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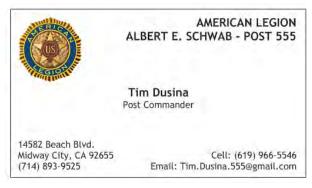
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#### On the Cover: A Place We Call Home

Albert E. Schwab Post 555 is all decked out in patriotic style and flare, and shows off its clean parking lot, nicely manicured landscaping, and NEW PATIO! This is just one of the many changes and improvements that our members are working so hard to achieve. If you haven't been by to see the Post lately, what are you waiting for? There is no limit to what we can accomplish when we work together as a Post Family!



#### Veterans Crisis Line

If you are a Veteran, or know of a Veteran in need, Confidential support is available: Veterans Crisis Line: (800) 273-TALK (8255), (Press 1); Text 838255. A VCL responder will text back; Chat online by visiting Vets.gov Or visit www.veteranscrisisline.net

#### 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 - 9:00 PM FRIDAY 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM SATURDAY 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM SUNDAY 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM \*HOURS POSTED EXTEND IF BUSY\*



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**Top Row:** The Post 555 Family pose for a photo opp at the District 29 Officer Installation and Dinner event; Kay and Russ Hamby snap a quick pic at the District Installation; Asst. Sgt At Arms, Gene Lucier says 'hello' before the post meeting commences. **2nd Row** Post 555 Officers at the Post 716 Beach Bash; Legionnaires at the July Monthly Post Meeting; and Commander Tim gives he 'thumbs up' as he shows off an award for 100% membership. **3rd Row** A few familiar faces from Cypress Post 295 hanging out at the 4th stop of the 295 SAL Poker Run; 82nd Airborne colors; **Row 4**: Post Commander Tim, Andy Timko, and Andy Wright. at the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast; Post 555 represents at the Post 327 Shoot Out. **Row 5**: Post 555 Officers show us that they can shoot a rifle; Post 555 Legionnaire Big Rick shows off his Marksmanship Competition Sharpshooter Award. Congrats Rick!

#### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER









Stone & Ceramic Surfaces, Inc. 5381 Commercial Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92649 (714) 894-TILE (8453) Fax: (714) 896-0112 Email: info@scsurfaces.com Fellow Legionnaires,

We are well into summer and moving right along with our 2017-2018 activities and goals. This past July we enjoyed several Legion Family events with our District 29 Family, including: District Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL installation, Post 716 Beach Bash, and Post 295 Bike Night, Post 327 Shootout, and SAL 295 Poker Run. It is truly an honor to represent our post at these events, and to see so much support towards each other's events.

Post Family: We have dinners at The Post every Thursday night, and I would like to invite everyone to stop in and enjoy our dinners that each of the Post family put together. This is the first time that all four of the Post 555 programs have worked together to bring our members a consistent schedule of dining events.

Memberships and Recruiting: One of our goals this term is to not only continue recruiting new members, but to also get our existing membership more involved. I would love to see our Post 555 Legionnaires attend our monthly meetings, dinners, and other events. There are many activities to get or be involved with – there is opportunities to be a part of the Post Family everywhere you look.

Let's get our memberships renewed starting this month, and bring in new members to carry our American Legion legacy forward for future generations. Remember: those who renew early get to enjoy the annual Early Bird Dinner for FREE!

Post Improvement: This month we continue our Post renovation journey



with construction in the Main Hall. We will be working on the stage area, however the bar and kitchen will still be open for business. Be advised, however there may be several days where the entire Main building is closed. During this time, the bar at the Annex will be open.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. See you around the Post!

Tim Dusina Post Commander For God and Country



#### National Airborne Day

National Airborne Day is a day designated by the United States Congress to honor the nation's airborne forces of the Armed Forces. It was created in 2001 by George W. Bush.

August 16, 1940 marked the first official Army parachute jump, validating the innovative concept of inserting United States ground combat forces behind a battle line by parachute.

The elite airborne ranks include prestigious groups such as the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, "Sky Soldiers," 82nd Airborne Division, "All American," and the "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Airborne forces have also been represented in the former 11th, 13th, and 17th Airborne Divisions and numerous other Airborne, glider and air assault units and regiments. Paratroopers in the Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, the 75th Infantry (Ranger) Regiment and other Special Forces units conduct swift and effective opera-



tions in defense of peace and freedom.

