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## HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY



## EST. 1919

**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



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## On the Cover: Celebrating 99 Years

Shown on the front cover is the American Legion's Birthday Cake as we celebrate 99 years of service to veterans, service members, family, and the community.

The American Legion was formed in 1919 by WWI veterans from the Armed Expedi-

tionary Force in Paris. Congress chartered the American Legion on September 16th, the same year.

Today the American Legion has over 2 million members and 13,000 posts worldwide.



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
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Post Commander

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MONDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 TUESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
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*What's going on at The 555?*



**Top Row:** Post 555 Newest Members Ron Jensen (Navy), Lloyd Herring (Navy), Gordon Dalton (Army National Guard, Marines), Jim Surdock (Army) with Commander Tim, and Sergeant at Arms Okie; Charter Member & Rider Randy Jones and Commander Tim Fix the flag. **2nd Row:** Andy, Bill, and Okie dishing up before a Post meeting; Rudy watching the action; Jeff, Rudy, and Len smile for the camera. **3rd Row: Our Chili Cook-Off Winners: CONGRATS GUYS!** Chili Cook-Off 1st Place Winners (The Monsons); Chili Cook-Off 2nd Place winners (Gary Logan and Joe Vera); 3rd Place Winners (Riders from the HB Elks) **Row 4:** Chili Cook-Off beneficiaries Big Paws, and Post 555 Improvement Fund; Dennis and Susie Root say cheese!; Jeff Willis says Hang Loose Bruh! **Row 5:** Kay and Soulah at the Auxiliary Tent at the Chili Cook-Off; TJ and Yvonne selfie; TJ, Kat, and Michelle pose for a photo opp. Try the chili!

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



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Fellow Legionnaires,

February was an exciting month at the 555. We hosted the ALR Chapter 555's 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off. As the Commander, and a Rider, I can say that it is always amazing to see our post full of people, food, cars, and bikes from all over Orange County and beyond. Despite our extended remodel, Legion Family and friends continue to support 555 – even when the main bar remains out of service. All I can say is thank you for your support, and get ready for a Commander sized Grand Re-Opening Party!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** On March 17th and 18th we were given the opportunity to host the Area 5 meeting right here at the Post! This is a big event where all the posts in Southern California are invited to attend meetings throughout the weekend, and our chance to showcase our 'Triple Nickle' hospitality! We will be hosting Lunch and Dinner (our annual St. Patrick's Day Meal) on the 17th, and Breakfast and Lunch on the 18th. I am issuing this call to action to our members to please stop by and support this activity. We need help

from our Post Family Membership to welcome our visitors, set up, break down, and prep meals.

**2018-2019 ELECTIONS:** Are you ready to step up and be a part of this winning team? First Nominations will occur in April. 2nd Nominations and Elections will occur in May. Installations for the Post Family will be in June. If you are interested or have questions about any officer positions, come talk to me at the Post!

**MEMBERSHIP:** In February we also welcomed several new members and transfers. I am always filled with a sense of pride when the 'Triple Nickle' gains new members. I know there are a lot of choices on which post to join in District 29, and I am flattered when members make 555 their home post.

**ACTIVE MEMBERS:** It has always been up to the core group of volunteers to keep things going here at the 555. I can count on my two hands the number of people that have consistently given their time to make our Post a place we can call home. Sometimes it can even get frustrating



because there doesn't seem to be enough hands to help.

Part of the reason why I became Commander was not only to take a more active role in the Post and do my part to make this a better place for us Veterans and our Post Family, but to also encourage others to become more active. It makes me happy to see members go from just belonging to the post, to being an active part of our post. Our core team is growing, and with it so is our list of accomplishments. In the words of John 'Hannibal' Smith, "I love it when a plan comes together."

Thank you for stepping up, and thank you for your support.

**Tim Dusina**  
Post Commander  
For God and Country

**Next Meeting:**  
**MONDAY, March 12th 7:00 PM**

## ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Well March is here already and as of this update we only had seven renewal's. I hope we will start to get more renewals in March remember we would love to get to 100%. With that seven renewal's we have about 82%. Please put the word out to get the Members that haven't renewed to get on

the right track. I want to thank the Members that have renewed already Thanks again. "God Bless America"

**For God and Country**  
**Stay Alert and Healthy**  
**Andy Timko**  
Post 555 Adjutant  
Assistant Chaplain



# LEGION FACTS: DID YOU KNOW?



*Above: The POW / MIA chair as displayed at any official meeting*

## POW/MIA CHAIR

Resolution 288, adopted at the Legion's 67th National Convention, calls for designating an empty chair at all official American Legion meetings as a continual physical symbol of POW/MIAs and the cause for which we stand, namely their return or full accounting.

