



Amador County Veterans Newsletter - May 26th, 2025

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.

May the example of their sacrifice inspire us in the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." - Unknown

"I need to be outside. I need to be in the world and to remember that I am of it." - John Green

"June is the pearl of summer, shining with warmth and joy." - L. M. Montgomery

MILITARY HISTORY THIS WEEK

- 5/26/1951: U.N. Forces drove the communists' back across the 38th parallel on most of the Korean battlefields.
- 5/27/1813: Americans captured Fort George, Canada
- 5/28/1984: On Memorial Day the only American Unknown Soldier from the Vietnam War is laid to rest at ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery
- 5/29/1932 The so-called "Bonus Expeditionary Force," a group of 1,000 World War I veterans seeking cash payments for their veterans' bonus certificates, arrive in Washington, D.C.
- 5/30/1868: The first major Memorial Day observance is held to honor those who died "in defense of their country during the late rebellion."
- 5/31/1864: The Army of Northern Virginia under Robert E. Lee engages the Army of the Potomac under Ulysses S. Grant and George Meade.
- 6/1/2007: USS Chafee, fires on suspected terrorists staying in Puntland, in northern Somalia.

Quick Note. Due to the early release of this newsletter, we will have a report on our Memorial Day Weekend activities in the next newsletter, scheduled for June 2nd.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

VA makes it easier for Veterans to use community care

May 19, 2025

Access to non-VA care no longer requires secondary approval

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced changes that will make it easier for VA-enrolled Veterans to access health care from non-VA providers at the department's expense.

Since 2019, the MISSION Act has enabled VA-enrolled Veterans to access health care from non-VA providers at the department's expense when it is in their best medical interest. These decisions have been made jointly by Veterans and their referring clinicians but were not considered final until they were reviewed by a second VA doctor.

Effective immediately, VA will implement language in the [Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act](#) that removes this extra review step. The change will give eligible Veterans faster access to community care.

“Under President Trump, VA is providing Veterans with more health care choices than ever before,” said **VA Secretary Doug Collins**. “Now, we’re making it even easier for Veterans to get their health care when and where its most convenient for them. We are putting Veterans first at the department, and that means placing a premium on customer service and convenience. This important change will help us do just that.”

Background. Since 2019, the MISSION Act has given eligible Veterans the option of seeking community care outside VA when they meet any one of six conditions:

- When it is in the best medical interest of the Veteran.
- The care required is not available at a VA medical facility.
- The Veteran lives in a state or territory that does not have a full-service VA facility
- VA cannot meet wait time or distance standards:
 - VA cannot offer an appointment within 20 days for primary care, mental health or non-institutional extended care, or within 28 days for specialty care.
 - It takes more than a 30-minute drive to reach primary or mental health care, or a 60-minute drive for specialty care.
- VA service does not meet certain quality standards.
- The Veteran meets the grandfathered distance and location provisions of the former Veterans Choice Program.

The new, streamlined process for determining best medical interest will be backed by training for Veterans Health Administration employees to ensure compliance with the Elizabeth Dole Act.

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

[May 2025 Veterans Benefits](#)

[Newsletter](#)

[April 2025 Veterans Benefits](#)

[Newsletter](#)

[March 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

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. John H. Danneker, 19, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, killed during World War II, was accounted for Dec. 10, 2024. Danneker was assigned to the 565th Bombardment Squadron, 389th Bombardment Group, 2nd Combat Bomb Wing, 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, in the European Theater. On June 20, Danneker, the left waist gunner onboard a B-24J "Liberator" bomber, went missing in action when his plane crashed into the Baltic Sea off the coast of Denmark after colliding with another B-24 in the same formation. The pilot and co-pilot of Danneker's aircraft were able to bail out and survived, but all evidence points to the rest of the crew being killed in the crash. Danneker will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in August 2025.

Army Sgt. James B. Brock, 20, of Phoenix, Arizona, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Jan. 29, 2025. In December 1950, Brock was a member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. Brock was reported missing in action after his unit was forced to retreat from Hagaru-ri, North Korea, after the Battle of Jangjin (Chosin) Reservoir. The U.S. Army did not receive any information during or after the war to indicate Brock was ever held as a prisoner of war. Brock will be buried in a location and on a date yet to be determined.

