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OFFICER REPORTS

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On the Cover: The USS Iowa (BB61)

Shown on the front are main battery three gun turrets 1 and 2 of the USS Iowa. These turrets are fitted with six of the nine 16-inch (406 mm), 50 caliber Mark 7 guns, which can be fired independently.

These guns are capable of firing armor piercing projectiles weighing from 1,900 to

2,700 pounds (850 to 1,200 kg) at a maximum speed of 2,690 feet per second (820 m/s) with a range of up to 24 miles (39 km). At maximum range the projectile spent almost 1½ minutes in flight. Each turret required a crew of 79 men to operate.

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What's going on at The 555?



Top Row: Post 555 July General Meeting is in session; Commander Tim and one of our newest members— Congratulations!. **2nd Row:** Charlie Bates gets sworn in for E-Board, The Gonzales brothers contemplating trouble! **3rd Row:** Post group photo—Hi Marlene! Shirley and Randy on July 4th—Nice hair! **Row 4:** Chapter 555 group photo on the USS Iowa; Russ looking at technology “what camera??”; Naoko and Kay being installed as Auxiliary Secretary and 1st Vice—Congratulations ladies! **Row 5:** Group Photo of the gang - Front row: Galgo, Trench, Doc, Barney Ross; 2nd Row: Gunner, Toll Road, Lee Christmas; Back Row: Yin Yang, Thorn, Smiley, Luna, Mars; Kay posing with our 2018 Auxiliary Girls State delegates; ALR Group photo: Gene, Julie, Jeff, SGM Bob, Kat, Boss, Randy, Diesel, Jim, Kathy.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



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Fellow Legionnaires,

We are well into summer and moving right along with our 2018-2019 activities and goals.

Post Renovation: We successfully got the Main Hall painted in a lighter, fresher shade of yellow. A huge thank you goes out to our volunteers: Kat, Kokoe, Shirley, Clara, Ken, Naoko, Mike, Frank, Andy, Dave, the Corvette Club, Damon, Spicy, and so many others. Thank you for coming out both days on the weekend of the hottest day of the year to get this job done. We called in the pros to finish up the eaves and trims. Our hard work saved the Post approximately \$1600 in labor!

Bar update: Our plans have been approved, and we are in the process of making some minor updates and mods. We anticipate a grand opening in the next month or two. I'm right there with you when I say, "I'll believe it when I see it!" – but tell you what, this will be one heckuva Grand Reopening Party!

Post Family: We have dinners at The Post every Thursday night, and I would like to invite everyone to stop in and enjoy our dinners that each of the Post family put together. I kindly to remind everyone to be patient as we prep our dinners. Most of our chefs also work full time, and take time off (sometimes straight from our jobs) to come to the post and cook for us.

Upcoming Events: Come on down for our Commander's Steak Night! This is my favorite dinner: 12 oz steak, fully loaded baked potato, veggies, roll, and dessert. Can't beat that for \$16! Plus, all proceeds go to our Post Improvement Fund so that we can complete our building updates.

Membership & Recruiting: One of our goals this term is to not only continue recruiting new members, but to also get our existing membership to be more involved. I would love to see our Post 555 Legionnaires attend our monthly meetings, dinners, and



other events. There are many activities to get involved with, and there are opportunities to be a part of the Post Family everywhere you look.

Let's get our memberships renewed, and bring in new members to carry on our American Legion legacy forward for future generations. Get your renewals in early and enjoy the annual Early Bird Dinner in October on us! That's right FREE!

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. See you around the Post!

Tim Dusina
Post Commander
For God and Country

Next Meeting:
MONDAY, August 13th, 7:00 PM



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The USS Iowa is one of four ships in her class, the Iowa Class Battleship. Her sisters are the USS New Jersey, USS Missouri, and USS Wisconsin. These battleships were in service from World War II through the end of the Cold War. During Operation Desert Storm in 1991, Missouri and Wisconsin fired missiles and 16

-inch (406 mm) guns at Iraqi targets.