At any official meeting, the POW/MIA chair takes its place at the front of the podium, on a platform, facing the membership. Standard procedure at the beginning of the meeting is the Post Commander asks the First and 2nd Vice (or designated persons) to approach the empty POW/MIA chair carrying the POW/MIA flag (chair cover), and place the POW/MIA flag upon the empty chair. At the end of the meeting, the flag is recovered.

## POW/MIA CHAIR: DO YOU SALUTE THE CHAIR?

When placing and removing the flag on the empty POW/MIA chair, do the des-

ignated individuals salute the flag?

Argument: Yes, you salute the POW/MIA chair to show respect to all fallen, prisoner of war, and missing in action service members.

Counter Argument: No, because the service member is not dead, they are still missing. You salute the American flag.

Conclusion: Similar to the Sacred Ground, it is the Post's discretion to honor and salute as each Post sees fit. At Post 555, designated individuals placing the flag will salute the American Flag.

## POW/MIA TABLE: PLACE SETTING FOR ONE

The POW/MIA table is also known as The Missing Man Table, and the Fallen Comrade Table. It is a place of honor in memory of the fallen, missing in action, and prisoner of war service members.

Each item of the place setting is symbolic.

The small table is set for one, representing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

The table is usually set close to, or within sight of, the entrance to the dining room.

The table is round showing our everlasting concern for our POW/MIA's.

The cloth is white symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single red rose signifying the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of American. This rose, reminding us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return.

The yellow ribbons stands for the yellow ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand with unyielding determination a proper accounting of

our comrades who are not among us tonight.

A slice of lemon reminding us of the bitter fate of those missing, captured and held as prisoners in foreign lands.

A pinch of salt denoting the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.

The Holy Bible represents the strength gained through faith in our country, founded as one nation under Go, to sustain those lost from our midst.

The lighted candle reflects the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their



*Above: The POW / MIA Table as displayed at Post 555*

captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

The glass is inverted symbolizing their inability to share this evening's toast.

## SACRED GROUND

While official American Legion, Auxiliary, Squadron, and Legion Riders meetings are in session, the ground in front of the POW/MIA chair is considered Sacred Ground, which means that no persons shall walk in this area while the meeting is in session, except placement and removal of the POW/MIA flag.

There is no hard rule on the precise boundary of Sacred Ground, which means that it is open for each Legion Post to honor the Sacred Ground as each Post sees fit. At Post 555, the sacred ground is the area bordered by the tables at which the membership and officers are seated.



*Above: Sacred Ground is the area inside the boundaries of the tables.*

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7. [Microsoft](#) offers [Office 365 for 30% off](#) (\$69.99/yr) for military personnel and their families. Purchase by clicking "Buy now from your exchange."
8. [Hewlett Packard](#) (HP) offers up to 20% off HP products and free shipping on all orders. Military discounts are through a program called HP EPP. [Enroll in the free program](#) to get your discount.
9. [Sea World Parks & Entertainment](#) offers a free complimentary single-day pass for any active-duty, activated or drilling reservist, or National Guardsman. Register by [clicking here](#) and submitting your information or by showing a Department of Defense photo ID at the entrance plaza of participating parks. Best part? As many as three direct dependents of military personnel also are entitled to free admission!
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# RECRUIT RENEW 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 Nickel.' 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](http://www.legion.org/renew), or mail it in to the Post, or drop it off at the bar.

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# 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](http://www.legion.org).

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

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Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address go to: [www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state\\_headquarters](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state_headquarters). Dues include a yearly non-refundable allocation of \$3.40 for American Legion Auxiliary magazine. **Membership pending approval of application.**

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Greetings all,

I'm beginning to appreciate the Legion magazine. This month's issue has an

article which struck me right in my forehead. I'm referring to the article concerning Fort McClellan Alabama and the toxic environment it had. The reason it's so important to me, is because I went to the Military Police School there in 1977. After reading the article, I began to think back and realized that some of my health issues weren't there until I retired in 1981.

