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ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TO-  
GETHER  
FOR THE FOLLOWING  
PURPOSES:  
To uphold and defend the Consti-  
tution 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  
comradship by our devotion to  
mutual helpfulness.

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JUNE 2016

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER**

This is my last message as your Commander of Post 555. After a year full of fun, disappointments, completing goals and trying to please everyone has been great. I hope you will forgive my imperfections, accepted my changes, and most of all my total commitment to our post.

It is amazing that our post has been in business over 75 years and gone through many changes. This post is everlasting and will go on to be our home away from home for new and old veterans, friends, family and guests.

Thank you for supporting me, giving me suggestions, and letting us share with one another. I am asking you to remember our Veterans that need support, love and understanding. We all have our ups and downs in life but to have someone listen or touch you can make one feel necessary. Be kind to one another. If you see a new person walk

through our doors, make them feel at home.

Elections were held and here are the names of your new officers voted in for your next year. There was a large turnout of members to vote. The new officers will be sworn in on June 13, 2016.

Your new Officers as of July 1, 2016: Commander-Tim Dusina, 1st Vice Commander-Adam Crawford, 2nd Vice Commander-Tony Amezcua and Andy Timko-Adjutant. As of this writing I do not have the additional appointments.

VOTING Day will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. Don't forget to send in your mail-in ballot. Please remember to Vote. (The Triple Nickle Bar will be closed on that day.)

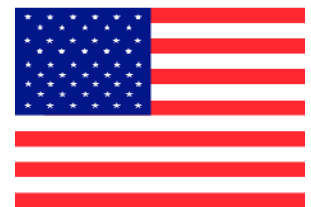
The 98th Annual Department of California Convention is scheduled for June 23-26, 2016. It will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 2233 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93721.



The Veterans Crisis Line is 800-273-8255, Press 1; and your Local County Service Officer (CVSO) is at 714-480-8555.

Stay safe.

**Jenny Hayden  
Commander**



**Flag Day  
June 14**

**Post 555  
Proudly Sponsors  
Boy Scout  
Troop 314**



**Army Birthday  
June 14**

## THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Hello Everyone. Well, here it is June and as of this report we still have pleasant news. We still don't have any members that passed on to the Post Everlasting. Of course, remember to let me know as soon as possible if you have a loved one that passes on so we can definitely honor that special person. (God Bless. Amen.)

More information on our great Post 555 Triple Nickle Albert E. Schwab, Midway City: In the early years there was a tradition started by the Tustin Post, that any new post that was started in Orange County would be considered as a "Baby Post" in which a "baby kit" was provided; diapers, milk bottle, rattle and safety pins.

Seal Beach Post was the first and Costa Mesa Post was the second. If no other post started by January 1, 1940, the kit would be returned to

Tustin Post. As you guessed, it was returned to Tustin. The current property of our Post 555 was purchased in 1938. Post 555 had purchased a recreation building from Standard Oil of Huntington Beach for \$500 in 1946. It was delivered in pieces to its current location and post meetings were held in the new building after 1946. The actual date of that move was not clear.

Keep checking next month. I will continue this interesting information about our Post 555 and how it really got going.

Remember, about anyone that needs to renew their membership, please do so ASAP. We are very close to 100%.

God Bless America and the American Legion Family and definitely our Great Troops. FOR GOD AND COUNTRY. Please stay Healthy and very Alert.



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







## AUXILIARY UNIT 555

Hello Everyone,

**Girls State Fundraiser:** I just wanted to share with all of you an update of our Paint & Wine Night that was held the end of last month. It was an outstanding event, and we raised \$1,830 for our Girls State Program. Here is one picture of some of the "ARTISTS" with one of the paintings. Everyone had such a fun time and asked if we could do another one in the future. The Black Umbrella said they would gladly host another one for us, and I will be sure to let everyone know when it will be.



**Taco Thursdays:** Recently I was asked by a Legion member of the possibility if we could accommodate a group from a senior residence, providing they could get the transportation, to come and join us for Taco Thursday.



There will be Tacos on June 2, June 9, & June 16, but **due to the Legion Convention & weekend before 4th of July, NO TACOS ON THURSDAYS, JUNE 23 & JUNE 30.** We will resume our regular schedule again in July. Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.



