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FINALLY!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY we associate ourselves together for the following reasons: 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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On the Cover: The Post Ceiling in Work!

Post Commander Tim Dusina coordinated The Ceiling Project with SAL Squadron 555 & Post 716 Commander James Eubanks and his crew to replace the ceiling in the Post 555 main hall.

This project started in January after a roof leak was repaired. Thankfully the roof was not in bad condition as initially thought, which saved the Post from having to replace the roof.

The photo on the front cover depicts the hall mid project. The floors are covered to protect the hard wood, and the ceiling has new drywall. To date, the ceiling has new can lights installed, and has been painted.

Jim's team worked long hours during the week and on weekends to get this project done with professional, high caliber quality results.

Veterans Crisis Line

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Text 838255. A VCL responder will text back;

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Or visit www.veteranscrisisline.net

POST 555 PUB HOURS

MONDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 TUESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 THURSDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 FRIDAY 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 SATURDAY 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 SUNDAY 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 HOURS POSTED EXTEND IF BUSY

REMEMBER TO TIP YOUR
VOLUNTEER
 BARTENDERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

January was a very busy month at the Post. We got our roof leak surveyed, quoted by several, and repaired. Thanks to the team at Antis Roofing and Waterproofing, we fortunately only had to repair the leak - and not replace the roof as originally thought.

At this time I am very proud to say that the Ceiling Project is complete!

Jim Eubanks and team started work on the main building's ceiling at the beginning of January and successfully replaced the worn, old, dilapidated ceiling with a fresh new drywall, can lights, and LEDs. This was an enormous task that took this team of professionals just a few weeks to complete. And wow, it looks fantastic!

Not only does the ceiling look great, the acoustics have improved 100 fold. We put that to the test on Saturday Night 1/28 when Cat Reed played R&B and classic rock for us live - it sounded great!

For your entertainment, the Post now has a Touch Tunes juke box in the 555 Pub. Play your favorite songs, and what we make from the jukebox, a portion of the profits goes to the Post too!

The Storage Room Project near the south side of the building has started. The goal for this area is to provide lockers for all of our groups: Auxiliary, ALR, Sons, 40/8, Marines, Corvette Club, etc. A central place to store club items safely and easily.

If you have not had a chance to check out what we have been up to at the Post, come check us out! Lend a hand, spend some time, visit, tell a friend.

We are doing BIG things at The Post this year, and our success is hugely due to those that step up, pitch in, participate. Our core post family members that do so much: Kat Sullivan, Kokoe Estrada, Sandy Sutton, Rita Smith, Jim Eubanks, David Gutierrez, Len Guillen, Marlene Flores, Dennis and Susie Root, Adam Crawford, Sam Anderson, Mick Lorito, James Costere, Andy and Ed, even Robert out front (just to name a few) account for less than 10% of our members.

If everyone stepped up to help out around our Post - help build it to what it should be - help maintain what we already have - spent 30 min to one hour per week here with me, us, it could happen so much faster.



This is our Post, let's take care of it!

Proactive. Legionnaires, Post Family, this is a call to action to start taking care of business. Pick up cigarette butts and trash in the parking lot if you see them. Take out the trash if it's full. Pull weeds in the garden if you see them. Help change a burnt out light bulb, untangle the flag if it's caught up, help out with the empty bottles at the bar. There are many things to be done and together we can make and KEEP this Post great - make it something that our members can all be proud of.

Tim Dusina
Post Commander
For God and Country

THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

I'm sorry to report we have sad news we lost a 49 year Member of the American Legion James Douglas Stratton to the Post Everlasting. Born November 13, 1928-December 21, 2016. He served in the Korean War and was a proud Member of the First Presbyterian Church of Westminster, California. As I understand from Pastor Paul he was a greeter at the door before the actual mass and he did a fantastic job doing it and was very well loved. Jim's family thanks all the friends and relations for touching their lives with love, prayers, support and presence at his final service. God Bless you James may you rest in Peace.

A short on the December 7, 1941 "Pearl Harbor Day" is a

time in History this country should always Remember. Never shall there be another Pearl Harbor)

Our World War II Veterans, members of the greatest generation are dying at a rate of roughly 1,000 a day. The men and Women who served during WWII truly save the World. We are fortunate to still have a few at the many American Legions all over the Great United States of America. Next time you see any of them please let them know how much you appreciate the hard sacrifice they made way back then. God Bless all my Brothers and Sisters. Amen

As always God Bless America and the American Legion Family also our Great Troops



around the World. For God and Country.

