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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.



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



POST 555 OFFICERS

Tim Dusina, Commander
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 SGM Bob Trudeau, E-Board
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 Andy Timko, Assistant Adjutant
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 Ed Sedlak, Assistant Sgt, at Arms
 Bill Seibert, Chaplain
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 Dan Hayden, Service Officer

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 George Willis, Acting Adjutant
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 Not yet appointed, Chaplain
 Rudy Gonzales, E-Board


On the Cover: Diesel!

Shown on the front cover of our June Marauder is Long Beach Post 496 Legionnaire and Chapter 555 Charter Member, and Marine, Tony 'Diesel' Olson. with 3 kids and 2 grandkids.

Quite the mechanic, Diesel built the last 3 out of 5 bikes that he has owned, and built the bike pictured on the front in his garage, which took one year!

Diesel enjoys building bikes, riding with friends, going to Speedway, and spending time

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AMERICAN LEGION
ALBERT E. SCHWAB - POST 555

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Post Commander

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Veterans Crisis Line

If you are a Veteran, or know of a Veteran in need, Confidential support is available:
 Veterans Crisis Line: (800) 273-TALK (8255), (Press 1);
 Text 838255. A VCL responder will text back;
 Chat online by visiting Vets.gov
 Or visit www.veteranscrisisline.net

POST 555 PUB HOURS

MONDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 TUESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 THURSDAY 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 FRIDAY 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 SATURDAY 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 SUNDAY 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 HOURS POSTED EXTEND IF BUSY

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What's going on at The 555?



Top Row: Trifecta! Post 555 Commander Tim, District 29 Commander Ken George, and Cathay Post 384 San Francisco Commander Nelson Lum; Len, Charlie, and Lee at the May Post meeting. **2nd Row:** Members from the Post 555 Family at the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Westminster Memorial Park; Post Family photo at Angel Stadium—Thank you Frank for the tix! **3rd Row:** Post Commander Tim flippin' burgers at the Pacific Coast HOG Chapter meeting; Marlene, Rudy, and Andy group photo; Memorial Day at the Post group photo with Garden Grove Mayor Pro Tem Phat Bui. **Row 4:** ALR Chapter 555 group photo—hey guys! Randy and Commander Tim pose for a quick photo after hanging our new pictures in the annex; Trivia and Evan watching something exciting! **Row 5:** Captain Koons talks about watches and time; The Good, The Bad, and The Andys' (who's who?); Hey Ladies! #ALR555 #Post555Family!

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



Rusty's Island Chips



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Huntington Beach, CA 92649
(714) 894-TILE (8453)
Fax: (714) 896-0112
Email: info@scsurfaces.com



Fellow Legionnaires,

I am honored to be representing Post 555 as your Commander for a 3rd term. Congratulations to all of the new and returning Post Officers: Lenard Guillen - 1st Vice Commander, Randy Jones - 2nd Vice, Ed Sedlak - 3rd Vice, Lee Lieberg, SGM Bob Trudeau, and Charlie Bates on the E-board, Ken George - Adjutant, Andy Timko - Assistant Adjutant, Doc Adams - Finance Officer, Gene Lucier - Sergeant at Arms, Ed Sedlak - Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Bill Seibert - Chaplain, Charlie Bates - Historian, and Dan Hayden - Service Officer.

In this 2018-2019 term we continue with our progress on making our Post great again. We continue our momentum on the Post Improvement Project. This includes completion of the Bar

Project, kitchen organization, painting the buildings, and the many other areas that need maintenance and repair.

This being said, we will have our Post Family Paint Party on Saturday, July 7th starting at 10:00 AM. I encourage anyone and everyone to come out and do some prep and paint work on our buildings. This is a much needed task, and remember - if we work as a team we can get this accomplished all the faster. The Post will provide lunch for the volunteers on this day.

Also this term, we will continue to recruit new members, as well as encourage existing members to visit The Post and participate in more of our activities. We will continue supporting Legion Family events and activities, and hopefully create new



events such as shuffleboard, pool, and dart tournaments. We will continue our support of the American Legion mission and the four pillars (VA&R, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth).

We have a solid team and Post Family, and I am confident that we can take 555 to a whole new level!

Tim Dusina
Post Commander
For God and Country

Next Meeting:
MONDAY, July 9th 7:00 PM

2ND VICE COMMANDER REPORT



Greetings,

At the risk of forgetting someone, let's take a moment to thank some volunteers.

