

ALBERT E. SCHWAB
POST 555



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
one hundred percent Ameri-
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



January 2014

Happy New Year 2014

From
Albert E. Schwab Post 555

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FOR 2014



Hello Comrades,

I want to begin by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and happy New Year and may your wishes come true in the upcoming year. I want to take this moment to talk about a couple of words I really like:

1. Hope

Hope is a feeling that everything will turn out for the best, or the belief that you can have whatever you desire. Hope can motivate you to change things around and may inspire you to reach your dreams. Keep the feeling of hope alive by being optimistic and positive, no matter how dire your circumstances. I really believe in this is something that this post has.

2. Gratitude

Gratitude is being truly thankful or grateful for something. When you feel true gratitude, you often experience the urge to give of yourself because you feel so blessed by all that you have. Even when times are tough, you can find some reason to be thankful. I want to thank all the Volunteers who helped this Post throughout the year, your efforts made it possible to have a good year.

I like to close this article by reminding all American Legionnaires why we joined the American Legion;
To help out our fallen brothers and to help the disabled veterans or those who are down on their luck.
Remember the preamble of the constitution of the American legion and try hard to live by the words

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100 Percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; 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 good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to prosperity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by devotion to mutual helpfulness."

I hope that we as Legionnaires can full fill this duty. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year

God bless America
Jose A Amezcua

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

The new year has arrived and unfortunately, our Post is far from achieving a 100% membership status. As of this writing, we are at 197 paid members for 77.56% of our 2014 membership goal of 254. We have had a few transfers out of the Post, and a few in. Please take a look at your membership card. If it still has a 2013 on it, you will need to get your dues in. You have several options to do so.

1. Online at <http://www.legion.org/renew> (fastest and most convenient)
2. Come into the Post and pay your dues to either Dale or the Bartender by cash or check. (They will make sure I get it)
3. Mail it into the Post.

Have a Happy New Year and I look forward to another great year at Albert E. Schwab Post 555!

Jim Sewell
Post Adjutant



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, CHAPTER 555

Happy New Year!

Our Chapter was dark during the month of December due to the Holidays and Vacations. We still rode, as that is what we like to do. Several of our members were able to participate in an escort during Wreaths Across America. Our Chapter Chaplain and a Past President, Jeff Gallagher, wrote a great piece on the event on his personal Blog, . Here is Jeff's story, reprinted here with his permission.



They Made it to Arlington



5:15 am came quite early, especially at the end of my workweek. Today was a special day, though. This morning, it would be my distinct honor to meet some very special people. As I headed out the door, it felt a little warmer than the day before. Still, the heated handgrips and the heated seat would get plenty of use on the way over to meet the other riders.

After stopping at the local Starbucks for a hot cup of coffee (yes, the bike even has a drink holder), I hit the freeway and put the cruise control on. The Goldwing made quick work of the I5 and the 22 Freeway. Getting off in Westminster, I headed down to The American Legion Post 555 across from the Westminster Memorial Park. Already there, my companions were

all huddled around coffee and donuts. Well, you don't have to ask an old cop twice.

Soon enough, we headed down the road to Saddleback High School. Our assignment was to escort a bus full of Naval ROTC high school students to Pacific View Memorial Park in Corona del Mar for [Wreaths Across America](#). WAA's mission is to Remember, Honor, Teach. Today, we would be remembering fallen veterans and honoring those still living. It was started by one man, the owner of a wreath company, who laid "extra" wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery beginning in 1992. Before he knew it, many others wanted to help.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

Today, Wreaths Across America events are held simultaneously in over 900 cemeteries and memorials across the United States.



American Legion Rider Chapter 555 was honored to be invited to escort the Saddleback High School NJROTC from their base to Pacific View Memorial Park. More than 30 students clad in Naval uniform boarded the bus and headed south. 6 motors escorted them. Upon arrival, we were directed to parking and then headed to the event. If you have never been to the memorial at Pacific View, I recommend you take the time. It is right up front across from the chapel.



The event began promptly at 9 am. That's because, as I said, the wreath laying at the memorial is timed to coincide with all locations. We were told more than 80,000 people were doing the same thing around the country (and we can't even get 5 councilmembers to do the same thing.... I digress...). I have to say, it was pretty amazing. A gentleman named Chuck Pangel shared his experience aboard the USS Liberty, a ship deployed to the Middle East during the 6 Day War. Chuck described how the Israeli Defense Force "inadvertently" attacked their ship, mistaking it for an Egyptian Ship. Years later, it was revealed that the Liberty was an intelligence ship and many doubted the "mistake".

