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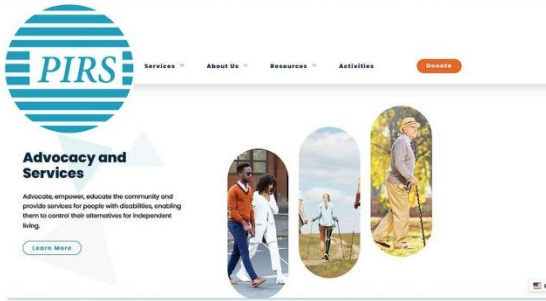
Easter Day, April 5th - Ukrainians have been celebrating Easter in the midst of war, and our military are no exception, celebrating the holiday in the trenches at the front. Everyone celebrates Easter in their own way. Unfortunately, many of our soldiers are unable to celebrate it with their families. Please remember those who are in the fields and trenches, respect their courage and bravery. The meaning of this holiday is the victory of life over death.

Larry LaVerne

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April 8th Dinner Meeting. – Elizabeth Pope, Director of Advocacy and Services for Placer Independent Resource Services, PIRS (<https://pirs.org/>), will be our guest speaker at our April Dinner Meeting. PIRS is a non-profit independent living center whose mission is to advocate, empower, educate the community and provide services for people with disabilities enabling



them to control their alternatives for independent living. Your Post 84 Service Officer has worked with this local organization and recommends that you come to our dinner meeting and hear her presentation.

What's cooking for dinner? We have a super recipe for cheesy, beef and mashed potato casserole for our dinner along with a salad and dessert. Remember that our kitchen is being overhauled so this

will be served a little differently. The casserole will be in crock pots and will be served at the end of the room near the mini bar. Our bartender will be serving beverages in the usual bar and cold water will be available to those in attendance. Still just \$5 although grocery prices are on the rise. Be sure to **RSVP** to Bonnie Potter and let her know how many folks in your party. Bring a friend or two! Bonnie Potter, Phone: (530) 823-2820. Email: bonniebbp@aol.com.



Come out April 8th and enjoy visiting with friends at your Post 84 dinner meeting. We don't do much business, so you won't get bored. You'll hear from our Adjutant and PSO about what we have been up to, don't miss the meeting. Also, you will meet our new 1st Vice Commander, Todd Deditrick, so come out and be an active part of American Legion Post 84!

PSO Report – Another very busy month for your Post Service Officer, Larry LaVerne.



Total hours for March to date – 41.5 hours.

This March an Auburn Veteran had his home severely damaged by fire. Our Post has donated \$100 from the Veterans Relief Fund in addition to \$350 we collected from a garage sale held in late March, for a total

of \$450 to help the Veteran with the rebuilding.



We hosted a bronze star pinning ceremony for a Korean war



Veteran at the Auburn Oaks Care Center. Also, the gentleman received one of our beautiful brass Korean War Memorial medals that were distributed at the 2024 Veterans Day Parade.

Your PSO Collected quantities of medical supplies and household goods for distribution to low-income Veterans and their families.

We researched for a missing Vietnam Veteran for the Veterans sister and found that he passed away March 5th, 2026, and was interned at the Jacksonville, FL Military Cemetery with full military honors.

Quote of the Day “*The secret of getting ahead is getting started.*” Mark Twain



WAA Wreaths Across America -

It's not too soon to start ordering your Wreaths for the Wreaths Across America ceremony December 19, 2026. This has been an annual Auburn celebration at our local Cemeteries for the past 11 years. Paula Celick, our great cook, brought WAA to Auburn and hosted our very first WAA ceremony in 2015.

Wreaths Across America is your way to **Remember** those Veterans who have gone before us, to **Honor** those still among us, and to **Teach** our youth that Freedom comes at a cost! See the order forms at the end of this newsletter. Order

yours today!

Military Videos and Documentaries. – Are you interested in viewing some exceptional



PBS documentary videos on WW2? Your PSO is holding our Post 84 first showing Wednesday, **May 27, 2026**, at 1 pm at the Veterans Memorial Hall, Auburn. Your friends and guests are invited. This will be a 4th Monday of the month program if enough interest is shown. We have a huge collection of WW2, Korea, Vietnam, and Middle East videos in our library.

Our May 27th presentation will be the 1st of 7 DVDs from PBS entitled “**The War**”. Directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, this is the story of the Second World War through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women from four American towns.

Ken Burns: *“Only the soldier really lives the war. The journalist does not -- war happens inside a man -- and that is why, in a certain sense, you and your sons from the war will be forever strangers. If, by the miracles of art and genius, in later years two or three among them can open their hearts and the right words come, then perhaps we shall all know a little of what it was like -- and we shall know then that all the present speakers and writers hardly touched the story. The war touched the lives of every family on every street in every town in America and demonstrated that in extraordinary times, there are no ordinary lives.”* If you haven't seen this series, then you need to come join us **1pm, Wednesday afternoon, May 27th.**



To make the evening more enjoyable, we will be providing Ice Cream and cookies for free and if we get enough interest, how about we add Chili Dogs to the menu?

Let me know if watching a brilliant PBS video on our big screen TV and visiting with other Veterans is of any interest to you. Contact your PSO, Larry LaVerne, call/text (425) 299-0211 Or Email: post84laverne@gmail.com

Special Events

Sunday, April 5th. Easter Day.
Monday, April 6th. Veterans Hall Board Meeting.
Tuesday, April 7th Chapter 84 Riders Meeting
Wednesday, April 8th. Post 84 Dinner Meeting.
Wednesday, April 22nd. Executive Committee Meeting.
Wednesday, May 27th. WW2 Documentary at Veterans Hall



Information Every Veteran Should Know.