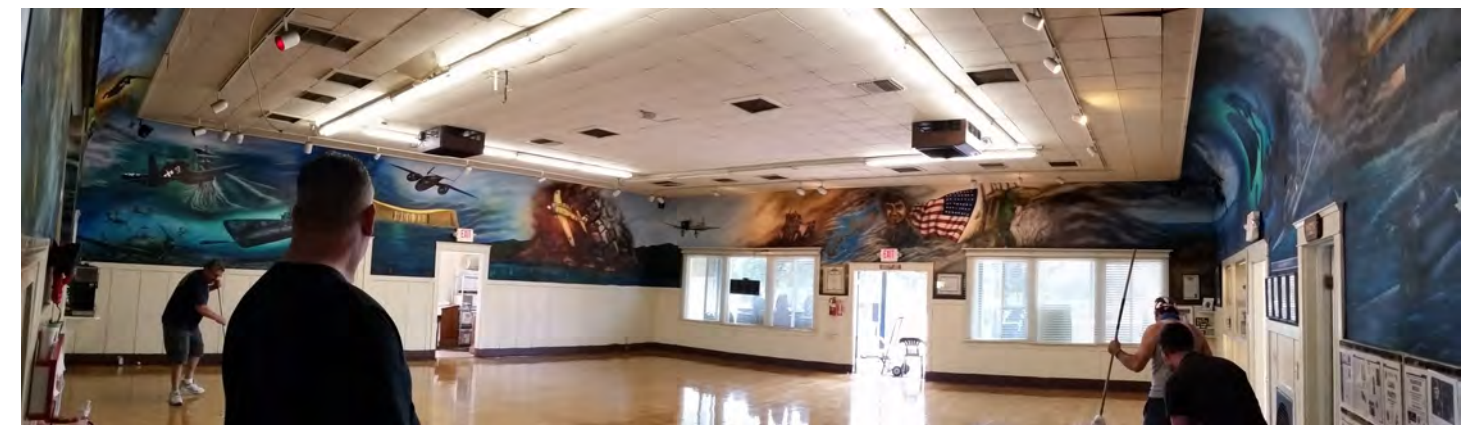
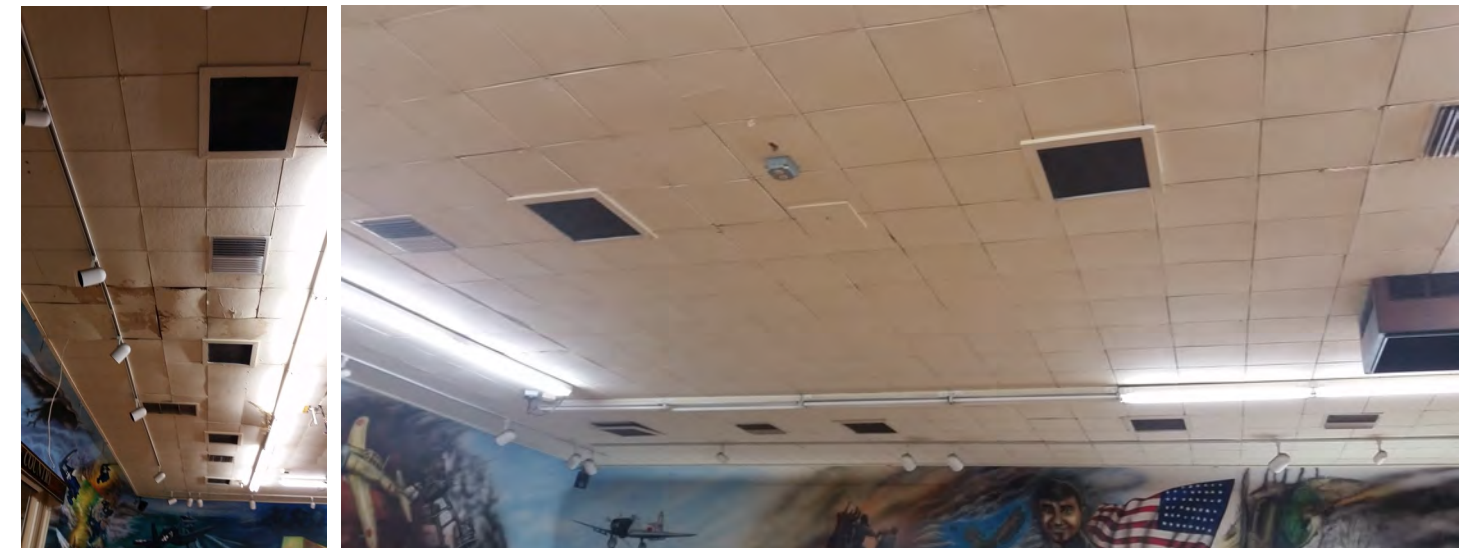
Please stay Healthy and very alert.

