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Post 555 Family

- Auxiliary Post Dinner on May 19th will be a Potato Bar with Desert for only \$8
- Legion Riders Chili Cook-Off and Poker Run has been rescheduled to June 25th

THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY**



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Good day Legionnaires,

Today I want to talk about a great attribute. Loyalty is a noble quality in man. It is rare, but a loyal person is a valuable asset to anyone. He is faithful to the lawful body, sovereign or government under which he resides. Loyalty involves obedience, sacrifice and compassion in human character.

We should keep this in mind when we volunteer to do any service to the American legion to our community and to any organization we choose to help.

Loyalty is a broad term. It may apply to a person, a family, a group, a locality, or a country. A loyal person bears a moral character and disciplined manners. He is honest and brave. He cannot be tempted to deviate from his path or virtue

Think of those that came before us the loyalty they had for this country if it had not been for that determination and loyalty to this country who knows where we would be. Be true to the American legion commit your voluntary services and sacrifice to what the American legion goals are.

Please volunteer, whether it be one hour or five hours make that commitment to be loyal to our values and our way of life of the American Legion.

God bless you all and God bless America.

Sincerely,

Commander, José Amezcua

Hello Legion Families,

Thank you for your continued support of our Taco Thursday and 3rd Thursday dinners. I am glad you are enjoying them.

Speaking of 3rd Thursday dinners, our dinner for May will be the baked potato bar with all the fixings.

Our May 3rd meeting will be the second officer nomination opportunity before elections.

May is, also, Poppy month. We remember and honor all those who have worn the uniform of our Armed Forces. We especially remember those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.

The Auxiliary is having a Poppy Month fundraiser to aid Long Beach VA and other veterans' services in our community and state. So when you get your poppy letter, please, donate what is right for you. There will be opportunities to donate at the Post as well.

Thank you in advance for your support.

To all our Mothers, have a Happy Mothers Day.

Early Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads.

Stay safe and well,

Sandy Dashiell
President ALA Unit 555

They all gave some, some gave all.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

God and Country: "In God we Trust" "One Nation under God" - These words always stick in my mind. He is Risen. To give ones life for another is amazing. To give ones life for mankind is a blessing. By giving our hearts to Jesus makes us 'Children of God'. The Easter celebration on April 17th reminds us that with His crucifixion, we now have Hope and can have Eternal Life. I can't think of words to thank Him. But I give thanks to Him every day when I wake up and every night when I go to bed. Did you know that sleep is a blessing given to us by the Lord?

As a rider of the wind, I used to say it's not the destination but the journey. Now at this chapter of my life the words and feelings have changed. Now it IS the destination (Eternity with our Lord and loved ones). This life is a journey. It's like we are going through a desert. A desert of aging, health issues, Family, relationships, financial challenges....and the list goes on. We all have the gift of following a GPS belief that will get you where you are going.

The GPS is: God Positioning System.

Remember, if you need prayer or know someone that I can pray for, just call me. In closing a passage from

MARK 8: 34-38 The Way of the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

American Legion Riders/Son's Chaplain Gary Cordova

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Comrades,

Well May is just around the corner and summer will be coming with it. May also brings Memorial Day, a day that we pay tribute to our Comrades that are no longer with us. Those that fell while performing their duty to our country and those that departed peacefully deserve to be honored. On Memorial Day we will be placing a wreath at Westminster Memorial and while we are there, we will be placing flags on graves of Veterans. I will be looking for volunteers to place as many as 1000 flags and I hope that you will come out and help show our respect for them.



We were unable to have our Wrestling match due to a malfunction of the ring, so we will be rescheduling as soon as repairs are made. It has always been a fun event and we are going on 7 or 8 years now. It is a good fund raiser for the Squadron and helps bring in money to the Post.

May is also second nominations and election of officers and we need squadron members to step up and run for, or volunteer for an office. We can not function without participation from the members and that is one thing we are lacking in, participation. So again, I ask for you to consider giving up just a little of your time and give us a hand. I know we don't do much in the way of functions, but that is because the few of us that do participate, can't do it all. If we had more member participation, we would be able to put on more functions.

There are some changes coming next year from Detachment, Department and National. Two of them that concern us the most will be that dues will be due by December 31st, without exception. You will be delinquent if not paid and the other is that there will be a \$2.00 increase in per-capita dues. This will not immediately impact you, since we pay enough in our dues to cover it, it will only impact how much of the dues we will be able to retain.

I hope to see more of you at the May meeting, but until then, be safe and may God watch over you.

Thank You,

James Eubanks, Squadron Commander



Greeting Legionnaires,

Our 2023 Legion Riders elections are going to be held in May and we are excited for our new board.



Our monthly Burger Burn is set for the 13th of May at the Post and we will have Live Music from the Whiskey Hayride playing County and Class Rock. Dinner and Music start at 6 pm and everyone is invited.



Future events coming up from the American Legion Riders include: 4th Annual Marlene Flores Chili Cook-off and Poker Run on June 25th. We are welcoming anyone that wants to cook homemade chili onsite to compete. Cooking is from 8 am – 12 pm and the entry form is on our Post website.


As with ALL of our Legion Rider events, it is ALL about the Vets. These events are open to the public so please spread the word.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on May 13th at the Post Burger Burn.


Brad Wade
ALR 555 Vice Director



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American Legion Riders,
Chapter 555

**4th Annual Marlene Flores
Chili Cook-Off**



When: Saturday, June 25, 2022

Where: American Legion Post 555
14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA 92655

Times: Registration - 7:00am to 7:30am
Cooking - 8am to 12:00pm
Tasting starts at 12:00pm

Tasting Packets will be available for purchase day of event

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