Placer County Veterans Service Officer. – Your most important contact to interface with the Veterans Administration (VA). Things like how to get your DD214, burial benefits, disability payments and ratings, and much more.

Veterans Service Office Website: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/1875/Veterans>.

Rocklin Office. – 1000 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 115, Rocklin, CA 95765. (916) 780-3290

Auburn Office. - 11434 B Ave, Auburn, CA 95603. Tues and Thurs only. (530) 889-7141

Auburn Veterans Clinic - 11985 Heritage Oaks Place, Suite 100, (530) 889-0872



American Legion Riders Officers:

President: David George. (530) 269-9800. ddgeorge@att.net.

Secretary: Fred Corcoran. (530) 906-5422. corcoran5@wavecable.com.

Do You know a Veteran who likes to Ride? Let David or Fred know!



Renew your American Legion Membership! – Have you renewed your membership in the American Legion? Now's the time, do it! ***We Need You!*** Pay online with a credit or debit card at Renew (mylegion.org). Their website is, <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Renew>, Or, •Pay by check or money order, mail to: American Legion Post 84, PO Box 7004, Auburn, CA 95604.

Dues check: \$50, made out to American Legion Post 84. You can call your Post 84 Adjutant for help with renewing your membership, or call the American Legion Department at (559) 875-8387 to renew over the phone, with a credit or debit card.



Photo Gallery.



Businesses that Support our Raffles

Businesses listed below have been supportive in donating Gifts for our Raffles and Projects. Please shop at these local area stores whenever possible, and say "Thank You", from the American Legion Post 84 for their support.

Advantage Marketing and Print

528 Auburn Ravine Rd., Auburn
(530) 885-0464

America's Tire Store

11890 Willow Creek Rd., Auburn
(530) 401-9984

Auburn Ale House

289 Washington St., Auburn
(530) 885-2537

Auburn Trophies

1221 Grass Valley Highway,
Auburn
(530) 885-2669

Big Brand Tire & Service

12000 Locksley Ln, Auburn
(530) 823-7020

C & E V-Twin

12015 Shale Ridge Rd, Auburn,
(530) 885-5556

Golden Swann Jewelers

881 Lincoln Way, Auburn
(530) 823-7926

Green Acres Nursery & Supply

380 Nevada St, Auburn
(530) 885-5163

Home Depot

11755 Willow Creek Dr, Auburn
(530) 889-9810

Insight for Dogs

insightdogs@sbcglobal.net
(530) 305-1497

Les Schwab Tire Center

2547 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn
(530) 823-7082

Loved Again Boutique

826 Lincoln Way, Auburn
(530) 887-5437

Michael's Clock's

816 Lincoln Way, Auburn
(530) 623-1618

Old Town Pizza

510 High St., Auburn
(530) 888-7600

O'Reilly Auto Parts

548 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn
(530) 823-1177

Pizza Express

2705 Bell Road (In Rock Creek
Plaza)
(530) 823-9700

Roper's Jewelers

818 Lincoln Way, Auburn (530)
885-4852
2288 Highway 49, Auburn (530)
885-8020

Sierra Moon Goldsmiths

107 Sacramento St., Auburn,
(530) 823-1965

Skye Clothing Boutique

866 Lincoln Way, Auburn
(530) 745-4414

Sunshine Flyers

2410 Rickenbacker Way, Auburn
(530) 820-3442

The Foot Path

825 Lincoln Way, Auburn
(530) 885-2061

The Ridge

2020 Golf Course Rd, Auburn
(530) 888-7888

The Silver Store

111 Sacramento St ste b, Auburn
(530) 823-0573

Winchester Country Club

3030 Legends Dr
Meadow Vista
(530) 878-3000

Mels Dinner

1730 Grass Valley Hwy #2885
(530) 823-6357

Oreilly Auto Parts

548 Grass Valley Highway #2921
(530) 823-1177

Quick Quack Car Wash

2435 Drive In Way, Auburn
(888) 772-2792

Home Depot

11755 Willow Creek Dr., Auburn
(530) 889-9810

Sweetpeas American Restaurant

13498 Luther Rd., Auburn
(530) 823-1818



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Grave Specific Sponsorship Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on veterans' grave markers at cemeteries nationwide each December for National Wreaths Across America Day. Your donation ensures a wreath is placed to honor one or more veterans at the participating location of your choice. **Thank you for supporting our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!**

All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor on this form. Wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors.

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	GROUP ID	LOCATION ID(s)	DOLLAR AMOUNT
		CA0228P	CAABCD	



Each sponsorship is \$17.

If your check is for multiple locations, list each location ID with its dollar amount.

SPONSOR NAME	
PHONE #	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please note in memory/honor of requests do not place a wreath on a specific loved one's grave.

- GRAVE-SPECIFIC:** Request to have a wreath placed for a specific veteran(s). If "Grave-Specific" is checked, the sponsor may be contacted for more information, **and they must reply for the grave-specific request to be honored.**

→ Provide Veteran Name & Location in Cemetery (Section, Row, Marker #, Etc):

- IN-HONOR OF:** Let someone know you made a sponsorship in their honor. We will email them.

→ Provide Email Recipient Name & Email Address, along with Message (optional):

- IN-MEMORY OF:** Post a veteran's name & message on Wreaths Across America's Remembrance Wall online.

→ Provide Veteran Name for Memory Wall Post and Message (Optional):

Please complete this form and mail it with your check to our address below, or pay with a credit/debit card, PayPal, or GooglePay by sponsoring online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0228P or by scanning the QR code.

Wreaths Across America
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Columbia Falls, ME 04623



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