After talking it over with the other Auxiliary members, we all feel this would be a great opportunity for them and us to be able to come and enjoy meeting

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**Kay Hamby**  
**President, Unit 555**

**Ladies & Gentlemen's Spring Tea** was another fun event. Even though our crowd was a bit smaller than our last one due to conflicting graduation ceremonies, there were a lot of great raffle prizes and a very entertaining hat contest! Everyone agreed our next one should be in the fall...so we will be planning another one then.

new people and share a fun time at our Post.





# POST 555 OFFICER ELECTIONS 2016





## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

The month of April and the first couple of weeks in May have been pretty exciting at Post 555. For the first time in several years, all of the Officer elections were contested. This sparked an enthusiasm in the Post membership. Monday, May 9, 2016, 71 members of Post 555 were on hand and cast votes for their favorites. I have been a member of Post 555 for 6 years. I have NEVER seen 30 members at a meeting, let alone 71! Additionally, several non-members of our Post were present to show support for their favorite. Our Chapter was there in force, proving that we, as a Chapter, are very much interested in the well-being of Post 555.

Chapter members elected to Post Officer positions: Tim Dusina, Commander; Adam Crawford, 1st Vice Commander; Charlie Bates and Lenard Guillen, Post E-Board. Additionally, Tony Amezcua was elected 2nd Vice, and Ed Sedlak was elected to the E-Board. I'd like to congratulate the newly elected Officers. They will be installed at our Post Meeting on June 13, 2016, at 7:00pm. I look forward to working closely with the Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion to do good things for our Veterans and youth.

On Saturday, May 7, several of our Chapter members met and rode to Los Alamitos Chapter 716 for their Annual Bike Show. As usual, Chapter 716 put on a good show. Plenty of vendors and some pretty good tacos! After the show several members rode over to Cypress Post 295 to say "hello," and then we met at the Triple Nickle to finish up a day of motorcycle

riding and camaraderie.

On May 10, 2016, at 2:00 am, ALR Department of California President Mick Sobczak, Jr., Past President James Adames and Ronnie Womble set out on an Iron Butt 1500.

Their destination is Monkey Car Garage in Dallas, Texas, and they plan to do so in 24 hours or less. The aim is to raise money for the American Legion Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation. Ride safe and Godspeed!

In May we had a ride to Chula Vista for an American Legion Riders Poker Run. There was also an Escort mission. More on those in next month's article. Let's Ride!

**Jim Sewell**  
**President**  
**ALR Chapter 555**



**Remember...  
Rider Night is Every  
Friday!!!**



**ALR CHAPTER 555**

**TIM & KOKOE**

**PRESENT**

**DINNER & SUDS**

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**AT THE**

**TRIPLE NICKLE BAR**

**TIPS & DONATIONS WELCOME**

**BAR HOURS**

**2PM TO CLOSING**

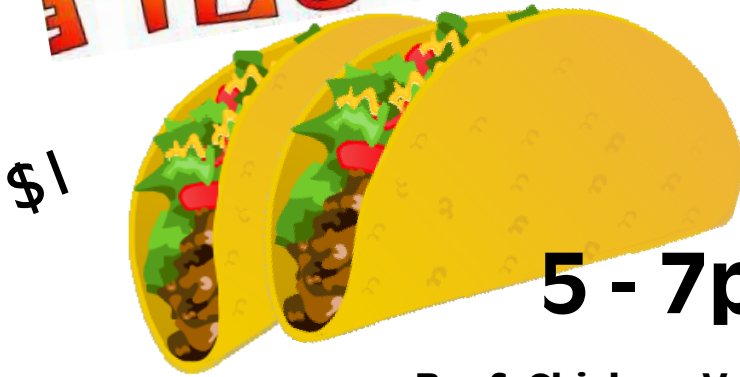
**DINNER TIME: WHEN IT GETS THERE**





# FIESTA

# TACO THURSDAYS



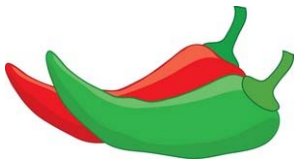
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5 - 7pm

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Beef, Chicken, Veggie Tacos  
Nachos, Salad  
Slice of Pie  
Only \$1 each

**NO TACOS**  
JUNE 23 & JUNE 30



# BIG BAND

~ **FREE Admission** ~  
**Open to the Public**  
Come Enjoy a Fun Night of Dancing,  
Big Band Music & PIZZA!  
**BRING A FRIEND!**

**Every 4th Monday**  
**7:30-9:30pm**

Upcoming Dates:  
June 27    July 25  
August 22

**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 (He's the one on the right).**

Hint: This picture was taken in Vietnam.