The Iowa-class battleships were the most heavily armed gunships the United States Navy. In addition to the three turrets of 3-16" guns, which could be fired independently, er secondary battery consisted of twenty 5 in (127 mm)/38 cal guns in twin mounts, which could fire at targets up to

12 nmi (14 mi; 22 km) away.

With the advent of air power and the need to gain and maintain air superiority came a need to protect the growing fleet of Allied aircraft carriers; to this end, Iowa was fitted with an array of Oerlikon 20 mm and Bofors 40 mm anti-aircraft guns to defend Allied carriers from enemy air-strikes.

LEGION FACTS: DID YOU KNOW?



By Ken George

Has anyone wondered how The American Legion drives change, supports certain causes, endorses legislation? Who reads about anything outside of Post555, District 29 or the Department of California?

Most of the time change is driven by the writing of a resolution. I know some of are saying a what? A Revolution?? No, no, I said "RESOLUTION", big difference. Webster's dictionary defines the word resolution as the following:
 a: the act or process of resolving: such as
 b: the act of analyzing a complex notion into simpler ones
 c: the act of answering: solving
 d: the act of determining

All these definitions play a part in the democratic process.

A resolution is a written document that outlines the current statements about a particular subject called the "Whereas" clauses.

For example "Whereas the American Legion was established in March 1919 and in 2019 will be a 100-year organization" It states the current state of affairs. You can state as many "whereas" statements as needed to describe the current state of affairs.

However, if there are too many then the statements become long and in most cases are not necessary. You also risk losing your audience when it comes time to vote to support the resolution.

The "whereas" clauses are followed by the "Resolve" clauses. "Resolve" clauses pinpoint what it is you want to change in your "Whereas" clauses.

For example; "Therefore be it resolved; the American Legion change its centennial year from 1919 to 1920 because the dates listed were recorded in

error". This is not a true case scenario but you can understand how the process works.

A resolution can be used for anything you want to change or support.

A recent resolution that started in at the Department of California Department Convention was asking the American Legion to petition Congress to investigate and award Captain E. Royce Williams USN (ret) the Medal of Honor.

Captain Royce was a Korean War fighter ace. His participation in the Korean War was long forgotten until the records of his missions he flew on were declassified. It was then discovered the reason for the declassification was Captain Royce shot down multiple Russian Migs, a little fact that our government kept classified for decades.

It was District 22 (San Diego County) who wrote the resolution that requested the American Legion National Headquarters petition Congress and support the awarding of the highest award. Currently, the resolution is at National Headquarters being reviewed for

support and determining the best course of action with Congress.

Resolutions can be written about almost anything. Typically a resolution starts at a post or district and works it way up through department where all resolutions are assigned to a committee for feasibility and recommendation for endorsement.

After a resolution passes committee it is then sent to the floor for either a vote to support or it is not supported by the committee and therefore dies. Much like legislative bills that are introduced on the senate and house floor in Washington D.C.

If you want to know more about pending and passed resolutions you can go to legion.org/resolutions.

Happy reading, the more you know, the more you learn.

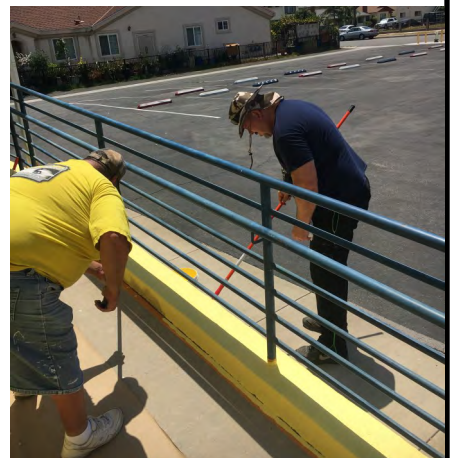
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1st VICE REPORT



Comrades,

Well the Fourth of July has passed us. Hope you all celebrated our Independence Day. For me Independence Day means Freedom. The ability to travel our country without check points. Janet and I were camping in half moon Bay California on July Fourth. We started this journey mid month camping at Elks Lodges and California State parks. many just steps from the surf. We have visited American

