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POST 555



THE MARAUDER

DECEMBER 2015

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
WE ASSOCIATE OUR-
SELVES 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

The **Holiday Season** is here and of course with all the holiday decorations and great food. This is a good time to be with friends and family. How blessed we are with our warm homes, food on the table, and family. I hope all will have a great holiday.

Post 555 will be having their **Christmas Party** on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 5:30 pm. Will be serving ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce and pump-kin pies.

Immediately after dinner we have our famous gift opening. Each person that brings in a gift will be able to participate in the gift exchange. You will be issued a ticket for the gift that you place under the tree. The attached portion will be put into a box. Tickets will be pulled out and number called at which time you come forward to choose a gift under the tree. For those of you who have not attended our

Christmas Parties, the Rule is that someone can steal your gift. If that happens, you will have to choose another gift which you get to keep. (minimum of \$10.00 gift)

During one of our huge events, we had a plumbing problem in the main hall and the annex. I want to thank all the people involved in helping with clean-up.

Santa is coming for the **Kids' Christmas Party** that will be held December 12, 2015, 12:00 – 3: 00 p.m. There will be food, fun and Santa!! Please bring your friends and family to visit with Santa.

We will "not" be having our normal Veterans Dinner in December. In January we will be serving our **\$5.00 Spaghetti Dinner** again.

Our dinner on November 16, 2015, was a great success, although we ran out of turkey



and rolls. Next year we will be adding turkey and more rolls. Thank you everybody for coming in for our dinner. It makes it all worthwhile when a good number of people show up.

I would like to express my gratitude to all our volunteers and customers. Without all of you, we would not be here.

Please stay healthy and safe.

Jenny Hayden, Commander
Albert E. Schwab Post 555



MEMBERSHIP

Please pay your 2016 membership dues. Dues increase at the beginning of the year!

PAY NOW AND SAVE!

THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Well, December is here, the best time of year for everyone, good times and memories. Good news. As of this report, no members have passed on to the Post Everlasting. Thank God. Stay Healthy.

With all the terrible things happening in France and elsewhere, I would like to share some items close to my Heart: Therefore, never be confused by those who would attempt to take the very foundation of the 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, awe-struck 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, the Greatest Country in the World.

Old Glory "Long May It Wave"



Born in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777, the flag of the United States of America symbolizes the patriotic ideals of a great nation "conceived in Liberty" and admired around the World. From the Dawn's Early Light to the Twilight's Last Gleaming, you'll be proud to display "Old Glory."

Merry Christmas to all, and God Bless the American Legion Family (and Our Troops risking their Lives)

For God and Country. Stay Healthy Wise.



Andy Timko, Post 555 Chaplain

Merry Christmas

THE PURPLE HEART BEAT

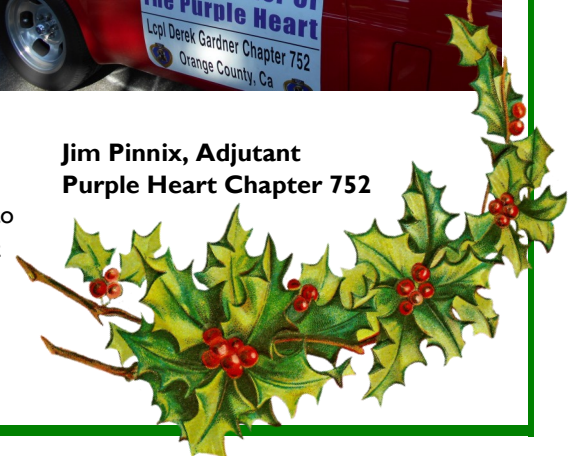


Today Chapter 752 of the MOPH was a part of the LaPalma Days parade. This parade is listed as the Veterans Day parade by the Orange County Supervisors and features lots of Vets within the units of the parade. This year there were 120 units with 33 of them bands

from all over So. Calif. Mickey Mouse was the Grand Marshal, and Snoopy was on the Stage Coach from Knott's Berry Farm. There were 5 different JROTC units from local high schools marching with flags and rifles, and we were unit # 91 with a World War II vet behind us and a retired Army Colonel in front of us. Lots of spectators lining the route and cheering and yelling, "Thank you for your service." Our car was decorated with flags, and the horn was used constantly. We will continue to do this Parade every year because it does give us a lot of exposure and keeps the Veterans in view of the public.