This last month I would like to thank Jim Surdock and Jim Moss for their help around the post, getting our outside lights and interior electrical up and running.

As usual Dave Gutierrez has kept our exterior landscaping and parking lot in good shape. thank you Dave.

Kat Sullivan has been our interior worker and keeps us clean as can be. And as Kokoe says Cleanliness is Godliness. We could all use a little of that.

In the Kitchen we have Kokoe, Commander Tim, Frank, Marlene, George, Sally, Mick, Dave, Kay, Rita, Kim, and all our usual suspects.

Don't forget our Bartenders. Ed, Andy, Doc, Bob and Bob, Debb, and Wayne. In the Office we have Doc, and Kim, Shirley. And around the property we have Randy and Little Wayne, Phillippe.

Please give these and the others I have Forgotten a thank you when your at your post. We can't keep this place running without Volunteers.

For God and Country
Len Guillen
2nd Vice Commander



Above: Len and Lloyd cooking up some fantastic BBQ

LEGION FACTS: DID YOU KNOW?

American Legion Boys State

By Ken George

Everyone has heard or knows about American Legion Boys State. However, does anyone know how and why it started? The first Boys State was started in Illinois by two Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card in 1935. They created the Boys State program in order to counter the "socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps" that were tainting our youth. In America, there were two (2) junior socialist groups, the Young Pioneers of America and the Young Pioneers League of America. If you look up "Young Pioneer Groups," you will see these camps located all over the world in every communist country and America. The pioneer camps in America were children's organizations affiliated with the Communist Party USA from 1922-1934. These socialist groups would start by indoctrinating young boys ages 8-15 on the ways of socialism and equality. The goal was to start the



Above: Mark Wahlberg, Boys State Alumnus

communist mentality at an early age in the youth pioneer camps and schools, then as the youth grew up into productive adults, they would be assimilated into labor worker par-

ties. It was the worker's parties who wanted to control the labor force at all levels and industry. By 1930, there were over 30 pioneer camps in the US located from shore to shore. In the United States pioneer youth camps and socialism became a real threat to our democracy as we know it today. It was Legionnaires Kennedy and Card who saw the need to form Boys State and the need to educate and develop future leaders and good citizens. It is the Boys State program that continues



Above: Boys State Founders Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card

to bring America back to its principals of freedom and democracy, not socialism and equality. Today, you can't help to think how ironic it is that we are seeing history repeat itself in today's politics with such passionate and emotional differences between the left wanting free social programs and the right with its conservative work to live values; much like socialism versus democracy back in the 1930's.

In past years, District 29 had the honor of having John Badgely, a Coast Guard WWII veteran, a retired architect, and a Legionnaire from Laguna Woods Post

257. Unfortunately, he passed away three (3) years ago. He was a 1937 California Boys State Alumni, the first Boys State session held in California. He would tell the boys at the orientation dinner stories of his experience. When he attended, the program was held at the State Fair Grounds in Sacramento and they slept in the horse stables on cots. He also said it was at Boys State where he developed a strong understanding of American Exceptionalism, democracy, government, and your duties as an American citizen. He also developed a sense of duty and honor for his country which later influenced him to serve his country in the Coast Guard during WWII.

Today, there are many distinguished Boys State Alumni who are influential leaders across all walks of life. Some of those alumni are Hall of Fame basketball player Michael Jordan, astronaut John Glen, radio host Rush Limbaugh, actor Mark Wahlberg, 41st District Congressman Mark Takano, former Vice President Richard Cheney, and the 42nd President of the United States Bill Clinton. Whether it was back in 1935 or today in 2018, whether you were sleeping on a cot in a horse stable or a warm bed in the dorm rooms of Sacramento State, American Legion Boys State for a long time has been developing strong leaders. The program will continue to develop the strongest leaders who contribute to our country by upholding the principles of Americanism, freedom, and democracy.

If you want to know more about Boys State, I encourage everyone to get involved at the



post next year when we interview high school juniors to be a Boys State delegate. You can also learn more by going to



Above: Boys State Alumnus Michael Jordan

boystatecalifornia.org and calegion.org. If you are going to department convention in June, you can attend the Boys State commission meeting or there will be an opportunity to witness a session of Boys State take place at Sacramento State University. The more you know about the different programs The American Legion supports, the more knowledgeable and informed Legionnaire you become.



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This custom beauty boasts a Daytec frame, and a 1986 Harley Davidson Evolution (Evo) engine.