Andy Timko
Post 555
Chaplain & Adjutant



Above: The finished ceiling: with new LED lighting, drywall, and paint.

Middle and Bottom: Before photos showing existing condition including water damage, broken lighting, loose panels



American Legion Riders Chapter 555:

WANTED

CHILI CHEFS



The 4th Annual

Chili Cook Off

**Saturday
February 25, 2017**

CELEBRITY JUDGES:
Cody Bollinger—T.U.F. Alumni & Bellator MMA fighter
Eric Fox—Syfy's Face Off Season 4
 More judges TBA

**LIVE MUSIC & DANCING
NOON - 4PM**



Registration & Setup: 7-7:30 am
 Cooking Begins: 8 am
 Tasting Starts: 12 Noon

Cook-off Entry: \$20
 Tastes: \$1 per ticket
 House Chili & Cornbread: \$5



Open to the Public
 All Chili Chefs
 Welcome to Compete

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:



OUR HEROES' DREAMS

1st FIRST PLACE - \$150
2nd SECOND PLACE - \$75
3rd THIRD PLACE - \$50

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

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Kat (949) 939-7074

AUXILIARY UNIT 555



Greetings All,

As we move into February, I would like to acknowledge some of our January accomplishments. First, we have collected many items for the Hugs from Home project, where we are collecting items to send to the troops that are deployed overseas. This is a project that we are working on with Huntington Beach Auxiliary Unit 133, and it has been extended through February. If you would like to participate, please review our list on the Post webpage (<http://www.americanlegionpost555.com/auxiliary.html>) or visit our drop box at the post.

Our first Sunday Brunch happened on THE rainiest down-pour day in SoCal on record. Despite the weather we still had a nice turnout, and wonderful food. I would like to thank Marlene Flores, Kat Sullivan, Sherrie Fisher, and Kay Hamby for making such fantastic food. It's events like this where the food flows, and the teamwork is smooth that makes me proud to be Auxiliary.

This month we expect to carry over that Auxiliary teamwork and synergy. With the construction on the ceiling completed (please stop in and check it out if you haven't seen it), we can get back to planning events, lunches, and dinners without planning around the construction.

The Auxiliary has set up a collection box at the Post for items to bring to the VA. We will collect what we can and make a trip to the hospital when we collect enough. We currently need new socks - men and women, travel size toiletries (toothpaste, floss, shaving cream), t shirts (Harley shirts especially), pens,

pads of paper.

If anyone is interested in crafts, the Auxiliary will have a station with instructions set up at the Post to make Chaplain Evelyn Sifuentes inspired Pocket Crosses, complete with prayer. Our goal is to make several of these in time for Easter, to share with our friends and loved ones.

Our Unit will be hosting a Mary Kay Sunday Funday Party on February 19th. Bring your friends and family to the Post and enjoy the day!

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please don't hesitate to send us an email at unit555ALA@gmail.com or leave input at our webpage. Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, February 7th at our Monthly Meeting!

**Kokoe Estrada
Unit 555 President
For God and Country**



Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

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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 participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;

to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555 PRESENTS

KARAOKE NIGHT

FEATURING SOKOOL ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAYS AT THE 555
7:00 PM



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ALR 555 Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves as members of the American Legion Family, constituting the American Legion Riders for the following purposes:

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To maintain Law and Order;

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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 participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion;

to promote motorcycle safety education programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion Family members with the same motorcycle interests;

To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

It is February. That means it is Chapter 555 Chili Cook-Off time! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 25. Registration starts early at 0700 so all you Chefs can get your chili going. There will be chili, motorcycles, vettes, games, music and good times! Tasting starts at noon. Please come join us in support of Our Heroes Dreams.

I also want to remind Chapter members that our

February meeting date will be a week early, on February 18th. It was moved up because of the Chili Cook-Off. It is an important meeting, as we have first round nominations for Chapter Officers. Make every effort to be at the meeting. Final nominations and elections will be at our March meeting.

A few days ago, while participating in a memorial ride, Chuck Johnson was



side swiped and went down. He was injured and is still in the hospital at the time of this writing. His recovery will take a bit of time and I hope you all will remember him in your prayers.

