



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
WE ASSOCIATE OUR-
SELVES 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 Ameri-
canism;
To preserve the memories
and incidents of our associa-
tions in the Great Wars;
To inculcate a sense of indi-
vidual obligation to the com-
munity, 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 good-
will on earth;
To safeguard and transmit to
posterity the principles of
justice, freedom and
democracy;
To consecrate and sanctify
our comradeship by our devo-
tion to mutual helpfulness.

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THE MARAUDER



August 2013

Commander's Message of the Month

Hello comrades;

The past few months have been very busy and we still have a lot of work ahead of us. Our 4th of July was a success; and I want to thank all those who brought food and who took the time to attend our 4th of July function. There are many more events to plan for and I look forward to an exciting year. We are reminded that we need a lot of volunteers to make these events successful.

Looking back at some of my past articles I'm reminded of the importance of certain phrases that will make a difference to our American Legion.

SELFLESS SERVICE: Put the welfare of the Nation, the American Legion and your fellow members before your own. Selfless service is larger than just one person. In serving your country, you are doing your duty loyally

without thought of recognition or gain. The basic building blocks of selfless service is the commitment of each team member to go a little further, endure a little longer, and look a little closer to see how he or she can add to the effort. For leaders, the age-old phrase of "mission, men and me" still rings true today. Selfless service is the force that encourages every American Legionnaire. It is critical to the esprit and well being of American Legion organizations. By serving selflessly while on and off duty, we greatly enhance our value to our fellow citizens.

I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as your Commander one more year. I hope that you will support me in this upcoming year and I look forward to serving the American Legion and its members. Bottom line let's make this year a great



one. Let us work as one team, united, for the purpose of helping Veterans, and to make the American Legion the best it can be.

**Jose Amezcua
Commander
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
GOD BLESS AMERICA AND
AMERICAN LEGION**



Adjutant's Report

Well, here it is, that time again. I have recently picked up your 2014 membership cards and await your payment of dues for 2014. Last year, we stood at over 105% of the membership goal assigned to our Post. There is no reason we cannot hit the 100% mark again this year.

Your dues remain \$35.00 for

the year. You can mail them in by check with your renewal notice, pay by check or cash at the Post, or pay online. The good news is that I now have access to a list of all those who have paid online via the Post MyLegion area. No waiting for months on end to get your card. There is a new option for online payment now, you can

have an automatic annual renewal that will charge your debit/credit card around July 15th every year.

This is an option you can set up for yourself at <http://www.legion.org/renew>

We already have one new member and three online renewals



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 555



Comrades,
It is my pleasure once again to serve you as your Commander, and I am equally as pleased to have our staff back as well as several new additions. It is indeed nice not to have to wear so many hats as Brian and Cameron can attest to.

Last year we did make 102% for our membership, but we lost our Trophy that we won last year for 217% increase. Don't despair we were beaten by a Squadron from the 22nd District

(San Diego) with about a 600% membership increase. Congratulations to them, they deserved it and we did hand off a nice looking trophy. We now have our 2014 membership cards and I promise we will be better with our distribution of them this year. We will be leaving a bag at the bar for any Son's transactions in hopes that we can avoid any delays in



getting them to you.

I want to extend to the Legion Members of our Post a onetime offer for joining our Son's Squadron. If you are a qualified candidate (Son or Grandson, Etc.. of a Veteran) and you pay the Per-Capita Fee of \$8.00 we will sign you up as a Dual Member. Afterwards you pay only \$10.00.

To all you current Son's members who have let your Membership laps, we will allow you to pay the \$8.00 per-capita fee (for each lapsed Year) and maintain you continuous membership years intact. Again this is a onetime offer and won't last long.

We have submitted our Constitution and Bylaws to the District Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review and after that we send it to Detachment to rubber stamp it. I have it on good authority (The District Commander) that they will be passed on. I know I'm the Commander and on the review board but never the less they are in great shape.

