



Post 555 Newsletter

June 2024



Commander's Corner

Good day Legionnaires,

I hope this message finds all of you happy and in good health.

We held your Post Nominations last month, so come down to Post 555 to meet and greet your New Post Commander, Tony Amezcua and your 2024-2025 eBoard.

June 14th is the Army Birthday and Flag Day, so all of you should come down and



Squadron's Corner

Comrades,

Being a Dual member and involved with two different Posts can be daunting, but it can also expose you to parts of this organization that make everything worthwhile. Over the years representing the Sons and Legion has led to some awesome events and allowed me to share them with my wife. If the opportunity arises for you and you can share with your spouse, I suggest doing so. I am lucky to have a partner to share many of my

celebrate with your Army brothers and sisters.

Historic dates in History in June: June 4th – 6th 1942, the Battle of Midway. June 6th, 1944, D-Day.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to be your Post Commander, I apologize for not being the Commander we needed.

For God and Country, we serve!

Randy Jones
Commander

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.” – Oscar Wilde



Auxiliary's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Last month we were busy at Von's on two different occasions distributing Poppies. We had a great turnout, met and thanked Veterans for their service, and was able to talk with others about the significance of the Poppy.

The Auxiliary proudly presented a wreath at the Memorial Day Celebration at the Westminster Memorial Park to honor and remember the military men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice to their country.

Auxiliary Calendar:

experiences with and by being a dual member, we have been honored to attend many functions.

This week has been a busy one, starting with Monday night we attended the Boys and Girls State dinner in Newport Beach. There were over 250 people in attendance, 78 of them were Boys and Girls State Delegates (6 of which were listed for 555) and the rest were parents and other Post representatives. The young Men and Women that have been chosen as Delegates this year are to say the least exceptional individuals, the cream of the crop. For over 10 years we have been interviewing Delegates for this program and not once have we been disappointed with the students that we have interviewed, it is uplifting knowing that there is still hope for this country.

Boys State as it has been historically called since it began in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. (now called Boys and Girls State; only in CA.), At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses, and recreational programs.

When given the opportunity to speak to the Delegates and their parents, it came to me that in expressing how pleased we were with our chosen Delegates, we have left out an important detail. We have forgotten to thank the parents for the job they have done raising these Delegates, it can't be an easy task now a days. As a parent I know how much goes into raising good kids and how in some respects it's nothing but a crapshoot.

Tuesday was another day I look forward to once a year for over 10 years I have presented the Legion School Award to two 8th graders at Oak Middle School and McAuliffe Middle School. The award is presented to one young Man and one Young Lady that exhibit the qualities of good Citizenship: courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and service. This year I didn't present at Oak Middle School, allowing Bryan Bell (Post 716 Cmdr. Elect.)

Tuesday, June 4 - Meeting 7:00 pm.

Please note the **new time** for our meetings. We encourage members to come as we will have finalization of officers for our new fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).

Thursday, June 6 - 5:30 pm Dinner - Tostado Bowl and dessert.

Monday, June 10 - 7:00 pm Installation of Officers.

Thursday, June 20 - 5:30 pm Dinner - Rueben sandwich, potato salad and dessert.

Thanks to all of you who have come and supported us by attending our dinners which is our main fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated.

For God and Country

Kay Hamby
Auxiliary President



Legion Rider's Corner

Hello All,

The Marlene Flores Chili Cook Off went well. The Riders brought in over \$3,000 to benefit the Women's Warrior Foundation.

As I am writing this article, I am thinking about all the reasons why we are involved with this Post. This Post, 555 has been around since 1938. Yes, things have changed throughout the years, some positive, some negative. But we are all a part of this organization, which is here for the community and our Veterans. We ALL need to stay positive and squash the negativity and the rumors for the sake of supporting our

and Roger Haag (he had his son in the proceedings) and intern passing the torch to the new incoming officers of the Post. I did, however, present at McAuliffe Middle School, perhaps for the last time. Again, I was honored to represent Post 716 in presenting the award to Gillian Willis and Jack Smith, both of which exemplify all of the traits that we cherish and encourage as Legionnaires.

