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Post 3199 Newsletter

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A Message From the Commander

Hey there Comrades,

I can't believe we are already at the end of the calendar year. That means turkeys with all the trimmings and presents. Yep! That also means a lot of things going on around the post. Please stop by the post when you can and check out everything that will be happening. We will have a Christmas tree with names of children to buy gifts for. The Auxiliary set this up last year and it was a huge success. Please come by and grab a name. The tree will be up on Nov 17, which just so happens to be the night of our Thanksgiving dinner! Join us, eat, and grab a name to take home with you. Tammi (Auxiliary President) will provide more details on when to bring in your gifts.

I need to put out a request for all of our annual members. Please pay your annual dues by Mon, Dec 31. It helps the post out by making our membership goal as well as helping meet our district, state and national goals. If your dues are not required until later in 2019, you can still renew it by Dec 31, and you will not owe again until 2020! Additionally, the post gets membership credit immediately instead of waiting until next year. If you can do it, thank you! OR, you are all welcome to become life members and never have to worry about it again—just saying!

Finally, I want to pass on some information from the recent meeting. The "Evil Five" is no more. This all started as a disrespectful gesture by one of our

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Chaplain's Corner

Hey there Post 3199!

Right now I'm enjoying some of God's greatest creations, the Hills of Arizona. I'm taking a little backpacking trip just to get out and stretch the legs a little. As we head into the Holiday season, I want to encourage each of you to find that small thing you enjoy to help you get out and stretch the legs a little. We have been given a great opportunity to enjoy this creation from the heavens called Earth. When you get a chance, go out and check it out! When you find your happy place, say a little prayer and tell the Almighty thank you for letting you experience that. Our time is short here, might as well enjoy it for a bit.

My name is Guido and I have the privilege of being the Post Chaplain this year. If there is anyone who is ill or in need, feel free to contact me. My number is 209-850-4353. The power of prayer has saved many lives! If I can help in any way, please give me a call. I will say a prayer with you.

Take care and God bless!

Chaplain Guido

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House Chairman Note

Comrades,

As we approach cold weather, Halloween and the holidays it is recommended we change our smoke alarm batteries and change our filters on our furnaces and/or air condition units. Additionally, we set our clocks back an hour on Sun, Nov 4.

Don't forget Veterans Day is Nov 11, and Nov 10 is the Marine Corps birthday-OOOOOrah! Tues, Nov 6 is election day, as veterans and patriots we served to preserve our right to vote. It's a pity that our midterm elections are always down in numbers of those who have voted. So, as veterans let's lead the rest of our community on voter turn out.

As in the past I have informed you that Post 3199 is your post and if you have any ideas and/or suggestions please approach our Commander (Kevin), bar manager (Evan), kitchen manager (Lee) or House Chairman. (me-Fred) We as your representatives can't fix it if we don't know its broke.

We are all striving to make our post have the most hospitable and pleasant atmosphere possible.

Fred Garcia

House Committee Chair

HOLIDAY BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

*Thanksgiving baskets will be put together Nov 18

*Christmas baskets will be put together Dec 16

- Hams/turkeys-we will freeze
- Canned goods
- Vegetables-green beans, corn, peas, etc.
- Olives
- Sweet potatoes
- Pumpkin for pies
- Cranberries
- Soups-cream of mushroom and others
- Gravy
- Spaghetti sauce *
- Chicken broth
- Boxes of stuffing
- Crackers
- Potatoes
- Gravy packets-turkey or chicken
- Rice
- Onions
- Cake mixes
- Pasta *
- Rolls

** just extras for extra meals – holiday meal items are the priority*

These items can be dropped off at
Modesto VFW Post 3199
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Please call/email the post if you have any changes to make: address, email, phone number, etc.

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A Message From the Commander, continued

members and has been embellished by a lot of people since. Even the five individuals this referred to have embellished it, making it a thing. It is no longer a thing. On the wall of the hallway are the mission, purpose and core values of the VFW. The "Evil Five" violated those core values and will no longer be tolerated. We have a lot more than five individuals that are assisting with keeping the post running now and no one should be disrespected that walk through our doors. I'm asking that everyone please respect the post and all of the people that are a part of it.

Happy Holidays everyone!!!!

Kevin Aqueche
Commander

Auxiliary President's Comments

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

First I would like to thank everyone that helped to make our Chili Cook-Off such an amazing success! Without volunteers and donations we could not have done it. Also, to all of the volunteers that help with Sunday breakfasts and Friday dinners - thank you! We are looking for a few more of you to help out.

We are getting into our busy season with all the festivities and events. We need volunteers to help. We also need donations of supplies for our holiday baskets for members who need of a little help this season. We will have a barrel set up in the canteen for any donations of canned goods, stuffing, turkeys, hams, cake mixes and more for the baskets. If you can volunteer, contact me. Thanksgiving dinner will be Sat, Nov 17, and Christmas dinner on Sat, Dec 15. We will need some volunteers to cook turkeys and hams for us. The Luau/Elvis dinner for Nov 10 is sold out! We will have another Elvis dinner on Feb 16.

The Creative Patriotic Arts Scholarship is due March 31. This is for any high school student that enjoys art. You can go to VFWAuxiliary.org and look under scholarships for all the details. If you have any family members in high school, have them take a look. Many of the details have changed. We only had one entry last year from Post 3199.

Membership is due for the 2018/2019 year. We also would love to get some new members that would like to get involved.

We meet the second Friday of every month at 7 pm. I would love to see you there and hear your ideas.

Have an amazing Holiday season with family and friends. Cherish the memories and God Bless.

Tammi Aqueche

Auxiliary President 2018-2019

Feel free to reach out to me: 209-505-2808

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

F	11/2	Tri-tip Sandwich & Potato Salad
Su	11/4	Sunday Breakfast
Tu	11/6	Election Day—Post Closed
W	11/7	MJC Veterans Education Day
Th	11/8	House Committee Meeting at 6 pm
F	11/9	Chicken Fettucine & Salad General Meeting at 7 pm
Sa	11/10	Luuu with Elvis
Su	11/11	VETERANS DAY Sunday Breakfast Veterans Day Parade (Downtown) BBQ at the Post
F	11/16	Homemade Lasagna, Salad, and Garlic Bread
Sa	11/17	Post 3199 Thanksgiving Dinner (FREE) - 6 pm Teddy's and Toys at Elks Lodge
Su	11/18	Sunday Breakfast Thanksgiving basket assembly - 12 pm
Th	11/22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
F	11/23	No dinner due to holiday
Su	11/25	Sunday Breakfast
F	11/30	Chicken Fajitas with Rice & Beans

December

Su	12/2	Sunday Breakfast
F	12/7	Soup & Baked Potato Bar
Su	12/9	Sunday Breakfast
Th	12/13	House Committee Meeting at 6 pm
F	12/14	Sloppy Joes & Fries
Sa	12/15	General Meeting at 7 pm Post 3199 Christmas Dinner (FREE) - 6 pm <i>Please bring a gift for Santa to give to your child</i>
Su	12/16	Sunday Breakfast Christmas basket assembly - 12 pm
F	12/21	No dinner due to holiday
Su	12/23	No breakfast due to holiday
M	12/24	Santa delivers gifts from Post 3199 tree to kids at the Redwood Center
Tu	12/25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
F	12/28	Shredded Beef Tacos with Rice & Beans
Su	12/30	Sunday Breakfast
M	12/31	NEW YEARS EVE

Friday Dinners: 4-7 pm
Sunday Breakfasts: 7-11 am