

**AMERICAN LEGION  
ALBERT E SCHWAB  
POST 555**



# THE MARAUDER

**APRIL 2015**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and goodwill on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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The month of April has a major event for Albert E. Schwab Post 555. The remodel of both our Post Kitchen and Men's Restroom will be done by the Home Depot Foundation, their Volunteers and volunteers from our Post Family. Work will be April 6, 7, 8 and 9. The 9th will be the finishing touches as well as the ribbon cutting. All of our Post members are invited to come help with the work and to be there on April 9 for the ribbon cutting. I will be at the Post each morning at 0600 to open up and get prepared for the day. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided to all who show up to work. The Post will also provide you a nice lunch in return for your labor! The work day will be 7:30 to approx. 2:30pm each day.

When I took office, the goals I set for my term as Commander were to get information on a new billboard contract (accomplished, but not the results I hoped for), breath life back into the Post with events (accomplished), and to get the Post kitchen taken care of by looking into the Home Depot Foundation program. I asked 1st Vice Commander Jenny Hayden to take the lead with the Home Depot and she accepted and succeeded in getting a grant to our Post for the

work to be done. She has also been the Liaison with the Home Depot people getting everything coordinated and ready for the work to begin. When you see the results, make sure to thank her for her efforts to make our Post a better place.

I wish could have gotten more going on at the Post as far as events, but we started a monthly Big Band concert and dance, the Lades Auxiliary has had fantastic success with the Taco Thursdays, the Riders events always bring in a lot of people and revenue for the Post, and the Son's have hosted several "Rassling" events. So, there is much happening, but sometimes participation from members s lacking. Get up off your couch and come to the Post to enjoy the event and fellowship with fellow veteran's.

Lastly, we will have our first round nominations for Post Officers during our April meeting. Nominations for Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice and three E-Board positions



will be accepted. Second round nominations and Post election's will be during our May meeting. Installation of your new Post Officers will be at our June meeting.

I look forward to seeing a lot you at the work party this month, and can't wait to see the results.

### FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

**Jim Sewell  
Commander**



## THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

April is here but with a very sad heart I unfortunately have to report we lost an outstanding young man to the Post Everlasting. He is the son of Rudy Gonzales and a member of our Sons of the American Legion. Michael Drake Gonzales was born in Fullerton Ca. and spent his 53 Years in Westminster, Ca. Mike is survived by his Dad Rudy, Brother David, two Sons Michael, Sean and Daughter Kadie. Michael was very artistic and was known as the Color King" for the way he mixed paints when working in the stencil business.

Mike's best work was the painting of the famous "Bayonet Charge" by the US 65th Infantry Regiment, Korean War against the Chinese Divisions which is located at the American Legion Annex at Post 555 Midway City, CA. What a site to view. He also did a lot of other jobs at the Legion including the neon sign on the front roof. As I said what an outstanding young man Michael will definitely be missed by all those that loved him including myself and as everybody knows there was many. God Bless you Michael may you rest in Peace!

A special Letter from the Heart

My family and I can never thank you all enough, Post 555, The American Legion

Riders, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons Squadron 555 and all the friends of my Son Michael for his great send off to the Post Everlasting "Heavens Above"

The beautiful plants, flowers, decorations, food received and the escort were outstanding. I know Michael was looking down on us and smiling all the way to all Souls. It was very hard for me and a few others to keep the tears back.

We will always remember the work, kindness and Love received from all of you.

Thank you very much,  
Rudy and Family.

Thank you Rudy we all Love you Man!

God Bless America and the American Legion family (Definitely Our Troops)  
For God and Country  
Please stay Healthy and Wise.

**Andy Timko Post 555 Chaplain**



## FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

What does American Legion mean to most members in the Post. I would venture to say a gathering place of current and former veterans that can relate to one another and to have someone just care enough to actually listen to them when they speak. So many of us have issues that we have to deal with coming back from battle, sickness, loss of family and being different then we were before we did our duty for our nation. Membership allows us to be a part of a special group that is willing to sacrifice their lives so we can have this special place called the USA.

Call one of your friends that you won-

der what happened to them. It is so easy to get busy and forget how much they meant to us while eating chow, cleaning your gun, having liberty and or a beer. Our motto at this post is to "Make you comfortable and let you know we care."

Be safe and ask a veteran to join the American Legion.

**Jenny Hayden  
1st Vice Commander**





## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 555

Hello Everyone,

I, as well as my husband Russ, would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing American Legion Family for their support, good thoughts, and prayers over the past month and a half. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives and consider Post 555 a "second home". He is doing very well and working diligently with the physical therapist on recovering fully from his stroke, and anxiously awaiting for full clearance to drive and continue his love of woodworking. Blessings to you all!

