



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
WE ASSOCIATE OUR-
SELVES TOGETHER
FOR THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSES:
To uphold and defend the
Constitution of the United
States of America;
To maintain law and order;
To foster and perpetuate a
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canism;
To preserve the memories
and incidents of our associa-
tions in the Great Wars;
To inculcate a sense of indi-
vidual obligation to the com-
munity, 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 good-
will on earth;
To safeguard and transmit to
posterity the principles of
justice, freedom and
democracy;
To consecrate and sanctify
our comradeship by our devo-
tion to mutual helpfulness.

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THE MARAUDER



FEBRUARY 2014

Commander's Message of the Month

I would like to begin with a reminder of what the word dedication means. Dedication is the true meaning of membership. Being an American Legionnaire requires a sound commitment and cooperation that all and each of us have. It is the source of pride when

walking into the Post, ready to perform the task at hand. Reach out with this mentality to ensure sustainable growth for the Post. It is in every member's best interests to do so. Remember why you are here; value the reasons you came; to help Veterans.



For God and Country
Jose Amezcua
Commander

Adjutant's Report

Crunch time! Yes, it is, indeed, crunch time. This time of year in 2013, we had already reached our goal for membership.

Unfortunately, this is not the case this year. We are, as of January 16, 2014, our membership is at 208 paid members. Our goal is 254. We are at 81.89%.

Granted, we have lost some members to the Post Everlasting, but the numbers indicate several have just not renewed. The fastest way to get

yourself back on track is to go to the Legion website and renew online. The URL is:

<http://www.legion.org/renew>

As soon as I see you have paid, I will send you your card. Just make sure you print your temporary card after you renew to use until your renewal letter containing your 2014 membership card arrives in the mail.

I apologize for the delay in getting you this issue of The Marauder.



For God and Country,
Jim Sewell
Post Adjutant



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 555



Comrades,
 Congratulations, we are one of a small percentage in the State to exceed 100% membership. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the one key individual that helped us reach that goal, George Willis. George is not seeking recognition; he is simply doing what needs to be done. George has utilized his talents as well as the resources at his disposal to update and improve our membership data base. It is because he asks for no recognition that I must point out his contributions. One could suspect he was trying to take my job, I personally believe he doesn't want

it. If he was to run for Commander I would be the first to vote for him, George is one outstanding individual. Now that he has a big head I should move on. Thank You George!!!

I finally have the engraved plates for the District Pool Tournament and will put them on, so we should have another trophy to display for a year. We will be putting on another Breakfast, Sunday the 23rd of February from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, so come and join us. Our next Squadron meeting will be on the 17th of February and again please join us. We will be sending out emails to everyone we have an address for in order to verify the address we have and update the ones that need it, so please respond.

There are great things happening at the State "Detachment" Level, some of which will be beneficial to the Squadrons. Primarily a much more in depth educational training class for the Squadrons. The Squadrons needs will be addressed in a larger scale than ever before with more interaction from Detachment. For the first time ever there is going to be a

Western States Sons of the American Legion Caucus in Las Vegas, February 7th - 9th. Sons from Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Philippines, Alaska and Hawaii attending. A chance to see how other states deal with their issues and how they recruit membership, etc.: etc. This is a first and has been in the making for two years, this should be interesting.

I am concerned about the attendance at our meetings has dropped of severely, if there is something reasonable that can be done to improve our attendance please feel free to suggest it. We need to increase the amount of participation around the post. Myself included we must start supporting our Other family members and there functions. Even if it is only attending, please do so. We are supposed to be working Side By Side, so help me out.

Sincerely,
James Eubanks,
Commander Squadron 555

SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 555 BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2014 8:00 AM-NOON

MENU:

PANCAKES
EGGS
SAUSAGE
BACON
BISCUITS AND
GRAVY (WHILE IT
LASTS)
COFFEE
JUICE

\$6.00





American Legion Riders Chapter 555

Your American Legion Riders Chapter 555 continues to be a busy group. We have remained active and look forward to our upcoming State Convention in April. The venue for the Convention was changed from Dixon in Northern California to Escondido just miles away here in Southern California. We should be able to get our full contingent of Delegates to go since it is so close to home.