Legion posts at all our stops. Sharing ideas and stories with fellow Legionnaires. Most friendly for me was Post 113 in Napa. We went through Napa last year and post 113 members gave us their post license plate. We Mailed a post 555 plate back to them and I found it this year hanging in their Hall. Yesterday we left Napa and will spend a week here in Lake Tahoe. There is a post here too. While here we will meet up with fellow 555ers Ray and Cathy Knapp. Ray and Cathy sold their home in Garden Grove last year and moved to Magailia Ca.(gold country) Ray built a new home and put a 50 by 80 foot metal building on his 4 1/2 acres of of land for his toys. Wow! Now that's a garage we all wish we had.

For God and Country
Len Guillen
1st Vice Commander



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



On a nice afternoon we can hear you singing karaoke in the bar next-door. Remember to keep drinking your water as it is very hot and humid. We had some volunteers paint the outside of the building it looks very nice.

Airborne all the way.

For God and Country
Stay Alert and Healthy
Bill Seibert
Post 555 Chaplain

We have pinochle tournament every Sunday double deck and we are always looking for new players. I won last Sunday it's a lot of fun. We start at 12 o'clock and are usually done about four 30 in the afternoon.



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Do you hate those renewal notices that come every quarter especially when you already sent your membership renewal notice to the post? Do you blame everyone from the post adjutant, department and national? If I offered you a better more efficient way to renew your membership, would you be interested and would you do it? Well let's see, shall we?

I will walk you through the snail mail and drop off process. Let's begin; once your membership payment is received by the post, here is the timeline, in order, to process your payment and receive your membership card. This process is through the US Post Office, AKA snail mail and drop off at the post.

The designated post officer processes cards and payments request a check from the Finance Officer and send the paperwork to the department for processing once a week. From post to department up to 8 days.

The department membership coordinator processes cards and payments statewide send a summary sheet with

another payment to national. From department to national up to 9 days.

The national membership department processes cards and payments received from the entire organization. National processing can take up to 16 days depending on the workload each week.

Now, if all goes well, the transmittals are written clearly and legibly, the check is written for the correct amount you can see membership renewal can take up to 33 days, more than a month. To keep things in perspective, also look at the number of hands your membership passes through at each level. If the transmittals are not clearly written or the check amount is incorrect, the process takes even longer. I mention these factors because they are relevant to the renewal process and they do happen more than you would think. Remember I mentioned receiving renewal notices after you made your payment more than a month previously? Finally, let's add in that membership renewals are sent out the first month of each quarter. Well let's take into account your payment took over a month to process and renewal notices are printed almost 2 weeks in advance before sending them out. Obviously, there is overlap between the printing of notices and payment renewals of more than 5 weeks. I think you can now see how archaic and slow the US mail process is and why you might receive a renewal notices even after you paid your membership dues more than a month previously.

Now what if I said there is a faster and easier way to renew your annual membership as well as the ability to update your personal information, receive customized Legion news to your email,

download and view an advanced copy of Legion Magazine before you get it in the mail and the ability to print off your own membership card. Would you be interested then? Well, there is. It's called www.mylegion.org. This is where you can in "real time" renew and update your membership and print off your own membership card. What is nice is if you lose or accidentally damage your card, you can print off another copy as needed. You can also adjust your personal settings to renew your membership automatically each year.

I personally have been using mylegion.org for 3 years and each year, the benefits of using it are getting better and better. Not to mention it's a real time saver for anyone who hates writing checks and waiting for your payment to be processed. Using mylegion.org cuts out all the many hands and enables you to directly pay national, thereby cutting down your membership processing time from an average of 30 days down to about 7-10 days or less. I encourage every member to, at the very least, go to mylegion.org and set up your own user profile.

I have included a few screenshots from my own profile to help you out and show you what is available. If you need help setting up your mylegion.org account, you can email me or stop by for dinner at the post every Thursday where myself, the Assistant Adjutant or the 1st Vice Commander will be on hand to help you.