Convention was pretty good this year, and very hot. I am looking forward to filling you in on the details of the upcoming year. I did get assigned to the Internal Affairs Committee for the Detachment and I am actually looking forward for the opportunity. We will be able to keep up with all the important issues involving the State and in turn us.

I would like to introduce you to our new Sergeant at Arms – Nicky Eustace. Nickie and his father Michael Eustace joined last year; in fact Michael is a Legion Member at our Post. Michael is also one of our new E-Board Members.

Nickie is 12 years old and our New Sergeant at Arms and I believe he is well suited for the job, as well will you momentarily. Nickie is currently:
2013 Pankration California State Champion, 125 lbs school boy division
2013 Pan Am / USA Trials Pankration National Champion, 55kls,

Novice division, Baton Rouge
He has been California State Champion twice, four time Pankration National Champion and if that's not enough he has won 20+ Gold and Silver Medals in Brazilian, Jiu Jitsu and Grappling Gi and No-Gi. Yet he is a very soft spoken and respectful young man, I believe we are privileged to have him in our Squadron.

Well done Nickie.

We have a lot to work on this year and I'm glad that we are starting to see more activity around the Post. There will be more meals coming your way from the Son's, unfortunately June was a Dark month for us and we haven't schedule anything yet, Keep your eyes open for a flyer, we may surprise you this Month.

Again I thank you and hope all stay well this month.

Sincerely,

**James Eubanks,
Commander Squadron 555**



American Legion Riders, Chapter 555



The American Legion Riders Chapter has been active throughout the month of July. A small group rode to Old Fort MacArthur Days and enjoyed the vantage uniforms, equipment on display and battle reenactments, as well as spending a few moments with historical figures (see Wild Bill and Teddy below). The Chapter also participated in escorting both The Wall that

Heals, and The Wall of Remembrance (Vision2Victory) from Riverside to Irvine. It is our pleasure to participate in the escorts, we make good contacts with other veteran rider groups and take the opportunity to invite people to our events.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT 555



The month of June included a lot of new information. Firstly, we elected new officers and had our installation along with the Post members. We are expecting great things this year as we are enthusiastic about new programs for our Unit and new dinners including entertainment. Our dinner on August 2nd will be Beef Stew, bread, salad and dessert for \$8.00. Serving will begin at 5:30 until 7:30.

We also visited the Spinal Cord unit at the VA Hospital in Long Beach. As always, it was very rewarding visiting the patients and supplying them with goodies.

Four of our members attended the Convention in Palm Springs where we learned new information to bring back to our unit to share with other members. I was told that Convention next year will be held in Santa Clara then back to Ontario the following year.

Most exciting was that we got 6 new members in the Auxiliary! We must actively pursue new enrollment to "pass the reins" as our members get older. Please continue to attend as many functions as possible to keep the American Legion Family at Post 555 alive and strong.

For God and Country,
Lil Perez, President

Adjutant's Report (Continued)

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taken care of. Time to get it taken care of while you are thinking about it!

We are looking for another member to send in his/her bio and photos for Member of the Month Section!

For God and Country,
Jim Sewell, Post Adjutant



**AMERICAN LEGION FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013
SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM**

**MENU:
GRILLED BEEF TRI-TIP
RANCH STYLE BEANS
SALAD
ROLLS**

\$8.00



**AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2013
SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM**

**MENU:
BEEF STEW
SALAD
BREAD
DESERT**

\$8.00



TRIPLE NICKLE HOURS

**WEEKDAYS: 2:00 PM—*APPROX 7:00 PM
SATURDAY: NOON — *APPROX 7:00 PM
SUNDAY: CLOSED**

***CLOSING TIMES DEPEND ON CUSTOMERS**



THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Well August is here already and I'm sorry to report that we had a member pass on to the Post Everlasting. A Vietnam Veteran he was in country from 1968 to 1969 and a Purple Heart recipient Sgt. Kenneth R. Heid Born December 1 1947 and passed away June 9th at our Veterans Hospital in Long Beach California. There was a very special ceremony at the Riverside National Cemetery last month and sorry to say that I got the news after we published the July Marauder.that's way the delay.