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Our next Auxiliary Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. **This particular meeting will be held in the building next door because of the construction going on in the main hall.**

### **GIRLS STATE**

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. Since the inception of the Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works. High school girls, who have completed their Junior year, spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary-sponsored Girls State programs in every state (with the exception of Hawaii). In California, only 500 high school juniors from schools throughout the state are selected for this nationally recognized leadership program. We are pleased to sponsor a delegate from Garden Grove High School, and Westminster High School who will be traveling to Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA from June 28 – July 3, 2015 for this year's session.

It's a very difficult task in selecting a candidate/alternate for this program as there are so many outstanding young ladies out there that display leadership, scholastic merit, interest in community and government, great character, honesty and cooperativeness, but also an honor for us to give one of them this great opportunity. After the session, the girls will come back to the Auxiliary and share with us their pictures, and experiences. We will have that in a future Marauder article.

### **DINNERS**

**Because Home Depot will be demolishing and giving us an updated kitchen, the Auxiliary will not have a monthly dinner in the month of April.**

**TACO THURSDAYS from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**



**Because of the kitchen construction beginning April 6, THERE WILL BE NO TACO THURSDAY ON APRIL 9. ALL OTHER THURSDAYS IN APRIL- 4/2, 4/16, 4/23 & 4/30 WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE TACOS, NACHOS, & CHURROS!!**



The Auxiliary is truly excited and thankful to see how many of you have become "regulars" and have also brought in family, friends, & neighbors. This provides a great opportunity for all of us to bring in possible future members for the Post, Auxiliary, Sons, & Riders, so please continue to pass the word about a great fun night with our \$1.00 menu, music, & great bar.

### **AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS-APRIL**

No known birthdays this month. (Not listed? Please contact me so I may update our master list)

### **PULL TABS**

Thanks to so many of you who have brought your aluminum tabs from soda, beer, and food cans. In the near future, I will be going to deliver what we have collected so far! This is an ongoing project, so please continue to save these tabs. They can be given directly to me or dropped off at the station set up in the dining hall at the Post.

### **FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**

**Kay Hamby  
President, Unit 555**



# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

Due to publishing deadlines, I guess I have one more article to get

done before turning the reins over to the

Second, the Annual American Legion Riders Department of California Convention is this month. There are some serious issues to be addressed this year, but the networking with fellow Riders is always a good time. We have a full slate of Delegates, five in all, plus

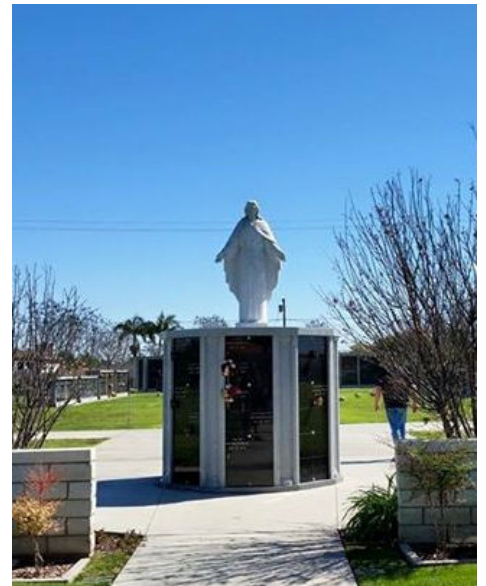
a couple alternates heading north to Clovis on Friday April 17 through 19. There is chatter that Area 5 would like to head north as a group. If that works out, it would be a great show of Area 5 unity. If, however, logistics prevent it, we will be riding up with Chapter 281, whom I have invited to ride with us.

Finally, our second round of nominations and elections will take place during our April meeting. I wish all of our next Board the best, and great success for our next year!



## FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

**Jim Sewell**  
**President**  
**Chapter 555**



next President of Chapter 555 of the American Legion Riders.

I do not have much of a report this month, but there are a couple things I do want to mention.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone from our Chapter that were able to take part in the Escort to All Souls Cemetery and Mausoleum for Rudy Gonzalez's son Michael. There was a large group and it was an honor to participate. On behalf of the Chapter I offered Rudy our condolences. Photos for this month are from the escort, funeral and Celebration of Life that took place at our Post.



