



## Post 555 Newsletter

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### Commander's Corner

#### Duty as an American Legionnaire

The American Legion is one of the largest and most influential veterans' organizations in the United States. Its mission revolves around advocating for veterans' rights, promoting patriotism, and supporting the community. For Legionnaires—members of the American Legion—duty extends beyond mere membership; it encompasses a commitment to service, leadership, and the values that the organization upholds.

#### Understanding the Duty



### Squadron's Corner

Greetings Comrades,

I'm going to go out on a limb again this month and will talk about the Elephant in the room at the Post. I am referring to the struggles and problems that the post is going through and seems to be the main topic of discussion, in every conversation. I want to be clear that this is not meant to be critical towards any individual or group, instead it is meant to point out truths about what is happening and by doing this, maybe we can make things better.

*Advocacy for Veterans:* One of the primary duties of an American Legionnaire is to advocate for the rights and needs of veterans. This includes helping fellow veterans navigate benefits, healthcare, and employment opportunities. Legionnaires often participate in legislative efforts to ensure that veterans' voices are heard in government.

*Community Service:* American Legionnaires are dedicated to serving their communities. This service can take many forms, including organizing events, supporting local charities, and engaging in youth programs like Boys State and Girls State. By fostering a sense of community, Legionnaires help build strong, supportive environments for veterans and their families.

*Promoting Patriotism:* An essential aspect of being a Legionnaire is promoting patriotism and national pride. This is manifested through various activities, such as hosting Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, participating in flag etiquette programs, and educating the public about the sacrifices made by military personnel.

*Leadership and Mentorship:* Legionnaires often take on leadership roles within their local posts and beyond. This involves mentoring younger veterans and new members, ensuring that the values of the American Legion are passed down. Leadership within the Legion is not just about authority; it's about inspiring others to take action and serve their communities.

## **The Impact of Duty**

The sense of duty held by American Legionnaires has far-reaching effects. By advocating for veterans, they help ensure that those who served receive the care and respect they deserve. Community service initiatives can foster connections and promote healing, particularly for veterans who may struggle with the transition to civilian life.

Moreover, the work done by Legionnaires to promote patriotism instills a sense of national pride in younger generations, encouraging them to engage with their communities and understand the importance of service to the nation.

I may be only the Sons Commander here, but I am in a position as a dual member and the positions I have held and currently hold. So, I can view what is happening from both perspectives, that being of a member and a leader. As members we want the post to be prosperous, organized, and able to meet our needs and expectations. As leaders, the hope is that the post will be prosperous, organized, and able to meet the needs and expectations of the membership. So, if you look at it as I just described, you can see the goals are the same, therefore the real issue becomes more about what are the issues preventing this from transpiring.

Members, your expectations of post leadership are warranted within your rights, but I ask you to consider what your responsibilities are in achieving these expectations. To start with, consider the fact that your leadership was elected by you and if you're rebut is "I didn't vote for them" and that is because you weren't there – why weren't you there? Your leadership needs your support and believe it or not, they want your input (constructive) but understand that even though you may have a good idea, you need to be willing to assist in its implementation.

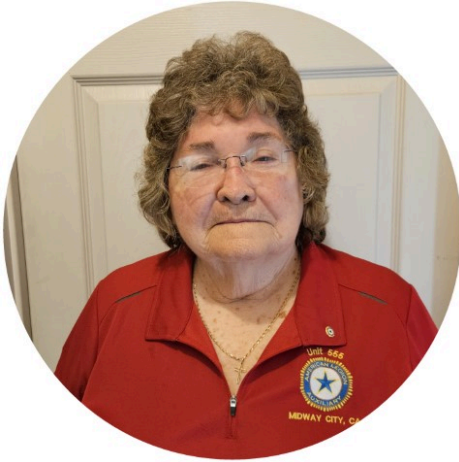
When the officers of the post are elected, I guarantee they hope to meet your expectations. Running a post comes with many restrictions and obstacles, there are financial limitations, bylaw limitations, existing SOP's which may or may not restrict your progress. Some SOPs may be from a time when they worked, but today they obstruct what needs to be done and dispensing of them will probably come with resistance. There are all the projects that need to be handled and everyone feels they know what should be handled first. Here is where the financial and bylaw restraints influence their progress. Oh yes there is also the amount of labor available, ideas are many, but volunteer help-not so much.

It may seem that I am making it all about defending the leadership and blaming it on the membership, instead I am just trying to point out your responsibilities as a member. It goes beyond just paying dues to make it all work, a successful post, is a post that works together to achieve a common goal.

