



Post 555 Newsletter

February 2023



Commander's Corner

Greetings Comrades,

I am sending this letter as an up-date to all our members to recent changes that have taken place within our Post regarding Chain of Command. As you by now know, Frank Monson has resigned as Commander of Post 555.



Squadron's Corner

Greetings,

I hope that you have had a good start for this new year, thus far the squadron has started with a bang. We are doing great on our membership renewals, thank you all for not dragging your feet on your renewal. We had a successful Wrestling event last month and our 4th Thursday night dinner went over well.

Your new interim commander will be 1st Vice Commander Jose Amezcua until we hold new elections. All other changes to positions of Officers will follow American Legion protocol. As a matter of responsible transition, a third-party audit of all bank transactions as well as a forensic audit of the alcohol that was consumed through the post bar during the last 18 months will be conducted and the executive board members will be briefed at the end of the audit. Any and all reviews should take place seamlessly and cause no interruptions in the operation of the Post.

We welcome all members to continue to participate in all events and Post activities in the up-coming months and would also like to take this opportunity to remind our members of the importance of volunteering for events. Without your help, we can't make this happen! The Post also needs your help in recruiting new members. **Everyone here is a recruiter!** Let's continue to make this post a priority and make it a friendly and hospitable place to have fun.

In closing, let's remind ourselves of the American Legion Values and goals to help the widows, the orphans and the warriors who have returned home with disabilities and injuries that make life difficult. These are reminders to those of us lucky enough to be here in better condition, to whatever degree, that we should take care of those less fortunate.

Hoping this letter finds you all well and safe,

Jose Amezcua
Post 555 Interim Commander

I am very pleased to see the increase in member participation in our events, thank you to all of you for pitching in. We do have several more Wrestling events coming up, one will be on March 25th and the other will be on May 13th. As always we can use some help on those dates.

Comrades there is more to put out and we will do so with email blasts, but I am cutting this article short because I am in the process of moving and running out of time and energy.

As always, I wish all of you well,

James Eubanks
Squadron 555 Commander



Rider's/Sons Chaplain Corner

GodMorning Post 555,

Time is moving on and so are we. I'm still trying to get used to it being 2023. The older we get, the faster time goes by....so make the best of each day and just take time a day at a time. Tomorrow has its own situations. The message for this month is to remember we are the fruit and our



Auxiliary's Corner

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank everybody who came and supported us (despite the rain) at our January dinner. It was a huge success. Special thanks again to Bridget and Richard Tiffany, Patty Spivey, Soulah Warshauer, and Becky Haring who came to help me in the kitchen. It was a great night of teamwork. It was also a nice surprise to see Debbie Reinbold our Auxiliary Treasurer there as well. She is temporarily "banned" from the kitchen as she is still recovering from open heart surgery the end of December.

Auxiliary Calendar:

Thursday 2/2 – Tostado Bowl Dinner.

Tuesday 2/7 -- Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 2/16 – Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert.

In February we are making "goodie bags" for our veterans at the VA for Valentine's day and will be including some of the items that so many of you graciously donated for Christmas. We also will be conducting interviews for the Girls State Program (eligible high school juniors) from the four schools we sponsor.

Lord is the vine. This passage from John 15:1-17 explains it in detail:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."

John 15:1-17

Just a reminder to our Auxiliary members to please send in your dues for 2023. Because we are on a fiscal year basis (July – June) instead of a calendar year (Jan-Dec) it is important for us to make sure we meet our goal by March. Also, if you have a friend or relative who might be interested in joining, please invite them to our meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post.

Kay Hamby
Auxiliary President



Legion Rider's Corner

Hello All,

January really flew by. The group just had our first meeting of the new year after being off for December. Some of the upcoming events the Riders will be involved in are our annual Chili cook-off/poker run, State riders' convention up in Tulare, and of course the group is working on more rides to support local organizations.

There are some plans in the making for possible fundraising here at the Post, so stay tuned for that. Oh, and stay

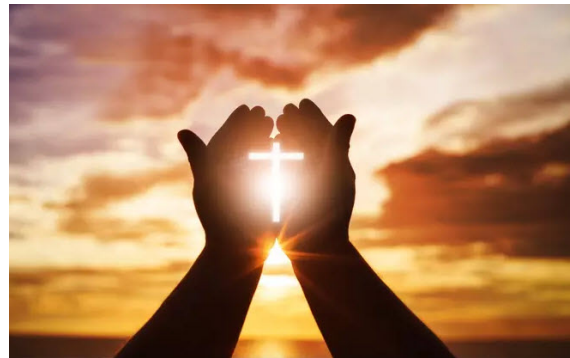
Keep our Post in prayer and everyone in it as like everything Change happens.

We are all equal at the cross. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross gave us one body, not many. It is the place where we lay down our differences and pick up God's grace.

God Bless us all.

GOD AND COUNTRY,

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turned for some new apparel from the Riders.

I've been going to the Thursday night dinners at the Post, I recommend going. Good food and good company.

See ya' at the Post

Brad "Earp" Wade
Director, Chapter 555

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