Army Cpl. Albert J. Estrada, 17, of Woodland, California, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for April 16, 2025. In late 1950, Estrada was a member of Battery B, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action Dec. 6, 1950, in the vicinity of Hagaru-ri near the Jangjin (Chosin) Reservoir, Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The U.S. Army did not receive any information to indicate that he was ever held as a Prisoner of War and on Dec. 31, 1953, issued a presumptive finding of death. He was declared non-recoverable on Jan. 16, 1956. Estrada will be buried in Woodland, California, in June 2025.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Nicholas J. Governale, 22, killed during World War II, was accounted for May 15, 2025. In the summer of 1943, Governale was a member of 69th Bombardment Squadron, 42d Bombardment Group (Medium). He was killed on July 10 when his North American B-25C-1 Mitchell medium bomber crashed on takeoff from Carney Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. His remains were not recovered after the war, and he was declared nonrecoverable on May 11, 1949.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Donald W. Sheppick, 26, of Roscoe, Pennsylvania, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 20, 2024. In March 1944, Sheppick was assigned to the 320th Bombardment Squadron, 90th Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force and deployed in present day Papua New Guinea. On the morning of March 11, Sheppick, the navigator onboard a B-24D Liberator bomber called "Heaven Can Wait," departed Nadzab Strip #1, Papua New Guinea, as part of a bombing mission against enemy positions at Boram Airfield and Awar Point, Hansa Bay, located along the northern coast of New Guinea. Observers from other aircraft in the formation reported seeing flames erupting from the bomb bay, spreading to the tail quickly. Heaven Can Wait was seen pitching up violently before banking left and crashing down into the water. It is believed anti-aircraft fire hit the plane, causing un-dropped ordnance to explode. Several aircraft circled the crash site in hopes of locating any possible survivors, but none could be seen. Sheppick will be buried in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, on a date yet to be determined.

POW/MIA UNACCOUNTED FOR



According to DPAA, as of May 22nd, 2025, there remain:

World War II:	71928
Korea:	7421
Vietnam:	1571
Cold War:	126
Gulf War/Libya:	6
Total:	81056

Army Air Forces Pvt. Herbert E. McLaughlin, 31, of Shawano, Wisconsin, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 17, 2024. During World War II, McLaughlin was assigned to Headquarters Squadron, 17th Air 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, targeting U.S. aircrafts, ships, barracks, supply buildings, and the base chapel. The attack lasted four hours. McLaughlin was reportedly killed during this time. McLaughlin will be buried in Shawano, Wisconsin, on a date yet to be determined.

Current Identifications by Conflict for FY 2025

Unaccounted for DoD personnel are those who went missing during a designated conflict and who have not yet been accounted for.



WORLD
WAR II

79



KOREAN
WAR

32



COLD
WAR

0



VIETNAM
WAR

3

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DELIVERING ON THE
NATION'S PROMISE



NATIONAL POW/MIA
RECOGNITION DAY



WORLD WAR II + COLD WAR + KOREAN WAR
VIETNAM WAR + PERSIAN GULF WAR

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

WWW.DPAA.MIL



AMADOR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

The 2025 National Veterans Day Poster Contest is now open

March 10, 2025 | Terri Evans, National Veterans Outreach Office

Attention Artists: The 2025 National Veterans Day Poster Contest is now open for submissions.

Here's your opportunity to show off your talent and use your artwork to honor Veterans. VA and the Veterans Day National Committee are now accepting entries for the 2025 Veterans Day Poster Contest. Submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on May 2, 2025.

This contest is open to all, and your art should reflect this year's theme: "Service to our Nation."

After receiving more than 150 entries last year, Myisha Godette, a retired, disabled Army Veteran from Queens, New York, was selected as the winner of the 2024 contest. In describing her design, Myisha's inspiration was "the shared experience of service members—past, present and future—with elements like the American Flag, military "dog tags," and the enduring strength of Veterans, embodied by a solid, dark concrete background in my design."

The winning poster will be distributed to VA facilities, military installations worldwide, and across cities and towns in our nation. It will also serve as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day National Observance at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 11, 2025.

To ensure your submission meets the technical requirements, please review [our design submission guidelines](#) before engaging your creativity. Successful designs are very simple, with minimal imagery and verbiage. To view examples of past winning submissions, visit [The Veterans Day Poster Gallery](#).

