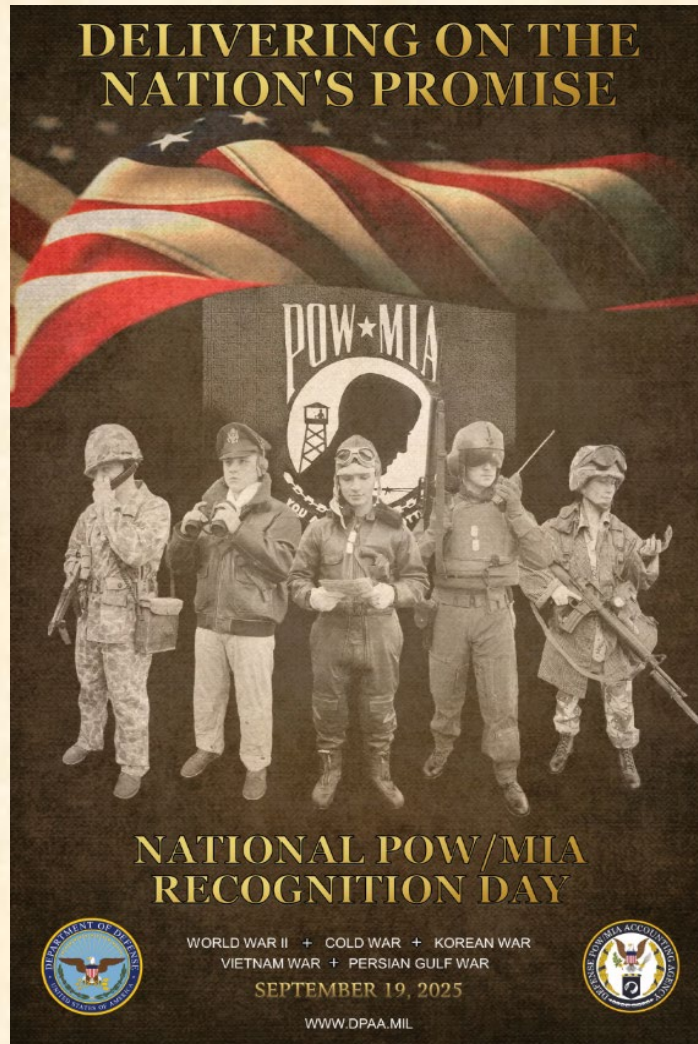
[June 2025 Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)
[May 2025 Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)
[April 2025 Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)
[Federal Benefits Guide \(2025\)](#)
[How to report a veterans death to VA Million Veteran Program](#)
[PACT Act and your VA Benefits](#)
[Survivors Pension](#)
[Women Veterans 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

There are no reports of any POW/MIA Accounted For this week.

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.



POW/MIA UNACCOUNTED FOR

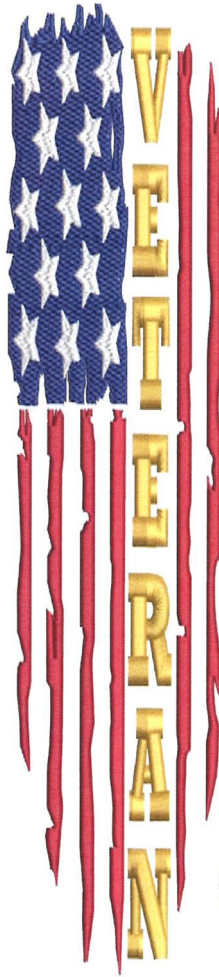


*According to DPAA,
as of June 12th, 2025,
there remain:*

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| World War II: | 71910 |
| Korea: | 7416 |
| Vietnam: | 1571 |
| Cold War: | 126 |
| Gulf War/Libya: | 6 |
| Total: | 81056 |

*Current Identifications
By Conflict for FY 25
As Of June 21th, 2025*

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| World War II | 97 |
| Korea | 37 |
| Cold War | 0 |
| Vietnam | 3 |



**Amador County
Veterans Service
Office**

Will be

Closed

**On the following
Tuesdays:**

June 10th-Training

June 16th-20th-

(Moving to Suite 100 and Training)