Just a short note that if anyone wants to share a heartwarming story or experience please get in touch with me and I will share it with all our Members.

Sick Call: Please in your own way pray for our two members for a speedy recovery, they are past Vice-Commander Sarge Henritz and current 2nd Vice-Commander Napoleon Singletary (Two great Guys).

God Bless America and the American Legion Family (Definitely our Troops) For God and Country Stay Healthy (Amen)

**Andy Timko
Post 555 Chaplain**



WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION , MEMORIAL DAY 2013

Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor our Military Veteran's who have given their lives in service to this nation. Although that is the main reason for the holiday, this past Memorial Day, many of us took the opportunity to help many

of our fellow veterans whom were in need of a wheelchair. There were four hundred wheelchairs on hand, and over one hundred more ready, if needed at the Long Beach VA Hospital. The Group that planned, orga-

nized, distributed and donated the wheelchairs was the Orange County Chapter of the Knight's of Columbus, of which many are proud Veterans themselves. They also provided a picnic type lunch and entertainment

for all in attendance. Lloyd Duronslet (Post 555) and Bill Serb helped to deliver the wheelchairs to those veterans in need.



Well done, Knight's of Columbus! Thank you for caring for our fellow Veterans!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Vernon Metzger, Jr	Matt McKelvy	Augustine Sifuentes	James Wilson
Robert Bertels	Larry Prior	Robert Dillard	Dennis Blenn
Larry Kirsh	Eric Duane	Christopher Mundt	Edward Romero
Napoleon Singletary	John Chizmar	Claud Koch	



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

AUGUST 2013

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4	5 Post 555 E-Board 5:00 PM	6 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	7 40-8 7:00 PM	8	9	10
11	12 Post 555 Meeting 7:00 PM	13	14	15	16 Post 555 Dinner 5:30 PM	17 Post 266 Meeting 9:00 AM
18	19 ALR E-Board 5:00 PM SAL E-Board 6:30 PM SAL Meeting 7 PM	20	21	22	23	24 ALR Meeting 8:30 AM MOPH Meeting 11:00 AM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

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| August 2: | Beef Stew Dinner (\$8.00) | August 19: | SAL Meeting |
| August 5: | Post 555 E-Board | August 24: | ALR Meeting and After Meeting Ride |
| August 6: | Auxiliary Meeting | | |
| August 12: | Post 555 Meeting | | |
| August 16: | Tri-Tip Dinner (\$8.00) | | |
| August 19: | ALR E-Board
SAL E-Board | | |

POST 555 OFFICERS

Commander:	Jose Amezcua	Treasurer:	Oscar Perez
1st Vice Commander:	Jenny Hayden	Adjutant:	Jim Sewell
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E-Board:	Charles Bates	Asst. SaA:	Ed Sedlak
	Russ Hamby	Chaplain:	Andy Timko
	Ed Sedlak		



LADIES AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS

President:	Lil Perez	Chaplain:	Bonnie Seibert
1st Vice:	Kay Hamby	Sgt at Arms:	Christy Marzullo
2nd Vice:	Rita Smith		
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Treasurer:	Jenny Hayden		



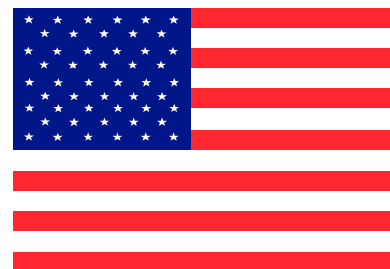
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 OFFICERS

President:	Jim Sewell
Vice President:	Marlene Flores
Secretary:	Debbie Churchill
Treasurer:	Chuck Johnson
Sgt at Arms:	Mike White
Road Captain:	Bill Carr
Chaplain:	Jeff Gallagher



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 555 OFFICERS

Commander:	James Eubanks
1st Vice:	Cameron Mathis
2nd Vice:	George Willis
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E-Board:	Michael Eustace
Sgt at Arms:	Nickie Eustace
Chaplain:	George Willis



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