



JANUARY 2017

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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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,
Happy New Year!

In December we had our Post Family Christmas Party. It was an all-day event that included Santa, lunch, dinner, family, and friends. Christmas Party dinner was fantastic – we had prime rib, a ham prepared per Auxiliary Treasurer Sherrie Fisher's grandmothers recipe, and we even had a deep-fried turkey courtesy of ALR member Gary Logan. We also had mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, and rolls. 2nd Vice Tony Amezcu's Reserve Unit provided cakes for our dessert.

Bingo Night in the L-1 Ward was short-handed, and I'd like to commend Auxiliary member Sandy Sutton and ALR and Post member Mick Lorito for stepping up during the Post Christmas Party to support Michelle De La Cruz and the Legion Family at the Long Beach VA - This is what we do: We support each other!

Fundraisers

Christmas Dinner was by donation only, and in between the Army Reserve Christmas Party in the Annex, and our Christmas Dinner, we raised \$500 towards the Post Im-

provement Fund. Our Post along with Los Alamitos Post 716 participated in the Long Beach VA's Operation Santa. The Post 555 Family adopted two families: one, a family with 5 girls, and one with 4 boys. We collected funds from the membership and along with ALR, Auxiliary, and Post donations, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for both of these large families. In addition, the Post family was also able to provide ten \$25 gift cards to the VA Long Beach SATC program. Additionally, we provided a truck load of toys to the Orange-wood Children's Home in Orange. And that's not all. We also received and distributed 10 turkey dinners, special thanks to Steve Murray at Post 496 Lakewood.

Reflection

As we start the new year, let's take a moment to reflect on and appreciate our accomplishments thus far. So far we have rebuilt the Post 555 Family foundation and have developed solid relationships and camaraderie within the



family. Post 555 has also started working with other Posts in joint activities, and participating in each other's events. The Post has raised funds towards the building renovation and repairs, and made several improvements. So far, the lights outside the buildings are in working order, the floors have been polished, the condemned heater in bar has been removed, the landscaping is being maintained, cleaned up the stage, alley, and patio areas, tented and repaired the main building for termite damage, repaired the sink hole in the parking

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Special Dates Observed in January:

- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day**
- Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Happy New Year and please stay Healthy and Wise!

Again, as of December 20, we are still blessed with not having any American Legion Member pass on to the Post Everlasting, and that's a good thing. God Bless.

Freedom of Religion is not Freedom from Religion! Therefore never be confused by those who would attempt to take the very foundation of the Great United States of America out of your Life. Hold close the glory that touches your life, the rare moment in which you hold your breath, awestruck by something beyond satisfaction of a difficult goal achieved.

Knowing that you are a part of the eternal plan of GOD, rare moments

when friendship is touched with true understanding. Knowing that prayer is the prelude to peace, the prologue to power, the preface to purpose and the pathway to perfection.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Please note to renew your Membership for 2017.



God Bless the American Legion Family and our Great Troops around the world. For God and Country! Please stay healthy and very alert.

Andy Timko
Post 555
Chaplain & Adjutant



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lot, rekeyed the post for security, cleaned up the post main building, updated and added new displays... wow! Take a moment to pat yourselves on the back – we've done a lot in 6 months. Thank you to ALL the volunteers this past year – with teamwork, we have accomplished so much!

Coming up in 2017

With the last heavy rain, it was noted that there was a very significant leak in the roof. As it happens the roof on the main building has never been replaced (it's over 50 years old!) and will need to be replaced. This of course puts a delay on our ceiling project. We are currently seeking quotes for this replacement. If you know anyone that can help sponsor this repair (upwards of \$20k) now would be the time to help out the post. We will be holding fundraisers

and seeking sponsorship for this project.

Roof Project aside, I am looking forward to many events this year with post members and post family, and more post improvements. Our next project is the Post Storage Project. The Auxiliary office was removed in preparation for a newer,

larger storage area for all entities. Stay tuned!

On Saturday, January 28th, the first of hopefully many bands will be performing live once per month at the Post. From 6:00 to 9:00 PM Cat Reed & Back Alley, a famous local Huntington Beach band will be performing some classic rock 'n' roll LIVE at Post 555! Save this date and tell a friend!

Tim Dusina
Commander
For God & Country

Happy New Year

If you are a Veteran, or know of a Veteran in need, confidential support is available:

Veterans Crisis Line: (800) 273-8255 (Press 1)

Or visit: www.veteranscrisisline.net





Hello and Happy New Year!

December was an awesome time at the Post but then maybe I'm biased because Christmas is my favorite time of year. We had great decorations (special thanks to the creativity and ingenuity of Kat Sullivan, Rita Smith, Sherrie Fisher, and Post Commander Tim). We had an awesome Post Family Christmas Party – which included Santa, legit gifts for the kids, grab bag prizes, and lunch. We had a fantastic Christmas dinner that same evening, complete with prime rib, turkey, ham, and all the fixins', desert, and a White Elephant gift exchange. Thank you to all the volunteers prepping the weeks leading up to and including the day of the event. It was hard work, and you made it look easy!