Ken George
Adjutant
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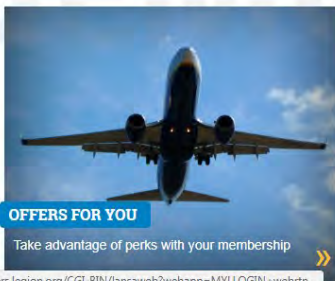


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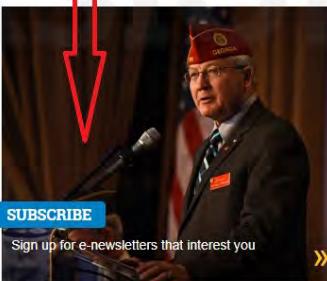
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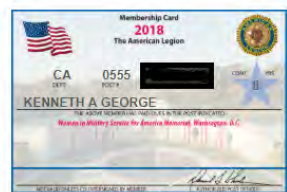
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My Membership Card



PSO's CORNER



During the committee markup in the House, the legislation was amended to extend the presumption of herbicide exposure for veterans who served on or near the Korean DMZ between September 1, 1967 and August 31, 1971. As amended, the legislation will now also extend health care, vocational training & rehabilitation and monetary allowance to a child who was born with spina bifida if at least one of the child's parents served in Thailand between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 and the VA determines that at least one of the parents had been exposed to a herbicide agent during that period. The bill also now includes improvements to the VA's home loan program.

**For God and Country,
Dan Hayden, PSO**



Greetings all,

SVAC Schedules Hearing on Agent Orange Reform Bill
The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee has scheduled a hearing on the House version of the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" (H.R.299). The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act would extend the presumption of exposure to Agent Orange to veterans who served of the coast of the Republic of Vietnam (Blue Water Navy veterans).



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| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/62-7/31/84) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - Only Eligibility) |
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Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____



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Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

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Date of Birth (Required)

Have you been a member previously? Yes No

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible through / name of veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

American Legion Member ID Number _____

Veteran's American Legion Post Name _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46)	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/62-7/31/84)
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities)

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Great-granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Self

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

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Recruiter's Name _____

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Sharpen your pencils and your minds! When solved, the cryptogram puzzle will reveal a famous quote, and its author. You must determine what letter of the alphabet corresponds to each crypto letter and apply the code to the message to solve the puzzle. Good Luck!

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to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism;

to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers 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 good will on earth;

to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

to consecrate and sanctify our friendship, by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;

to adopt in letter and spirit, all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands;

and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

Next Meeting:

**MONDAY, August 20th,
7:00 PM**

Check out the Sons Department of CA Detachment monthly publication, The California Sons 'Adventure' more issues at: <http://sonsadventure.com/>



POST FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



Introducing: Rudy 'Root' Gonzales

Legionnaire
Squadron E-Board
Branch/MOS: Army/Artillery
Conflict: Korea, 1953-54

This is one man that definitely needs no introduction! A couple of weeks ago, The Marauder had the opportunity to sit with Rudy and have a little chat. Here is the long and short of it!

On the Legion: I have been a member of Post 555 for over 15 years. Prior to this I was a member of Post 1000 for four years. I am a life member of both the VFW and the American Legion.

What do you like best about the 555? What I like best about being a member of the 555 is being with fellow veterans. I enjoy the camaraderie, and I love what we do for the vets. Being a member of the post keeps me active!

What do you like least? *Laughs. One thing I would like to see at the post is the G**D*** bar open up! But seriously, I see the same 10% of the people running this place, and I'd like to see more participation. We need more help!

Tell us about you: I was born in San Pedro, CA. I have three brothers, Rudy, Chuck, and Dave. I was married for 44 years and have two sons, one of which is a football Hall of Famer at Mater Dei. My youngest son won league championships in football.

I served in the ARMY, Artillery in Korea from 1953-1954. I was enlisted for 23 months and made Sergeant in 17 months, when I was stationed in Japan.

I worked the first nine flights of the space shuttle. I worked at Autonetics, and was responsible for all Navy contracts, including Polaris submarines. I negotiated two contracts for \$14M and \$16M

each for the guidance system. I retired from North American Rockwell.