June 24th-Training

**I apologize for any
inconvenience this may cause.**

Please leave a message at 209-223-6476

INFORMATION



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Amador County

Veterans Service Officer

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209-223-6476

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Hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed (9-4)

by appointment

Thu (9-1) & (2-4) Walk-ins

Fri – No appointments

IONE MEMORIAL POST & AUX 8254

Action Corps Weekly – June 9th, 2025

Veterans Indicted in Puerto Rico Claim Shark Case: A federal grand jury in the District of Puerto Rico recently handed down a 49-count indictment against 10 individuals, including veterans, a VA employee, and unaccredited claims agents that the VFW calls Claim Sharks. They have been charged with defrauding the government to illegally obtain VA disability compensation benefits. The charges specify that the claims agents coached the veterans on providing false information during medical examinations and for submitting claims to obtain maximum disability compensation, while the VA employee routed these claims to his subordinates for adjudication. The VFW has been warning veterans over the past few years that THEY could be held liable for fraudulent activity of these Claim Sharks. [Read more.](#)

VA Foreign Medical Program Update: VA has announced that veterans who receive care through the [Foreign Medical Program](#)(FMP) will now receive reimbursement payments through direct deposit instead of paper checks. This applies only to payments made to U.S. bank accounts, but VA is working to add international bank accounts. FMP covers health care for service-connected disabilities and related conditions for veterans living or traveling abroad. Improvements to this program, including faster reimbursements, is a VFW priority. This change to direct deposit is a positive step. [Read more.](#)

Beware of VA Pension Poaching Scam: Fraudsters use a tactic called “pension poaching” in attempts to swindle veterans and survivors who are potentially eligible for VA pension benefits. A pension is an income-based benefit, and these bad actors pressure individuals to manipulate their assets or add unneeded home health care expenses to deceptively adjust their earnings to qualify. If caught illegally obtaining VA benefits, the pensioner, not the fraudster, would be responsible for repaying any improperly received amounts. [Read more](#) to arm yourself against this scam.

Post 8254.

- **Fireworks Sale.** The Post is participating in the annual IBCA Fireworks sale from June 28th to July 4th. If you are interested in volunteering some time, please contact Commander Rick.
- **Purple Heart Day.** The 5th Annual Commemoration will be held on August 7th at 10:00 AM in Plymouth. More info to come.
- **We are looking for volunteers to make the Main Dish for the monthly meeting.** If you have an idea for a certain month and would like to volunteer for the main dish only, please contact Rick or Dolores.

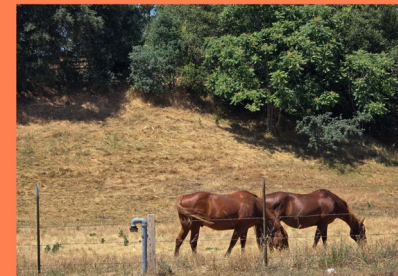


LINKS

[National Website](#)

[Post Website](#)

[Post Facebook Page](#)



**Post 8254 & Auxiliary
Dinner & a Meeting
Wednesday, July 9th
Dinner: 5:00 PM;
Meeting 6:00 PM Sharp
(Maximum done by 7:15)
215 S. Amador St., Ione
209-274-4956**

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.

DAV CHAPTER 118

Veteran homelessness declines despite national surge

June 12, 2025 | DAV National Website.

As the overall homelessness rate in the U.S. has surged over several years, veteran homelessness has reached its lowest point since tracking began in 2009.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count measures the number of people, including veterans, who experience sheltered and unsheltered homelessness on a single night in January each year.

Data from the most recent PIT count showed that veterans were the only group that saw a decrease. The number of veterans experiencing homelessness dropped from 35,574 to 32,882—a nearly 8% decrease from 2023 to 2024.

One contributing factor in this continued decline is increased attention and investment toward addressing veteran homelessness, though targeted resources in specific areas remain critically important.

Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH), Supportive Services for Veteran Families, Grant and Per Diem, and other programs have been instrumental in helping veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

If you are a veteran who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, please contact your nearest DAV service office at benefitsquestions.org.

