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FOR THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSES:
To uphold and defend the Consti-
tution of the United States of
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To maintain law and order;
To foster and perpetuate a one
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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 consecrate and sanctify our
comradship by our devotion to
mutual helpfulness.

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

The Young Marines had their Chili Cook off at the Post. I was fortunate enough to be one of their guests. The Young Marines did a flag folding ceremony and a flag retiring ceremony. I asked if they could do



their event again next year. We have so many flags to retire.

They used a medal trash container to burn the flags. The Cypress Fire department was there to make sure the burning of the flags was in a safe environment. There were the Young Marines' families, guests,



and some of our own members attended.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 20 relative to Veterans Affairs Hospital is scheduled for committee hearing presentations and vote on March 29, 2016. This bill would request the Congress of the United States to support and build a central Veterans Affair hospital in Orange County. We the veterans are being asked to contact our local politician asking them to support this bill.

La Habra Post 267 is requesting donations of pots and pans, dishes, etc., for their kitchen. Their storage unit holding all supplies was broken into and all things stolen.

During our April meeting, Maria Robideau will give a small



presentation regarding Burial and Memorial Benefits you have earned as an Honorably Discharged Veteran.

Also, this will be our first nominations for Officers during our meeting. There will be an additional and final nomination at the May meeting. Voting will be done during our May meeting. New Officers will take over on July 1, 2016.

I hope you all have a good month and stay safe.

Jenny Hayden, Commander

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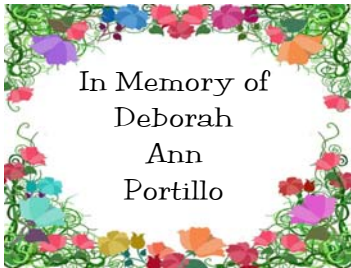
**Air Force
Reserve
Birthday
April 14th**



**Army Reserve
Birthday
April 23rd**

THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

As we approach April, we haven't had any American Legion Members pass on to the Post Everlasting, but unfortunately we have lost the daughter of Rita Smith, one of our Auxiliary Members. Her name is Deborah "Debbie" Ann Portillo, the mother of one son, one daughter and one granddaughter.



Debbie was 54 years old and lived in La Habra and also had a sister named Lee (Rita's other daughter). She was tragically taken from us on Sunday morning February 28th at a time too soon in her life. She was very loved by all her family and even spent time at the American

Legion for many different events, and I can say she definitely had a lot of fun and friends there. She loved the beach, flowers, bright colors, joyful gatherings and most of all family.

Debbie will be dearly missed, but we know she will find peace as she is welcomed into the arms of Jesus Christ.

God Bless you, Deborah.

A little info on our Great Post 555 Midway City, it was started in February 1938 and became chartered on March 22nd, 1938. The actual first Commander was Robert Keller. They began with only 18 members, 12 as charter members. At that time, without a hall, they used the Community Center for its meetings. The Auxiliary was chartered the same year, and its first Lady President was, yes, you guessed, it was Robert Keller's lovely wife. (Please note: More to come in the May issue of our fine Marauder.)

God Bless America and the American



Legion Family, definitely our Great Troops.

**For God and Country
Please stay Healthy and very alert
of your surroundings.**

**Andy Timko
Post 555 Chaplain (AMEN)**

THE PURPLE HEART BEAT



On March 19, 2016, I attended the 50th anniversary of VietNam celebration at Fort Irwin. It was fantastic with pictures taken at painted rocks, lunch and free gifts for all vets and family members, great music, and a concert by Gary Sinese's

band, Lt. Dan Band.

It was attended by over 2,000 with



Fort Irwin 2015

over 1,700 motorcycles in the parade. This is the second annual, and I think they plan on doing it every year. There were lots of Legion riders from that area involved. AND TO TOP IT OFF, EVERYTHING IS FREE!!!

**Jim Pinnix, Adjutant
Purple Heart Chapter 752**



Fort Irwin 2015



AUXILIARY UNIT 555

We want to thank everyone who came out on **St. Patrick's Day** to enjoy some good food and fun. We had a tremendous turnout, but unfortunately "sold

out" a little before 7:00 p.m. after serving almost 60 full dinners and an additional 10 sandwiches to the Gun Club organization that was having a meeting in the annex that same night. WOW! Maybe we should start having "special dinners" once a month?? Please let us know if you would like to see this happen. We would like to get your feedback!



Spring Tea It was mentioned in last month's Marauder that we were going to be having a Spring Tea for Ladies and Gentlemen on Saturday, April 16. Unfortunately due to some unforeseen scheduling problems and other issues, we are going to be moving the tea to May. We will keep all you posted ASAP when the date and times will be for this fun event.

I know the ones who attended last year's event keep telling us they "can't wait" for the next one, so hang in there, we won't disappoint you!

Paint & Vino Night Fundraiser The Black Umbrella Art Studio in Garden Grove is going to be putting on this fundraiser for us to help support our Girls State Program. This is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, pending the final certi-

fication of the liquor license. They plan to have two classes that day: One from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. & the other from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$40.00. You will be instructed by a professional artist and go home with your painting and of course have some wine! I believe they can accommodate about 40 people in each session. As soon as everything is final, tickets will be available for this great event!

