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VENMO ACCOUNT
Effective April 1st, payments can be made to the V-T Chapter account. Make payments to Joe Calistro, USER name VTMAGA. Phone number (559) 837-3367.

Introduction of V-T Chapter's newest member

Jim Potter joined the Chapter on January 14, 2026. He and his wife, Katrina, moved from Bakersfield to be closer to family. He's a retired UPS driver and until recently hadn't taken his golf game seriously.

Upcoming Events

Madera Chapter mandatory tournament on Saturday, February 21st at Madera Country Club.

V-T Memorial 2-man best ball tournament on Sunday, February 22 at Valley Oaks.

Pete Alvarado

Pete Alvarado was born on December 4, 1928, in Bakersfield, went to God's embrace on January 10, 2026. Pete spent several years in the Army at the end of World War II and 20 years in the Air Force. When Pete retired from the Air Force, Pete and Mieko opened Casa de Flores (House of Flowers) in Visalia.

Pete was a long-time member of Visalia-Tulare Chapter of the Mexican American Golf Association ("MAGA"). Pete was not only a member and involved in the Visalia-Tulare Chapter but was very involved in the Central Council, State level and a member of the 1998 Hall of Fame of MAGA. Pete and Mieko donated and sponsored various junior tournaments and tournaments for the Visalia-Tulare Chapter for 20 years. Pete, helped grow membership, promote junior golf and encouraged others to play golf. As a State Board member for many years Pete traveled to different Chapter, Council and State tournaments promoting and encouraging membership.

Those that knew Pete continue the story telling. Pete Alvarado (aka "The Dog"), stating out loud so everyone could hear "how about an emergency nine! One of his favorite sayings was "put your money on the Dog, but not too much."

January Overview

Main issue for the January meeting was the President's appointment of Chairs for 2026. Tournament Chair – Tino Serrato; Handicap Chair – Conrad Sanchez; Junior/Social Media Chair- Lupe Mendoza, Sr.; Technology Chair – Cesar de la Cruz; and Bylaws/P&P Chair – Chris Zimmerman

VISALIA-TULARE CHAPTER 2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TYPE	LOCATION/FORMAT
February 22, 2026	Memorial Tournament	Valley Oaks/2-Man Best Ball
June 14, 2026	Championship Tournament	Valley Oaks Golf Course
July 19, 2026	Visalia-Tulare Mandatory Tournament	Valley Oaks Golf Course
November 22, 2026	Thanksgiving Tournament	Valley Oaks Golf Course
December 20, 2026	Christmas Tournament	Valley Oaks Golf Course

CENTRAL COUNCIL 2026 SCHEDULE

Madera	Merced	Kings Co	Fresno	Western Reg	Porterville	V-T	CC	State	CC Fun
2/21/26	3/15/26	4/19/26	5/17/26	5/16-18/26	6/14/26	7/19/26	8/9/26	8/28-30	10/18/26
Madera Country Club	Rancho Del Rey	Lemoore Golf Course	Fresno Airways	Paradise Valley	River Island	Valley Oaks	TBD	Bayonett & Black Horse	TBD

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