

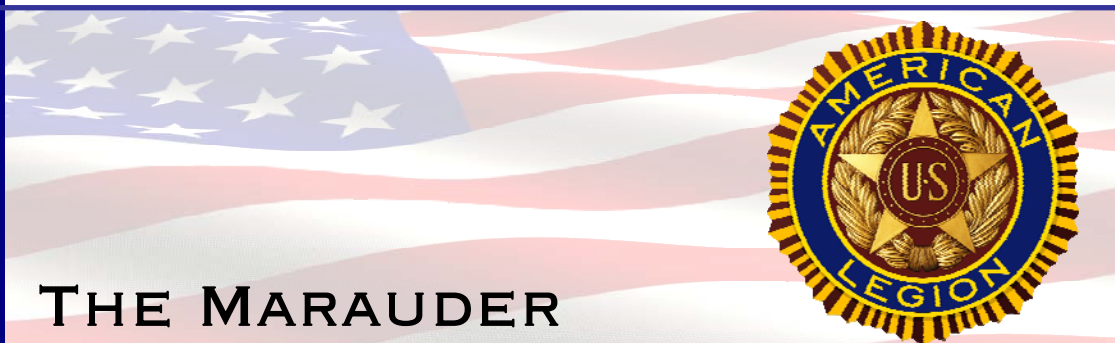


FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- 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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THE MARAUDER

SEPTEMBER 2016

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

We had a busy and successful August. On August 6th, we held the first of hopefully many Commander and Officers' Steak Night – and it was a success! If you missed out on Ribeye last time, we will have another one in a couple of months. We sold 68 dinners and, with donations, earned approximately \$990 all going toward the Post Improvement Fund. On Aug. 7th, Post 555 hosted both the Legion and the Auxiliary District 29 meetings. Lasagna Night on the 15th sold 51 dinners and brought in an additional \$392 for the Post Improvement Fund. Albert's 555 Post improvement Dinner sold 30 dinners and earned \$300 towards the fund.

Overall, including the Go-FundMe website (<https://www.gofundme.com/post555>), we've earned nearly \$2800 so far! Progress made

on the post includes removing the wall heater in the bar, patching the sinkhole in the parking lot, and we now have Boy Scout Troop 314 collecting our recycling. I'd like to thank Auxiliary member Kat Sullivan for stepping up to do the cleaning maintenance around the Post. Let's all remember that we are volunteers in this organization, and that your time here is appreciated and welcomed.

Upcoming events. We have a Ceremony coming up for Patriot Day on Sunday, September 11th. Football season starts on the 8th, and the bar is going to be open for football on Sundays! September 24th is the 10th annual ALR Poker Run – all Post Family is invited.

News. The new Auxiliary officers were installed in August. I hope to see good progress and participation from the unit under its new leader-



ship.

We are a Post Family and as such I expect our members to work together toward the aims and goals of the American Legion.

Also, I would like to thank everyone that participated in the post improvement project – you all know who you are, and should be proud of our accomplishment. Let's keep the momentum going!

Thank you all for your continued support.

Tim Dusina
Post Commander
For God and Country

Post 555
Proudly Sponsors
Boy Scout
Troop 314



Days Observed in September:

- Sept. 5 - Labor Day
- Sept. 11 - Patriot Day 9/11
- Sept. 16 - POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept. 18 - Air Force Birthday
- Sept. 25 - Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day



THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

As we approach September, we have lost one of our officers, our Sergeant at Arms Michael Walter Sternisha to the Post Everlasting. My brother and a good friend to many members, he is survived by his wonderful wife of 38 years, daughter Sheri, sons Michael, Mark and Matthew, many grandchildren. He was born in Joliet, Illinois, and a resident of Westminster, California, for the past 38 years. He severed with the United States Marine Corps, and I know for a fact he was very proud to have served, and he was proud to be an American. He was a member of the Westminster Elks Lodge 2346, Loyal Order of the Moose #620, and of course our American Legion Post 555, the Triple Nickel. He also was a

member of the Saint Bonaventure Parish for the past 32 years, helping out with ushering duties and was often seen making rounds before mass talking to the priests and other parishioners.