The point I'm trying to make is look at some of the articles and evaluate if it may have affected you or someone you know. The article is concerning one female military police sergeant who is trying to get the VA to recognize her

condition as a direct result of exposure to the toxins that were known to be there.

I encourage everyone to read the article and see if you have any of the ailments described. Just like Agent Orange, the VA is going to deny it's relevance until enough people who were ever stationed there to make more known.

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

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## LOCAL EVENTS



**Visit the Vietnam Wall in San Dimas** "The Wall That Heals" Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica & Mobile Education Center. Thursday, March 22, 2018 thru Sunday March 25, 2018. 24/7 until 3:00 PM Sunday. Location: Lone Hill

Middle School, 700 S. Lone Hill Ave, San Dimas, CA 91773. On the corner of Lone Hill Ave. and West Covina Blvd in San Dimas. For more info call: (909) 677-9557. [www.vvmf.org/thewall](http://www.vvmf.org/thewall)

**Free Culinary Job Training** for Veterans and Family Members - March-May, 2018. Start: 3/6/2018 9:00 AM; End: 5/22/2018 2:00 PM. Address: Bob Hope Patriotic Hall 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles CA 90015. Contact Information: Tatiana Rosas, (213) 765-9679.

**"Evening At The Vet" presented by "Commodore's Classics"** Mar 18, 2018 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (PST)  
 Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center [VA Long Beach], bldg. 165, room 101, The Egg auditorium

**Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Pinning Ceremony**  
 March 29, 2018. Start: 3/29/2018 4:00 PM; End: 3/29/2018 6:00 PM. Address: Savanna High School - Auditorium, 301 North Gilbert Street, Anaheim CA 92801. Contact Information: Jose Guevara (714)559-6190 Email: Jose.Guevara@Mail.House.Gov

**National Nutrition Month Fair 2018** Mar 21, 2018 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PST) Outside Bldg. 164 (Primary Care). The Nutrition Fair will focus on the anatomy of a healthy diet with booths involving topics that concern the heart and the brain, kidneys, muscles and bones and the gut.

AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555 PRESENTS

# KARAOKE NIGHT

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FRIDAYS AT THE 555

7:00 PM



14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA

## AUXILIARY UNIT 555



Greetings All,

In February, our Unit set up our first Bake Sale and Recruiting table at the Chapter 555 Annual Chili Cook Off. I am proud to be a part of the Post Family, and was honored that our unit was able to represent this year. Our members were able to come out, bring some tasty baked

treats, get our names out there, and most importantly support and enjoy the event!

This month for our 3rd Thursday Dinner, we are cooking up our special Cheesy Sausage Rigatoni with Garlic Bread for \$6. If you want a delicious home cooked dinner, stop on by at 5:30 PM on 3/15.

Spring is here and it's time to start our year end reports, and to think about who is ready to step up and be an officer this coming term. This is my 2nd term as President, which means it's time to pass the baton. Remember, our unit's success and survival depends on our active members.

This being said, First Nominations will be at our next meeting, Tuesday April 3rd. 2nd Nominations and Elections will occur in our May Meeting. Installations with the Post Family will be at the June Post Meeting.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** If you have not done so yet, please get your dues in ASAP! We are well on our way to earning the 100% Unit and 100% Post Family Ribbons – Let's make this a repeat award year!

**Kokoe Estrada Dusina  
Unit 555 President  
For God and Country**



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.

*Next Meeting:*  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 6th @ 7:00 PM**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
UNIT 555  
GIRLS STATE PROGRAM  
QUARTERMANIA FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018  
JT SCHMID'S - ANAHEIM  
2610 E KATELLA AVE.  
DOORS OPEN 12:30 - FIRST BID 1 PM

\$10 PER PLAYER  
Free Soft Drinks - Free Host Appetizer  
Free Raffle Ticket to start your day!

What is a Quartermania?  
Home based businesses showcase items for auction. Bidding for the items are made with Quarters. 1 - 4 Quarters!

Vendors for the day  
MaryKay, Damsel in Defense, Tupperware, 31 Bags, Scentsy, Hotel Count Sheets, Aprons, Purses, Soaps, ZannaDo Bakery & more!  
Vendors will also be set up for your shopping enjoyment!