Wednesday was probably a once in a lifetime opportunity, I was invited to attend a luncheon with the South Korean Delegation. This delegation of six were here from Seoul, South Korea to present awards to surviving Korean and American Veterans of the Korean War. The President of the Korean Veterans Association, Mr. Shinn (National Commander) was here to make a presentation at the Korean War Memorial in Fullerton, he was joined by a delegation of highly decorated Korean Veterans and the South Korean Vice President was the presenter.

When I received the invitation, I envisioned an entire Banquet Hall, with many high ranking past and present Department officers and that I would be stuck in a corner, somewhere out of the way. As I entered the room, I was delighted to see no more than 50 attendees and I wasn't stuck in the corner, instead I was right up front. You would have to be familiar with how events are coordinated by the Legion to understand my apprehension of even attending. What the size of the crowd made obvious was that the event was only attended by individuals considered by the Department as notable Legionnaires. To be in attendance with the Department Commander and other key representatives of the Department of California, as well as other Post and District Commanders was by all estimations an honor.

The goal was to encourage the partnership between the Korean veteran's association and the American Legion, the visit was very successful in establishing this relationship.

It has been an honor for Cheryl and I to represent the Legion Family during these events over the past 15 years. National Commander visits, Dignitaries visiting from other countries, working on the Legion Float in the Rose Parade, are just a few of the

Veterans and the Triple Nickle. We need to encourage each other and move forward in a positive direction.

Remember the Riders breakfast is coming up on June 15th from 9-12. Plus, live music by Cowboy John from 1-4. Spread the word and tell your friends. See ya there.

Remember to attend the Thursday night dinners at the Post. It's all about supporting each other. Oh, and don't forget to reach out to someone.

Brad "Earp" Wade
Director, ALR



Rider's / Squadron's Chaplain Corner

Riding weather is here. Now the choices we have come into play. Travel, kick back, plan time with Family or help others. It's good to have choices. Most the time we attempt to make the wise decision. Most of the time, I believe we do. I know there are always good choice and bad choices. When the smoke clears, we can never go wrong in helping others get through this broken world.

In the world today nearly a billion people suffer from severe food insecurity. Millions face the prospect of starving to death. The causes of hunger vary widely—drought, war, sickness, disaster, unemployment, mental illness, addictions, and more.

One day each of us will stand before the Lord, and we will hear Jesus say either "I was hungry and thirsty, and you gave me food

events we were privileged to attend. I would say that out of all of them, our involvement with Boys and Girls State and the experiences that have come from that are some of our favorites.

For God and Country,

James Eubanks,
Sons Commander, 2010 - Present



Webmaster's Corner

Greetings Post 555,

There are lots of great dinners and events coming up in June, so please plan on joining us at the Post.

Please visit our Post 555 website:

<http://www.americanlegionpost555.com>

and our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AlbertESchwabPost555>

for all our Post 555 updates.

We also have a new TV in the Triple Nickle Club Room that shows a slide show of all our Post 555 upcoming events and photos from past events at the Post. Please check it out next time you are at the Post.

See you soon,

Marc Gallin

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and drink” or “I was hungry and thirsty, and you gave me nothing.” Each of us is also called to show God’s love through the gifts and resources we have—however large or small.

I know that making the choice to get involved more with our Post 555, there are some folks that we could communicate with and in some cases lend a hand. Another good choice is to VOLUNTEER for one of the many pillars in our Post 555 that need help.

Volunteer definition = a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

God Bless, Grace and Peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chaplain Cordova

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Breakfast
9am-12pm
BREAKFAST
PLATE \$10

TRIPLE NICKLE
ALR POST 555

DATE:
06/15

LIVE MUSIC:
1pm-4pm
JOHN SWISSHELM

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BLOODY MARYS
BEER & COCKTAILS
ALSO AVAILABLE