In his spare time Mike enjoyed gardening, attending baseball games, bowling, traveling and handyman work. He was always joking and teasing with everyone, and he had a way of making everyone smile. That was Mike. What a great brother, and I'm glad to have the pleasure of being his buddy. He was buried at Riverside National Cemetery with, of course, Veteran Honors. God Bless you, Michael!

God bless America and the Legion Family and definitely our Great



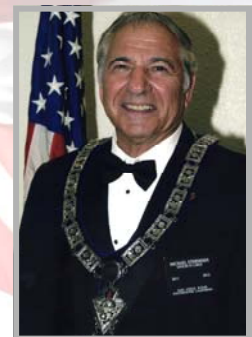
Troops.

For God and Country. Stay healthy and very alert. (Amen)

Andy Timko
Post 555
Chaplain & Adjutant



Michael Walter Sternisha
Born July 7th, 1940
At Rest July 25th, 2016



At rest Monday, July 25th, 2016, at Huntington Beach Hospital, at the age of 76. Survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Marilyn; daughter Sheri; sons Michael, Mark, and Matthew; grandchildren Rachel and Anna Marie, sister Pauline; brothers Joseph, George, and Walter; and numerous nieces and nephews. Michael was born in Joliet, Illinois, and a resident of Westminster, California for the past 38 years, moving to California when he joined the Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pendleton. He retired from the telecommunications industry after 35+ years, was a veteran of USMC, member of the Elk's Lodge #2346, American Legion Post 555, and Loyal Order of the Moose #620. Mike was a member of Saint Bonaventure parish for the past 32 years, helping out with ushering duties and was often seen making the rounds before Mass talking with the priests and other parishioners. In his spare time, Mike enjoyed gardening, attending Angels baseball games, bowling, traveling, handyman work and volunteering at the fraternities of which he was a member. He was often seen around Post 555 in Midway City donating his time and effort to upgrade and keep up the facilities. He was always joking and teasing with everyone, and he had a way of making everyone smile. Mike was buried at Riverside National Cemetery with veteran honors.



AUXILIARY UNIT 555

Hello, and Greetings to All,

The 2016-2017 term started off with a 'BANG!' this past August, as the Unit 555 Auxiliary finally joined the Post Family, albeit 'fashionably late.'

First off, I would like to thank and congratulate all of our new officers for stepping up! We certainly do have our work cut out for us. Let's get it done!

Our Primary Objective: Rebuild.

The past few months have been rough for the Post Family. Feelings were hurt, egos were crushed, enemies were made...and ultimately this is where we landed. Rather than start this term discouraged by our fall from grace, we must regain our com-

posure and put ourselves back together as a unit. Going forward, we must set our differences aside and come together for the sake of the mission: to support the American Legion, the Veterans, and this Post.

Everyone in the Post Family plays a part and has a function; we know what ours is, so let's get the show on the road! WE will operate with the Auxiliary's mission in our hearts and minds. Our actions and behavior will be consistent with our mission. And as we accomplish this we will gain respect as a unit, and build camaraderie.

If we work in harmony with one another, and with the rest of the Post Family, we will be successful. There is NO reason that we can't be the best Unit



and the best Post in District 29.

Get involved.

We are the Auxiliary, The World's Largest Women's Patriotic Service Organization.

Stay in the loop with our monthly newsletter – in it you will find events, articles, stories, historical facts, unit news, goals, achievements, and much more! Whether you are busy, unable to make it to the post for meetings, or have time to spare, there will be plenty of ways for you to stay connected! If you have ideas, opinions, thoughts, please feel free to drop me an email at unit555ALA@gmail.com or send me a letter addressed to The Post. Visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Post555ALA>

Let's do this!

**Kokoe Estrada
President Unit 555**





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

Presents

10th Annual Charity Poker Run



*Proceeds to benefit
Our Heroes' Dreams*

- High/Low Hand Winners
- 50/50
- Raffle
- Lunch by: Joe Josts

Sept 24th, 2016

Registration 9am

American Legion Post 555

14582 Beach Blvd

Midway City, CA 92655



*With a mission to improve the
lives of our warriors and their
families, by helping them
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555



On August 4th Chapter 555 was honored to escort Mike Sternisha from Huntington Beach to his final resting place at Riverside National Cemetery. Seven Chapter members participated on six motorcycles. It was a hot, sad day, but the services at both the church and cemetery were beautiful. Riders rendered honors to Mike as his flag draped coffin was removed from the church and placed in the hearse and again at the cemetery. The Marine Honor Guard performed the Military honors. The playing of taps is always heart-wrenching. I will miss Mike, and I pray his family's grief will ease in time.