We had a very good Christmas

AUXILIARY UNIT 555

*Happy
New Year*

joint fundraiser with the Post Family where we were able to adopt two families at the VA and also provide a truck full of toys to the Orangewood Children's Home. Also in December, we received a call for action from the District to help out the women's mental clinic and women's health SATC Program, who were in need of gift card donations for food. Working together as the Post 555 Family, we were able to raise funds to provide ten \$25 grocery store cards to the VA. Thank you.

In 2017 I look forward to many more joint events with the Post Family and the Legion Family. The goal is to work together and accomplish together. One Post, One Family.

Leading into the New Year, we are working with our sisters at Huntington Beach Unit 133 to collect items to build care packages to send to the troops that are deployed. We are collecting snack foods, sundries, games, and letters of support. Please check the post website Auxiliary page for details on much needed items.



There is a drop box at the Post, and we will be collecting through January 14th.

On January 22nd the Unit 555 Auxiliary will be hosting a \$7 Sunday Brunch during NFL Playoffs starting at 11:00 AM. All proceeds will go to Veterans Programs. Come on down and watch the game and get your grub on!

Please note that there is no Auxiliary meeting in January. We will have our next meeting on Tuesday, February 7th. While we are off in January, please get your dues in, and start thinking about the Americanism Essay Contest. Do you know anyone that may be interested in writing an essay and potentially winning a cash prize? Remember that it is open to all age groups, home school, boy and girl scouts. We are also looking for judges. Additionally, we have several committee chair positions open, so if you are interested let us know!

If you have any questions, please contact any officer or send us an email at unit555ALA@gmail.com.

For God and Country

Kokoe Estrada
President Unit 555



AUXILIARY UNIT 555 PRESENTS:

SUNDAY
 **PLAYOFFS**
BRUNCH

JANUARY 22ND
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

\$7



ONLY AT POST 555 ~ 14582 BEACH BLVD
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VETERAN PROGRAMS



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555



2016 was a fantastic year for Chapter 555 of the American Legion Riders. The year started with our third annual Chili Cook-off, then we held our annual Poker Run and ended the year of fund raising in October with our first ever Oktoberfest and 10th Anniversary. Every Friday was ALR night at the Triple Nickle. Each of our events were successful. We were able to raise thousands of dollars and were able to make rather nice donations to our charity of the year, Our Heroes' Dreams. I am very proud of all our Chapter members who have stepped up to help out on our events. Their hard work makes it possible to have events people want to attend. A few have gone over and above the call of duty; Marlene, TJ, Kat, Yvonne, Root and others have contributed so much to the Chapter. Tim and Kokoe are both Riders and officers in the Legion family. Tim is our Post Commander and Kokoe is both President of the Auxiliary and Treasurer of the Chapter. They have been a great team and have done so very much to better the Post and also our Riders. Not Riders, but have Rider hearts, George and Maureen have always supported our endeavors and are considered to all as good friends, so much so that well over twenty of us showed up at the "Lunch with George Ride" on December 4th. As I told

George, I think the Riders must have thought he died. We only get that kind of turnout for funeral escorts!

Next month, on Saturday, February 25, our fund raising for 2017 begins with our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off. I want to ask all of our Legion family to attend and have some fun! The chili will be hot and the beer will be cold! Music will be provided by Roadkill Kings. A reminder to the Chapter, the February meeting has been moved up a week to Feb. 18 at 0830. We will have first round nominations for Chapter Officers. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt-at-Arms are elected annually. Other positions are appointed by the President. Members should think about stepping up and running for office. The rewards are great. I am winding down on my third term as President and will not be looking to get re-elected. It is time for me to step back and watch a new President take the reigns. I look forward to a new year of working to benefit our fellow veterans. I see this one as the best one yet!

For God and Country
Jim Sewell
President, ALR Chapter 555



Santa Ride to Orangewood Children's Home



Bill & Patti Carr say
"Merry Christmas!"

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



FIRST PLACE - \$150
SECOND PLACE - \$75
THIRD PLACE - \$50



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:

OUR HEROES' DREAMS

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

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Kat (949) 939-7074



BLASTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

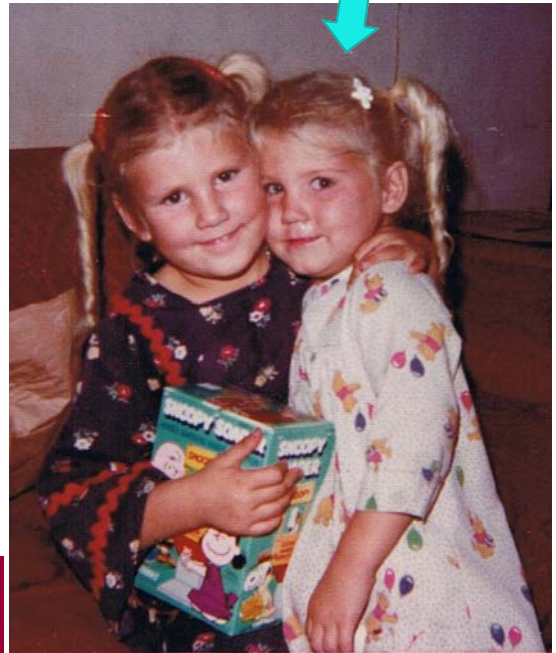
...from the Past!!!

CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS???

She is one of our Auxiliary members.

See Sandy when she's bartending and submit your guess!
The first 3 correct guesses **WIN A FREE DRINK!!!**

Featured member & family are not eligible for the free drink. :)



Previous months' Blasts from the Past:

November: Donald "Reb" Sanders

December: Jim Sewell

AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555

INTRODUCING:

KARAOKE NIGHT

FEATURING SOKOOL ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAYS AT THE 555

7:00 PM



14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA

Line Dancing

FRIDAYS AT THE 555

REFRESHER LESSONS BEGIN AT

6:30 PM

NEW LESSONS BEGIN AT

7:30 PM

(IN THE ANNEX)

Only \$5

Regular Line Dancing
begins immediately after lessons

YEE HAW!



LIVE MUSIC!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 PRESENTS

CAT REED & BACK ALLEY



COME ON DOWN & SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM



COVER: \$5

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MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655**




TRIPLE NICKLE



**CHALLENGE A FRIEND TO
 A FUN GAME OF DARTS!!**

MINIMUM HOURS:

MON., TUES., THURS. 2PM - 7PM*
WED. & FRI. 2PM - 9PM*
SATURDAY NOON - 9PM*
SUNDAY NOON - 7PM*



WINE & SPIRITS

**POST 555 BARTENDERS ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS, GIVING OF THEIR TIME.
 PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION.**

*** HOURS POSTED WILL BE EXTENDED
 DUE TO LEGION FAMILY NEEDS.**

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Tony Amezcua
Robert Cleaveland
Terrence Doyle
John Hanley
Mont Hylton

Clark Johnson
Matthew Keefe
Sue Nott
Austin Olivieri
Dennis Rude

William Saia, Sr.
Sandy Sutton
Thomas Tregagle
Terry Van Akin
Frances Verstynen

Douglas White
Theodore Zanias



Come on in to the Triple Nickle for a FREE Birthday Beverage of your choice.
(Not listed? Contact the Editor and give her your date of birth!)



JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY BAR CLOSED Pinochle @ 12	2	3	4 40/8 - 7pm	5	6 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	7 Bar Hours: Noon-9/later
8 Bar Hours: Noon-7pm Pinochle @ 12	9 Post E-Board 5pm Post 555 Mtg 7pm	10	11 Marine Corps League 7:30pm	12	13 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	14 Bar Hours: Noon-9/later
15 Bar Hours: Noon-7pm Pinochle @ 12	16 Martin L. King Jr. Day Sons (SAL) E-Board 6:30pm Sons Mtg 7pm	17	18	19 Hunters Gun Club 5pm	20 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	21 Bar Hours: Noon-9/later
22 NFL Playoffs Brunch 11am Pinochle @ 12	23	24	25	26 Corvette Club 7:30pm	27 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	28 Cat Reed & Back Alley Rock 'n' Roll ALR 8:30am MOPH 11am
29 Bar Hours: Noon-7pm Pinochle @ 12	30	31	<p>GAMES AVAILABLE IN THE BAR FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT: Yahtzee Backgammon Darts Playing Cards & Poker Chips Mind Benders & many more!</p>			

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 25, 2017 - Chili Cook-off

GO DIGITAL!
 Save the Post \$\$\$
 Get your Marauder by email now
 Send your email address to:
sandyvcsr@gmail.com

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL EVENTS:

NO 3rd Monday Dinner this month
 Jan. 22 - NFL Playoffs Sunday Brunch
 Jan. 28 - Cat Reed (Rock 'n' Roll band)

FUN, FUN!!
 Karaoke Fridays & Line Dancing!!

POST 555 OFFICERS

Commander:	Tim Dusina	Finance:	Antony 'Doc' Adams
First Vice Commander:	Adam Crawford	Judge Advocate:	Jim Sewell
Second Vice Commander:	Tony Amezcua	Sergeant at Arms:	James Costere
E-Board:	Charlie Bates	Asst. Sgt at Arms:	Lee Lieberg
	Len Guillen	Chaplain:	Andy Timko
	Ed Sedlak	Service Officer:	
Adjutant:	Andy Timko		



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS

President:	Kokoe Estrada	Sergeant at Arms:	Kathleen Sullivan
First Vice:	Kay Hamby	Historian:	Yvonne Zweifel
Second Vice:	Rita Smith	Marshall:	
Treasurer:	Sherrie Fisher		
Secretary:	Sandy Sutton		
Chaplain:	Eveline Sifuentes		



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 OFFICERS

President:	Jim Sewell
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Secretary:	Charlie Bates
Treasurer:	Kokoe Estrada
Sergeant at Arms:	Tony Olson
Road Captain:	Antony 'Doc' Adams
Chaplain:	Jeff Gallagher



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 555 OFFICERS

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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