**For God and Country
Jim Sewell
President**



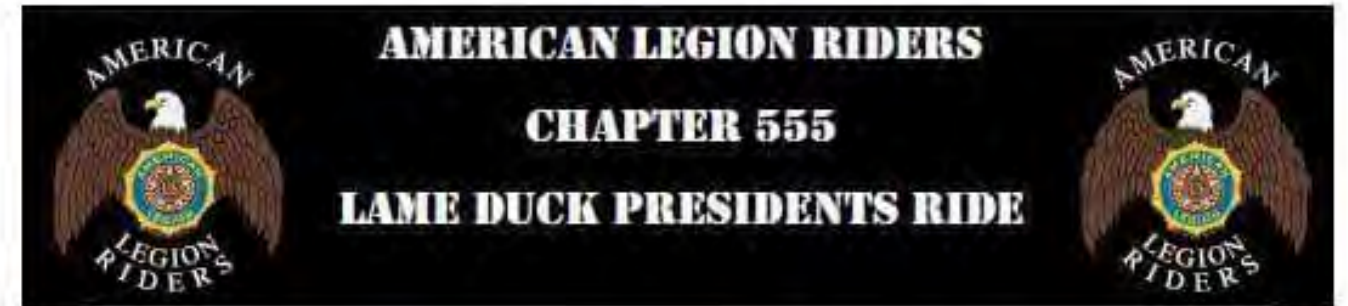
ALR President Jim Sewell along side Rider Chuck Johnson, who gives us the 'thumbs up'!



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WHEN:

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

MEET:

ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555

14582 BEACH BLVD. MIDWAY CITY, CA

TIME:

0800 KSU@ 0830

RIDE DESCRIPTION: JOIN ME ON A BREAKFAST RIDE THROUGH NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY BACK ROADS, BREAKFAST AT THE PAUMA CASINO BUFFET (\$12.95 BRUNCH) AND THEN ON THROUGH BEAUTIFUL BACK ROADS.

I-405 TO THE 76, STOP AT PAUMA, CONTINUE ON 76 TO 79 TO TEMECULA THEN OVER THE ORTEGA BACK TO ORANGE COUNTY AND, SURPRISE, END AT COOK'S CORNER.

sunday Funday!

Girl Time and Makeovers!!!



Hosted by Auxiliary Unit 555

Date: Sunday, 2/19/2017

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Post 555 14582 Beach Blvd, Midway City CA

Come join for some pampering and girl time!

You will experience:

- ✓ hand pampering treatment,
- ✓ satin lip treatment,
- ✓ great age-fighting skin care products,
- ✓ and learn how to apply a "Dash-out-the-Door" glamour look!

**There is no obligation except to just come and have fun.

Can't wait to see you! Oh and RSVP to Kim Martin-Adams so we know how many to expect. My number is 949-689-3813 or email: kimby1525@yahoo.com

P.S. If you want a sneak peak, you can check out the website at www.marykay.com/kim.martin-adams

AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 PRESENTS:

LASAGNA NIGHT

Featuring Chef Frank

FANTASTIC HOME MADE MEAL FOR ONLY \$8

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th
5:00 PM**



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KARAOKE NIGHT

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 National Freedom Day 40/8 @ 7:00 PM	2 Groundhog Day	3 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night @ 7:00 PM	4 Lasagna Night feat. Chef Frank 5:00 PM
5 Pinochle 12:00 PM	6	7 Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Marine Corps League 7:30 PM	9	10 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night @ 7:00 PM	11
12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Pinochle 12:00 PM	13 Post E-Board 5:00 PM Post 555 Meeting 7:00 PM	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Hunters' Gun Club 5:00 PM Auxiliary Dinner Night @ 5:00 PM	17 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night @ 7:00 PM	18 ALR Monthly Meeting 8:30 AM
19 Pinochle 12:00 PM Sunday Funday Mary Kay 2:00 PM	20 Presidents' Day SAL E-Board 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22 George Washington's Birthday	23 Corvette Club 7:30 PM	24 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night @ 7:00 PM	25 ALR Chili Cook Off MOPH 11:00 AM
26 Pinochle 12:00 PM	27	28 Mardi Gras				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 11th: ALR Lame Duck Ride

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Coming soon: MORE LIVE MUSIC @ Post 555!



*Post 555 Family
February Birthdays*

Dana Ahl
Charles Bavin
George Benedict
Samuel Brandes
Brandon Chapman
Jack Copeland
Marty Enox
JoanGenovesi

Carl Gressman
David Gutierrez
Vern Hart
Lewis Holman
Lee Mastro
Leroy Reed
AnnMarie White
Donald Wood

Happy Birthday!