



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

VFW POST 10125

**DECEMBER 2024
NEWSLETTER**

Rancho Cordova

*Meetings occur
at 1800 the
3rd Tuesday
of every month*

*10124 Coloma Road
(Moose Lodge)*

The Christmas Truce It happened 110 years ago, an act of trust during World War I. On December 24, 1914, an unofficial Christmas Truce occurred on the Western Front. British and German soldiers united, mingled and even played games together - a rare and magical moment of peace.

Graham Williams of the Fifth London Rifle Brigade described it in great detail:

“First the Germans would sing one of their carols and then we would sing one of ours, until when we started up ‘O Come, All Ye Faithful’ the Germans immediately joined in singing the same hymn to the Latin words *Adeste Fideles*. And I thought, well, this is really a most extraordinary thing – two nations both singing the same carol in the middle of a war.”

Helping the world not forget, in 2021 [Sabaton](#) a Swedish heavy metal band from Falun released a song about the [Christmas Truce](#). They are known for writing albums about historical events, particularly wars and significant battles and the “Christmas Truce” song has millions of views on YouTube!

May you all have a merry, peaceful Christmas and if needed - Call a truce!



Announcements



Christmas Dinner

December 8th 4-8 pm
The Moose Lodge

Wreaths Across America

Sat, Dec 14th
Our Post will be working with the scouts at Dixon - To help out please email adj@vfw10125.org

Paint & Sip to benefit VFW

Thu, Dec 19 6pm-8pm
7576 Stockton Blvd
Tickets - \$30

Six Triple Eight on Netflix

Friday, Dec 20

VFW District 17 Crab Feed

March 8, 2025
North Highlands Post
(3300 U Street) \$75.00
Crab, shrimp, rib-eye steak alternative, pasta, salad, and desert - More info to come!

District 17 Golf Tournament

April 25, 2025
Cherry Island Golf Course
More info to come!

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#StillServing

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VFW on TikTok - Even though we are not sure what is going to happen in the US with TikTok it has launched a new "Veteran Voices" initiative, committing \$1,000,000 for 10 non-profits dedicated to supporting veterans and their families. Non-profit partners will receive \$1,000,000 in total support, including \$500,000 in cash donations and \$500,000 in TikTok ad credits to help them connect with their community, rally support for their cause and raise money to further their missions. Veterans of Foreign Wars is one of the recipients.

From [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org): "In this day and age, many veterans aren't going to walk into a VFW Post, so you have to meet them where they are," said VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt. "Nothing beats a warm handshake and looking someone square in the eye to let them know you care about them. But if we want to have that chance, we need to let them know first we exist. In joining TikTok's Veteran Voices campaign, we now have a platform to connect with service members and young veterans where they like to link up, consuming the content they care about."

One in three U.S. veterans report using TikTok monthly based on data available via GWI Core, measured in Q2 2024 among internet users ages 16-64. Through continued collaboration with nonprofit organizations, creators, and our TikTok community, we look forward to continuing to raise awareness and foster a community where veterans are supported — during Veterans Day and beyond.

Be sure to [follow the VFW on TikTok](#)

The VFW Day of Service in 2025 will be on Saturday, May 3. It's an annual event that kicks off a month of veteran-led community service projects. The 2025 event is the fourth annual VFW Day of Service and is part of the #StillServing campaign

The goal of the VFW Day of Service is to show the nation the impact veterans have in their communities. Events can include:

- Food, personal hygiene products, or diaper drives
- Home repair
- Highway clean up
- Street, park, cemetery, or vacant lot clean up
- Health fairs
- Back pack or snack drives
- Houseless to home support
- Playground rehab or installation
- Accessibility initiatives

Check todaysvfw.org for 100 ideas for Day of Service.

Ways & Means



It's going to happen!

Details still need to be worked out but we will have a sale in the spring.

No need to drop items off at the Good Will - Feel free to bring decent quality, unwanted items to the meetings and CMRD Rita Houchin will store them or sell them on Facebook Marketplace. All transactions FB transactions will be tracked and included in Rummage Sale report.



Women Vets

Triple Eight Six on Netflix December 20th!

Film briefing & image credit: [Netflix.com](https://www.netflix.com):

...The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion contributed to the war effort in a unique way: by sorting through a three-year backlog of mail (17 million pieces of it!) that hadn't been delivered to American soldiers far from home. In the face of discrimination and a vast, unfamiliar country divided by global conflict, **these 855 women brought hope to the front lines.**

"A lot of people do not want us to succeed," Washington says as Captain Charity Adams in the film's new teaser. "We have the most to prove."