On August 3, 2009 the Senate recognized National Airborne Day with Senate Resolution 235.



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#### HISTORICAL NOTES



Sheriff John

Who can remember Sheriff John? If you grew up in Southern California, during the 50's and 60's, Sheriff John was a children's show on television, KTTV, Channel 11. He appeared from July 18, 1952 to July 10, 1970, on two separate series, Sheriff John's Lunch Brigade and Sheriff John's Cartoon Time. Why is this so significant to the history of our Post? Sheriff John was presented an American Flag by our Post 555, American Legion and Auxiliary Unit 555. At the



JOHN ROVICK (left), host of Los Angeles' KTTV "Sheriff John's Lunch Brigade," receives American Flag from Post & Unit #555, Midway City, Calif., for featuring the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag on his popular daily children's TV show.

beginning of his show, he would site the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of his show. Shown in the photo appears to be the Post Commander and Unit 555 President. Date of the photo is unknown.

Sheriff John (John Rovick) was a war Veteran who had served as a radio operator-gunner in a B-25. He was then commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and served temporarily with the Transportation Corps on a Liberty ship in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II, surviving 50 combat missions in the European Theater of Operations. He passed away in 2012 at the age of 93.

Charlie Bates Historian For God and Country

#### THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

It looks like we're gonna have a great year this year; a lot of new projects going on. I hope a lot of people can participate.

Airborne all the way! Your Chaplin, Bill Siebert For God and Country

Please stay alert and of course Healthy.





Anyone needing assistance with an existing VA claim or open a claim, there is a Veterans Service Office in Santa Ana on Grand Ave near Mc Fadden. I will print some flyers with the address and phone numbers to have on the information table at the post. If you can't come



to the post, feel free to call me and I will assist you the best I can. If you have access to the Internet, just Google veteran service office, Orange County. Hope this helps someone. Respectfully Dan Hayden

Dan Hayden Post Service Officer For God and Country

### PSO's CORNER





#### AUXILIARY UNIT 555



Hello and Greetings to All,

July came and went in a flash, and just like that we are in mid-summer! Where did the time go?

We also had our 3rd Thursday Dinner of Chicken Alfredo over Rigatoni with Garlic bread. Penne noodles for just \$6. Salad will be available for purchase for \$1 more.

The end of July also marks the beginning of renewals – so ladies, please check your cards and send in your updated contact information along with your fees. Remember, early renewal means free Early Bird Dinner at the Post!

During the months of August and September, we have several events coming up: our four Girls State delegates will attend the Auxiliary meetings to share their experiences at Girls State 2017. Additionremaining items needed for the care packages to ship to the troops that are deployed in Iraq.

Our Annual Luau is Saturday, August 12th - we will be featuring live dancers Hui O Hula this year, and an awesome lunch menu. This is a fun event that you will not want to miss!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday September 12th at 7:00 pm.

In the meantime in between meetings, consider this: there are opportunities everyday where you can show your support and take pride as a mem-



This was a fantastic dinner, all for only \$5. Join us for dinner this August 17th – we will be featuring Chicken Parmesan with ally, we will be assembling and distributing more Blessing Bags to the patients at the Long Beach VA. We will gather the

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ber in the ALA. Take the time to show others in the community what we do to help our veterans. Teach flag etiquette, hand out poppies, explain who we are, and why we do what we do.

Kokoe Estrada Unit 555 President For God and Country



Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

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to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

to make right the master of might;

to promote peace and goodwill on earth;

to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy;

to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;

to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555



#### ALR 555 Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves as members of the American Legion Family, constituting the American Legion Riders for the following purposes:

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To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the Master of Might;

To promote Peace and Goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;

To participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion;

to promote motorcycle safety education programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion Family members with the same motorcycle interests;

To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Mark your calendars! Saturday, Sept 30, 2017 is the date set for the ALR Chapter 555 Annual Poker Run. Our Poker Runs have always been a great time, and last year we were able to raise a lot of money for "Our Heroes" Dreams" thanks to the hard work put in by TJ Conway and her team of volunteers! TJ is heading it up again, so you know it'll be a fun time!

