

# Water Watcher

CAPITAL VALLEY IPSSA CHAPTER

#### OCTOBER 2013

#### **MEETING:**

October 2, 2013 8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks, 95628

> 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 -9:00 pm Meeting

Mark your calanders!

#### **UPCOMING:**

November 6, 2013 Meeting

December 13, 2013 Christmas Party!!

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# President's Message

Santa's Summer Get Away was epic and huge. This was the best way to end the summer. It was the biggest and best camping I've ever been apart of. Every comfort of home was there. Jack Emlay brought and set up a full service kitchen and an amazing shower complete with hot water. The camp ground was nicely set up with a great recreational area right on the lake. The campsite accommodated tents and trailers perfectly. We even took over an additional group camp site which helped keep everybody comfortable. The view was spectacular and the lake water was so refreshing. There were two boats running throughout the weekend for skiing, and tubing. Scott Houseman pulled most the kids around the lake in a double tube which seemed to be the highlight for most of the kids. The weather was perfect. We had the entire area to ourselves. It was a great group of people everything could not have been more perfect. With how successful this year was, next year will be even more spectacular. We are all looking forward to it.

There are so many people to thank. It was a huge success because of all the people I'm about to mention. I would really like to thank Jack & Charlene Emlay for all that they did. They brought so much of the supplies and the materials needed to put the whole thing together. They had two trucks, and a travel trailer packed full. I'm sure it took them a couple of weeks or more to load and unload all of that camping gear. You guys rock it, gets more impressive each year. The camping committee: Jack & Charlene Emlay, George and Shaleen Stevenson, Karl and Linda Eggers, Scott & Megan Houseman, & Larry Hughes did a wonderful job organizing the whole thing. Thank you. Meals were provided by our chapter supporters. Thank you John Adams Handy & Hayward Pool Products for the meal Friday night. Thank you Lorne Early & Daren from Pentair, Rick Savajo, & Dave Shepard from Hasa, for the meal on Saturday night, they cooked a spectacular fiesta meal. Karl Eggers and Larry Hughes made breakfast Saturday. Randy, George & Shaleen Stevenson made breakfast on Sunday. All of the meals were fantastic, and we were all so grateful for the work put into them. Special thanks, to Jamie & Taylor Jordon and many others who helped do the clean up after every meal.

Thank you very much to our Supporters, and Sponsors of Santa's Summer Get Away; Capital Valley IPSSA, Hayward, Pentair Water, Hasa, Us Motors, Sales Link, Aztec Solar, Zodiac, Leisure Supply, Waterway, Chem Quip, General Pool and Spa Supply, SCP, Bio Dex, and Valley Leak Detection, Adams Pool Specialties.

Put it on your calendars for next year. September 12-14, 2014. We hope to see you all there!

This weeks meeting we will be celebrating the retirement of Rick Kerchner!

This month's chapter meeting we are looking for nominations for our chapter's officer positions, and Nick Benning from Jandy, Polaris, Zodiac will be hosting our meeting. This will be an educational experience on their salt fusion products, variable speed pumps, and control systems, please don't miss it. Next months meeting will be raising money for The Sheriff's Toy Project. You may bring donations to the chapter meeting as well as the Chapter Christmas Party. Remember cash, check, unwrapped toys, and bikes are always great to bring for donations. It's not a bad idea to ask your customers for help with this charity too. Let's make our fundraising for this years Sherriff's Toy Project better than ever. The Chapter Christmas Party will be held at the Carmichael Elk's Lodge, Invitations will be coming soon by email. Please keep your eyes pealed for it. We will need RSVPs.

Thank you to Josh and Trent from SCP for the meal from Dos Coyotes and the fantastic presentation at last months meeting. You guys did a great job.

It is the official end of the summer, time to switch gears and button everything up for the change in weather. Pool sweep bags, sweep repairs, filter cleanings, and basket replacements should be at the top of your to do list. Don't forget about your vehicle maintenance, tires, wiper blades, coolant, battery, and other repairs, for safety for yourself and others.

Watch out for kids on Halloween night. Drive Careful. Have a Happy Safe Halloween.

"Keep up the good work"

Sincerely, Gregg Simon President (916)879-6923 Gregg@pollywogpools.com



## Wednesday October 2nd



Dinner at 6:30 provided by Monte Routon American Leak Detection

#### **Rick Kerchner Retirement!**

#### **Zodiac - Nick Benny** Fusion Mineral and Salt system

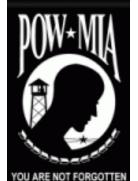
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What a great group we had this year. Amazing weather, food, friends, crafts, boating, hiking and more! Thank you so much for your volunteer work to make this happen!! Camping Committee: Jack Emlay, George Stevenson, Karl Eggers, Larry Hughes, Scott Houseman, Linda Eggers, Shaleen Stevenson, Charlene Emlay, Megan Anderson and all their families who made this event possible!



