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On the Cover: Post 555 Commander

Post 555 Commander Tim Dusina represents Post 555 at the annual Memorial Day Service at Westminster Memorial Park. The Post 555 Family was in full force with Legionnaires, members of the Auxiliary, the SAL Squadron, and the Chapter 555 American Legion Riders. Members presented wreathes representing the post family to honor the fallen. See page 3 of this issue for more photo.



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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
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Top Row: The Post 555 Family poses for a few group photos at the Memorial Day Service at the Westminster Memorial Park, Riders Len Guillen and Diesel a the Vietnam War Memorial in Westminster. 2nd Row: SAL Squadron Officers Jim Eubanks and Nick Eustace, Legionnaires Group Photo, and Riders Group Photo. 3rd Row: A few familiar faces from District 29 at the 2017 Annual American Legion Department of CA Convention; Ed (Spicy) in "Jail" at the Huntington Beach Elks Chili Cook Off helping raise money for a good cause; Row 4: Post Commander Tim, Susie, and Dennis at the HB Elks Chili Cook Off, Legionnaires pose at the Garden Grove Community Center after receiving a recognition award from Mayor Steven R. Jones, Commander Tim and Ed the Beefeater; Row 5: Commander Tim shows off the recognition award from City of Garden Grove, Daniel, Commander Tim, and Doc on steak night.

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

It is always an honor to see all of our Post Family members and Legion Family together for an event. And wow, since the last issue of the Marauder, we had several: Memorial Day, Commander's Steak Night, and the Annual American Legion Department of CA Convention, in Riverside.

On Memorial Day, we paid tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice at the Memorial Day Service at Westminster Memorial Park. Our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL Squadron, and Riders presented wreaths. After the service, we had our annual potluck at the Post – and wow! What a nice spread – we must have had three tables worth of food! We also had a special visitor from Gar-

den Grove Mayor Pro Tem, Phat Bui who gave our post a very generous donation. Many thanks to Mayor pro Tem and Mrs. Bui.

In June we had the Commander's Steak Night and my birthday party – thank you to all who celebrated along with me! We sold 91 steaks, a record for 555! Special thanks to Stater Bros., Team Dennis Root, and the team working in the background that always makes our nights so successful. Thank you to the Legion Family for supporting our event: 295, 716, 496.

The Annual American Legion Department of CA Convention also happened in June. District 29 (us) made a strong show this year. Our post was presented a special award for



exceeding 100% membership.

In June, our post also received a special recognition award from the Mayor of Garden Grove. We are gaining recognition through the communities! Thank you and keep up all the good work Post 555 Family!

Tim Dusina Post Commander For God and Country

Next Meeting: monday, july 10th 7:00 pm

THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Well first of all Happy Fourth of July and as of this report we still haven't had any member pass on to the Post Everlasting. Good news also Sparky has been getting better form his illness glad to see him back recovering. God Bless you Sparky.

Info about a very important subject the Vietnam Memorial Known as (The Wall that Heals). In 1996 on Veterans Day The Wall that Heals is a half scale replica of the Veterans Memorial that travels to communities across the United States, touching Americans with its message of Honor and Healing. It is visited by thousands of people, many of whom would not otherwise

have the opportunity to experience the Power of the Wall in Washington, D.C.

The Wall that Heals offer our Nation an opportunity for the souls enshrined on the Memorial to journey back to the places the call home, to exist among friends and family once more. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is grateful for the opportunity to bring The Wall that Heals home to ever ones Community.

(GOD BLESS) All our fallen (Hero's)

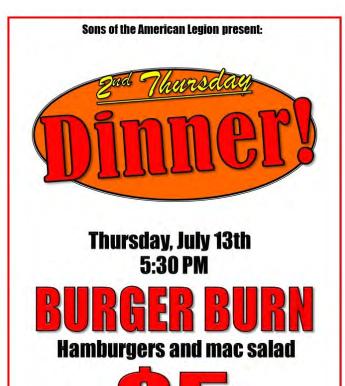
God Bless America and the Legion Family Definitely our Great Troops



For God and Country Please stay alert and of course Healthy.

Andy Timko Post Adjutant and Asst.Chaplain





All proceeds go to Veterans Programs

AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 PRESENTS:

THURSDAY, July 20th
5:30 PM

Chicken Alfredo

BUON

APPETITO

SUPPORT VETERANS PROGRAMS

THURSDAY
DINGER
NIGHT
Thursday, July 27th @ 5:30 PM

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Commander's Special Tonight:
HOT PASTRAMI
MELT
Sandwich with potato salad
SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS- EAT OUT TONIGHT

HISTORICAL NOTES



As part of Post 555 history, it is important to report on significant events that add to this Post's long history.

On June 27, Post 555 Officers were invited to the City of Garden Grove's Council Meeting to receive a letter of Recognition for our efforts supporting veterans and veterans programs. Council Mayor Pro Tem Phat Bui read a brief history of our Post to the Council and audience.

In attendance were: Commander Tim Dusina, Adjutant Andy Timko, Historian/E Board member

Charles Bates, Legion Member Chuck Mitchell as well as Post 555 Auxiliary President, Kokoe Estrada. The City Council presented the Certificate of Recognition to our Post Commander, Tim Dusina. Commander Tim gave a brief presentation of our Post's continuing efforts and past accomplishments in helping Veterans and our community. He described of our Post Family, American Legion, American Legion Riders, Auxiliary and Son's. He invited all Council members to our Post for our weekly dinners.

Chuck (Mitch) Mitchell also spoke about how Post 555 contribute to our Veterans.

The Certificate of Recognition will be on display at our Post. We should feel proud that our Community recognizes the importance and contributions the American Legion Family.