TACO THURSDAYS from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Back on every Thursday unless notified otherwise!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Kay Hamby
President, Unit 555



On behalf of the Portillo, Smith, and Deutschmann families, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the care and assistance that the American Legion members, Women's Auxiliary, Riders Group, and the Sons, extended to our families.

It is very refreshing and also humbling to find that there are still people out there that care to the extent that you all have shown us. This is/was a very trying time for all of us; and though nothing can bring back our loved one, what you have done for us can at least lighten the impact in an area that could have provided an unnecessary distraction to what really mattered most. We really want to express our sincere thanks for the love and caring you have shown for Rita in this time of need as well as moving forward. It brings comfort knowing that she is not alone.

We want to thank you with all our hearts and want you to know that the love and support you have shown will not be taken for granted and/or go unappreciated.

It is quite obvious that the American Legion heart not only fought for our country but also for the well being of life and family, especially in its lowest areas of sadness.

We thank you again and hope you find the love you have expressed returned to you ten fold.





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555



First, I would like to congratulate our new Chapter 555 Officers. I know they will do a fine job. With the help and cooperation of Post 555, 2016 into next year will be challenging and fun. I will continue to support and help in any way I can as Chapter 555 Junior Past President.

This last year has been a challenging one with all the changes that took place from the American Legion Riders Department of California (ALRDOC) and our chapter as well. With the cooperation of everyone in Chapter 555, we had no problem handling the changes that came down.

Our Chili Cook Off on February 27th was a great success. We were able to raise over \$1,500 for our Charity (Our Heroes' Dreams). Hopefully we can continue raising money for those Veterans who really need our help.

Lastly, I want to thank all the members of Chapter 555 for all their help this last year for making my job a little easier.

Ride Safe,
Robert M. Trudeau
SGM, USA (Retired)
Junior Past President, ALR Chapter 555



New ALR Chapter 555 Officers 2016-2017



New ALR Chapter 555 Rider, Jim Moss. Welcome, Jim!

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW ALR CHAPTER 555 PRESIDENT 2016-2017

I was honored to be elected as the ALR Chapter 555 President during our monthly meeting in March. Having served in the position two terms before, you might think I have learned by now. After a year out of office, I decided to give it another shot. I am honored that the membership saw fit to give me another shot at it. Third time's a charm!

I am looking forward to a great year. Our new Board is full of people ready to give it a shot. Vice President: Len Guillen, Treasurer: Kokoe Estrada, Sgt at Arms: Tony Olson. The only returning member of the board will be Secretary: Charlie Bates. The others have either termed out, or have decided to step down. I'd like to thank them for the work they did for our Chapter and the Veterans we serve. Bob, Yvonne, Rick, Gary and Charlie did a great job. I have asked Jeff Gallagher to continue as Chapter Chaplain. He has been a great source of inspiration for our membership. The Road Captain position remains, for the time being, open, but hopefully not for long. I would like someone to volunteer for the position that is will-

ing to set up not only a short after meeting ride, but also rides of a little more mileage!

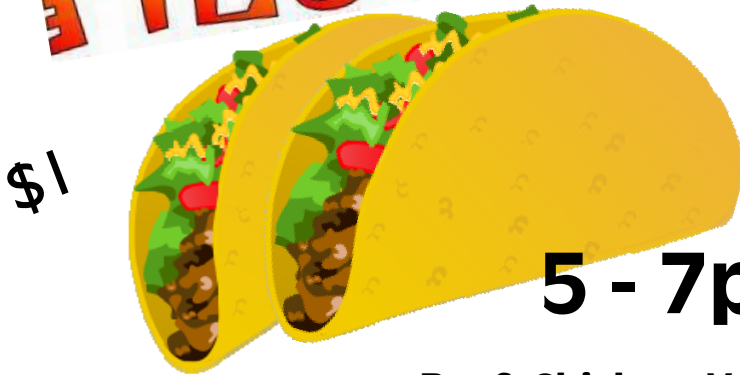
I look forward to working closely with the Post and have a few events I'd like to propose for the coming year that will benefit both Post and Chapter. Hopefully the Post E-Board will agree.

In closing, I would again like to let the Chapter membership know that I am truly humbled by the confidence you have in me to lead your Chapter for the coming year. I have resigned my position as ALR/DOC Area 5 Assistant VP for Orange County effective at the date and time of the Area 5 Caucus at the Convention in April. I will devote all of my attention to the Chapter, and am looking forward to a great year of doing great things for Veterans! Let's RIDE!

Jim Sewell
President
ALR Chapter 555

FIESTA

TACO THURSDAYS

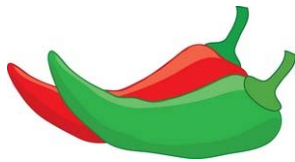


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**Every 4th Monday
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Upcoming Dates:

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June 27 July 25

**Bar will be open!
Drink Specials &
~ Pizza \$1.50 / slice ~**

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

BLASTS ...from the Past!!!



(This section will be included in The Marauder periodically when I have pictures to share. Please send me your "vintage" pictures so I can include them in future issues.)

CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS???

He is one of our members.

One and only one hint: 82nd Airborne, Fort Brag, NC

To the first 3 people who guess correctly, see me on or after April 6th when I'm bartending, and your first drink is on me!

Note: Featured member and their family are not eligible for the free drink. :)



Through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision course with his ship.
 He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east."
 The light signals back: "Change yours, ten degrees west."
 Angry, the captain sends: "I'm a Navy captain! Change your course, sir!"
 "I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir."
 Now the captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"
 There's one last reply. "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."



The USS Enterprise is a ship with the largest number of nuclear reactors. How many does she have?

1 - 2 - 4 - 8 ???



ANSWER:

8. Most American aircraft carriers are powered by two reactors. The only exception was the early-constructed USS Enterprise, having an eight-reactor propulsion design, with each A2W reactor taking the place of one of the conventional boilers in earlier constructions. Enterprise was meant to be the first of a class of six, but construction costs ballooned and the remaining vessels were never laid down. The design was replaced by two-reactor Nimitz class.

REMINDER:

Bar stays open till AT LEAST 9pm when Sandy, Tim & Kokoe are tending bar & of course Taco Night!

VOTE!!!

Mark your calendars and remember to get down to the Post to vote for your choice of Post officers at the May meeting.

1st Nominations at April meeting

Final Nominations and voting at May meeting

Post Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm.

Sandy's email:
sandyvcsr@gmail.com

Spaghetti Monday

Every 3rd Monday



Monday, Apr. 18
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HOURS:

- WEEKDAYS 2PM - AT LEAST 7PM*
- SATURDAY NOON - AT LEAST 6PM*
- SUNDAY CLOSED



WINE & SPIRITS

All Bartenders at the Triple Nickle are **VOLUNTEERS**, giving of their time to make sure you enjoy yours. Please keep this in mind and tip accordingly!

* HOURS POSTED WILL BE EXTENDED DUE TO LEGION FAMILY NEEDS. COME HAVE A GREAT TIME!
OPEN TILL AT LEAST 9PM WHEN SANDY, TIM & KOKOE ARE BARTENDING & ON TACO NIGHT WITH ED.



ALR 555 Chili Cookoff



Volunteers



ROAD KILL KINGS



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David Childs
Chester Crumm
Dean Dosch
Patrick Dwyer

Charles Egett
Cobern Kunkel
Fidel Malinis
William Mosby

Harold Needham
Charles Ponti
Albert Rude
William Ryan

Ed Sedlak
Bill Seibert
Jim Sewell
William Stephan



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



APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>April 14th - Air Force Reserve Birthday April 23rd - Army Reserve Birthday</p> </div>					<p>1 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM April Fools' Day</p>	<p>2 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7pm Auxiliary Unit Mtg</p>	<p>6 40/8 - 7pm</p>	<p>7 Taco Night 5 to 7pm</p>	<p>8 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM</p>	<p>9 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.</p>
<p>10 Pinochle 1PM</p>	<p>11 Post E-Board 5pm Post 555 Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Marine Corps League 7:30pm</p>	<p>14 Taco Night 5 to 7pm Hunters Gun Club 5pm</p>	<p>15 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens 2PM Tax Day</p>	<p>16 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.</p>
<p>17 Pinochle 1PM</p>	<p>18 Spaghetti Dinner 5:30PM Sons (SAL) E-Board 6:30pm Sons Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Taco Night 5 to 7pm Corvette Club 7:30pm</p>	<p>22 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM Earth Day</p>	<p>23 Bar Opens at Noon Sat. ALR 8:30am MOPH 11am</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Big Band Music, Dancing & Pizza 7:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Taco Night 5 to 7pm</p>	<p>29 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM</p>	<p>30 Bar Opens at Noon Sat. Paint & Vino (Aux offsite)</p>

Upcoming Events:

May 16 - Spaghetti Dinner
May 23 - Big Band Music & Dancing
May TBA - Spring Tea for Ladies & Gentlemen

EVENTS IN APRIL:

April 18 - Spaghetti Dinner 5:30pm
April 25 - Big Band Music, Dancing & Pizza
Taco Thursdays 5-7pm
April 30 - Paint & Vino Night Fundraiser (offsite - see Auxiliary Page 3 for details)

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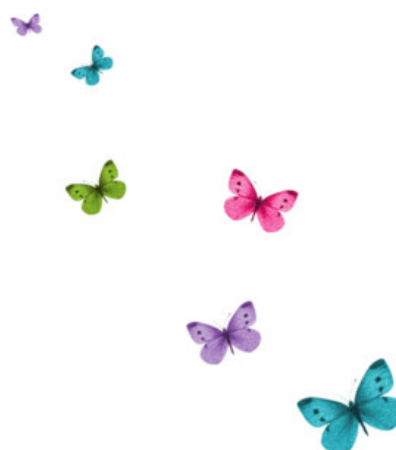
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 Secretary: Charlie Bates
 Treasurer: Kokoe Estrada
 Sergeant at Arms: Tony Olson
 Road Captain: Open
 Chaplain: Jeff Gallagher



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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