Our Chapter is also having a Beach Party at Barney's at the Naval Weapons Station on Sept 16. If you wish to attend, see Kim or Kokoe. Only ten bucks! Then, a month later, on Oktober 28, 2017 we will be having another event. The Chapter 555 second annual Oktoberfest. Join us and enjoy German food, bier, musik and maybe a chicken dance or three.... Everyone is invited to both events. Please join us! I attended the Area 5 Presidents meeting at Post 328 in Norco today. For our Riders, a new program. The Passport. Members can buy a passport for \$20. Why? A couple of reasons. First, half of the money collected goes to Legion of the Silver Rose. The other half will go to several lucky riders. How will it work? Take your passport with you as you ride and visit the 31 Posts that have Chapters. In order to be eligible to win the Grand Prize, the rider will have to visit every post. Each Post will have a stamp to stamp the passport. Some Chapters are in Posts without a building. The plan in that case is to either attend an event they



host, or have the Area 5 VP and/or the Asst VP's stamp your Passport. Each one can only stamp your Passport once. The object is to get us out visiting other areas! I hope you're all having a great summer!

For God and Country Jim Sewell President

#### Next Meeting: SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th 08:30





# SATURDAY AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## 12:00 PM

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MENU: Choice of: Pulled Pork or Teriyaki Chicken w/ Coleslaw, Hawaiian Rolls, Rice, Egg Rolls



AMERICAN LEGION POST 555-14582 BEACH BLVD., MIDWAY CITY, CA



#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

Want to place an ad? Email 555.marauder@gmail.com

**FOR SALE:** Puppy potty pads. Measure 23.6"x23.6" - Bought them for our dog & all she did was tear them up. ~20 left in pkg. If you can use them you can have them. Email: kokoe.estrada@gmail.com

**FOR SALE:** When our Marine Corps League Detachment move into Post #555, we adopted Stella as our Mascot, and I ordered a custom made Marine uniform for her. Unfortunately, before she could ever wear it, Stella was lost to us. If anyone has a Bull Dog and would like to purchase the uniform it is available. We paid \$135.00 to have it made, but I will let it go for \$100.00. Contact



Commandant Gerald D. Hardig, at (714) 538-6063 (Home) or (714) 337-2509 (Cell), or e-mail at gerald.hardig@gmail.com

**WANTED:** Your photos for the Marauder! If you have taken photos at any of our Post 555 events, and would like to share them with the Post Family, please email your photos to us! Please keep it clean  $\odot$  Thank you. 555.Marauder@gmail.com

**WANTED:** New white socks, for men and women. Looking to send several pair to the patients at VA Long Beach. Also looking to send several pair to unit detachment in Iraq. Also seeking protein, beef jerky, baby wipes, skin so soft spray. Drop box at the Post near POW / MIA table.

WANTED: Raffle prizes and Live Auction Prizes for the upcoming ALR Poker Run on September 30th. We need 3 to 5 BIG ITEMS for auction that value \$300 and up. Examples: suite tix w/ parking to a major concert or event, hotel stays, spa packages, sports packages, ski packages, cabin or house vacations, car/motorcycle detail packages, etc... We also need help with sponsorships; Company logo on all our media, special recognition at event and they are welcomed to have a booth or signage up at our event All proceeds go to Our Heroes Dreams for our veterans with PTSD. Contact TJ tjconway82@gmail.com.

WANTED: Raffle prizes for Bingo Night with the Auxiliary. If you have any items, questions, or suggestions please email us at Unit555ALA@gmail.com.

HANDYMAN/GENERAL LABOR FOR HIRE: If you need a general handyman or laborer, please call or text me. Roofing, painting, yard work, cleanup, gardening/landscaping, rain gutters, cement work, mailbox repair/reinstallation, repairs around the house, moving, errands etc. Have my own tools. Will travel around Orange County and surrounding counties. Reliable worker. American citizen, white male, valid California ID/social. Able to provide solid references. Please call/text Ricky at (714) 818-7119

#### **SELL YOUR ITEMS HERE!**

Want to make a few extra dollars? Looking to buy, sell, or trade? List it all right here - Your post is free, and is a great way to advertise among your post family members and friends!

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