Note (NOT related to the story just listed): *I would also add that the mission of Victory Village is in large part of dealing with the homeless veterans, so that is another avenue to check if you find yourself as homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.*



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 Department Newsletter – Apr 25](#)

[DAV National Website](#)

[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



Legion Twitter. We're urging support for the SAVES Act, which proposes a 5-year pilot program for VA to award grants to nonprofit orgs to provide trained service dogs to eligible [#veterans](#), cover training costs & provide life-long veterinary insurance.

Too many veterans are left without the critical support they need to recover from the visible and invisible wounds of war. For those living with physical disabilities, PTSD, or other service-connected conditions, the lack of access to trained service dogs represents a major gap in care. It's time to close that gap.

The American Legion recognizes the profound impact service dogs have on veterans' lives. These dogs assist their companions with much-needed daily tasks, such as retrieving items, opening doors, and providing balance support, which are invaluable for veterans with mobility challenges. Moreover, service dogs can detect and respond to medical emergencies like seizures or panic attacks, offering an added comforting layer of safety and independence.

The American Legion supports H.R. 2605 and S. 1441, the Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES) Act, based on Resolution No. 134: Service Dogs for Injured Service Personnel and Veterans with Mental Health Conditions. We want to ensure that veterans have access to service dogs!

H.R. 2605 and S. 1441 both propose a five-year pilot program for the VA to award grants to nonprofit organizations to provide trained service dogs to eligible veterans, cover the cost of training, and provide life-long veterinary insurance.

By supporting the SAVES Act, The American Legion reaffirms its dedication to enhancing the quality of life for veterans through innovative and effective support mechanisms. We encourage all Legionnaires and supporters to contact their congressional representatives to advocate for the passage of H.R. 2605 and S. 1441.

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

Dues

| | |
|--------|------|
| Legion | \$50 |
| Riders | \$30 |
| Sons | \$10 |

Meetings.

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

2025 Blood Drives: June 2nd, 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 MOTHERLODE DET 1080

Marines with the @22nd MEU prepare to take part in a tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel exercise aboard the U.S. Navy Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) in support of Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise while underway in the Atlantic Ocean. During ARGMEUEX, the 22nd MEU, aboard IWO ARG shipping, conducts various mission-essential tasks that enhance operational readiness and lethality as a unified IWOARG/22 MEU team.

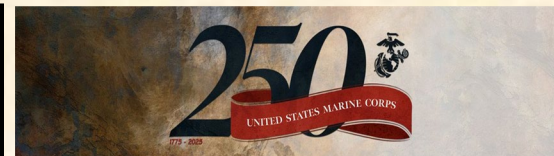





USMC
1775 - 2025

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




Links

[Marine Corps Website](#)
[Marine Corps League Membership Application](#)
[Marine Corps League Recommended Reading](#)

Next Meeting



Det 1080 Monthly Meeting
Saturday, July 12th, 10:00 AM
215 S. Amador St., Ione



*Marine Corps Ball will be held November 10th
at a new location – the American Legion Hall
in Sutter Hill.*

TRICARE

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

TRICARE Pharmacy Program

www.tricare.mil/pharmacy

Express Scripts, Inc.

<https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com>

877-363-1303

877-882-3324 (specialty prescriptions)

Dental Programs

www.tricare.mil/dental

TRICARE Active Duty Dental Program

866-984-2337 (CONUS)

844-653-4058 (OCONUS)

TRICARE Dental Program

844-653-4061 (CONUS)

844-653-4060 (OCONUS)

TRICARE For Life

www.tricare.mil/tfl

866-773-0404

Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program

www.benefeds.gov

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

www.tricare.mil/deers

<https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil>

800-538-9552

Contact the DMDC/DEERS Support Office to check your TRICARE eligibility or for help with eligibility-related issues.

For a complete list of TRICARE contacts, visit www.tricare.mil/contactus.



**A Registered Nurse is Only
a Call or Click Away!**



Web Chat



Video Chat



Call (Visit the web to find your location-specific number.)

In the U.S., call 800-TRICARE
(800-874-2273), option 1.