After the service, I asked Father Bob to be so kind as to Bless our bikes. He kindly agreed and did a beautiful prayer and blessed them with holy water, the only water that touches my motorcycle!

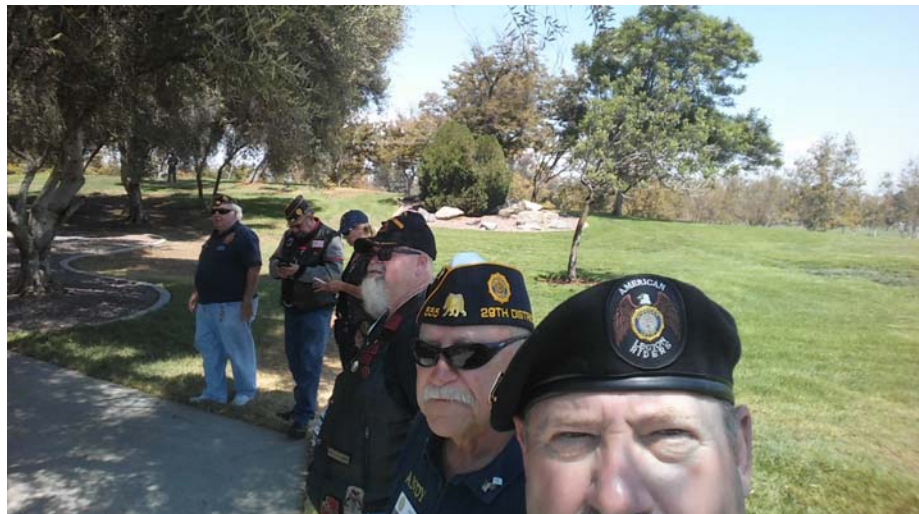
The ride back to the Post for Mike's Celebration of Life was a trouble-free quick trip. Mike's family was incredibly gracious and thanked

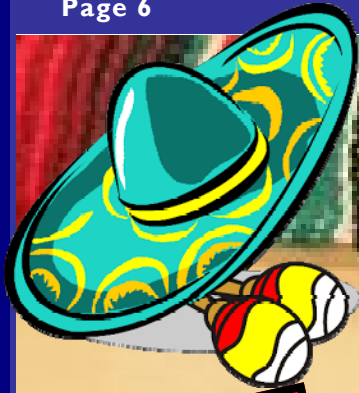
us for the escort. It was an honor to be able to do it.

On a happier note: Please join us on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at the Post for a Tri-Tip BBQ. The whole Post family is invited! Come meet the Riders of your Post and feel free to have your questions about what we do ready. Ask any Rider and get those questions answered. I'll be throwing the meat on the grill after the ALR meeting, and it should be ready to serve around noon. Come have some lunch!

I also want you to know about the Chapter 555 10th Anniversary Oktoberfest. It will be on October 15th. See insert in this issue of The Marauder.

For God and Country
Jim Sewell
President
ALR Chapter 555





NEW & IMPROVED

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VEGGIE TACOS
NACHOS, CORN ON THE
COB, SALAD, SLICE OF PIE
ONLY \$1 EACH**

**SERVED FROM
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BIG BAND

**~ FREE Admission ~
Open to the Public**

**Come Enjoy a Fun Night of Dancing,
Big Band Music & PIZZA!**

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

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 26 Oct. 24

BAR WILL BE OPEN!

~ 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 Veteran members.

To the first 3 people who guess correctly, see me 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 months' Blasts from the Past:

July: George Benedict

August: John Woodyard

CIA Assassin Test

The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews, and testing were done, there were three finalists; two men and a woman.

For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow our instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill Her!!!"

The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife." The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow. "This gun is loaded with blanks", she said. "I had to beat him to death with the chair."

Jeep in the Mud

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel. "Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside.

"Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is."