Jim Pinnix, Adjutant Purple Heart Chapter 752





AUXILIARY UNIT 555

Hello Everyone,

EVENTS

The annual **Children's Christmas Party** sponsored

by the Auxiliary for the children and grandchildren of Post 555 members will be on Saturday, December 12, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. We will have lunch, face painting, music/singing, story time, and of course "Santa" to hand out "goodies" for the kids. Come and join the fun with the kids!

AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER

If you are still looking for a great stocking stuffer, or a small token of appreciation for a teacher, the gardener, pool person, stylist/barber, neighbor, or yourself...look no further...the Auxiliary still has a small supply of Carl's Jr./Green Burrito coupon books with a savings of \$55.00 (many free items) for only \$5.00. Save time and do your holiday shopping with us and help support our many veteran/youth programs. These will be at the Post and available for purchase directly from any Auxiliary member.

TACO THURSDAYS from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Because of the upcoming holidays, and being short staffed with people taking extra time off with family and traveling, please note the following dates that we will only be doing Taco Thursdays, **December 3, and December 10, only. We will resume our weekly schedule beginning January 14, 2016.** Thank you all so much for your understanding and your great support you have given us weekly.

AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS-December

Yvette Keehmer-Redondo
(Not listed? Please contact me so I may update our master list)



Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and may your heart and home be filled with joy and good health throughout the year!

Let us also stop and say a prayer for the people in Paris who were killed and all affected by the recent terrorist attack, and not forget a special blessing for all our brave men and women fighting for freedom. We are truly grateful for their service, and they are always in our thoughts and prayers for their well being and safe return!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Kay Hamby
President, Unit 555



Merry
CHRISTMAS



Happy
Hanukkah!



A TRIBUTE TO OLD GLORY

(ARTICLE REPRINTED FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS EMAIL)

Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,

The American Legion has been the nation's foremost authority on the U.S. flag since the Americanism Commission convened the first National Flag Conference in 1923. That's when the U.S. Flag Code was crafted and adopted by dozens of organizations in attendance, from schoolteachers to U.S. Navy sailors.

Thanks to the efforts of The American Legion and other leaders in flag respect, pieces of the Stars and Stripes are no longer cut out and given to friends or family as mementoes. Likewise, it was the flag conference that made unacceptable the practice of putting one's signature on a U.S. flag.

Now, in a special centennial bookazine, The American Legion Family is sharing the story of Old Glory and the organization's role in its respect, love and reverence. "Indivisible: The Story of Our Flag" – is a beautifully illustrated, 112-page collector's edition all about our nation's colors. The bookazine is durable like a book, but the design is similar to a magazine – color photographs and illustrations appear throughout it. The bookazine contains interesting historical tidbits, voices, fun facts and more information about the flag from the Revolutionary War to the 21st century.

The \$9.95 bookazine will be available this week at retailers such as Barnes & Noble, Sam's Club, Books-A-Million, Hastings and Book World locations, as well as selected post exchanges and commissaries at U.S. military installations. Copies are also available for order online through American Legion Emblem Sales at www.legion.org/flag with a discounted price of \$7.95 for purchases of 25 or more. Orders can also be placed by calling toll-free: (888) 453--4466.

American Legion posts, in conjunction with the Auxiliary units, Sons squadrons and/or Riders chapters, may want to consider using these collector's editions as part of a fundraiser.

It's no coincidence that the bookazine's release is being timed with Veterans Day. Veterans are all united by our love of country and the flag. As a veteran and former history teacher, I am proud of the work that went into this fine publication.

This bookazine serves as a wonderful opportunity to share our love for country and passion for American history with family members, friends and others.

Duty. Honor. Country.



Dale Barnett





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

This past month the rides of ALR Chapter 555 have been able to donate to those Veterans who really need the help.

Our Heroes' Dreams: we donated \$1,500.00 to save a veteran from committing suicide. It costs \$1,200 to save one life. Right now in this country of ours we are losing a veteran to suicide every two hours. With more charitable donations with events, we can make a difference. Thank you to all that have stepped up to help.

Many of our riders attended the **2015 Injured Warrior Appreciation Run** November 6, 2015. This year the ride itself was not able to have the event at the Hospital in Camp Pendleton because of the heightened security awareness. The ride this year was rerouted to the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino, CA. According to press reports, there were around 1,000 motorcycles in the escorted ride and about \$100,000 was raised for the Injured Warriors. Many of the warriors from the hospital in Camp Pendleton were driven from the hospital

and able to attend the ceremonies.