On January 10, 2014, we were honored to be asked by the family of Pearl Harbor Survivor, and longtime American Legion member, Claud Koch, to provide escort from the Church to his final resting place. As Riders, it is our duty to provide such service to honor any of our Legion Family that passes on to the Post Everlasting. I know that every member of our Chapter who were able to make it to the escort were humbled by the experience and very much honored to provide the escort.

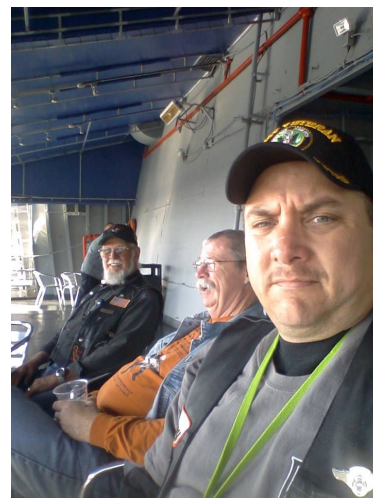
On a happier note; Several of our members took an overnight trip to San Diego to visit



the USS Midway and stay over night in Old Town. From all accounts, it sounds like everyone had a great time!

Our "after meeting ride" for January was a trip to Rose's Cantina in Trabuco Canyon. It was a first time visit there for the Chapter, although many of our members have stopped there on their own. It was a great place, that welcomed us with open arms and served a GREAT Mexican lunch on the outdoor patio. We had one of our larger turnouts for this ride. Great day for a ride with great people for a great lunch!

Please remember and come to our 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The Z-Bops will be providing music from noon to four. Registration opens at 9, and chili tasting begins at 1:00. Come and enjoy Chili, Salsa, Music and friends!



FIRST ANNUAL

CHILI COOK-OFF AND SALSA CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014



EVERYONE WELCOME

SPECIAL INVITATION TO OUR FELLOW LEGION RIDERS AND LEGIONNAIRES. WHICH POST OR CHAPTER HAS THE BEST CHILI AND SALSA?

TASTING TICKETS: \$1.00 PER TICKET

CHILI ENTRY: \$10.00

SALSA ENTRY: \$10.00 (\$5.00 WITH CHILI ENTRY)

REGISTRATION AND SETUP: 9:00 AM

COOKING BEGINS: 10:00 AM

TASTING BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

CASH PRIZES

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**AMERICAN LEGION FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014
SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM**

MENU:

**HOT TURKEY SANDWICH
MASHED POTATOES
DRESSING
CORN
DESSERT**

\$8.00

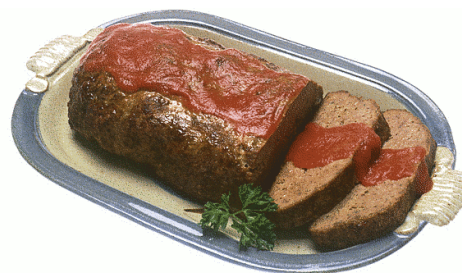


**AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014
SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM**

MENU:

**MEATLOAF
MASHED POTATOES
STRING BEANS
SALAD
DESSERT**

\$8.00



TRIPLE NICKLE HOURS

**WEEKDAYS: 2:00 PM—*APPROX 7:00 PM
SATURDAY: NOON — *APPROX 7:00 PM
SUNDAY: NOON — *APPROX 7:00 PM**

***CLOSING TIMES DEPEND ON CUSTOMERS**



THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

As we approach February we have lost a very special veteran and, as everybody knows, a Pearl Harbor Survivor, Claud Koch. My man Claud has gone onto the Post Everlasting and he will definitely be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Claud was born in Brea California on August 31st 1917, and grew up in the Central California town of Madera. He had one brother and six sisters, yes, six sisters. Just think the fun he had growing up. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1939 and served mainly on the USS Solace which was very active in the Pacific Theater during World War II.