ACROSS

- 7 LAGER
- 11 GREENS
- 12 LIEUTENANT
- 14 PKM
- 16 COMMAND
- 17 GLOBAL
- 18 DONUT

AUGUST CROSSWORD ANSWERS

DOWN

- 1 MRE
- 2 SECURITY
- 3 CANOPENER
- 4 DOMESTIC

- 5 MARKER
- 6 BRIGADE
- 8 PRISM
- 9 TRUCK
- 10 SNOWDEN
- 13 FOOGAS
- 15 KILROY
- 17 GMT

**Contact the Editor at
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Burgers, Brats & Hot Dogs



Cost \$6

**Fri., Sept. 30
5pm @ Post 555**

**Proceeds to Benefit:
Post 555 Building Fund 50%
Our Heroes' Dreams 50%**

**ALL POST FAMILY
WELCOME!**



**Food Donated
by George & Maureen**



"3rd Monday" Dinner

**Bring Family
& Friends!**

**WHEN?
Monday, Sept. 19
5:30 p.m.**

**Proceeds
benefit Post 555
Building
Improvements**

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Complete \$130

Car wash, vacuum, Armor All inside and out, polish and wax

* Prices vary depending on size of vehicle



\$5 from every car wash will be donated to the AMERICAN LEGION POST 555



EVERY SATURDAY
South parking lot of
Post 555
**LOCATION: 14582 Beach Blvd.
Midway City, CA**


TRIPLE NICKLE



CHALLENGE A FRIEND TO A FUN GAME OF DARTS!!

HOURS:

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



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

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Rudy Gonzales
John Harris
Gilbert Hernandez
Joe Hernandez

Richard Johnson
Samuel Oglesby
Frank Quinonez
Benjamin Slater

Ronald St. John
Robert Teston
Andrew Timko
Robert Trudeau

Victor Vinson



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!)



SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Taco Night 5 to 7pm	2 ALR & Karaoke Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	3 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.
4 Pinochle @ 12	5  	6 Auxiliary 7pm	7 40/8 - 7pm	8  Taco Night 5 to 7pm	9 ALR & Karaoke Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	10 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.
11 9/11 Candlelight Vigil Pinochle @ 12	12 Post E-Board 5pm Post 555 Mtg 7pm	13 	14 Marine Corps League 7:30pm	15  Taco Night 5 to 7pm Hunters Gun Club 5pm	16 ALR & Karaoke Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	17 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.
18 Pinochle @ 12	19 3rd Monday Dinner MEATLOAF 5:30PM Sons (SAL) E-Board 6:30pm Sons Mtg 7pm	20 	21 	22  Taco Night 5 to 7pm Corvette Club 7:30pm	23 ALR & Karaoke Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	24 Poker Run Bar Opens Early ALR 8:30am MOPH 11am
25 Pinochle @ 12	26 Big Band Music, Dancing & Pizza 7:30-9:30pm	27 	28 	29  Taco Night 5 to 7pm	30 ALR & Karaoke Fund-Raising Dinner 5pm Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs	

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar:

October 15 - 10th Anniversary Oktoberfest
February 25, 2017 - Chili Cook-off

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sept. 11 - 9/11 Candlelight Vigil
Sept. 19 - "3rd Monday" Dinner - Meatloaf
Sept. 24 - 10th Annual Charity Poker Run
Sept. 26 - Big Band Music & Dancing
Sept. 30 - Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs Dinner
NEW! Karaoke Fridays!!

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
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	Len Guillen	Chaplain:	Andy Timko
	Ed Sedlak	Service Officer:	
Adjutant:	Andy Timko		



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Second Vice:	Rita Smith	Marshall:	
Treasurer:	Sherrie Fisher		
Secretary:	Sandy Sutton		
Chaplain:	Eveline Sifuentes		



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 OFFICERS

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

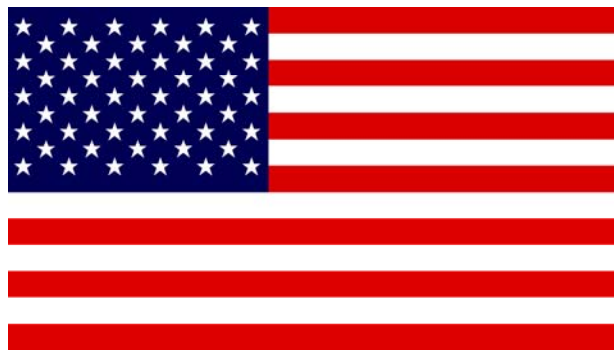


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