The June Cover Photo courtesy of American Legion Rider Chapter 555 and Auxiliary Finance Officer, Shirley Jones.

This photograph was snapped on the State Route 22 onramp going east bound, in beautiful Orange County, CA.



IMPORTANT DATE

Monday, June 18th, 7:00 PM

Post Family Installations



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Post 555 Building Improvement Fund



Post 555 needs your help today
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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



that hit me had also turned in paperwork we belong to the same insurance company that worked out pretty good for me I'm getting the van fixed now it will take two weeks about \$3500 worth of work you just have to do a little legwork and you can hopefully have a good outcome

Continuing the story on my hit and run I turned in the paperwork over the phone to my insurance company 10 days later the person

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



Congratulations 2018-2019 Post 555 Officers!

Post Commander
 Tim Dusina

First Vice-Commander
 Lenard Guillen [Current 2nd Vice Commander]
 Kenneth C. George [Current District 29 Commander]

Second Vice-Commander
 Randy Jones [Legionnaire, ALR Sergeant at Arms]

Third Vice Commander
 Ed Sedlak [Current E-Board Member]

Executive Board [E-Board]:
 Lee Lieberg [Current E-Board]
 Charlie Bates [Current Historian, and E-Board]
 Ed Sedlak [Current E-Board Member]



Greetings all,

Same as last month, not much going on in my area. Still getting some requests for assistance or guidance for the VA or other veteran assistance programs.

For those of you who

don't know that I am a volunteer on the battleship museum in San Pedro, I have brought a bunch of "Buy One Get One" discount cards for admission to tour the ship. They will be available for anyone to pick at the bar or literature table.

Hope to see you all at the post meeting.

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



VALUABLE RESOURCES

Cal Vet is your Veteran resource to process everything from VA Claims for service related disabilities, benefits advocacy and assistance, Home loans, healthcare, Veteran status verification for Drivers License, beginning a college education, training for jobs, and much more!

The closest local Cal Vet is located at 1300 S. Grand Ave., Building B., Santa Ana, CA 92705. Phone: (714) 480-6555. Email: OCVSO@OCCR.OCGOV.COM

SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR CALIFORNIA VETERANS

Did you know that CA offers special license plates to honor the service of the following veterans?

- Medal of Honor recipients are eligible for one set of free commemorative license plates.
- Legion of Valor: Veterans who are recipients of the Medal of Honor, Army Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Service Cross, or Air Force Cross are eligible for special Legion of Valor license plates.
- Former Prisoners of War are eligible for one set of free commemorative license plates.
- Pearl Harbor Veterans: honorably discharged veterans stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 are eligible for Pearl Harbor Survivor license plates.
- Purple Heart recipients are eligible for special Purple Heart license plates.

How to apply: Complete the DMV Form RE17A and provide proof of medal award or evidence. Former POWs must complete DMV Form REG 17.

Mail completed documents to: Department of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 932345, Sacramento, CA 9423
Or Call: (800) 777-0133. Learn more: www.DMV.ca.gov

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES

Honorably Discharged Veterans with 50% or greater service connected disability from USDVA are eligible to receive reduced annual fees for fishing and hunting licenses.

How to apply: download and complete a Reduced Fee Fish-



ing or Hunting License application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting#994193-reduced-fee> or call (916) 928-5805 to request an application via mail.

First time applicants must submit proof of service connected disability. Mail completed applications to: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834 or to any DPW Office.

STATE PARKS AND RECREATION PASSES

Any Honorably Discharged Veteran with 50% or greater service connected disability from USDVA, former Prisoner of War, or Medal of Honor recipient is eligible to apply for the Distinguished Veteran Pass. This pass entitles the holder to the use of all of the basic State Park System operated facilities, including camping, and day use, free of charge.

How to apply: Download the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Distinguished Veteran Pass application from: <https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/737/files/DPR619.pdf>

Include proof of service connected disability, valid CA Driver License, and proof of Honorable Discharge. Mail completed applications to: California State Parks, Attn: Distinguished Veteran Pass Program, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001.

NATIONAL PARKS ACCESS PASS

This lifetime pass is available to US Citizens who have been determined to have a permanent disability that severely limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. This includes Disabled Veterans.

How to apply: A pass may be obtained in person at any participating federal recreation site or office. Citizens may also apply via mail order. Download the application at: https://store.usgs.gov/sites/default/files/access_pass_application.pdf. Mail completed forms to: USGS, Attn: Access Pass, Box 25286, Denver, CO, 80225.