Coming up soon is the ALR Department of California 10th Annual Convention in San Luis Obispo, CA, hosted by Chapter 66. So mark your calendars for April 22, 23, and 24, 2016. The convention is posted on the alrdoc.org website.

2016 membership dues for ALR Chapter 555 are due before December 31, 2015. It is still a very reasonable price of only \$15. If not paid by February 1, 2016, it becomes delinquent, and you could be removed from the roster until paid.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Be sure your host American Legion Post dues for 2016 are paid, also.

I want to wish everybody of the American Legion Family and their family members a wonderful and safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Robert M. Trudeau
SGM, USA (Retired)
President, ALR Chapter 555**



ALR CHAPTER 555

**TIM & KOKOE
PRESENTS
DINNER & SUDS
EVERY FRIDAY**

**AT THE
TRIPLE NICKLE CLUBROOM
TIPS & DONATIONS WELCOME
CLUBHOUSE HOURS
2PM TO CLOSING**

DINNER TIME: WHEN IT GETS THERE



Children's Christmas Party

December 12th ~ Noon to 3pm



**For Children &
Grandchildren of Members**

- Lunch
- Face Painting
- Music
- Singing
- Story Time
- **SANTA!**



Albert E. Schwab Post 555
14582 Beach Blvd.
Midway City, CA

Christmas Party Dinner & Gift Exchange*

December 14th at 5:30pm



Menu:

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans,
Applesauce, Pumpkin Pie

**FREE for members
plus guest**



*Optional Gift Exchange: To participate, bring in a wrapped gift with a minimum \$10 value.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Charles Bates
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Thomas Estrada
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Fred Hernandez

Eugene Kirkham
David Porter
Donald Sparks
Robert Strange
Gregg Tompkins
Kai Wong



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!)



DECEMBER 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Auxiliary Unit Mtg 7pm	2 40/8 - 7pm	3 Auxiliary Taco Night 5 to 7pm	4 ALR Dinner & Suds Clubroom Opens at 2pm	5 Triple Nickle Clubroom Open 12Noon till empty
6 Pinochle 1pm	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day No E-Board No Post Mtg	8	9 Marine Corps League 7pm	10 Auxiliary Taco Night 5 to 7pm	11 ALR Dinner & Suds Clubroom Opens at 2pm	12 Children's Christmas Party 12-3pm Bar Open noon till empty
13 Pinochle 1pm	14 Mini E-Board 4:30pm Post Christmas Party, Dinner & Gift Exchange 5:30pm	15	16 Corvette Club 7:30pm	17 NO TACOS Hunters Gun Club 5pm	18 ALR Dinner & Suds Clubroom Opens at 2pm	19 Triple Nickle Clubroom Open 12Noon till empty
20	21 Big Band Music & Dancing 7:30-9:30pm	22	23	24 NO TACOS Christmas Eve Post Dark	25 Christmas Day Post Dark	26 Triple Nickle Clubroom Open 12Noon till empty
27	28	29	30	31 NO TACOS New Year's Eve Post Dark	Jan. 1 New Year's Day Post Dark	

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 18 (5:30pm) Post 555's Monthly Spaghetti
Dinner
Jan. 25 (7:30-9:30pm) Big Band (music & dancing)
February 27 ALR Chili Cookoff

NO ALR Meeting in December
NO POST DINNER IN DECEMBER
(Normally 3rd Monday)
NO TACOS: Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7
TACO THURSDAY resumes Jan. 14

\$1

TACO THURSDAY

\$1



DELICIOUS BEEF, CHICKEN & ROASTED VEGGIE TACOS

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**ONLY DEC. 3 & 10
TAKING A HOLIDAY BREAK
RESUMING TACOS JAN. 14**

**Only December 3 & 10
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Post 555 - Midway City, CA**

Wow! Only \$1 per item!