MHSNurseAdviceLine.com

Find your DOD benefits number on your ID card.



Links

[DEERS INFO](#)

[TRICARE 101](#)

[TRICARE Costs & Fees Sheet](#)

[TRICARE Eligibility](#)

[TRICARE Health Matters Newsletter](#)

[TRICARE Overseas Travel](#)

[TRICARE West](#)

TRICARE News

- June 10: [Keep an Eye on Your Vision Health With TRICARE](#)
- June 5: [Unlock Your Health: How to Report Fraud and Abuse With TRICARE](#)
- June 2: [Your TRICARE Checklist for Moving](#)
- May 29: [Unlock Your Health: How To Get Mental Health Care With TRICARE](#)
- May 22: [Learn About TRICARE Health Plan Options for Young Adults > TRICARE Newsroom > TRICARE News](#)

PTSD AWARENESS MONTH

PTSD
TREATMENT
WORKS

20
25

THANK YOU FOR
HELPING SPREAD
THE WORD ABOUT
PTSD
AND EFFECTIVE
TREATMENTS
www.ptsd.va.gov

JUNE

June is PTSD Awareness Month

SPREAD THE WORD | RAISE AWARENESS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 Make the <u>pledge</u> to raise PTSD Awareness | 2 Use our <u>image</u> as your Social Media profile pic | 3 Share resources like the <u>Veterans Crisis Line</u> | 4 Download PTSD Coach or PTSD Family Coach mobile apps | 5 Listen and subscribe to the <u>PTSD Bytes podcast</u> | 6 Like our <u>Facebook page</u> | 7 Get key information on trauma, PTSD and treatment |
| 8 Step up and register for our <u>Virtual Walk</u> | 9 Share our <u>video about PTSD symptoms</u> on social media | 10 Learn about and compare PTSD treatment options | 11 Take an <u>online course or program</u> | 12 Share stories of Veterans who have been there | 13 Learn about <u>Medications</u> for PTSD | 14 PTSD explained in 4 minutes: watch <u>What is PTSD?</u> |
| 15 Share our <u>social media posts</u> | 16 Learn about <u>common reactions after trauma</u> | 17 Find a PTSD therapist | 18 Practice <u>mindfulness</u> | 19 Juneteenth Learn ways to cope with <u>racial trauma</u> | 20 Follow us on X | 21 Read <u>Understanding PTSD and PTSD Treatment</u> |
| 22 Subscribe to our <u>YouTube channel</u> | 23 Share <u>this photo</u> on Instagram | 24 Hear what PTSD is like for <u>family members</u> | 25 Learn <u>how to talk</u> to a Veteran about mental health care | 26 Learn about <u>evidence-based treatment</u> | 27 PTSD Screening Day Take the PTSD <u>Self-Screen</u> | 28 Learn about <u>how sleep affects PTSD</u> |
| 29 Subscribe to our <u>PTSD Update</u> | 30 Explore <u>our website</u> to learn even more about PTSD | | | | | |



PTSD TREATMENT
WORKS

Why wait?



www.ptsd.va.gov

EIGHT WAYS TO MANAGE PTSD SYMPTOMS

1. [Get Treatment](#). PTSD Treatment works! Compare options with the PTSD Treatment Decision Aid.
2. [Practice Mindfulness](#). Reduce stress and improve well-being with Mindfulness Coach.
3. [Limit Alcohol Use](#). Get support and cut back on drinking. Try VetChange.
4. [Improve your Sleep](#). Get better quality sleep and tools to get your sleep back on track with Insomnia Coach.
5. [Build Coping Skills](#). Learn about and manage symptoms that often occur after trauma with PTSD Coach.
6. [Plan Something Enjoyable](#). Find and schedule activities that can help improve your mood with PTSD Coach Online tools.
7. [Control Anger](#). Manage your temper and get support with the AIMS online program.
8. [Hear from Veterans](#). Watch and read real stories of life with PTSD from Veterans who have been there.