On hobbies: My hobbies are golf and bowling. I taught golf for 50 years in Orange County. 23 of those years were in Cerritos, the rest were at Anaheim Hills, Riverview, and a few others.

I love swing dancing. Do you want to dance?

On Sports: My favorite sport is Football. I like the 49ers, Packers, and Redskins. Redskins because my buddy 'Johnny O' Olszewski played for them, and is one of two NFL players ever to wear the number 'o.' He was my Big Brother since 5th grade!



AUXILIARY UNIT 555



Hard to believe July 4th was here and has gone already. The ALR hosted a great pot luck on July 4th and was well attended by the Post Family. It was great to see those that are always in attendance and those of you that we don't see all that often.

First Vice Kay Hamby invited

our four Girls State Delegates to our July meeting in which they all gave a short speech about their personal experiences at Girls State and what they have taken away from the experience. All of the candidates had great experiences and made new friends. She also presented the girls with Certificates and a medal for their participation at Girls State.

Kay also announced at our last meeting that we have reached our goal of 100% for membership for the 2017-2018 year!!! A great accomplishment for our unit two years in a row. Now we turn to our membership for the 2018-2019 year. Time to get your dues turned in for the year. Who do you know that may

qualify to be a member that wants to join? Let's keep our eyes open for any opportunity to recruit new members and make it three years for a 100% membership goal.

If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile it would be great to have you join us and give some input on our events that we are working on for the year. Stay tuned for another Quartermania, Luau, and as always, our Third Thursday Dinners hosted by the Auxiliary.

Hope you all have a great August!

Kim aka Baby Doll
Unit 555 President
For God and Country



Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

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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 participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;

to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Next Meeting:
TUESDAY, August 7th @ 7:00 PM

July Puzzle Answers

JUMBLE GAME ANSWERS

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**DID YOU FIND
 ALL THE AMERICAN FLAGS
 IN OUR JULY ISSUE?**

Congratulations! The answer is 40.



Disappointed about department convention -- from the wrong perspective or for the right reasons?



By Clara Pon

I've heard from many this year's department convention was very disappointing for many reasons and from different perspectives. I won't list them in any particular order as it would be difficult to put them in any justifiable ranking. This year's Department of California convention was its 100th session. You would have thought there would have been a celebration of some sort commemorating this most significant event, but there was nothing, zilch. There was barely even a mention of it. How sad.

At our chapter meeting just after convention, a member got up and asked if what he heard about the department conven-

tion was true...was the attendance at convention that low and why? I, of course, had my own opinions about that, but kept them to myself. The issue about convention attendance apparently wasn't over.

The following month, I heard at a recent area Rider meeting that the Rider's had a better attendance percentage at their April convention in Oceanside then the Legion had last month up near Sacramento. This Rider department officer, also a first-time Legion department convention attendee expressed how disappointed he was of the poor turn-out. He has since encouraged all the riders to, "to attend meetings from your parent organization, Son's, Auxiliary or Legion. Without your involvement now, who will lead tomorrow?"

Many that attended and have attended previous conventions all had the same opinion about how atrocious the convention was and what a snafu it was up on stage. A few felt sorry, others felt embarrassed, while many others just didn't have anything nice to say about the whole production citing politics, personal agendas, jockeying for positions, disorganized,

short sightedness, warring factions, ineptness, self-promotion, and a litany of other descriptors.

For those that were disappointed with the poor turnout, maybe you should think about the following questions:

Are you active beyond your post/squadron/unit, at the district or area levels? If no, why not? Do you even know what goes on at the district, area, and department?

How long have you been a member of your parent organization? Do you make derisive comments about the parent organization when you yourself don't actively participate?

And have you gone to your parent organizations conventions as long as you've been a member? If no, why not?

If you answered 'no' to any of the questions, then are you in any position to complain about how things are being done? Then maybe what you should ask is, "Are you the solution or the problem?"

If you answered 'yes' to most of

the questions, then you might be one of the ones that are trying to affect change in a system that is old, archaic, opposed and afraid of change and transparency. Try thinking outside the box for ways and strategies to affect the change that is needed to keep the organization thriving and running better than how it is.