**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY
UNIT 555**

**COME HAVE A
GREAT TIME!**

TRIPLE NICKLE CLUB ROOM



HOURS:

WEEKDAYS	2:00PM - 7:00PM*
SATURDAY	NOON - 6:00PM*
SUNDAY	CLOSED

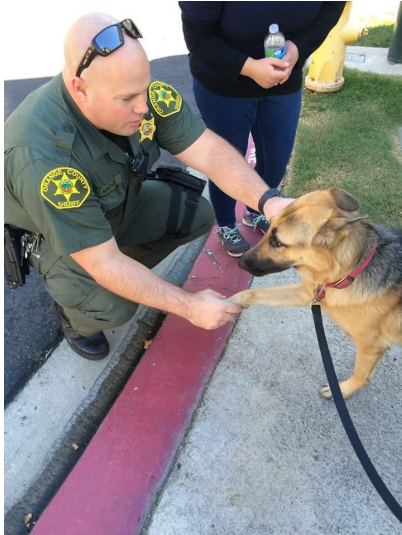
WINE & SPIRITS

All Bartenders at the Triple Nickle Clubroom are volunteering their time to make sure you enjoy yours. Please keep this in mind and tip accordingly!

*Hours posted may be extended due to customer needs.

ONE OF OUR OWN

If you are a member of the American Legion Family, you already live a life of giving back. We see examples in our membership on a weekly basis: volun-



Cameron Mathis, OCSD Deputy, Member Post 555

teers stepping up to provide dinner on Thanksgiving Day for those who have nowhere to go, ALR fundraising for injured warriors & PTSD treatment, and members doing other awesome work in the community. This is what makes being a part of this great organization worth while.

I'd like to highlight one of our members who works daily in the community to uphold the law and to keep us safe. If you frequent the ever-popular Facebook social media site, you may already have seen the story posted by the OC Sheriff's

Department. Our members really go the extra mile.

Sandy Sutton
Auxiliary Member Unit 555



Orange County Sheriff's Department, CA

Nov 16 at 11:31am • 🌐

OCSD Deputy Saves Dog From Condo Fire
This morning, deputies were dispatched to assist OCFA with a structure fire at a condo in the City of Stanton. Upon their arrival, deputies noticed smoke and flames coming from the condo and were told there was a young German Shepard trapped inside. As deputies approached, they heard the dog frantically scratching at the windows trying to escape. Realizing that the dog's life was in eminent danger, deputies kicked in the front door. Almost immediately the dog, scared and frightened, ran out of the home. OCFA extinguished the fire, limiting the damage to the one unit. We were able to contact the owner of the condo and the dog has been reunited with its owner.



EDITOR'S CORNER



Greetings Everyone!

The holiday season is upon us. It seems like just a few months ago we were ringing in the new year. Time flies! Enjoy every moment with your loved ones. These holiday times are precious, as are each and every day.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Please take a moment of silence to remember and honor those lost on this tragic day.

GREEN LIGHT A VET

To show our appreciation for veterans, a great idea has emerged. Our veterans are hard to identify out of uniform, and therefore it is difficult to give thanks if you don't know who they are.

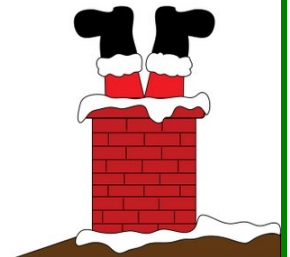
Problem solved. Display a green light on your house by changing out a front porch light with a green one or hang a green light in your window. This will thank veterans and show that you give them your support. For more information, please watch the video at Greenlightavet.com.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Well, I have received a few pictures for the new section, but I would love to have more people participate. I know you have old pictures that you want to share. Just dig them out and send them over to me! If you can't scan them yourself, bring them over to me at the Triple Nickle, and I'll be happy to get them scanned for you!

Remember, comments and/or suggestions are always welcome for future issues.

Sandy Sutton
Editor



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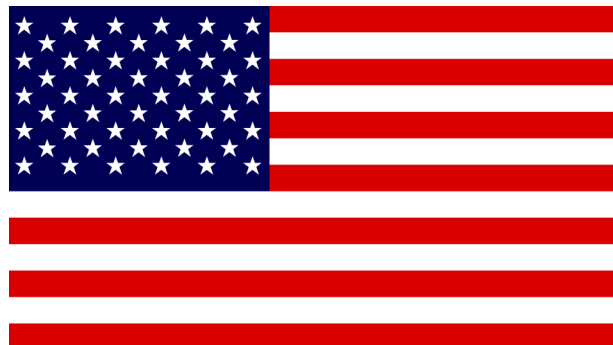
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