SUMMER SAFETY – FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Water Safety

Every day, an average of 11 people die in the U.S. from unintentional drowning — and one in five of those are children 14 or younger according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). The Red Cross wants everyone to know [critical safety knowledge](#) and skills that could save your life in and around the water. We encourage families to build confidence in the water by learning to be safe, making good choices, [learning to swim](#) and how to handle emergencies.

- Preventing unsupervised access to water, providing constant, active adult supervision and knowing how to swim are critical layers of protection to help prevent drowning.
- Classes to learn [how to swim](#) are available for both children and adults. Check the [map](#) for Learn-to-Swim providers in your community. Everyone should learn [first aid](#) and [CPR](#) too, so they know what to do in an emergency.
- Download the Red Cross [Swim app](#), sponsored by The ZAC Foundation, for safety tips, kid-friendly videos and activities, and take the free Water Safety for Parents and Caregivers online course in [English](#) or in [Spanish](#).
- It's best to swim in a lifeguarded area. Always designate a “[water watcher](#)” whose sole responsibility is to keep a close eye and constant attention on everyone in and around the water until the next water watcher takes over.
- Drowning behavior is typically fast and silent. Unless rescued, a drowning person will last only 20 to 60 seconds before submerging. Reach or throw, don't go! In the event of an emergency, reach or throw an object to the person in trouble. Don't go in or you could become a victim yourself. [Test your knowledge!](#)
- It only takes a moment. A child or weak swimmer can drown in the time it takes to reply to a text, check a fishing line or apply sunscreen. For additional information about staying safe while swimming in larger bodies of water like oceans or lakes, review our beach safety tips below.



Camping Safety

If a camping trip is in your plans, know the level of ability of the people in your group and the environment around you. Plan accordingly.

- Pack a [first aid kit](#) to handle insect stings, sprains, cuts and bruises and other injuries that could happen to someone in your group. Take a Red Cross First Aid and CPR course and download the [First Aid app](#) so that you will know what to do in case help is delayed. You'll learn how to treat severe wounds, broken bones, bites and stings and more.
- Sprains and falls are some of the most common misfortunes travelers may face. Falls are the biggest threat, many due to poor decision-making, lack of skill or not being properly prepared. Dehydration is also a danger. Plan ahead for these dangers.
- Share your travel plans and locations with a family member, neighbor or friend.
- Bring nutritious food items and water, light-weight clothing to layer and supplies for any pets.

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 & 5: | Independence Day & <i>Volcano Car Show (5th)</i> | | 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 |
| 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 June 2nd, 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 B. | Noon – 4:00 PM | 209-274-4956 |
| Amador County Veterans Service Office | Angela Sheble | Refer to CVSO Page | 209-223-6476 |

Emergency Contacts

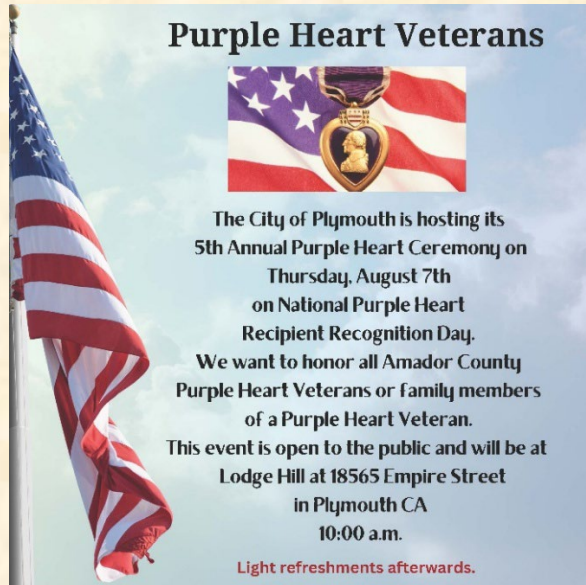
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| Ione PD: | 209-274-2456 | | Sutter Amador Hospital: | 209-223-7500 |
| Jackson PD: | 209-223-1771 | | Amador Fire: | 209-223-6391 |
| Sutter Creek PD: | 209-267-5646 | | Burn Day Hotline: | 209-223-6246 |
| Amador County Sheriff: | 209-223-6500 |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

Important Internet Resources

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| 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 COMMEMORATIONS

AUGUST 7TH



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

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

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.