Are we selecting the best leaders for California?

By Clara Pon

As some of you may have heard or read, Department of California recently held its inaugural department Legion college down in San Diego. National coverage of the department's new college was reported on Legion.org by Henry Howard, Assistant Deputy Director of Media, Marketing & Communications as well as a first-person narrative from Jared Morgan, one of the first graduates of the college. The student composition included blue cap Legionnaires, district/county officers, and a few department officers. All the students left with new thoughts, different ideas, and hopefully, a renewed fervor on how to make The Legion a better organization.

A prerequisite of attending department Legion college was completing Basic Training, the updated version of ALEI (American Legion Extension Institute) course which covers the history of The American Legion, the four pillars, and the major programs it supports. It doesn't matter how many years a Legionnaire has been a member, how many officer positions he/she has held, or even holding the highest position of department commander, there is

always something to be learned.

Even current Department Commander Robert Heinisch whose schedule didn't permit him to be a student and participate for the full three days, sat in for two days and said he learned quite a bit. No Legionnaire knows everything and must always be open to learn at every opportunity.

A major topic that was discussed every day was leadership. It was taught by four different instructors, touching various aspects of leadership, and all in their own distinct method of instruction. Various thought provoking questions were posed, "What traits does a leader have," "How does one lead in a non-profit organization," or "What images does a leader portray?" Those questions and answers lead into other questions on how we recruit members into The American Legion when there is still a negative image and stereotype of Legion halls.

One of those all too familiar recurring stereotypes that we've all heard is... I know the Legion as a place where my grandpa hung out at the bar all day long telling war stories and

embellishing tales or where all my dad's war buddies sat at the Legion post smoking and drinking. Unfortunately, that stereotype still exists today and it won't change until people confront the issue to find ways to change it. However, not all Legion posts with bars or lounges are bad. If operated like a successful business, it will bring in the needed funds for the post to support the many charitable Legion programs out there.

If you are Legionnaire who aspires to be a future leader of the organization, how would you answer the questions that were raised in class? As a Legionnaire, what traits and image would you want the future leader of the organization to possess? Would you want to see a member of your leadership inebriated all the time, hanging out at a bar all day long, and can't remember what happened like the stereotype of yesteryear? Would you want your leader to be able to have an intelligent conversation with others about The Legion and the various problems it has to deal with?

Will your chosen leader represent the best interest of its members and make the right choice for the overall benefit of the organization? The American Legion maybe a non-profit organization, but it still needs to be run like a business. The leaders now and those in the future need to be professional, dedicated, knowledgeable, and



respectful to his/her fellow Legionnaires as well as to all the members of the Legion family.

As candidates campaign and elections are conducted across the department, think long and hard about what traits and images your leaders now and in the future should possess. He or she is the face of your post, your district, and the Department of California and will represent not just the Legionnaires, but the Legion family here locally and across the country. So, don't be afraid to ask the hard questions of your future leaders as they campaign throughout the year, up and down the state. Don't let the free hospitality events sway or influence your vote. Make sure he or she is the most qualified, well spoken, effective communicator, and knowledgeable Legionnaire to best lead the organization into and beyond the centennial anniversary.

POST FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

Introducing: Shirley "Johnson" Jones

AKA Red
Auxiliary Treasurer
ALR Chapter 555 Treasurer
#Post555Family Member Since: 2017

For as long as I can remember, I have always been patriotic! I Love being an American and love our flag colors of Red, White, and Blue! It could be because I was born at the beginning of July too. Also the National Anthem brings tears to my eyes every time I hear it! My Grandpa (mom's dad) was also in the Navy and was a member of the American Legion before his passing. My Dad, and my Uncle both served in the Army and then I

married a Marine! On 3/26/18 I married my husband Randy Jones who is still serving but in the California National Guard as a reservist. I have a step daughter (Sarah 32), we had 2 daughters together (Cassy 21 & Ally 18) and in 2013 we adopted our grandson, Evan who is 6 now and knows us as mom and dad. I love spending time with family and friends, going on motorcycle rides, camping (Glamping, lol) and going to the river. A fun fact about me is that my husband and I have the opposite of birthdays, mine being 7/2 and his being 2/7. He says he married me because he will never forget my birthday! What I like about the legion is everyone is there to help those who served or have served themselves already. The new friends I have made and



are still making each and every day. It's an honor to donate time, serve our veterans, and just give back!





