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The American Legion Post 555 expects all members, family members, visitors and staff to refrain from disruptive behaviors, disrespect and posing a threat to other people.

**Please refrain from the following:**

1. Making verbal threats
2. Physical or verbal abusive language
3. Throwing Objects
4. Yelling, raised voices or swearing
5. Confronting another veteran or guest
6. Possession of firearms or any weapon (With the exception for those with a concealed carry license)
  1. Intentionally damaging property
  2. Attempting to intimidate or harass
  3. Derogatory remarks relating to race, religion, background, sexual orientation, gender or age
  1. Smoking and tobacco use prohibited except in designated smoking areas

Happy New Year to our Legionaries!

We look forward to seeing you  
Back at Post 555 Soon!

THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY**



Thank You for your consideration



### Commander's Corner

To all Legionnaires,

As the year comes to an end I want thank the entire American legion and their families. Let us focus on those individuals who have PTSD or can't cope with life, so many are suffering with depression and commit suicide the slogan "Slogan NO Soldier left behind" should mean exactly that let us help to Veterans are sick, lonely, and depressed. I found the following letter on Facebook and wanted to share it with you all.

Thank you,

Jose A. Amezcua  
Commander, Post 555

"Kind of scary to think about how okay I was with the idea of dying while I was in the in the military because it felt like that was okay, a part of the job. But it was also something I never shared with my family because I did not want them to hurt from my mindset... A warrior's death was an honor in some way, it was this idea that I died for something bigger than myself. I was dying for my brothers, my kin, and my country. In the military you almost become passive aggressive suicidal. You don't want to die. You don't hope you die... but you become so okay with the idea that it just becomes the normal. And psychologically I don't think you ever come back from it.

You leave the military you try to go to school, you try to fit back in and adjust to civilian life once again. You struggle to relate with your family, you struggle to relate with other students, you struggle to relate to your coworkers. You find the only people that actually make sense to you are veterans or your friends that are still in. They understand you. They know the same feeling all too well. The only way to supplement this idea, is to find some kind of purpose. But it is rare to find another job that gives you the same level of purpose that you once felt. I think that is why so many veterans feel so depressed and suicidal so often. We are lost. So extremely lost in the world. Searching to fill a void.

Sometimes there are voids that we looked to be filled by joining the military, and for some it does for a while. Broken families breed some of the best Marines I have ever had the privilege of serving beside. Being a product of a broken family, I looked at the Marine Corps as a place to fill a void, to be a family and a sense of belonging I lacked growing up. And for the years I spent in, it did. I met some of the best people I've ever known, but our times in the Corps all ended at different times. But our pains all started again at different times. We longed for a family that we found. We bonded over pain, blood, sweat, and genuine love for one another. When we become separated from that family, the search for it begins again. Some of us never find it, not in the same way we did before.

Sure, you see veterans or old friends you served with at reunions or hikes. But that everyday living and suffering together, that is what you miss and long for once again. Since I got out it has been a constant struggle to find that sense of belonging, but I have yet to find it. It makes me question my career choices, the people I spent my time with, and worst of all it makes me wonder if I will ever have a purpose worth being alive for again. Hidden behind forced smiles and sad eyes, I'm still empty searching for that thing to fill the void. I hope one day I find it. Or I am lucky enough to be granted a warrior's death. Not sure which one I will find if either. But I will keep searching until I do find it. I am a broken warrior, but I keep fighting on...even though I feel like I am losing most days."



### Chaplin's Corner

GodEveing! It looks like we made it through 2021. I feel this year, 2022, will be a challenging year for us and the Post 555. My mission this year is to continue being the Chaplain of the Sons of the American Legion, SAL and the American Legion Riders, ALR. I'm looking for people to pray for. These people can be: yourself, Family, friends or anyone you know that is going through challenging times. I am fairly easy to be contacted. Praying for others is my purpose and the power of prayer is amazing. Also please let me know if anyone has any health issues.

"OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN" .....

Jesus gave an example of the simple way believers are to pray. This prayer, more accurately called The Disciples Prayer is intended as a community prayer as evidenced by the plural pronouns our, us, etc. This prayer has five elements that offer a pattern for our prayers.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Amazingly, believers become God's own children by faith in His Son and rightly call Him Father. God is highly exalted in heaven, and His children worship Him in love and awe. His name is hallowed set apart, holy, exalted, and like none other. Worship and praise acknowledge and honor all that God is. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

In prayer, we declare submission to God and to His will as our beloved King. We pray for God's kingdom to come, in the present and in the future. This happens now as people rightly exalt Christ as King and submit as His loyal subjects. We also pray for God's kingdom to be fully consummated when Christ returns and establishes the unopposed rule on earth that He now possesses in heaven. We long for that day. Believers embrace the perfect will of our Heavenly Father.

Give us today our daily bread. Believers depend on God for daily sustenance, not just for promised eternal treasures. God is a generous Provider. He meets our spiritual needs and also our physical needs. We live each day dependent on God for that days sufficient provisions. As humans, we have nothing that we have not received. God is the source of all we have and all we need.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Every person has inherited a sin nature from Adam and committed sin on their own. Our sin represents our greatest debt. Jesus paid that debt on the cross for every sinner who places their faith in His atoning sacrifice. We seek God's forgiveness for our general sinfulness and specific sins. The Holy Spirit lovingly reveals specific sin so that we may confess that sin and seek God's deliverance. Those forgiven by Christ are compelled to forgive others, as they have been forgiven.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Believers must recognize their own vulnerability to temptation and need for God's deliverance. God's children seek His protection and recognize His deliverance from temptation and ultimately from Satan himself. Believers can humbly express their weakness and need for God's sustaining grace. Our confidence is not in our fortitude, but in God's provision of His strength.

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