Don't forget the aims and goals of why you joined The American Legion, "...committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans."

Everyone, please congratulate Commander Tim and First Lady Kokoe when you see them for their victorious accolades in the annual CALPA media contest. We hope to see more of these awards lining the walls of the post.



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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

Greetings Riders,

Is it hot enough for you? Holy smokes, here we are in July and the summer is going by so fast!

This past month has been a busy time for the chapter. We ended June with a full and complete tour on the USS Iowa. We enjoyed a fantastic BBQ Potluck with our post family. We re-painted the Main Hall, rode in the Post 295 Squadron Poker Run, rode a couple of memorial escorts. The first Area 5 Presidents' happened in Norco, and what a great showing - there was standing room only at the post! This was a great opportunity to meet other Chapters, learned about DOC activity, share events, and network.

We kicked off our canned food and sundries drive for our local veteran housing community, Potters Lane. In just two short weeks we have nearly 6 boxes of good

canned foods - WOW! Thank you everyone for your support! On Wednesday, August 15th we will meet at the 555 to pick up our items and take them to Potters Lane, and attend a facility tour at 2:00 PM. After that our chapter will sponsor a BBQ early dinner for the residents, staff, and rides. Anyone and everyone is invited to this event.

Also this month, our Poker Run team made some serious progress. Kat has been doing a fantastic job coordinating with the Shark Squad to get our promo going. We now have postcards and flyers! We are working on getting our vendors lined up, and Marlene has our band locked in. Len and the Jims have established our ride map. Boss has the lunch menu ready for the after ride lunch, and Frank Monson will cameo as our chef (thank you Frank!). Randy, Shirley, and Clara have our ride pins in, and shirt designs ready to go!



Also coming up, don't forget about our Summer Beach Party. Get registered by 8/15 if you plan to attend. Cost to get in is \$10 and covers food and beer!

Our next Chapter meeting is Saturday, August 25th at 09:30 AM. See you then!

LET'S RIDE!

**FOR GOD
AND COUNTRY,**

**Kokoe Estrada
President
ALR Chapter 555**



ALR 555 Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves as members of the American Legion Family, constituting the American Legion Riders 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 participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion;

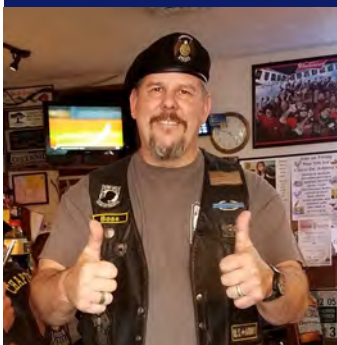
to promote motorcycle safety education programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion Family members with the same motorcycle interests;

To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Next Meeting: SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th @ 09:30

Log your miles: <https://www.americanlegionpost555.com/chapter-555-event-log.html>

ROAD CAPTAIN'S DIRECTION



Message from the Road Captain, Commander Tim Dusina:

It is my duty to coordinate rides for this chapter that range from local to perhaps just a bit farther. At this time, I am about 3/4 way through our ride list. Since I don't know OC as well as many of our native OC members, I welcome any

and all suggestions for upcoming rides. Please email me at tim.dusina.555@gmail.com and share your ride ideas.

Friday, August 17th is Bike Night and Veteran Appreciation Night at Lifestyles. We will be setting up a table at this event to try and get the word out about the ALR, Legion, Auxiliary, and SALs. If you are able to attend, please ride out support!

Riding in the heat: remember the signs of heat stroke and heat ex-

haustion. Take a look at the chart below. Stop frequently, stay hydrated, wear light colors, and stay covered.

Ride smart. Ride safe.

**Tim Dusina
Road Captain
ALR Chapter 555**

HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE?