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to be a Legion Family member

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REVITALIZE**

The American Legion celebrates 100 years in 2018. How can you help continue the legacy? Help out by renewing your membership, and encouraging others to renew. Recruit new members to join the American Legion Family. Help revitalize the 'Triple Nickle.' Use the application on the back of this page to sign up new members! And remember you can renew online at www.legion.org/renew, or mail it in to the Post, or drop it off at the bar.

To Learn More, Contact:

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Eligibility Dates



Gulf War/War on Terrorism Aug. 2, 1990 – present*	Korean War June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955
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Lebanon/Grenada Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984	WWI April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918
Vietnam War Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975	* if currently serving on active duty today, you are eligible.

ONLINE RENEWAL: <https://www.members.legion.org/tal/renew>



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Phone) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

_____ (Membership ID# Former Member) _____ (Email) _____ (Post #) _____ (Date)

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) | |

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

Signed By Applicant _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address, go to www.legion.org.

ALA 12/2012



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

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

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.legion.org.

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DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Unit # and Location _____

_____ / _____ / _____ Birth - 17 18 and over

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)

<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)	<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (12/7/41-12/31/46)
<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.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

ALA 12/2012



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

In Loving
Memory



George Benedict
1950-2018

MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT
Westminster Memorial Park Chapel
14801 Beach Blvd., Westminster, CA
Sunday, June 17th, 2018
Viewing 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Service 2:00 PM
Reception after



POST 555 FAMILY

& FRIENDS INVITED

2018 JULY 4th ANNUAL

BBQ PARTY
& POTLUCK

STARTS AT 2:00 PM

FEATURING:

- ★ HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS ★
- ★ ICE CREAM ★
- ★ \$2 DRAUGHT BUD LIGHT ★
- ★ BEAN BAG TOSS ★
- ★ MUSIC ★



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FIND THE MOTORYCLES
 Count the bikes in this issue and win a
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 Submit your guesses to
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NEWLY RELEASED

OFFICIAL NATIONAL BASIC TRAINING CLASS

THE AMERICAN LEGION EDUCATION INSTITUTE

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. It is divided into six sections, followed by a final exam.

The sections closely follow The Legion's Four Pillars of service. They include:

- History & Organization
- Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
- Americanism
- Children & Youth

This course is FREE. Upon successful completion of the final, the graduate will receive in the mail a completion certificate signed by the national commander. A *Basic Training Graduate* lapel pin can be purchased via your mylegion.org account for \$4.95.

Thursday, June 21, 2018
McClellan Conference Center
12 noon - 4 p.m. Location - TBD

This newly released national Basic Training course is being taught by two national Legion College graduates, *Ken George*.

Register via email now to reserve your seat to:
kgdistrict29cmdr@gmail.com, email subject line: Convention Basic training class.

Be sure to sign up by **Wednesday, June 13, 2018**. Please include your full name, mailing address, post/squadron/unit number, email address, and telephone number so we can confirm your seat. We look forward to seeing you then.



CALL: Veterans and their loved ones can call (800) 273-8255 and Press 1, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, or call your local 24-hour mental health crisis line.

If you feel you are in a crisis, whether or not you are thinking about killing yourself, please call. The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. People have called for help with substance abuse, economic worries, relationship and family problems, sexual orientation, illness, getting over abuse, depression, mental and physical illness, and even loneliness.

If you just want to talk, call the **24/7 Veteran Combat Call Center** to talk to another combat veteran: 1 (800) 927-8387

CHAT ONLINE: Veterans Chat 24/7 Confidential Support is just a Click Away. If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, responders at the Veterans Crisis Line online chat offer help that can make a difference. Caring, qualified VA professionals are standing by to provide free and confidential support.



Kokoe was a great President and positive influence for our organization and the entire Post 555 Family. Our new board will be formally installed with our Legionnaires on Monday June 18, 2018. It would be great to have you there for all the new board members and our Post 555 Family.

I am looking forward to what we can do for our charities and causes over the next year. What can we do to improve on our events that we have had in years past and what new events could we do? If you have new ideas drop me a line or bring it to the next meeting for discussion. We would love to have your input!

**Kim aka Baby Doll
Unit 555 President
For God and Country**

Thank you to my fellow board members for the year. First Vice: Kay Hamby; Second Vice Co Chairs: Kokoe Estrada & Yvonne Zweifel; Treasurer: Shirley Jones; and Secretary: Naoko Gorsuch.