SEPTEMBER 19TH



This event has been reinstated here at the VFW Post in Ione. There will be more details to come, but we will have a very brief remembrance, followed by some light refreshments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 5th in Volcano...

Marine Corps League Det 1080 is part of the



Volcano Car Show

July 5, 2025


Car Show
and
Parade


POC: Jack Magee


Downtown Volcano
9:00 AM (Parade)
All Day (Car Show)




Registration is **NOW OPEN** for the 2nd Annual Ione Car Show! Bring your classic, custom, or one-of-a-kind ride to Main Street and be part of a hometown tradition that's growing fast!


 Saturday, June 21, 2025 | 9 AM – 3 PM

 Main Street, Downtown Ione

 \$30 registration includes an official 2025 Car Show t-shirt

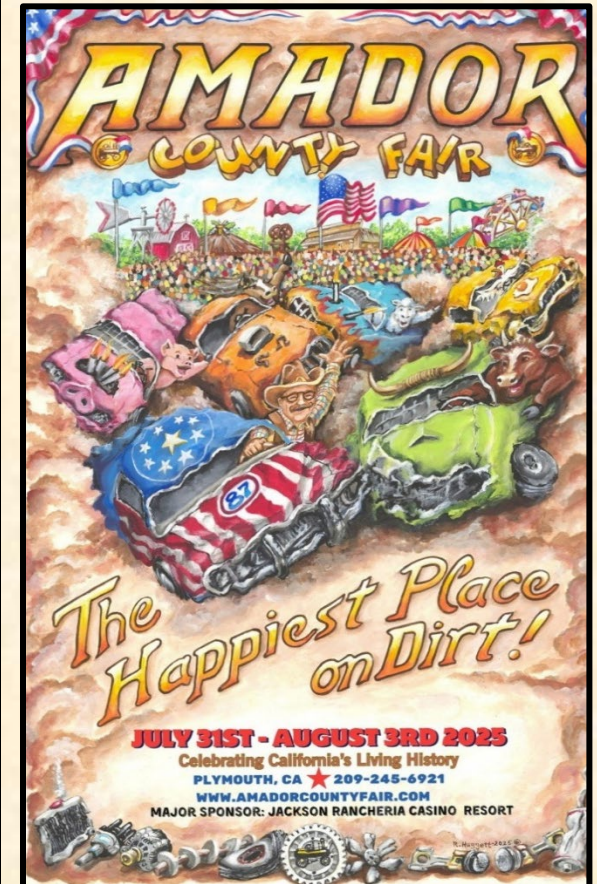
 Deadline to register: June 1st

 Early check-in + Friday night mixer at Blue Stone Public House!

 Tap the link to register your vehicle and view the full itinerary.

<https://myione.com/2025-carshow>

*End of July...
Amador County Fair*



VETERANS CALENDAR – JUNE 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|---|
| Jun 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 9 AM Kaiser Truck ↻ | 5 7 PM Legion Mtg ↻ | 6 D-Day ↻ School Ends | 7 10 AM MCL Mtg ↻ |
| 8 | 9 6 PM Sons Mtg ↻ 6:30 PM Riders Mtg ↻ | 10 | 11 MCL State Convention (Clovis) 5 PM 8254 Mtgs ↻ | 12 | 13 | 14 Army B-day ↻ Flag Day ↻ LUCID WKG PTY ↻ |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 VFW State Convention 9 AM Kaiser Truck ↻ | 19 7 PM DAV Mtg ↻ | 20 | 21 Ione Car Show |
| 22 VFW State Convention | 23 | 24 | 25 Legion State Convention (Visalia) | 26 | 27 | 28 LUCID WORKING PTY ↻ |
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As the schedule can attest, we have an ambitious schedule for the month of June and into the first week of July. In addition to our standard monthly meetings, we will have two events for Flag Day, and we also run up into convention season. Not listed on here is the fireworks booth for which we recently have assisted the IBCA in manning from June 28th through July 4th. If you have some time to volunteer, please contact Commander Rick Boughner.