But that's exactly what they did. **Given six months to complete the task, the 6888th accomplished their mission in less than 90 days**, providing morale when the United States needed it most...



Veteran Resources

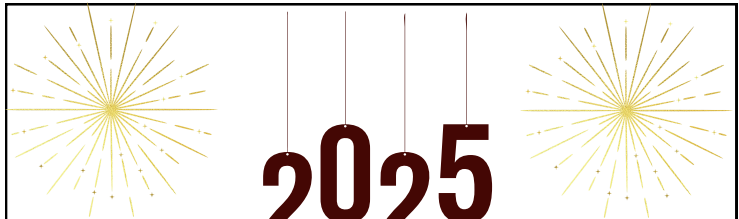
SacRT to introduce new fare payment system and discount fare program for veterans in 2025 - [Register here: benefits.calitp.org](https://benefits.calitp.org)

In 2025, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) will introduce a discount fare program for veterans as part of a new Tap2Ride Digital Identity service in partnership with the California Department of Technology (CDT) and the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP).

SacRT says the new Tap2Ride program aims to make fare payment easier, faster and more accessible for all riders, allowing them to pay for bus and light-rail fares with a tap of their credit or debit cards that are pre-registered through the digital ID framework. SacRT notes that riders who prefer to continue using their existing fare payment methods such as Connect Card or ZipPass will have that option as well.



Chaplain's Corner



**"2025 presents a blank canvas
for you to fill with stories of
growth, resilience, and success."**

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." —Neil Gaiman

Community News



Our Library isn't what it used to be!!!

- Nowadays you can get **free State Park & Museum Passes** that can be found online at Discover & Go
- **Free Heirloom & wild seeds** at these libraries: Arcade, Carmichael, McKinley, Orangevale & Rancho Cordova
- Use of **3D Printers** at the Downtown Library (828 I Street) & Arcade Library (2443 Marconi Ave)
- **Board Games** for checking out & a **Cake-Pan Library**
- **Book Club in a Box** check-out for groups
- A **Sound Studio** at Martin Luther King Jr (7340 24th Street)

At Fair Oaks, Arcade & Valey Hi - North Laguna Libraries you can check out from the **"Library of Things"**:

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| • Binoculars | • Nintendo Switch Console |
| • Button Maker | • PlayStation 4 Console |
| • Canon EOS Rebel Camera | • Pole-saw |
| • Cordless Blower | • Post Hole Digger |
| • Cricut | • Pressure Washer |
| • Electric Tiller | • Projector (ViewSonic) |
| • Epson Scanner | • Sewing Machine |
| • Garden Tool Set | • Aoprano Ukulele |
| • GoPro Hero 10 | • String Trimmer |
| • Drum set of 3 | • Stud Finder |
| • Hedge Trimmer | • Super NES Classic Edition |
| • KitchenAid Mixer | • Telescope |
| • Laminator | • Trekking Poles |
| • Lawnmower | • Turntable |
| • Metal Detector | • Xbox One S Console |
| • Nikon Camera | • Yamaha Keyboard |

Tech Talk



Continuing with the Library...

- **Hoopla** is a completely free streaming service that lets you instantly borrow eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, movies & TV - 24/7 and is included with your Sacramento library card, (have phone apps).
- All over the world, local libraries offer millions of ebooks and audiobooks. You can borrow them – for free, instantly – with a library card and **Libby**.
- Retired & 100% Disabled Vets can use **DOD MWR libraries** using the Libby app -When asked where you use your library card, choose "DoD MWR Digital Libraries."

VFW Sages

The **Veterans Homes of California** offer affordable long-term care to those over the age of 55 and disabled veterans as well as their eligible spouses and domestic partners. With eight facilities across the state, the Veterans Homes offer services ranging from independent living programs with minimal support to 24/7 skilled nursing care for veterans with significant clinical needs. CalVet staff are uniquely capable of serving the needs of the veteran community and offering an environment that honors their service to the country. The Veterans Homes are nationally recognized for the premier care and services they provide to California's veterans. <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/calvet-programs/veteran-homes>

Homes with Independent Living Care:

- [Chula Vista](#)
- [Yountville](#)



Homes with Assisted Living:

- [Chula Vista](#)
- [Fresno](#)
- [Lancaster](#)
- [Redding](#)
- [Ventura](#)
- [West LA](#)
- [Yountville](#)



Homes with Skilled Nursing Care:

- [Barstow](#)
- [Chula Vista](#)
- [Fresno](#)
- [Redding](#)
- [West LA](#)
- [Yountville](#)

Homes with Memory Care:

- [Fresno](#)
- [Redding](#)
- [West LA](#)
- [Yountville](#)

