



Native Garden in the Works!



This past month, we have embarked on a transformative project right in front of the Veterans Hall: the creation of a stunning plant garden, complete with a fence to enclose it.

Stay tuned for updates on the garden's progress, and don't forget to take a stroll by the Veterans Hall to see the garden once it is complete!

What makes this project even more special is the emphasis on native plants. By choosing local flora, the garden will thrive with minimal maintenance, while also providing a haven for pollinators and wildlife. The carefully crafted fence, adds an elegant touch to the garden, symbolizing the protection and care we hold for our natural environment.

This was one of the first projects of our new group of College Corps Fellows. They're excited to put in the new plans soon and continue their work in and around the Hall.

- For the first time, the Hall hosted the reoccurring Club Triangle Drag & Burlesque Show!
- Nic Lockhart of Lockhart BBQ provided 120 meals for first responders on 9/11!
- Swing Dance returned to the Hall on Friday, 9/22.

MONTH IN REVIEW

ARCATA CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

- This month the council met multiple times to discuss regular business as well as the Gateway Area Plan. At the first meeting of the month, the council selected new city attorney representation as current City Attorney, Nancy Diamond, is on her way to retirement.
- At the second meeting of the month, the council received presentation on the effects of sea level rise on Arcata and awarded a contract to investigate potential solutions to the issue.
- At the third meeting of the month, the council continued to consider the drafted Gateway Area Plan. The next council meeting is October 4th.

Arcata City Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Meetings are open to the public and attendable online and in-person. To attend the meeting online, contact the City Managers Office for instructions.

You are able to give comment at all public meetings. You can comment in-person, through Zoom, or through written statement ahead of the meeting. For more information, visit the city website or call the City Managers Office at (707) 822-5953

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COLLEGE CORPS UPDATE

The College Corps Crew has been working hard this past month in the Hall! Fellows have done everything from work in the kitchen and Hall maintenance to helping run events and plan for future ones. Fellows have been assigned specific roles and are looking forward to working on their projects.

JOKES & GAMES

Why couldn't the skeleton cross the road?

Answer (flip to read): *He didn't have the guts!*

G K Y D T N H P U P P M I T L E L P X K
 Y T H N H Q K Q A E B B T B A T S C X Z
 I V A R S G I H D J O E J R J I R Z X L
 M P L Y P H V P F L K U N I W J T U G T
 V A L J I O O C S T A M U Y M D Q T M C
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HALLOWEEN COSTUME HAUNTED
SPELLS BATS LEAVES CANDY SPIDER
GHOST MASK

REPORTS

Hello Legionnaires,
I am happy to report that our recognition of first responders on Sept. 11th was a success! I'd like to thank our Chaplin Nick Lockhart and his sister Sarah for coming in and cooking 100 servings for our local Sheriff's Department. They had served; smoked Tri-Tip, creamy mashed potatoes and green bean casserole.

This month we have the first North Coast Veteran Standdown at the Ferndale Fairgrounds since Covid. The event will take place Oct. 5th - 7th. Our post will support the Stand Down by preparing two meals for our local Veterans and any help will be greatly appreciated.

Semper Fi
Phil Irvine | Commander

Happy Birthday to the Navy! Oct 13th 1775. Fair winds and following seas to all our sailors! And, don't forget Navy Day is October 27th!

Other notable dates: Afghanistan War began Oct 7th 2001, the Grenada Campaign Began October 23rd 1983 as well as the Beirut Bombing on this same day. Please share a moment of silence with a fellow veteran in remembrance.

Dues for the next year are due by October 20th, SO, if you're planning to join or remain an active American Legion member, please take note.

Mark Wriggle | 2nd Vice Commander

Fellow Veterans,

Things are really picking up at Post 274! We are booked almost every weekend until December with rentals and events.

College Corps fellows have been working hard on a deep clean of our building, planning community events, and much more.

We also have North Coast Stand Down coming up October 5, 6, and 7th. Post 274 will be cooking breakfast and lunch for fellow veterans to show our support.

I am excited to see you all at this month's membership meeting!

Kevin Buchanan | 1st Vice Commander

Submit reports by the 16th of every month at friendsoftheveteranshall@gmail.com to be featured in the newsletter.



DISPATCHES FROM 274



Monthly updates and notices for members of the Arcata Veterans Memorial Hall



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OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/5-7: North Coast Stand Down at Ferndale Fairgrounds
- 10/8, 0900-1300: Brunch
- 10/28, 1200-1500: Haunt the Hall