HEAT EXHAUSTION SYMPTOMS

1. Faint or dizzy
2. Excessive sweating
3. Cool, pale, clammy skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, weak pulse
6. Muscle cramps

HOW TO TREAT IT

1. Move to cooler location
2. Drink water
3. Take a cool shower or use cold compresses



HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS

1. Throbbing headache
2. No sweating
3. Body temp above 103°
Red, hot, dry skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, strong pulse
6. May lose consciousness

HOW TO TREAT IT

1. Get emergency help
2. Keep cool until treated

ALR CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



Greetings from the heart of Orange County. The weather has been hot and humid, reminding me of my youthful days of central Alabama. Hopefully, we'll get a break soon. Otherwise, I may have to take out a loan to pay my air conditioning bill.

I recently received an article from Post 132 Adjutant and good friend, Bill Seiler, concerning the oldest veterans cemetery

on the West Coast. Located in Vallejo, California, on what was once known as Mare Island Naval Shipyard, this cemetery was originally maintained by the shipyard itself. While the cemetery is not known for its celebrity status, it is the final resting place of the daughter of Francis Scott Key and famous murderess, Lucy Lawson.

Unfortunately, the shipyard closed in 1996 and, although the cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the city of Vallejo -which was responsible for the maintenance- was unable to keep it properly maintained and the final resting place of some 900 veterans from as far back as the Civil War fell into disrepair.

There is currently a movement underway to place the cemetery under the purview of the National Cemetery system, giving status as a Veterans Cemetery. The American Legion Post 603 in Vallejo is actively involved with the legislation needed to complete the transfer so, hopefully, we will have a "new" cemetery under VA guidance.

It has been a rough month for some of our members. Please keep the restful repose of George Benedict in your heart and prayers. Our own Chapter sister Marlene Flores and brother Mick Lorito could use your prayers, as well. Marlene sends out regular updates to make sure we know our prayers are working. Mick took a hit on the bike a few weeks ago. I saw his bike over at Huntington Beach Harley and I'm not sure if he or the bike suffered the worse. He is well on his way to getting back on the road but could use your good karma and prayers.

Lastly, stay safe on the road as you travel this summer. Wear your patch with pride and represent our organization to other veterans. Show them what The American Legion and the American Legion Riders is all about.

With Respect and Pride,

Jeff Gallagher
Chaplain
ALR Chapter 555

ALR JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT



I recently attended the Area 5 ALR president's meeting at Norco Post 328 with President Kokoe, Road Captain Tim, and Chapter Historian Ken. This was our first area 5 president's meeting that we've been able to attend. It was an informative meeting and we met some new folks. After the meeting, we were able to resolve and close a couple of items that were brought to our attention.

The DOC appointed a new judge advocate, Mike Brownell from Lake Isabella Squadron 711 since John 'Doc' Bart "retired"

after serving in that position for the past 10 or so years. Judge Advocate Brownell's objective before next month's officer meeting is to submit any suggested amendments to the ALRDOC constitution and bylaws from all his area committee members. So, not only am I your chapter judge advocate, I am also your area 5 bylaws committee representative. I will be reviewing the department bylaws for inconsistencies, pointing out typos, and recommending content amendments to the current bylaws.

I will also be updating our chapter bylaws as I mentioned in my article last month. I've already had a rider come up to me and President Kokoe about an addition he would like to see added into the bylaws. As it was explained to us, it was a previous resolution that was written, but never signed and executed. Upon further investigation, it appears that only part of the resolution language was amended into the chapter bylaws. So, in the next couple of months, I will be working on department bylaws with my fellow commissioners and judge advocate. While department bylaws are being reviewed, I will be working on amending our chapter bylaws where they do not confirm to current department bylaws.

I will communicate any suggested changes to our chapter members accordingly. So, if you have questions or suggestions on

changes to the department bylaws, please feel free to contact me with your suggestions or comments and I will forward them to the new judge advocate and other area bylaw commissioners.