# WORK DETAIL SCHEDULED! APRIL 6, 7, 8 AND 9, 2015



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WORK SCHEDULED 7:00AM TO APPROX.  
2:30PM EACH DAY  
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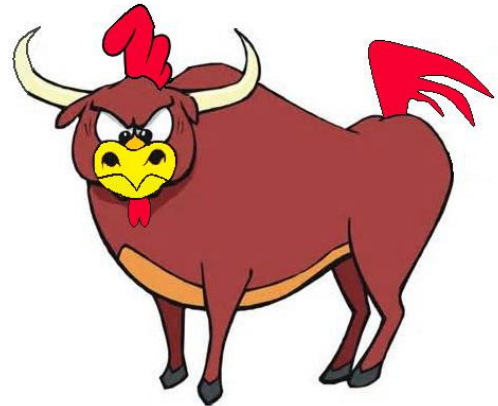


**AMERICAN LEGION DINNER  
FRIDAY, APRIL, 2015  
SERVING BEGINS AT 5:30PM**

**MENU:**

**CHICKEN FRED STEAK  
BAKED POTATO  
VEGGIES  
SALAD  
DESSERT**

**\$8**



**NO AUXILIARY DINNER  
APRIL, 2015  
NEW KITCHEN IS:**





# LADIES AUXILIARY UNIT 555 TACO THURSDAY

Now Available for you Culinary Enjoyment!

Tacos: Beef, Chicken and Roasted Veggies

NEW! Nachos and Churros



Every Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00PM  
Albert E. Schwab Post 555  
Midway City, CA

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### TRIPLE NICKLE HOURS

WEEKDAYS: 2:00 PM–7:00 PM  
SATURDAY: NOON – 6:00 PM  
SUNDAY: CLOSED



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Unable to list April Birthdays due to a computer glitch. If your Birthday is in April, let the Bartender know!



*Come on in to the Triple Nickle for a free Birthday Beverage of your choice.  
(Not listed? Contact the Editor and give him your birthdate!)*

# APRIL 2015

SUN      MON      TUE      WED      THU      FRI      SAT

|                       |  |                                   |   |  |                             |                               |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                       |  |                                   | 1<br>40/8<br>6PM                                  | 2<br>Tacos                             | 3                           | 4                             |
| 5                     | 6  | 7*Auxiliary 7PM<br><b>Kitchen</b> | 8*Marine Corps<br>League 7:30PM<br><b>Remodel</b> | 9                                      | 10                          | 11                            |
| 12<br>Pinochle<br>1PM | 13 Post 555<br>E-Board 5PM<br>Post 555 7PM                               | 14                                | 15  | 16<br>Tacos                            | 17<br>Post Dinner<br>5:30PM | 18                            |
| 19<br>Pinochle<br>1PM | 20 <sub>ALR</sub><br>E-Board 5PM<br>Son's E-Board<br>6:30Pm<br>Son's 7PM | 21                                | 22  | 23<br>Tacos<br>Corvette Club<br>7:30PM | 24                          | 25<br>ALR 8:30AM<br>MOPH 11AM |
| 26                    | 27<br>Big Band<br>7PM  | 28                                | 29  | 30<br>Tacos                            |                             |                               |

\*Meetings During Remodel will be in the Annex



## POST 555 OFFICERS

|                     |                     |                  |                |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Commander:          | Jim Sewell          | Treasurer:       | Oscar Perez    |
| 1st Vice Commander: | Jenny Hayden        | Adjutant:        | Russell Floan  |
| 2nd Vice Commander: | Napoleon Singletary | Sgt at Arms:     | Charles Bates  |
| E-Board:            | Charles Bates       | Asst. SaA:       | Ed Sedlak      |
|                     | Ed Sedlak           | Chaplain:        | Andy Timko     |
|                     | Andy Timko          | Judge Advocate:  | Jeff Gallagher |
|                     |                     | Service Officer: | Open           |



## LADIES AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| President: Kay Hamby               | Sgt. At Arms: Bonnie Seibert/Marie Dillard |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice: Mary Yerigan |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice: Rita Smith   |  |
| Treasurer: Jenny Hayden            |  |
| Secretary: Lil Perez               |  |
| Chaplain: Eveline Sifuentes        |  |



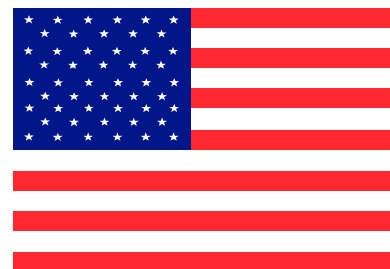
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| Vice President: | Marlene Flores   |
| Secretary:      | Debbie Churchill |
| Treasurer:      | Rick Stratton    |
| Sgt at Arms:    | Gary Logan       |
| Road Captain:   | Steve Ruggiero   |
| Chaplain:       | Jeff Gallagher   |



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 555 OFFICERS

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Commander & Acting Treasurer: | James Eubanks        |
| First Vice & Acting Adjutant: | George Willis        |
| Second Vice:                  | Nick Eustace         |
| Sergeant at Arms:             | Michael Eustace      |
| Chaplain :                    | Francisco Paras, Jr. |



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