



Post 555 Newsletter

May 2023 Corrected



Commander's Corner

Greetings Legionnaires,

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows (psalms 23:5)*

As we approach May we have a lot on this month, I want to take this time to wish all the ladies a happy early Mother's day and hope you have a



Squadron's Corner

Greetings,

May is here and it appears so is the Summer and with it comes outdoor events, such as Chili Cook-offs, outside concerts and much more. Hopefully you find the time to take advantage of them and while you're at it, stop by the Post. We constantly have dinners at the Post; and Wrestling with the Sons, a Poker Run hosted by the Riders, the list

wonderful day. We have quite a few events like our Legion riders chili cook off and Memorial Day let us remember our loved ones who have passed on and those who paid the ultimate price defending this Country. I would like to thank you all for supporting me as our elections are also this month I encourage all members to participate in the post elections

I also want to speak about selflessness service to our post. What does it mean to be a toxic leader? Responses vary from “power-hungry” to “micromanager” to “consistently unavailable” A leader must be ready to provide selflessness service to the post. The importance of selflessness in leadership, whenever leaders think more about themselves than the members he represents, they will see that morale is sure to plummet. Making yourself accessible and available is another essential element of **practicing helpfulness**.

Maintaining an open-door policy allows your members to approach you with questions or concerns when they stall out. The ongoing guidance this enables will be a win for them and a win for you. Things have been a little rough lately and I urge you to support each other and do what’s best for the post and not certain individuals.

For God and Country

Sincerely

Jose A. Amezcua
Commander

goes on and on. We had several dinners last month and a descent turn out and great participation from our members. Keep a look out for new dates for our Wrestling event, it’s great fun for the entire family.

May is when we have officer elections, so if you want to get involved all you have to do is run for an office or request an appointed position. We can always use help. Thank you to the members that are coming out to help with our events, your help has been invaluable.

As always, I wish all of you well,

James Eubanks
Squadron 555 Commander



Rider's/Sons Chaplain Corner

They say April showers and May flowers..... I’m glad the showers stopped, it’s not fun riding in the rain. I believe Road Prayers keep us safe on our journey. Do you pray? It’s never too late. We have a God that knows what the work ‘sidetracked’ is all about.

Many of us believers know that God blesses us with His grace and peace. We are saved only by God’s grace. It is given to us in the finished of Christ, not through any works or good deeds of



Auxiliary's Corner

Hello Everyone,

May is definitely a busy month for the Auxiliary.

First of all, at our next meeting on **Tuesday, May 2 at our new time 6:00 pm.** We will be having nominations and election of new officers who will be installed in June. This is one meeting everyone should try to attend as it is your chance to share your ideas moving forward. On Saturday, May 6th, we will be joining the Riders at their 5th Annual Marlene Flores Chili Cook-off selling some fabulous baked items. This is really a fun event for everyone.

Just a reminder to please return your Donation Bags for the VA Pantry by May 27th or your check payable to ALA Unit 555 for our veterans and their families.

Poppies: Friday May 26, National Poppy Day, encourages all Americans to wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living heroes who have worn our nation's uniform. Everyone is encouraged to make a donation in exchange for a poppy. All donations will provide support for the future of veterans, active-duty military and their

our own. And we receive this wonderful salvation through faith. Also, we are not saved because of faith, but through faith.

This verse in Ephesians 2: 10 says it all: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".

Three truths can be highlighted about salvation: First, its cause: grace. Second, its instrument: faith. Third, its consequence: good works. We are saved by grace through faith in order to do good works.

We are not saved by any work we do for God, but by the work Christ did for us on the cross and through his resurrection. And we do good works not to be accepted by God but because we are saved through grace. Good works are not the cause of salvation; they are the result of salvation. We have been saved to do good works that God has prepared for us to do. And the Spirit of God empowers us to do them.

Grace, faith, and good works are like a tripod that illustrates our salvation. All three are accomplished by God himself, for grace, faith, and good works are God's operations in us and for us.

God Bless you all.

Chaplain Cordova
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families with medical and financial needs. We will also have a remembrance board where you can place a poppy with a card attached with a name of a loved one.

On Monday, May 29th, we will be joining the Legion Family presenting a wreath at the memorial service at the cemetery honoring those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and later joining in the potluck after at the Post.

Auxiliary Dinners:

Thursday, May 4 - Tostado Bowls
Thursday, May 18 – Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert for \$10.

Thanks to all of you who have come and supported us by attending our dinners which is our main fundraiser. We are always open to new ideas and comments regarding them.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post.

Kay Hamby
Auxiliary President



Legion Rider's Corner

Hello,

The Riders are having their annual Chili Cook-off / Poker run on May 6th this year starting at Noon, so please plan on coming out for our benefit event. Proceeds will again be going to the Women's Warrior Foundation.

The new American Rider T-shirts are in: Long sleeve - \$25 and Short sleeve - \$20 and will be for sale at the event.

The riding committee has planned out rides for the whole year, which means more Post supporting and getting Chapter 555 out there.

Charlie and I attended The ALR convention in Tulare, where new state officers were elected, and chapter updates were given.

I hope everyone is keeping an eye out for one another. A phone call or text makes a big difference to people.

Try and support the other families here at the Post on Thursday nights for some good grub. They are a great deal and lots of folks are attending.

See ya at the Post.

Brad "Earp" Wade



**Remember Memorial Day
Monday, May 29th, 2023**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555
SATURDAY MAY 6TH 2023

ANNUAL POKER RUN
&
5TH ANNUAL MARLENE FLORES CHILI COOK OFF

HIGH / LOW HAND WINNER
\$25 RIDERS, \$20 PASSENGER
\$10 EXTRA HAND

LIVE MUSIC BY THE JETTIES
NOON TO 4:00PM

COOKING: 8:00AM TO 12:00PM
COOKERS: REGISTRATION 7:00AM TO 7:30AM
HOUSE CHILI AND CORNBREAD \$8

PLEASE SEE SIGN UP FLYER FOR INFO - COOK - OFF ENTRY \$25
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RIDERS: REGISTRATION 8:30AM LAST BIKE OUT 9:30AM

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