Clara Pon George
Judge Advocate
ALR Chapter 555

A promotional graphic for Lauren Poole, a REALTY ONE GROUP agent. At the top, a sign reads "YOUR REFERRALS HELP OUR VETERANS!". Below the sign are logos for "ONE" (Realty One Group), the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders. The text states: "Lauren is on a mission to give back to our Veterans in the community. For every buyer or seller referral you send to Lauren that leads to a successful sale, she will donate up to \$1,000 to the Albert E. Schwab American Legion Post 555 and Chapter 555 Legion Riders for Veterans Programs." At the bottom, it says "TELL A FRIEND!" and provides contact information for Lauren Poole: "LAUREN POOLE, REALTY ONE GROUP, BRE# 02017447, (949) 228-8555 | LPoole1951@gmail.com". A circular photo of Lauren Poole is in the bottom right corner.

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THURS 8/9 - ALR
\$6 BRAT NIGHT & CANNED FOOD DRIVE
 Riders are grilling up our favorite bratwurst on a roll with peppers and onions. Choice of sides. Help support our canned food drive for Potters Lane, Midway City Veteran Home!

THURS 8/16
AUX
\$6 HOT DOG BAR
 Create your own dining masterpiece, exactly the way you want on Auxiliary Hot Dog Bar Night! Chili, cheese, mustard, mayo, catsup, relish, jalapenos, potato chips, and more! - anything goes! -

THURS 8/23
POST
\$8 SPAGHETTI DINNER
 Commander Tim is in the kitchen making up a batch of his famous homemade meat sauce! Get your spaghetti plate tonight with garlic bread, & side salad, and dessert. Support local veterans! Eat out tonight!

THURS 8/30
POST
\$6 FETTUCCINI ALFREDO
 Squadron 555 are cooking up a fantastic fettuccini alfredo dinner! Served with chicken, and a side of tasty garlic bread. Add a side salad for \$1 more. Buon Appetito!

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August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING EVENTS: August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month 9/1: FRANK'S BBQ DINNER FEAST 9/15: ALR Summer Beach Party TBA: POST BAR GRAND OPENING PARTY			AIR FORCE DAY 40/8 7:00 PM	SAL 1st Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	COAST GUARD DAY
5 Pinochle 12:00 PM	PURPLE HEART DAY AUX Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Marine Corps League 7:30 PM	8 Marine Corps Reserve	9 ALR 2nd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	10 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	11 Cypress Post 295 3 Ball Tournament 1:00 PM & Casino Night 8:00- 11:00 PM
12 Pinochle 12:00 PM	13 Post E-Board 5:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM	15 Potters Lane Veterans Housing in Midway City Event Tour, Canned Food Drop Off, & Early Dinner Meet at 555 1:30 PM Tour 2:00 PM		16 NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY Hunters' Safety 5:00 PM AUX 3rd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	17 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	18 COMMANDER'S STEAK NIGHT 4:00 PM BUY TICKETS AT THE POST OR ONLINE
19 Pinochle 12:00 PM	20 SAL E-Board 6:30 PM SAL Meeting 7:00 PM	21 Instagram	22 VFW POST 9557 7:00 PM	23 POST 4th Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM Corvette Club 7:00 PM	24 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	25 ALR Monthly Meeting 8:30 AM
26 Pinochle 12:00 PM	27 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK	28 Review Us! yelp	29 MARINE CORPS RESERVE BIRTHDAY	30	31	

POST 555 THURSDAY DINNERS

8/2 SAL: \$6 Fettuccini Alfredo
 8/9 ALR: \$6 Brats Night*
 8/16 Aux: \$6 Hot Dog Bar
 8/23 POST: \$8 Spaghetti Dinner
 8/30 POST: \$8 Chicken Salad / Sandwich
 9/6 SAL: \$6 Turkey Club Night
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 CANNED FOOD & SUNDRIES DRIVE
 Come on down and let us do the cooking
 Starts @ 5:30 until sold out!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019!

Post 555 Family August Birthdays

Robert Bertels	Claud Koch
Dennis Blenn	Matt McKelvy
John Chizmar	Bernadette Montegani
Robert Dillard	Vernon Metzger Jr.
Erik Duane	Christopher Mundt
Kokoe Estrada	Larry Prior
Elanor Garcia	Edward Romero
Linda Hayward	Diane Silvers
Randy Jones	Kathleen Sullivan
Larry Kirsch	Renee Tey

Happy Birthday to you!