Capital Valley IPSSA donates \$1,000.00 to Fair Oaks VFW Post 6158 American Legion Post 383, VFW Post 6158 Auxiliary for the POW/MIA Tribute Day Fundraiser. Detail about this event were copied from: http://www.alrpost383.org/events/



### Fair Oaks AL & VFW POW/MIA

**Tribute Day** 

The POW/MIA Tribute September 14, 2013

Our Honored Guests Former POWs:Mike O'Connor: Viet Nam – US Army – CWOKenneth Mar: WWII – US Army – CPLDavid P. Fuller: WWII – US Army – PFCDavid Yee: WWII – Army Air Corp – TSgt.Arthur Bishop: WWII – Air Force-LTC

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6158, Fair Oaks, VFW Post 6158 Auxiliary, and American Legion Post 383, Fair Oaks, members hosted a POW/MIA Tribute. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 637, Citrus Heights, contributed greatly to the success of the event. Members of all four organizations participated in each phase of the planning, coordination and the grand finale – the POW/MIA Tribute. Our efforts where led by VFW Commander Richard "Sarge" Ballard.

The American Legion Riders held a rally run in conjunction with the event and hosted 50 riders on a ride through the foothills in Placer and El Dorado counties. At the end of the run, about 30 bikes met the former POWs at Folsom Harley Davidson to escort them to VFW Post 6158 and the waiting crowd. Limousines provided by Dignity Memorial provided the transportation for our guests with CHP assisting.

Upon their arrival, the former POWs were greeted by a flag line, Loren Barton, Commander, VFW District 17; VFW Post 6158 Commander Richard "Sarge" Ballard and Junior Vice-Commander Matt Ellis, American Legion Post 383 Commander Ben LaPolla, other officers and members of both organizations and their families.

American Legion member and active duty California Air National Guard Master Sergeant Josh Baker presided over the presentation of colors and the POW/MIA Five Hat Ceremony with the Air Force Jr. ROTC from Casa Robles High School, Orangevale. A table was set for America's prisoners of war and those missing in action; they are commonly referred to as POWs and MIAs.

Each member of the Jr. ROTC represented one of the five branches of the United States military: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and the Coast Guard. The representatives of the five services portray our MIAs and POWs.

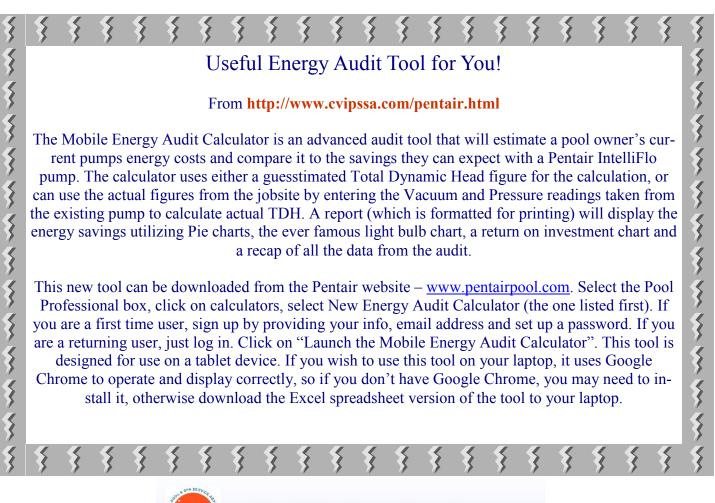
The POW/ MIA FIVE HAT CEREMONY table presentation is as follows: The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. There is a vase holding three flowers, the red is for those who gave their lives for their country. The white is for those who returned and are with us. The yellow is for those who are missing and we pray will return to us soon. The ribbon prominently displayed on the vase reminds us of the yellow ribbon worn on the lapels and on the breasts of the thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand proper account of our missing. A slice of lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of the bitter fate of those not with us. There is salt upon the plate, symbolic of the tears from families and loved ones who have and continue to keep the faith as they wait.

Our Keynote speakers were Congressman Ami Bera and former POW Michael O'Conner. Michael O'Conner told us of his experiences being shot down and wounded in Laos, his painful journey north to Hanoi and the harsh treatment he suffered at the Hanoi Hilton prison. He told of how his fellow POWs wouldn't leave him to die on the trail, and how they supported each other in Hanoi. His story was very moving and showed the courage needed to survive as a prisoner of war.

Other speakers included Loren Barton, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) District 17; Ben LaPolla, Commander American Legion Post 383 and Paul Reyes, Commander American Legion Post 637. Matt Ellis, Junior Vice Commander VFW Post 6158 excelled as MC for the ceremonies. VFW 6158 Chaplain Jim Russell gave the Invocation.

This was a day to honor and remember our POW/MIAs. We did that! We put a smile on the faces of our honored guests and showed them the respect and honor they deserve.

Ben LaPolla, Commander American Legion Post 383 Fair Oaks, CA







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