Tickets & Information  
Kay Hamby - 714-319-4035 or  
khamby1@verizon.net





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



*Next Meeting:*

**MONDAY,  
MARCH 19th  
7:00 PM**

**Post 555 reminds all of our Legionnaires and Post Family to get your 2018 renewals in!**

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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

March is here and at our meeting we will be having our Chapter elections. I am being put out to pasture and we will have new leadership. I look forward to assisting our new President should the need arise. I have been honored to sit as President of our Chapter for four of the past five years. In that time we have grown our events and added a Chili Cook-Off and an Oktoberfest. All of our events are very successful due to the hard work put in by members who have

volunteered to head them all up. I enjoyed the experience, and am looking forward to see what comes next. At the time of this writing, the 5th Annual chili Cook-Off is still a week away. Am sure the next President's report will have a glowing review of a major success. On Saturday, March 10, 2018 the second and final Chapter President's Lame Duck Ride will depart the Post at 0900. It'll be a good one. Last year we stopped at Casino Pauma and enjoyed



the \$14.95 brunch. This year, to change it up a little, we'll stop at Casino Pauma to enjoy their \$14.95 brunch. Hey, it was hood last year, why take a chance at screwing it up this year? And for one last time,

**FOR GOD  
AND COUNTRY,**

**Jim Sewell  
President**

**Next Meeting:  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24th  
@ 09:30**

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 President's Lame Duck Ride (For Real this time)



**Location: Albert E. Schwab Post 555**

**14582 Beach Blvd. Midway City, CA 92655**

**Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**KickStands Up: 9am Sharp**



#### 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.



# 5<sup>th</sup> AREA MEETING

## MARCH 17 & 18, 2018

**HOSTED BY: DISTRICT 29**  
**ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555**  
14582 BEACH BLVD  
MIDWAY CITY, CA  
(714) 893-9525



### SATURDAY MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
LUNCH SPECIAL: COLD CUT SANDWICH ON A ROLL, CHIPS & DRINK \$5

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ANNEX  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM MAIN HALL  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
40/8 - 5<sup>TH</sup> AREA

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
PCC 5<sup>TH</sup> AREA

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER SPECIAL:  
CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, RED POTATOES,  
DESSERT \$8

### SUNDAY MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM  
BREAKFAST: CEREAL, PASTRIES, EGGS,  
BACON, SAUSAGE, TOAST, JUICE, COFFEE \$5

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  
RESOLUTIONS / STEERING COMMITTEE

9:00 AM  
GENERAL MEETING

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
LUNCH: HOT PASTRAMI SANDWICH, CHIPS,  
& DRINK \$5

### ARRIVING ON FRIDAY 3/16?

POST 555 WELCOMES YOU TO  
FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE NIGHT  
STARTS AT 7:00 PM  
BREAK THE ICE! HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH  
THE 'TRIPLE NICKLE'

### HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

**OPTION A: HOTEL HUNTINGTON BEACH**  
7667 Center Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
(714) 891-0123  
(5 min / 1.8 miles to Post 555)  
Special Room Rate \$ 129 per night  
Premier guest rooms, specify King or Doubles  
Complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee  
Deadline to reserve: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**OPTION B: MOTEL 6 HUNTINGTON BCH/ FTN VLY**  
9125 Recreation Cir, Fountain Valley, CA 92647  
(714) 847-3388  
(10 min / 3.4 miles to Post 555)  
Special Room Rates: \$69.99 +TX SINGLE / \$79.99 DOUBLE  
+TX per night  
Complimentary Wi-Fi, 24 hour coffee in lobby  
Deadline to reserve: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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# 555 MARCH Specials

## THURS 3/1 - ALR \$5 SPAGHETTI NIGHT

Everybody loves spaghetti! The special tonight is spaghetti with homestyle meat sauce and garlic bread. Get a salad for \$1 more. Stop in tonight and support the Riders - Dinner Served 5:30 – 7:00 PM

## THURS 3/8 - SAL \$5 SQUADRON DOGS

Hot Dog Night tonight! Two hot dogs with your choice of fixins' – chili, cheese, onions, ketchup, mustard, jalapenos, relish... and a side of Potato Salad.