## Conclusion

Being an American Legionnaire is about embracing a duty that transcends individual experience. It is a commitment to serve fellow veterans, support the community, and uphold the values of patriotism and sacrifice. Each Legionnaire plays a crucial role in shaping a legacy of service, ensuring that the contributions of veterans are recognized and honored for generations to come. Through their unwavering dedication, American Legionnaires exemplify what it means to serve, both in and out of uniform.

Jose A. Amezcua  
Commander, American Legion Post 555



## Auxiliary's Corner

Welcome to March everyone,

I'm sure you are all looking forward to spring after our cold days. I will be enjoying celebrating my anniversary with my husband in Laughlin on March 1st, so I am not sure if I will be back for the meeting or if Kay can step in and help me out. I hope you all got the email I asked Patty to send out for me about the Baby Shower in May, also there is a dinner for our National President coming up. I believe it will be at the Orange Post and is open to all Auxiliary members. The date I believe is March 14th from 5:30 to 9 pm. If you want more information you can send me an email at [lrphjim@aol.com](mailto:lrphjim@aol.com)

No one stepped forward to offering to do the dinner for March, so the board decided to do a Baked Potato Bar for our 3rd Thursday

The leadership of a post has its responsibilities to fulfill, it is what you volunteered to do when you are elected. To you it is a massive task, in fact it is probably at times overwhelming. Keep a few things in mind, listen to your membership, do your very best (no one can expect more of you), when you realize something isn't working – change it. Remember “doing something the same way, over and over and expecting a different outcome, is the definition of insanity.”

Members, bring your ideas to the post Admin, but be willing to assist in implementing it. If you are not willing to help, do you really have a license to criticize?

This may not go down well with some of you, and my intent is not to upset anyone, on the contrary I am just trying to point out the obvious and it is all in the hope we can make some forward movement by pointing out the obvious.

For God and Country,

James Eubanks  
Squadron 555 Commander  
District 29 Legion Commander



## Legion Rider's Corner

Hello All,

Just a few dates to remember.

The Riders first Breakfast of the year is on Saturday, April 12th from 9 am to 12 pm. Good food for a good cause. Please come on out and support us.

dinner. We will be asking for a topping and dessert later at the meeting and if you would like to help it would be much appreciated. Our 1st Thursday will be the Tostado Bowl and dessert. I hope if you haven't paid your membership that you will either attend a meeting and pay it or mail it to Kay. Our dues are from July 1 to June 30th each year.

I want to thank the ladies who stepped up and helped at the last Thursday dinner. The help was much appreciated. Please step up and help with the next dinners. If everyone helped occasionally it would sure be appreciated by the few who are always there. Anyone who has a suggestion for dinner and would like to oversee preparing and serving please let me know.

God Bless America

Rebecca Haring  
President, Unit 555 Auxiliary



### Webmaster's Corner

Greetings Post 555,

There are lots of great dinners and events coming up, so 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.

And be sure to check out the new TV in the Triple Nickle Club Room that shows a slide

Our Chili Cook-off is Saturday, May 3rd, 12 pm to 4pm. We will be supporting Woman and Children of Veterans at our event.

The Riders will be starting the first round of Eboard nominations at our March meeting. It's ALL a team effort.

See you at the Post

Brad "Earp" Wade  
ALR Director



### Rider's / Squadron's Chaplain Corner

Why is March the favorite month of the year for a lot of people? I kind of like them all but March is special. It's my soul mate's birthday month! Our plan is to go to London.

I hope most of you are Believers, if not all of you. Those who trust in Christ and His atoning sacrifice—will not face God's judgement for their sin because Jesus has absorbed God's wrath in their stead. Believer's works will be evaluated for rewards, But their sin will not be counted against them. Unbelievers —those who refuse to repent from sin and choose to live without God—await His just judgement.

We have so many choices in this life. We can choose the good, the bad or the ugly. At this chapter of our lives, the word is "moderation". Sometimes that is easy and other time it is challenging.

I bought a coffee cup a while back that said "the older I get, the better I used to be". All I

show of all our Post 555 upcoming events  
and photos from past events at the Post.

See you soon,

Marc Gallin  
Post 555 Webmaster

know is that this life is good but the next on  
is better!

May God's Grace, Peace and Love be with  
you. If I can help you in any way, feel free to  
call me.

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## *The Triple Nickle Club Room*



### **Triple Nickle Club Room**

**Post 555 hosts a full service bar and is open to all  
American Legion Program members and their invited guests.**

#### **POST 555 PUB HOURS**

MONDAY ~ 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
TUESDAY ~ 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY ~ 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
THURSDAY ~ 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
FRIDAY ~ 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
SATURDAY ~ 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
SUNDAY ~ CLOSED

*\*HOURS POSTED EXTENDED IF BUSY\**