



Post 555 Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

The Selfless Service of American Legion Members

A Testament to Dedication and Sacrifice, In the vast landscape of service organizations in the United States, few embody the spirit of selflessness and dedication quite like the American Legion. For over a century, this esteemed organization has been a beacon of hope, support, and advocacy for veterans, their families, and communities across the nation. The unwavering commitment of American Legion members to selflessly serve others stands as a shining example of the best of humanity.



Squadron's Corner

Greetings,

This year's Convention went well, the Detachment achieved 100% membership and has once again reached 11,000 members. It has been a goal to reach 12,000 members since the loss of many members during the Covid outbreak. Our Squadron earned a 100% ribbon for our flag. The other major landmark item that came Out of this Convention was the acceptance of our new Detachment Constitution and Bylaws.

This was the culmination of 3 years of hard work by the Detachment C&B Committee, of which I have been the Committee Chairman.

Founded in 1919, in the aftermath of World War I, the American Legion was established as a platform for veterans to unite, share their experiences, and advocate for the rights and well-being of those who served their country. Since its inception, the Legion has been synonymous with selfless service, with members dedicating themselves to a myriad of causes aimed at improving the lives of veterans and their families.

At the heart of the American Legion's mission is a profound sense of duty and sacrifice. Legionnaires volunteer countless hours to support veterans in need, from organizing fundraising events to providing essential services such as housing assistance, job training, and healthcare advocacy. Their selfless acts of service extend beyond the veteran community, as Legion members often engage in community service projects, disaster relief efforts, and youth mentorship programs.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the American Legion is its grassroots nature, with local posts serving as the lifeblood of the organization. These posts, comprised of dedicated volunteers from diverse backgrounds, work tirelessly to address the unique needs of their communities. Whether it's organizing a food drive for homeless veterans, hosting a job fair for returning servicemembers, or advocating for legislative changes to support veterans' rights, Legion members are always at the forefront of positive change.

The selflessness of American Legion members is perhaps most evident in their unwavering support for their fellow veterans. From providing emotional support to comrades struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder to ensuring that every veteran receives a proper military burial, Legionnaires go above and beyond to honor the sacrifices of those who have served. Their commitment to serving others, even at great personal sacrifice, is a testament to the values of loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity, and personal courage that define the Legion's ethos.

In an age where self-interest often takes precedence over the common good, the American Legion serves as a shining example of the transformative power of selfless service. Through their tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to others, Legion members embody the true spirit of service and sacrifice. As we reflect on their extraordinary contributions, let us be

The Detachment has been operating under several versions of Bylaws and Constitution that where from different approval years, primarily due to the voting process at Convention not properly followed several years ago, causing the proposed new C&B's not being certified (No vote was recorded). Also, in the process of revising it became apparent that the documents that have been used for many years were in fact mislabeled. This prompted the development of an entirely new document and not just an amendment. Bottom line this should serve as an example of the need to assure that all procedures are followed when dealing with important business.

We now have our 2025 membership cards, so get in touch with George for your renewal. We have just ordered Squadron shirts and Covers for the Squadron; this will allow us to look more like a serious Squadron during events.

Our Dinners have been more successful and thus allowing us to participate in some of the programs of the Legion, such as sponsoring a Delegate for last year's Boys and Girls State. It is with pride that I acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to witness this Squadron grow larger and to see the participation in our events grow. I thank all of you that have given up you time to help make us a more successful Squadron.

This month still brings a busy schedule for me, with the Detachment Executive Committee meeting in Bakersfield on the 8th and the National Convention in New Orleans on the 23rd. I have one last note, Mr. Bogdanovich has volunteered to serve as the Squadron Adjutant, replacing Marc Gallin who has had to step down due to his travel schedule. Marc has been a great asset to the Squadron and will be missed. Now I should note that we still need an Adjutant, since the appointment is until we can find a permanent replacement. Contact me if you are interested.

Until next month, I hope that all of you stay well and have a prosperous year. God bless.

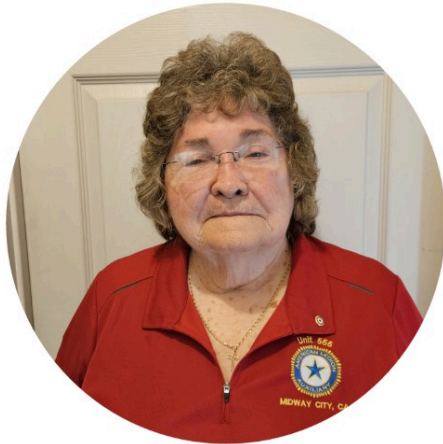
For God and Country,

James Eubanks
Squadron 555 Commander

inspired to follow their example and strive to make a positive impact in our communities and beyond.

In conclusion, the selfless service of American Legion members stands as a powerful testament to the enduring values of compassion, sacrifice, and solidarity. Their dedication to serving others, especially those who have sacrificed so much for our country, serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for us all. May we always remember and honor their noble efforts and strive to embody the same spirit of selflessness in our own lives.

Jose A. Amezcua
Commander, American Legion Post 555



Auxiliary's Corner

Hello everyone,

July has been a warm month but not too hot. We did have a break from the kitchen on the 4th but were back in the kitchen on the 18th for the Potato Bar. What a great turnout we had and some wonderful helpers in the kitchen. I want to thank Debbie for being in charge and Margie, Ingrid, Ruth, Trish and Kay. Thank you, Ingrid and Trish, for bringing dessert. I also want to thank all the people who came out to support us. We also had a DJ with some great music. Hope we will see him again at our next dinner.

I did my first meeting this month and was a little nervous but got through it alright. We welcomed 4 new members this month. Their names are - Amy Foreman, Holly Turner-King, Tammy Casillas, and Rosiland Metzker. Sure, hope I spelled the names correctly.



Legion Rider's Corner

Hello All,

The August Riders breakfast will be on Saturday the 17th from 9 to 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

The Riders had a booth at the HB Elks sausage fest. We have a great relationship with the Riders group at the Elks. We also donated some very nice raffle prizes to their event, which were handmade by some of our members. The Triple Nickle was represented by a Rider's booth as well.

Stay tuned for some new rider apparel coming. And Octoberfest will be here before you know it. So Stay Tuned...

Let's ALL be positive; move in the right direction and remember why we are involved. Oh, and let's support one another. Those Thursday night dinners are pretty good.

See you at the Post.

Brad "Earp" Wade
ALR Director



I would like to remind everyone that your dues can be paid for 2025 now. Our meetings are always the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

The first Thursday dinner will be our Tostado Bowl and dessert and the 3rd Thursday dinner will be Spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread and dessert. Hope to see more of you joining us.

God Bless America

Rebecca Haring
Auxiliary President



Webmaster's Corner

Greetings Post 555,

There are lots of great dinners and events coming up in August, 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
Post 555 Webmaster

Rider's / Squadron's Chaplain Corner

Was July a good month for you? Did you accomplish everything you wanted to?

I hope you did not worry about things that can enter your mind at times. Being human, we have many emotions that flow through the brain and heart. I try to focus on the good things that Life has to offer but sometimes the worry raises its ugly head.

The passage in the Bible from Matthew 6:25-33 helps me get back to the beauty of life.

Do Not Worry

²⁵ “Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Our triple nickel is coming back to life. Tony, our new Commander has some great goals for bringing the fellowship back to our Post 555. Let's be there for him, support him and bring back the true meaning of the American Legion.

God Bless,
Chaplain Cordova