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 555

Seasons Greetings to all! Our annual Post Christmas and Children's parties were recently held at Unit 555. Great times were had by all in attendance, especially the children! We had face-painting along with good food and a lengthy visit from Santa Clause who read *It was the Night before Christmas* and talked to each child individually after which he presented them with a gift!

Our next Auxiliary Dinner will be Friday, January 3rd from 5:30 to 7:30. We will be serving a Mexican plate with enchiladas, rice, beans and dessert for the low price of \$8.00 per plate. We look forward to seeing you all there, dining together and sharing Christmas tales.

**For God and Country,
Lil Perez, Auxiliary President**



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ALBUM



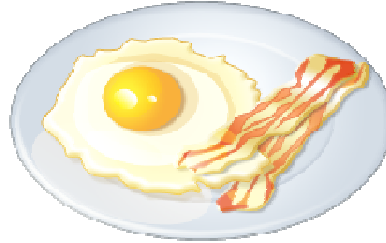
COME JOIN YOUR SON'S SQUADRON 555 FOR SUNDAY BREAKFAST

JANUARY 26th, 8:00 to 12:00

**EGGS, BACON OR SAUSAGE, HASHBROWNS, PANCAKES
OR BISCUITS AND GRAVY**

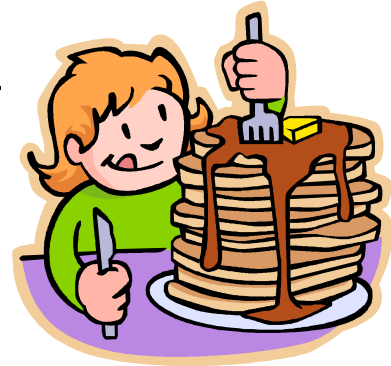
**(UNTIL THE GRAVY RUNS OUT),
ORANGE JUICE AND FRESH COFFEE**

*Have a good breakfast with us and get yourself
ready for the Pro Bowl.*



**WE START SERVING AT 8:00AM AND WILL SERVE TILL
12:00**

**ALL FOR THE LOW,
LOW PRICE OF \$6.**



IRS DD-214 REQUIREMENT NEWS

The following is reprinted from the American Legion website:

The American Legion recently reported that the Internal Revenue Service was fining Legion posts – up to \$1,000 per day – for not keeping records of veterans' DD-214s, the separation document given by the military to prove honorable service, or other valid documentation.

The Legion felt it was being wrongly targeted, resulting in the passing of three resolutions during the organization's national convention in Houston that called upon Congress to look into the IRS' field investigations into Legion posts, while lawmakers wrote letters to the IRS asking why inspectors were asking posts to provide discharge papers or service records during reviews of their tax-exempt statuses.

The IRS has now revised its position on the DD-214 requirement in section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Effective immediately, DD-214s are only required if an agent "possesses information that contradicts documentary information provided (by the veterans service organization) or if the organization fails to satisfy a

reasonable request..."

If an agent requires proof of membership eligibility, he or she will first request four sets of documents before requesting DD-214s or other discharge documents.



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| 4.a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK | 4.b. PAY GRADE | 5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYMMDD) | | 6. RESERVE OBLIG. TERM. DATE | |
| 7.a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY | | 7.b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) | | Year Month Day | |
| 8.a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND | | 8.b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED | | | |
| 9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED | | 11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) | | 12. RECORD OF SERVICE | |
| | | | | 13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) | |
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| | | | | 21. SEA SERVICE | |
| | | | | 22. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE | |

THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Happy New Year to all the American Legion Family. As we began 2014 I have to back up to September 2013 and unfortunately we had a member pass on to the Post Everlasting the news of this member was delayed but we are finally able to Honor him. His Name is David E. Nye A WWII Veteran with the United States Army. He served from March 13, 1943 to January 29, 1946 as a Military Occupational Specialty- Truck Driver Lite # 345. He received Campaign Medals from the Rhineland, AM Theater Award, EAME Theater Ribbon With/I Bronze Medal, Meritorious Unit Award and The special WWII Victory Medal. Our Hearts go out to his family and all his friends. (God Bless)

More American Heroes that passed on to the Post everlasting.