Greetings!

I am pleased to be the Auxiliary President for the upcoming 2018-2019 term. I look forward to carrying on the goals that Kokoe started.

Next Meetings:
TUESDAY, July 3rd @ 7:00 PM



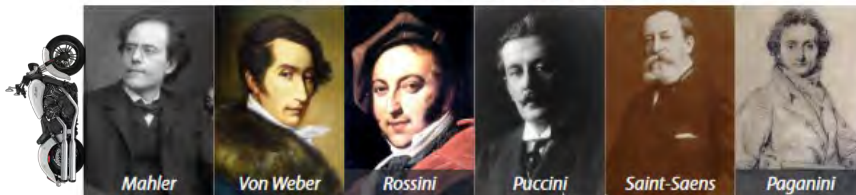
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Free Admission - Casual Attire - Bring Family & Friends -

Evening At The Vet

presented by "Commodore's Classics"

Every Saturday and Sunday, 7-8:30 p.m.

**VA Long Beach Healthcare System
5901 East 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90822
Bldg. 165, Room D101, "Egg" Auditorium**



Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

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 during 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 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.





Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" 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 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.

SAL SQUADRON 555

The California Sons Adventure eMagazine

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



Next Meetings:
MONDAY, July 16th
7:00 PM

POST IMPROVEMENT PAINT DAY

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO
HELP KEEP YOUR POST GREAT



**POST FAMILY SUPPORT
IS REQUESTED AND WELCOMED
BRING WORKING CLOTHES
SAT, JULY 7th & SUN JULY 8th @ 10:00 AM
LUNCH PROVIDED TO HELPERS**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

Greetings Riders,

Summer is upon us and there is no better time than the present to be a part of the American Legion Family and Chapter 555! Good weather, warm days, and longer rides: who has it better than us? Everywhere we go, people see our patches. WE are the face of the American Legion. We represent and advertise for the Legion and the Riders. Always keep that in mind when out and about. Stay on the high road – even when the low road is calling.

RECRUITING

That being said, this is prime recruiting opportunity! If you know any veterans, Auxiliary, or SAL that want to ride, give them an app. Point them to our web page <https://www.americanlegionpost555.com/legion-riders.html>, invite them to one of our events, a ride, and/or a meeting. We are always looking for good people to be a part of the American Legion Family!

MEMBERSHIP

WE are the biggest chapter in

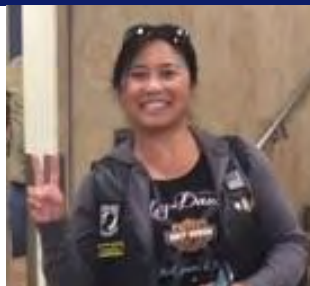
Area 5 by far! That is huge, and we should be proud of our achievement. We are 72 members deep, and we have the potential to do so many great things for the Chapter and the Post. This year, our officers asked you, the chapter what you would like to see more of (we have a survey on FB, and a Survey Monkey). Please take a moment to take our survey.

COMMUNITY

One of the organizations that our chapter is supporting this term is American Family Housing – Potter's Lane, in Midway City. This is the veteran housing community that was built from shipping containers. Over the next couple of months we will schedule a tour of the facility for those that are interested. We have designated the proceeds from our Thursday Dinners to Potter's Lane, and will be using the funds to help replenish the Dry/Canned Goods Pantry, basic sundries, and luncheons.

US

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, stop in - we miss you! A lot of positive has



happened in the chapter and at the post. I know that we all have busy schedules and life happens, but at least get on the mailing list so that you can get updates on what's going on!

To celebrate US, Post Commander Tim has extended Chapter 555 the opportunity to have the Post Bar Pre-Grand Reopening Party. Stay tuned, this is going to be a great time!

**FOR GOD
AND COUNTRY,**

**Kokoe Estrada
President
ALR Chapter 555**

**Next Meeting:
SATURDAY, JUNE 30th @ 09:30**

Message from the Road Captain, Commander Tim Dusina:



This month's ride will be out to the USS Iowa for a tour, and then out to Signal Hill for lunch, and then Long Beach Post 496, and back to Post 555.

If anyone has an idea for a ride, please email me at tim.dusina.555@gmail.com so that we can coordinate. As I have mentioned before, I am not as familiar with the Orange County area as

many of our members. Offer still stands: we can alternate ride leaders. I am here to coordinate quality and fun rides for our group, I do not have to lead every ride.