Submit electronic versions as jpg/jpeg images or PDF files to vetsday@va.gov.

Questions? Please email the Veterans Day Coordinator at vetsday@va.gov.

Unlocking Veteran tax exemptions in California

April 22, 2025 | Victoria Do and Ed McEvoy, Veterans Experience Office

- **Income:** Active duty residents stationed outside California pay no state income tax. Military pay is taxable if stationed in-state.
- **Other/Business:** Honorably discharged Veterans selling goods from a fixed location may avoid municipal, county, and state business license fees (excludes alcohol sales).
- **Property:** Honorably discharged Veterans or their surviving spouse or pensioned parent claim a \$4,000 property tax exemption unless the property value exceeds \$5,000 (\$10,000 for married couples). Veterans with 100% disability or their unmarried surviving spouse qualify for a larger exemption with basic and low-income tiers—check with the local assessor.

[Learn more about Veteran benefits in California.](#)

INFORMATION



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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 – May 19, 2025

VFW Meets with House Subcommittee Chairwoman: VFW National Senior Vice Commander Carol Whitmore and National Legislative Director Kristina Keenan met with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health Chairwoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks. They discussed the VFW's [legislative priorities](#) including needed research on alternative treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder, and ways to improve VA's Foreign Medical Program.

VFW Joins Roundtable on Underserved Veterans: House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Mark Takano convened a roundtable with veteran organizations and advocacy groups to discuss disparities in access to VA care and benefits for minority and underserved veterans. VFW National Legislative Director Kristina Keenan highlighted the need for VA to collect more data to identify areas of need, conduct research on women veterans during all phases of life to include during menopause, reach veterans on tribal lands, and provide mandatory military cultural competency training for Community Care Network providers.

VFW Statement for House Subcommittee Hearing: VFW National Legislative Associate Director Nancy Springer provided a statement for the record for a House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs hearing on improper VA compensation and pension payments. She commented on four common causes of irregular payments and how they affect beneficiaries. [Read the statement](#) or [watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 23:57 mark.

Million Veteran Program Impact on Mental Health Care: VA's Million Veteran Program is committed to making health discoveries to improve care for mental health, including post-traumatic stress disorder, substance use disorders, and suicide prevention. [Learn more](#) about the program and how your participation can help can make a difference in the physical and mental well-being of yourself and others now and in the future.

Post 8254.

- **Purple Heart Day.** The 5th Annual Commemoration will be held on August 7th at 10:00 AM in Plymouth. More info to come.
- **Teacher of the Year.** At our May Meeting, we honored our Post Teacher of the Year, Jordan Gold. There is a huge write up on our Facebook page about her overcoming obstacles to get where she is today and we would love for you to check it out. We thank her for her service as a Teacher, helping to shape the young minds of the future.



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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.

LINKS

[National Website](#)

[Post Website](#)

[Post Facebook Page](#)



Post 8254 & Aux Dinner & a Meeting
Wednesday, June 11th

Dinner: 5:00 PM; Meeting 6:00 PM
215 S. Amador St., Ione;
209-274-4956

June 14th - Flag Day - Two Events:
Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast 8 AM - Noon
Flag Retirement Event in the Evening

DAV CHAPTER 118

S. 668, the Supporting Access to Falls Education and Prevention and Strengthening Training Efforts and Promoting Safety Initiatives—or SAFE STEPS for Veterans Act of 2025, would establish the Office of Falls Prevention within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The primary role of the office would be to oversee and improve the VA's initiatives aimed at preventing falls among veterans, with the goal of lowering the frequency of falls and associated health care expenses. The office would be required to develop and implement standards of care and facilitate coordination with departments to promote research, educational and training activities related to falls prevention.

We support the SAFE STEPS for Veterans Act of 2025, in accordance with DAV Resolution No. 403, which calls for legislation to improve and strengthen VA health services for ill and injured veterans.

H.R. 865, the Service-Disabled Veteran Opportunities in Small Business Act, aims to provide increased support for service-disabled veteran entrepreneurs by mandating specialized training for federal contract managers who have not met established contract goals for these veteran-owned small businesses. This training program seeks to enhance the award of federal contracts to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, thereby guaranteeing more equitable access to the contracting market.