**To the first 3 people who guess correctly, see when I'm bartending, and your first drink is on me! (Sandy)**

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



Previous month's Blast from the Past:  
April - Bill Seibert May - Rudy Gonzales

## **Military Truisms**

- If the enemy is in range, so are you.
- Tracers work both ways.
- Friendly fire isn't.
- Five-second fuses only last three seconds.
- Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.
- The problem with taking the easy way out is that the enemy has already mined it.
- Incoming fire has the right of way.
- The quartermaster has only two sizes: too large and too small.
- If you can see the enemy, he can see you.
- And never tell your Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.



## **Military Trivia Facts**

(6-10 of 15)

6. The Department of Defense owns worldwide 29,819,492 acres of land worldwide.
7. The United States has 737 military installations overseas alone.
8. The Navy's bell-bottom trousers, are commonly believed to be introduced in 1817 to permit men to roll them above the knee when washing down the decks and to make it easier to remove them in a hurry when

forced to abandon ship or when washed overboard. In addition the trousers may be used as a life preserver by knotting the legs and swinging them over your head to fill the legs with air.

9. The Coast Guard seizes 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine worth \$9,589,000.00 everyday.
10. The Coast Guard is smaller than the New York City Police Department.

(to be continued...)

**BAR HOURS REMINDER:**  
**Bar stays open till AT LEAST 9pm when Sandy, Tim & Kokoe are tending bar & of course on Taco Night!**



**Editor's Note:** Since Memorial Day and the anniversary of his ultimate sacrifice was in May, I feel that I should have included the story of Albert E. Schwab by Bill Carr in the May issue of The Marauder for all of you to read. My sincere apologies. Please see our special insert for his story.

Contact the Editor at  
[sandyvcsr@gmail.com](mailto:sandyvcsr@gmail.com)

# Italian Monday

**NEW!**

**Every 3rd  
Monday**

Monday,  
June 20  
5:30 p.m.

**DELICIOSO!  
LASAGNA  
MEAT OR VEGGIE  
SALAD & GARLIC  
TOAST  
ONLY \$5**

**Proceeds  
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**LOCATION:  
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14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA**



# D-DAY

*Normandy*  
June 6, 1944



By SANDY SUTTON, EDITOR

June 6, 1944, marks the day of the Normandy Invasion, also known as Operation Overlord. The original date for D-Day was set for May 1944, but difficulties in assembling landing craft caused the date to be postponed. The new date of June 5 was set by General Dwight D. Eisenhower as the absolute and unalterable date, but then extreme weather conditions forced a 24-hour delay, and the actual invasion took place on Tuesday, June 6, 1944.

Historically, this was the largest amphibious invasion in which more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline to battle against Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy,

France.

Over 6,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by the long day's end, the Allies gained a foothold in Continental Europe.

The loss of life on D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded, but their ultimate sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 soldiers to begin the slow, arduous movement across Europe, to eventually defeat Adolf Hitler and his troops.

**Go online or to your local library to learn more about D-Day, the Normandy Invasion.**



**TRIPLE NICKLE**

**HOURS:**

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



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



**WINE & SPIRITS**

**Our Post 555 Bartenders are all Volunteers, giving of their time. Please tip accordingly.**

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

**\*\*OPEN TILL AT LEAST 9PM\*\* WHEN SANDY, TIM & KOKOE ARE BARTENDING & ON TACO NIGHT WITH EDI**

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Randall Brown  
James Costere  
Danny Hansen  
James Heil

Robert McCray  
Oscar Perez, Sr.  
Milton Redding  
Donald "Reb" Sanders

happy  
birthday

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!)