**Tim Dusina
Road Captain
ALR Chapter 555**



**2018-2019 PASSPORTS ARE HERE!
\$20 – GET YOURS TODAY**



ALR 555 Preamble

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- 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.



JUNE IS PTSD AWARENESS MONTH



SUICIDES AMONG U.S. TROOPS OVERALL ARE ALSO UP

AVERAGING ***** nearly ***** **ONE A DAY**

THE HIGHEST RATE SINCE THE WARS IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ BEGAN A DECADE AGO.

VETERANS NOW ACCOUNT for **20%** OF ALL U.S. SUICIDES

THE YOUNGEST VETERANS - BETWEEN **17 & 24** AND PRIMARILY THOSE RETURNING FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

HAVE SUICIDE RATES FOUR TIMES HIGHER THAN OTHER VETERANS.

ONE IN FIVE VETERANS of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has been diagnosed with **PTSD**. THAT'S NEARLY **300,000** VETERANS

TREATMENT FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETS SUFFERING FROM POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER HAS COST MORE THAN **\$2 BILLION** ***** so far *****

Government research indicates a link between PTSD and suicide but there is no hard data. SOURCES: Congressional Budget Office: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/02-09-PTSD.pdf> Department of Veterans Affairs: <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/pages/ptsd-suicide.asp> Department of Defense: <http://www.health.mil/dhdb/downloads/Suicide%20Prevention%20Task%20Force%20final%20report%208-23-10.pdf>



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HEALTH CARE FOR A VETERAN ***** with ***** COSTS **3.5** TIMES AS MUCH AS CARE FOR THOSE WITHOUT THE DISORDER. **PTSD** PER VET, TREATMENT COSTS ABOUT **\$8,300** IN THE FIRST YEAR.

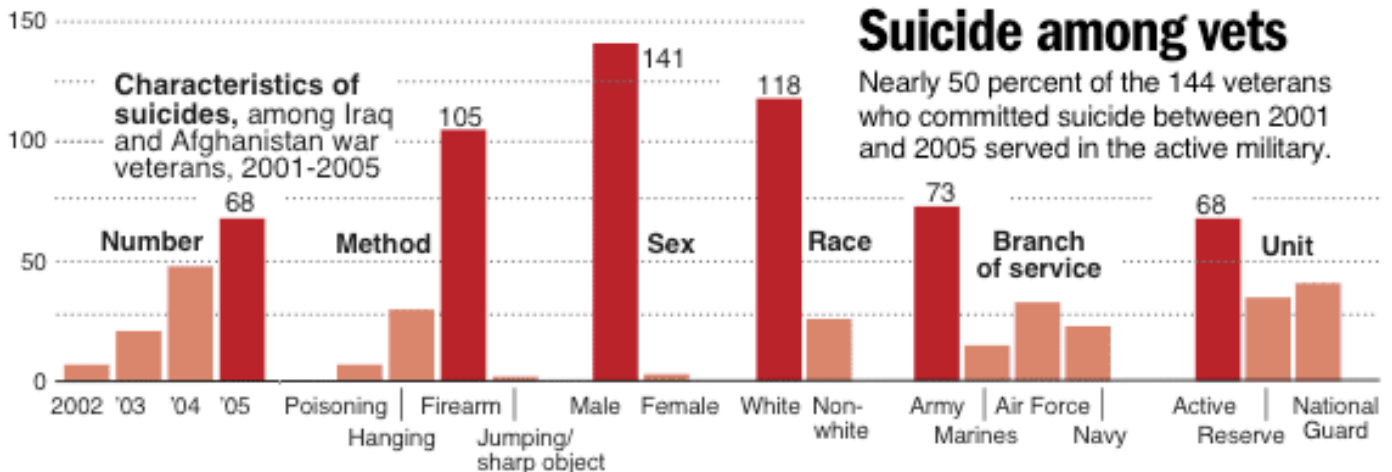


PTSD Awareness Month

Symptoms of PTSD include:

- Reliving the event
- Avoiding things that remind you of the event
- Having more negative thoughts and feelings than before the event occurred
- Feeling on edge

Resources for veterans and their families can be found at: www.ptsd.va.gov



Suicide among vets

Nearly 50 percent of the 144 veterans who committed suicide between 2001 and 2005 served in the active military.

SOURCE: Department of Veterans Affairs

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YOUR REFERRALS HELP
OUR VETERANS!