Service-disabled veterans have sacrificed for our country, and H.R. 865 would help ensure they receive equal, competitive opportunities to succeed in the federal contracting market.

We support H.R. 865 in accordance with DAV Resolution No. 100, which calls for increasing the number of contract awards to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

We call on all DAV members and supporters to contact your Senators and urge them to cosponsor and support these important pieces of legislation.



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. “This is their day. We’re going to give them the celebration they deserve.” [@USNavy](#) & [@USMC](#) will return to their birthplace in Philadelphia this fall for the national celebration of their 250th anniversaries.

<https://legion.org/information-center/news/honor/2025/may/philadelphia-to-host-epic-250th-birthday-bash-for-navy-marine-corps...> [#Navy250](#) [#USMC250](#)

Legion Twitter #2. Natl Cdr LaCoursiere: "This significant improvement from VA eliminates an administrative hurdle that delays necessary treatment for our nations' veterans." [@DeptVetAffairs](#) lessens steps for VA-enrolled [#veterans](#) to access [#healthcare](#) from non-VA providers. <https://legion.org/information-center/news/veterans-healthcare/2025/may/va-makes-it-easier-for-veterans-to-use-community-care>

Legion Twitter #3. As [#LegionBaseball100](#) approaches, we're putting together an All-Centennial Team. And we want your help. Head to [@legionbaseball](#) to vote position by position. Team will be announced July 11. Nominees include 86 [@baseballhall](#) members. <https://legion.org/information-center/news/baseball/2025/april/vote-for-the-american-legion-baseball-all-centennial-team>

Legion Twitter #4. This year we will award over \$1.7 million to 559 college students, both record amounts for our Legacy Scholarship. A needs-based [#scholarship](#) that supports graduate or post-graduate tuition, books, room & board, meal plans & other supplies. <https://legion.org/information-center/news/scholarships/2025/may/record-17-million-awarded-in-legacy-scholarship...> [#BestOfTheWeek](#)

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.

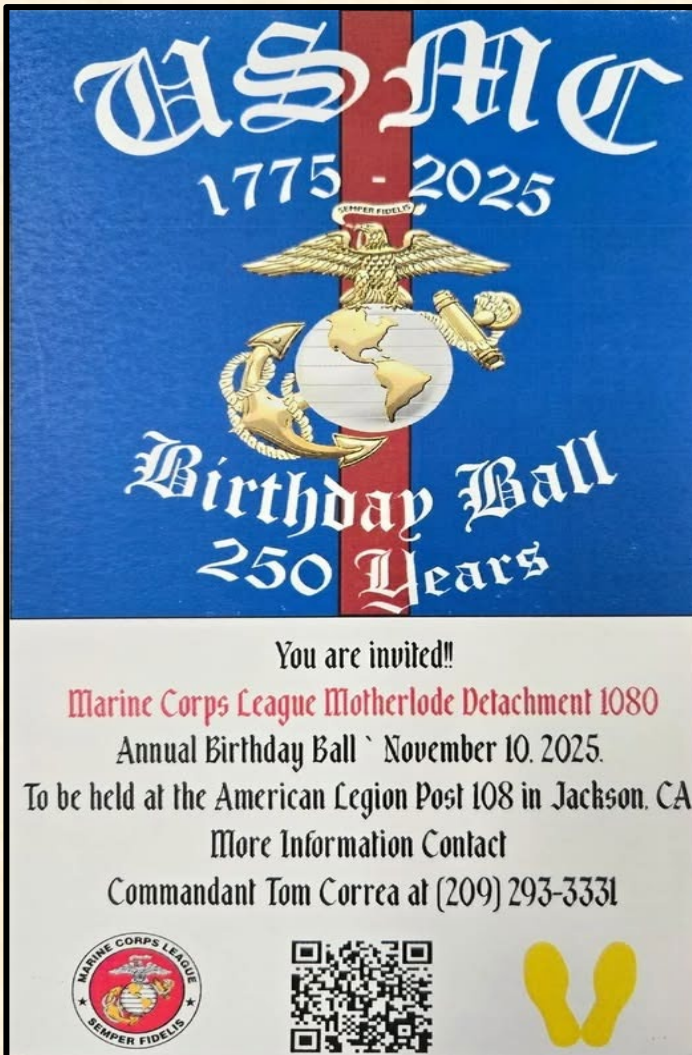
Bingo. Bingo will start up at the Legion Post on the Second Thursday of each month.