On that day the will last in infamy; when Pearl Harbor was attacked, Claud was on the deck of the ship. He told me he could almost touch the Japanese plane flying over him. Claud worked on the ship as the top cook, and as he used to tell me, he loved that very much. When he was discharged from the Navy in 1945, he later joined the American Legion Post 555 Midway City. As I mentioned that he was a cook in the Navy, he too was a wonderful cook at the American legion.

Claud married a lovely lady, Elza Beeckman, in 1948 and had three children Shirley, Steven and Dennis. When he was a civilian he worked as a Longshoreman in Long Beach, California. Claud had many friends and I had the pleasure of knowing him and taking him on many different trips to other Post and events. I 'm proud to say he was my Veteran Brother and I loved that man. I know other members felt the same way. God Bless you Claud!

God Bless America and the Legion Family (Definitely our Troops)



For God and Country

Stay Healthy

Andy Timko, Chaplain



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Eubanks
Jack Copeland
Dana Ahl
David Guterez
Vern Hart

Lee Mastro
Brandon Chapman
Leslie Goldberg
Lewis Holman
O. Winnie Hammerinck

Leroy Reed
Charles Bavin
Marty Enox
Samuel Brandes
AnnMarie White

Charles Hemberger
Carl Gressman



*Come on in to the Triple Nickle for a free Birthday Beverage of your choice.
(Not listed? Contact the Post Adjutant and give him your birthdate!)*

FEBRUARY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Post 555 E-Board 5PM	4 Auxiliary 7PM	5 40/8 7PM	6	7 Auxiliary Dinner 5:30PM	8
9	10 Post 555 Meeting 5PM	11	12 Marine Corps League	13	14	15 Post 266 Meeting 9AM
16	17 ALR E- Board 5PM SAL E-Board 6:30PM SAL Meeting 7PM	18	19	20	21 Post Dinner 5:30PM	22 ALR 8:30 Chili Cook- Off 9AM/5PM
23 Son's Breakfast 8/Noon Corvette Club 7:30PM	24	25	26	27	28	

POST 555 OFFICERS

Commander:	Jose Amezcua	Treasurer:	Oscar Perez
1st Vice Commander:	Jenny Hayden	Adjutant:	Jim Sewell
2nd Vice Commander:	Napoleon Singletary	Sgt at Arms:	Charles bates
E-Board:	Charles Bates	Asst. SaA:	Ed Sedlak
	Russ Hamby	Chaplain:	Andy Timko
	Ed Sedlak		



LADIES AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS

President:	Lil Perez	Chaplain:	Bonnie Seibert
1st Vice:	Kay Hamby	Sgt at Arms:	Christy Marzullo
2nd Vice:	Rita Smith		
Secretary:	Rhonda Crawford		
Treasurer:	Jenny Hayden		



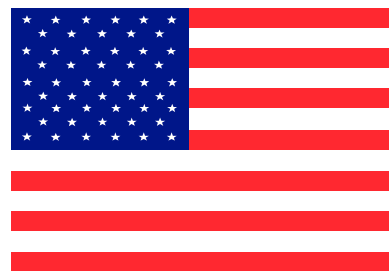
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 OFFICERS

President:	Jim Sewell
Vice President:	Marlene Flores
Secretary:	Debbie Churchill
Treasurer:	Chuck Johnson
Sgt at Arms:	Mike White
Road Captain:	Bill Carr
Chaplain:	Jeff Gallagher



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 555 OFFICERS

Commander:	James Eubanks
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2nd Vice:	George Willis
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E-Board:	Michael Eustace
Sgt at Arms:	Nickie Eustace
Chaplain:	George Willis



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