**5th AREA MEETING**  
MARCH 17 & 18, 2018

HOSTED BY: DISTRICT 29  
ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555  
14582 BEACH BLVD  
MIDWAY CITY, CA  
(714) 893-9525

**SATURDAY MARCH 17th**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
LUNCH SPECIAL: COLD CUT SANDWICH, A ROLL, CHIPS & DIPS \$5

**SUNDAY MARCH 18th**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
LUNCH SPECIAL: COLD CUT SANDWICH, A ROLL, CHIPS & DIPS \$5

**ARRIVING ON FRIDAY 3/16?**  
POST 555 WELCOMES YOU TO FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE NIGHT! STARTS AT 7:00 PM! BREAK THE ICE! HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH THE TRIPLE HOCKEY!

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:**

**OPTIONAL: HOTEL HARRINGTON BEACH**  
1401 Central Exp., Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
(714) 871-4222

**OPTIONAL: MOTEL & HARRINGTON HOLE/ FINEVIEW**  
11125 Serrano St., Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
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**SEE POST 555 WEBSITE FOR DETAILS**

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 555 AUXILIARY PRESENTS:

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

**Saturday, March 17th**  
**5:30 PM**

Corned Beef & Cabbage  
Red Potatoes  
Dinner Roll  
Dessert

*Only*  
**\$10**

AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB  
**POST 555**  
14582 BEACH BLVD., MIDWAY CITY, CA

## THURS 3/15 - AUX \$6 Cheesy Sausage Rigatoni

Everybody loves a good home cooked meal! Tonight we are cooking up rigatoni pasta with sausage, and cheese. Served with garlic bread. Add a salad for \$1 more ♥

## THURS 3/22 - POST \$7 FIESTA NIGHT

Commander Tim is in the kitchen serving up tonight's feats: Two Beef Taco Supremes, beans, salad, chips, and salsa! Que Bueno!

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## March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b> 03/11 Auxiliary Quartermania! JT Schmid's 12:30 PM Don't miss out on our Thursday Night Dinners 04/03 Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 04/05 ALR 1st Thursday Dinner 5:30 PM				1 ALR 1st Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	2 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	3 NAVY RESERVE BIRTHDAY
4 HUG A GI DAY Pinochle 12:00 PM	5  LIKE US ON FACEBOOK	6  Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	7 40/8 7:00 PM 	8 SAL 2nd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	9 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM EVERY FRIDAY	10  Post 295 3 Ball Tournament 1:00 PM
11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS +1 Hour Pinochle 12:00 PM	12  POST E-Board 5:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM	13 K 9 VETERANS DAY	14 Marine Corps League 7:30 PM 	15  AMERICAN LEGION 99TH BIRTHDAY Hunters' Safety 5:00 PM AUX 3rd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	17 AREA 5 MEETING DAY 1 St. Patty's Day Dinner 5:00 PM	
18 AREA 5 MEETING DAY 2 Pinochle 12:00 PM	19  SAL E-Board 6:30 PM SAL Meeting 7:00 PM	20  Instagram	21 Pacific Coast HOG Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM 	22 POST 4th Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM CORVETTE CLUB 7:00 PM	23 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	24  ALR Monthly Meeting *NEW TIME* 9:30 AM
25 MEDAL OF HONOR DAY Pinochle 12:00 PM	26 POST 555 February Birthdays <i>Happy Belated Birthday!</i> to Charles Gonzales			29 WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY	30 PASSOVER GOOD FRIDAY	31  Follow us on twitter

### Post 555 Family March Birthdays

- |                    |                      |                 |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Rudy Albillar      | Charles Lappert      | David Nye       |
| William Carr       | Dan Maka-ena         | Donna Rude      |
| Bill Christenson   | Kim Martin Adams     | Allison         |
| Louis Connot       | Jose Martinez        | Scarborough     |
| Steven Fipp        | Linda McKeever       | Jeanna Weisman  |
| Morris Johnsen     | Edward Morrissey Sr. | Donald Wiesner  |
| Robert Johnson Jr. |                      | Andrew Williams |

*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

- 3/1 ALR: \$5 Spaghetti Night
- 3/8 Sons: \$5 Squadron Dogs
- 3/15 Aux: \$6 Cheesy Sausage Rigatoni
- 3/22 Post: \$7 Fiesta Night

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