Links:

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

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MOTHERLODE DET 1080

Throughout 2025, the [#MarineCorps](#) will engage in a nationwide campaign celebrating our 250 years as a Corps featuring two national-level capstone events and four Marine Weeks across major cities, proudly showcasing the warfighting spirit of our Corps. Being a Marine is not just a duty – it's a calling that demands the best of each of us. We will carry forward the torch of honor and commitment, illuminating the path for those who will follow. Happy 250th Birthday Marines, and Semper Fidelis!



The poster features a blue background with a red vertical stripe. At the top, 'U.S. MC' is written in large, white, stylized letters, with '1775 - 2025' below it. In the center is the Marine Corps emblem, a globe with an eagle and anchor. Below the emblem, 'Birthday Ball' and '250 Years' are written in white, stylized letters. At the bottom, on a white background, it says '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', a small Marine Corps League emblem, a QR code, and a yellow footprint graphic.

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

Next Meeting



The logo is a circular emblem with 'MARINE CORPS LEAGUE' at the top and 'SEMPER FIDELIS' at the bottom. In the center is a globe with an eagle and anchor.

Det 1080 Monthly Meeting
Saturday, June 7th, 10:00 AM
215 S. Amador St., Lone



The poster has a blue background with a white American flag on the right. It features the text 'FLAG DAY' in large, white, stylized letters, with '★ JUNE 14 ★' and 'BIRTHDAY OF THE STARS AND STRIPES' below it.

Summer Time!!!

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

TRICARE

Disenrolled From Your TRICARE Plan in the West Region? Here's How To Reinstate Your Coverage After April 30

April 22nd, 2025 | By TRICARE Communications

IMPORTANT: Do you currently live in the TRICARE [West Region](#)? Do you pay for your TRICARE coverage using a bank electronic funds transfer, credit card, or debit card?

If you haven't done so already, you must securely [provide your payment information](#) to the West Region contractor, [TriWest Healthcare Alliance](#), by **April 30**. If you haven't submitted payment to TriWest by April 30, **you and your family members will be disenrolled from your TRICARE plan on May 1**. This disenrollment is retroactive to your paid-through date. You'll receive a letter from DMDC informing you of the disenrollment. **Note:** You don't need to take any action if you have [TRICARE For Life](#), the [US Family Health Plan](#), or a TRICARE health plan overseas.

If you haven't made any payments for coverage this year, your disenrollment will date back to Jan. 1. This means you'll be responsible for paying the **full cost of any healthcare services** you or your family members have received this calendar year. "We want to ensure that everyone who wants to keep their TRICARE plan has a chance to reinstate their coverage," explained Malcolm Jones, enrollment specialist, TRICARE Health Plan, at the Defense Health Agency. "But if you're disenrolled, you must take action now to reinstate your coverage—it won't be automatic." Keep reading to learn more about your reinstatement options.

How to request reinstatement. Do you want to reinstate your TRICARE coverage? You can do so any time before **June 30**. Call TriWest at 888-TRIWEST (874-9378) and say that you've been disenrolled and would like to reinstate your enrollment. (**Note:** You can't request reinstatement via TriWest's portal.). If you don't request reinstatement by June 30, you won't have TRICARE medical coverage. To be reinstated, you'll need to provide your payment information to TriWest and **pay all overdue enrollment fees or premiums back to Jan. 1**.

Don't want to reinstate your coverage?. If you don't want to reinstate your TRICARE coverage, you don't need to take any action. But remember: If you don't request reinstatement before June 30, you can only get care at a [military hospital or clinic](#) if space is available.

If you're eligible for [TRICARE Prime](#) or [TRICARE Select](#), you'll need to wait until the next [TRICARE Open Season](#), which begins in November, to enroll in a plan for coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2026. Or you'll need to wait until you have a [qualifying life event](#), which opens a 90-day period for you to enroll in a TRICARE health plan. (QLEs include major life changes like marriage, birth, or moving, as described in the [TRICARE Qualifying Life Events Fact Sheet](#).)