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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.

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LAUREN POOLE

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AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555

555 JUNE
Specials

THURS 6/7 - ALR
\$6 RIDER BBQ DINNER NIGHT

Chapter 555 is serving up chicken legs & thighs, polish dogs, smoked sausages, hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, chips, and more! Get it before it runs out!

THURS 6/14 - SAL
\$6 HOT DOG BAR

Build your own dining adventure! 2 hot dogs and all the fixins', potato salad, and happy campers! NOM NOM NOM

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POST 555 FAMILY & FRIENDS INVITED
2018 JULY 4th ANNUAL BBQ PARTY & POTLUCK
STARTS AT 2:00 PM
FEATURING:
★ HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS ★
★ ICE CREAM ★
★ \$3 DRAUGHT BUD LIGHT ★
★ BEAN BAG TOSS ★
★ MUSIC ★
★ BRING A DISH ★
★ MAIN DISH ★ SIDES ★ APPETIZERS ★
★ SALADS ★ DESSERTS ★

THURS 6/21
AUX
\$6 MEATBALL SANDWICHES

Auxiliary Unit 555 is making our famous meatball sandwiches! Served up on an open face roll with sauce and melted cheese. Get It while it's hot! ♥

THURS 6/28
POST
\$8 SALISBURY STEAK

It's our lucky day! The Commander is in the mood for Salisbury Steak this week. Served up hot and fresh with gravy, mashed potatoes, and mixed veggies. Get yours before it gets sold out!

THURS 7/5
SAL
\$6 ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES

Back by popular demand! HOT Roast Beef Sandwiches served on a roll with brown gravy or au jus. Served with a side of chips and potato salad. Come on down and support the SALs!

14582 BEACH BLVD., MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655

ALR CHAPTER 555

Annual
SUMMER BEACH PARTY

@ BARNEY'S BEACH
SEAL BEACH NAVAL WEAPONS BASE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2018

ALL DAY - STARTS AT 12:00 NOON

FOOD ● DRINKS ● MUSIC

BYO HARD LIQUOR ● REGISTER WITH ANY OFFICER



\$15



CHAPTER 555
12th ANNUAL



POKER RUN
SATURDAY, SEPT 29, 2018

SAVE THE DATE!

REGISTRATION 09:00

HI/LOW HAND WINNERS- 50/50 RAFFLE
LIVE MUSIC - LUNCH - AND MORE!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 - 14582 BEACH BLVD., MIDWAY CITY, CA

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June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING EVENTS JUNE 21-24: American Legion 2018 Dept of CA Annual Convention in Sacramento, CA JULY 4th: Post Family Potluck July 5th: SAL 1st Thursday Dinner July 7th: Post Family Paint Party			JUNE IS PTSD AWARENESS MONTH		1 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	2
3 Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	4 Instagram	5 NO Auxiliary Meeting THIS MONTH	6 D-DAY NO 40/8 THIS MONTH 	7 ALR 1st Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	8 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	9
10 Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	POST 555 Missed Birthdays <i>Happy Belated Birthday!</i> May: Doc Adams		13 NO Marine Corps League THIS MONTH 	14 SAL 2nd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	FLAG DAY ARMY 243rd BIRTHDAY 	
17 FATHER'S DAY Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM			20 Follow us on twitter	21 Hunters' Safety 5:00 PM AUX 3rd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	22 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	23 COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY
24 Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	POST FAMILY INSTALLATIONS 7:00 PM		27 PTSD AWARENESS DAY VFW/ POST 9557 7:00 PM	28 POST 4th Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM CORVETTE CLUB 7:00 PM	29 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	30 ALR Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM

Post 555 Family June Birthdays
HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMMANDER TIM!

Randall Brown	James Heil	Milton Redding
Tim Dusina	Randy Jones	Stefani Weber—
Danny Hansen	Jaxine Martin	Lagman
	Robert McCray	

Happy Birthday to you!
 Don't see your name?
 Drop us a line at 555.marauder@gmail.com and we will add you in!

POST 555 THURSDAY DINNERS

6/7: \$6 ALR BBQ Grill Night
 6/14 SAL: \$6 Hot Dog Bar
 6/21 Aux: \$6 Meatball Sandwiches
 6/28 POST: \$8 Salisbury Steak Dinner
 7/5 SAL: Roast Beef Sandwiches
 7/12 ALR: Burger Burn

Come on down and let us do the cooking
 Starts @ 5:30 until sold out!