Charlie Bates Historian For God and Country



Hope everyone had a great Father's Day. I seem to have acclimated into the post rather easily.

I am honored to be a member of the post and the post Service Officer.

At the e-board and regular meeting, the board and the membership voted to give the Young Marines and the Sea Cadets each a donation of \$250.00 as an official sponsorship. The sponsorship will be reviewed annually and made according to what the budget can handle. This is one of my duties as the service officer.

Eligibility for VA medical benefits rules have changed over the past 10 or so years. Hearing and vision care is automatically authorized for any eligible veteran, regardless of service connected disability. If you have a DD214, Do yourself a favor and take it to the VA and let them tell you what you qualify for. If you need hearing aids, you will be able to get them with just a copy.

That could be huge.

Dan Hayden Post Service Officer For God and Country



Boy Scout TROOP 4 Annual Pancake Breakfast Bingo Games

DATE: Saturday, July 29, 2017

WHEN: 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

WHERE: American Legion on Beach Blvd

14582 Beach Blvd, Midway City, CA

COST: \$5 for Breakfast Per Person



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Post 555 thanks Kevin Griffin and team for all patio and overhang work!

AUXILIARY UNIT 555



Hello and Greetings to All,

In June we had our monthly 3rd Thursday Dinner where we served up homemade Chicken Teriyaki Bowls with Rice and Broccoli Florets. Thank you to the ever dedicated Unit and Post Family members for making this, and every dinner successful.

This past month, we assembled 26 Blessing Bags. These are goody bags filled with essentials such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, soap, shampoo, snacks, pens, paper, envelopes, and new socks, etc. 2nd Vice Yvonne Zweifel and I went to drop off the first batch of Blessing Bags to the patients on the 9th Floor at the Long Beach VA. It was truly an awesome and amazing experience to bring so many smiles to the patients' faces. Thank you to all who helped fill the VA collection box □. We will do another visit this month, and I invite anyone interested to join us at the VA.

On the 17th the Post hosted a Commander's Steak Night and Birthday Bash. The Post put on a fantastic dinner with dessert, and birthday party for Commander Tim. If you didn't get a chance to enjoy one of The Commander's steak dinners at The Post, there will be more opportunities in the future.

First Vice Kay Hamby and I represented Unit 555 at the annual Department of CA Convention in Riverside. It was nice seeing other members of District 29, as well as meet new members from other Districts in California. We were able to network and share thoughts and ideas.

In June, our Unit also initiated our newest member, Kelly Geyer – Welcome to Unit 555!

Looking into the short term, we will be hosting our monthly 3rd Thursday dinner. We will be cooking up Chicken Alfredo on the 20th, and you won't want to miss this awesome home cooked meal! In August we will be hosting our annual Luau Party – look out for our flyer!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday July 11th at 7:00 pm.

Kokoe Estrada Unit 555 President For God and Country



Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves 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 Americanism;

to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during the Great Wars;

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 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.











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:

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 American-

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

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

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the mass-

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.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

Summer is rolling into high gear and it is riding season for those who live elsewhere. It's riding season here in Southern California pretty much year round. We are very fortunate in that regard. It is important to be safe and keep looking out for the other guy. When I ride, I always assume the caged driver doesn't see me. He is busy sitting in his air conditioned box, listening to XM radio, looking at the map on his GPS and reading a text, how could he possibly see me on my motorcycle.

The ALR, Department of California has also recognized the issue and has come out with a Safety Guideline. I have directed our Chapter to make copies and distribute it to our membership. All newly installed members will get a copy along with their patch. We have had several members go down over the years and most are the result of not being seen. Be careful, and get to wherever it is you plan on going! We are going to have a Beach Party! Check out the flyer for information. You will have to register, as it will be at Barney's Beach House on the Seal Beach Navel Weapons Station.

TJ has taken the bull by the horns and is planning another awesome event! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 30! More information to follow as the date gets closer.

Poker Run is in high gear!

Let's Ride!

Next Meeting: SATURDAY, JULY22nd 08:30

Planning for the Annual

For God and Country Jim Sewell **President**

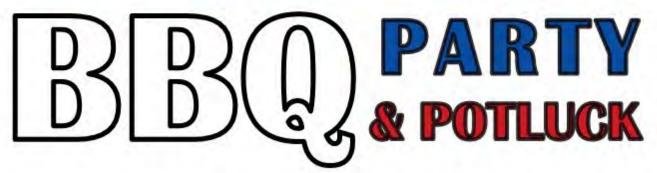


ALR Chapter 555 Welcomes our Newest Members: Jeff, Jason, Dan, Gilbert #HBElks1959 #USAF



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2017 JULY 4th ANNUAL







- **★ HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS ★**
 - **★ ICE CREAM ★**
 - **★ BEAN BAG TOSS ★**
 - * MUSIC *
 - **★ \$2 DRAUGHT BUD LIGHT ★**

BRING A DISH!

- ★ MAIN DISH ★ SIDES ★ APPETIZERS ★
 - * SALADS * DESSERTS *
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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 ⊙ 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.

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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!

Post 555 thanks Jim Eubanks and the Construction Team for all the work around the post!

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Post 555 Family July Birthdays

Theresa Alvey **Paul Bosse Patrick Coponiti Sherrie Fisher**

Walter Hughes William Thorn **Amanda Nott**

John Ryan Rita Smith **Swan Soderlind** George Ursini

Happy Birthday to you!

Don't see your name? Drop us a line at 555.marauder@gmail.com and we will add you in!

POST 555 THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS

7/6 ALR: All American Rider **Chili Dogs Meal** 7/13 Sons: Hamburger Night 7/20 Aux: Chicken Alredo 7/27 Post: Hot Pastrami Melt Starts @ 5:30 until sold out!