JUNE 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>  40/8 - 7pm	<b>2</b>  <b>Taco Night</b> 5 to 7pm	<b>3</b> ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	<b>4</b> Bar Opens at Noon Sat.
<b>5</b>	<b>6 D-Day</b> <b>Invasion of</b> <b>Normandy</b> <b>June 6, 1944</b> 7pm Auxiliary	<b>7</b> <b>VOTING</b> <b>DAY</b> - Bar Closed -	<b>8</b>  Marine Corps League 7:30pm	<b>9</b>  <b>Taco Night</b> 5 to 7pm	<b>10</b> ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	<b>11</b> Bar Opens at Noon Sat.
<b>12</b>  Pinochle 1PM	<b>13</b>  Post E-Board 5pm Post 555 Mtg 7pm	<b>14</b>  <b>Army</b> <b>Birthday</b> <b>Flag Day</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Taco Night</b> 5 to 7pm Hunters Gun Club 5pm	<b>17</b> ALR Dinner & Suds Opens 2PM	<b>18</b> Bar Opens at Noon Sat.
<b>19</b> <b>Father's Day</b>  Pinochle 1PM	<b>20 Italian</b> <b>Dinner</b> Lasagna 5:30PM Sons (SAL) E-Board 6:30pm Sons Mtg 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>NO TACOS</b>  Corvette Club	<b>24</b> ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	<b>25</b> Bar Opens at Noon Sat. ALR 8:30am MOPH 11am
<b>26</b>	<b>27 Big Band</b> Music, Dancing & Pizza 7:30-9:30pm  <b>Nat'l PTSD</b> <b>Awareness Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>NO TACOS</b>		

### Upcoming Events:

July 18 - "Italian Monday" Dinner  
July 25 - Big Band Music & Dancing

### EVENTS IN JUNE:

June 20 - "Italian Monday" Lasagna Dinner 5:30pm  
June 27 - Big Band Music, Dancing & Pizza  
Taco Thursdays 5-7pm, June 2, 9 & 16 ONLY



**POST 555 OFFICERS**

Commander: Jenny Hayden  
 First Vice Commander: Napoleon Singletary  
 Second Vice Commander: Charles Bates  
 E-Board: Ed Sedlak  
 Andy Timko  
 Lee Lieberg  
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 Asst. Adjutant: Mary Yerigan

Finance: Oscar Perez  
 Judge Advocate: Jim Sewell  
 Sergeant at Arms: Ed Sedlak  
 Asst. Sgt at Arms: Mike Sternisha  
 Chaplain: Andy Timko  
 Editor: Sandy Sutton  
 Service Officer: Vacant



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS**

President: Kay Hamby  
 First Vice: Rita Smith  
 Second Vice: Linda Earnest  
 Treasurer: Kokoe Estrada  
 Secretary: Lil Perez  
 Chaplain: Eveline Sifuentes

Sergeant at Arms: Bonnie Seibert  
 Historian: Ana Eustace



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 OFFICERS**

President: Jim Sewell  
 Vice President: Len Guillen  
 Secretary: Charlie Bates  
 Treasurer: Kokoe Estrada  
 Sergeant at Arms: Tony Olson  
 Road Captain: Open  
 Chaplain: Jeff Gallagher



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Commander & Acting Treasurer: James Eubanks  
 First Vice & Acting Adjutant: George Willis  
 Second Vice: Nick Eustace  
 Sergeant at Arms: Michael Eustace  
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By **BILL CARR**

## **ALBERT E. SCHWAB AMERICAN LEGION POST 555**

### **WHO WAS ALBERT E. SCHWAB?**

PFC Albert E. Schwab was a U.S. Marine who gave his life for his country in Okinawa on May 7, 1945.

Private First Class Schwab was a flamethrower operator with Headquarters Company. When that company was pinned down in a valley by the withering fire of a machine gun coming from a ridge high to the company's front, he scaled the cliff in the face of the devastating fire and attacked the gun with his flamethrower. Quickly demolishing the position and its crew, his company was able to occupy the ridge. Suddenly, a second machine gun opened fire inflicting more casualties on the unit. Although he had not had time to replenish his supply of fuel, PFC Schwab unhesitatingly advanced on the second gun and succeeded in eliminating it before its final burst caught him in the left hip, inflicting fatal wounds.

Albert was also my uncle (my mom's brother). I am so grateful for the ultimate sacrifice that he and others like him have made for our freedom. This is what Memorial Day is all about. We should remember and honor these heroes every day, not just today.



# MEMORIAL DAY 2016

**HONOR THE  
FALLEN**



**REMEMBER  
OUR HEROES**



**IT'S NOT  
ABOUT BBQS**



**NEVER  
FORGET**



**SOME GAVE  
ALL**