Sgt. Miguel Ortiz 27, USMC (AD) OIF/OEF from Fallbrook/Oceanside, Ca. He was one of four Marines killed while on duty at Camp Pendleton. He was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. He joined the Marine Corps in March 2006 and was promoted to his

current rank in November 2009. Ortiz's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Medal, Two Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal and the NATO Medal-ISAF Afghanistan. He Deployed to Iraq in 2007, to the Western Pacific in 2008 and to Afghanistan in 2012. Sgt. Ortiz was remembered for being very safe, did a very good job and loved being a Marine. (God Bless Him)

United States Army Veteran Ronald Jahnke from Santa Cruz, Ca. was an extremely proud veteran. He was in the first infantry "Big Red One" and his attitude of the service, personal appearance and support of all who served never left him. He was a Military man through and through and even insisted on polishing his boots before his shift as a security guard while other guards just wore black sneakers. As he used to say was once a soldier always a soldier and when he became terminally ill he always had a American Flag on his Mobil Scooter. He believed strongly in support of

anyone who served and we would be deeply grateful for you all to honor him

in this way. He is part of a dying breed of servicemen and women that felt it wasn't a choice to serve, it was just something you should do for our Country if you are able. He actually was denied entry into the Army due to being deaf in one ear and he badgered and begged until he finally convinced them to let him join. He was stationed at Fort Riley Kansas and also in Germany. What a great man. He loved talking about his years in the United States Army with anyone who would listen. (God Bless)

God Bless America and the Legion Family (Definitely Our Troops) For God and Country Stay Healthy

**Andy Timko
Post 555 Chaplain**



THEY MADE IT TO ARLINGTON (CONTINUED)

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Chuck outlined not only the horror of the day but the horror years later as he and others suffered nightmares, physical and physiological issues and general deterioration of his well-being. All signs of what we know today as Post Traumatic Stress. Chuck's story was moving. It was also illustrative of the cover-ups and lies told to the American people all in the name of maintaining relationships with our allies.

We also heard from two Gold Star mothers. One mom lost both her husband in the Vietnam War and a son in the Iraqi War. She was courageous and powerful as she spoke of our duty to remember and honor veterans "that fight to keep our way of life today". It's interesting to note the Gold Star flag is not presented until a GS Mother speaks.

Wreathes Across America is an official function with the 2nd Saturday of December at 9 am designated as the official day and time. Many of you may have gone to Riverside, where wreathes are also laid. If you would like to participate next year, find a location that suits you and come on out. You will not be disappointed.



**AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2014
SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM**

MENU:

**ENCHILADAS
RICE
BEANS
DESERT**



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**AMERICAN LEGION FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014
SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM**

MENU:

**COQ AU VIN
(DELICIOUS BAKED
CHICKEN DISH)
SALAD
ROLLS
DESERT**



\$8.00

TRIPLE NICKLE HOURS

**WEEKDAYS: 2:00 PM—*APPROX 7:00 PM
SATURDAY: NOON — *APPROX 7:00 PM
SUNDAY: NFL FOOTBALL OPEN 10AM**

***CLOSING TIMES DEPEND ON CUSTOMERS**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Cleaveland
Jennette Hayden
Mont Hylton
Thomas Tregeagle
Jose Amezcua
Terrence Doyle

John Hanley
Seymore Lawenda
Terry Van Akin
Dennis Rude
Matthew Keefe
Walter Stephenson

Theodor Zantias
Douglas White
William Saia, Sr
Francis Verstynen
Clark Johnson
Austin Olivieri



*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!)*

JANUARY 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | |  | 2 | 3 Auxiliary Dinner 5:30PM | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Post 555 E-Board 5PM | 7 Auxiliary Meeting 7PM | 8 Marine Corps League 7:30PM | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Post 555 Meeting 7PM | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Post Dinner 5:30PM | 18 Post 266 Meeting 9AM |
| 19 | 20 ALR E-Board 5PM / SAL E-Board 6:30 SAL Meeting 7P | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 ALR Meeting 8:30A MHPH 11A |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1: New Years Day
January 3: Auxiliary Dinner (Enchiladas)
January 6: Post 555 E-Board
January 7: Auxiliary Meeting
January 13: Post Meeting
January 17: Post Dinner (Coq Au Vin)
January 20: ALR E-Board
January 20: SAL E-Board and Meeting
January 25: ALR Meeting



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| | Ed Sedlak | | |



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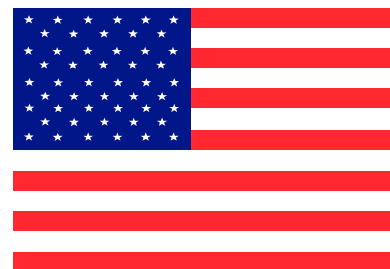
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 OFFICERS

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