If you had a TRICARE premium-based plan, you won't be able to purchase coverage for 12 months from your disenrollment date. These plans include:

- [TRICARE Young Adult](#)
- [TRICARE Reserve Select](#)
- [TRICARE Retired Reserve](#)

Want to avoid the need to update your TRICARE payment method in the future? Consider switching to paying by allotment. To learn how to set up payment by allotment, check out the Defense Financing and Accounting Service's [Allotments page](#).

If you have questions about your payment options, visit [West Region Payment Options](#). **Remember:** Reinstating your TRICARE coverage now will ensure that you don't need to pay the full cost of your healthcare services this year.



Links

[DEERS INFO](#)
[TRICARE 101](#)
[TRICARE Costs & Fees Sheet](#)
[TRICARE Eligibility](#)
[TRICARE Overseas Travel](#)
[TRICARE West](#)

News

May 22: [Learn About TRICARE Health Plan Options for Young Adults > TRICARE Newsroom > TRICARE News](#)

May 20: [Getting Prior Authorizations for TRICARE Prescriptions: Your Questions Answered](#)

May 14th [TRICARE Dental Program Offers Comprehensive Care for Children](#)

May 13th [TRICARE Dental Program Offers Comprehensive Care for Children](#)

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



**The President of the United States of America,
(under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 9, 1918)
takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously)
to
Private Ichiro Roy Miyasaki, United States Army**



For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with Company K, 3d Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. Private Miyasaki distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces at Tummyong-dong, Korea, on 12 June 1952. While accompanying his platoon on a mission to clear the area between Hills 183 and 191, an automatic rifleman was wounded early in the action and Private Miyasaki immediately secured the automatic weapon and continued forward with the unit through heavy mortar, artillery, and automatic-weapons fire. He was wounded during this action, but refused evacuation or emergency treatment and pushed rapidly ahead, killing an estimated five of the enemy. The hostile troops fell back under the fury of the attack until they reached a small knoll defended from a bunker by six enemy soldiers armed with automatic weapons and grenades. The platoon's advance was halted here until Private Miyasaki rushed the strongpoint, killing at least four of the defending foe. The platoon then occupied the positions the enemy retreated. Hostile units regrouped and launched a determined counterattack. Despite wounds he had received, Private Miyasaki gallantly withstood repeated assaults on his position, repulsing the foe with heavy losses. During this action, he lost his life. Private Miyasaki's heroic actions, outstanding courage, and tenacious devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit on himself and uphold the finest traditions of the military service.

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

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

VFW Post 8254 Auxiliary

PANCAKE

BREAKFAST



Saturday, June 14th
8 AM - Noon
\$15 a plate (ahead of time)
\$20 at the door

Ione Veterans Hall
 215 S. Amador St.
 209-274-4956

This is the first of two planned breakfasts this Summer. We will have this event at the Post from 8:00 AM to Noon, \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

There will also be a Flag Retirement Ceremony on the evening of June 14th with Troops 477 and 78 being involved.

THE I.B.C.A. PRESENTS

IONE CAR SHOW

2ND ANNUAL


CARS • TRUCKS • TRACTORS • BIKES • CHILI COOKOFF

HORSEPOWER, CLASSICS & FUN FOR EVERYONE





Saturday • IONE CALIFORNIA • MAIN STREET
06-21-2025 AWARDS-RAFFLE-FREE ADMISSION-9AM TO 3PM
VEHICLE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!


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>

Purple Heart Veterans



The City of Plymouth is hosting its
 5th Annual Purple Heart Ceremony on
 Thursday, August 7th
 on National Purple Heart
 Recipient Recognition Day.

We want to honor all Amador County
 Purple Heart Veterans or family members
 of a Purple Heart Veteran.

This event is open to the public and will be at
 Lodge Hill at 18565 Empire Street
 in Plymouth CA
 10:00 a.m.

Light refreshments afterwards.

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.

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 ↻
29 Legion State Convention (Vi	30	Jul 1 8 AM VFW Poppy Distro	2 9 AM Kaiser Truck ↻	3 7 PM Legion Mtg ↻	4 Independence Day Volcano Car Show	5 10 AM MCL Mtg ↻

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.