



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE
ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TO-
GETHER
FOR THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSES:
To uphold and defend the Consti-
tution 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 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 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 consecrate and sanctify our
comradship by our devotion to
mutual helpfulness.

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THE MARAUDER

JANUARY 2016



MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Our Christmas Dinner on Monday was a success. We had food, entertainment, gifts and friendship. We had a great turnout, and all the food was eaten. The turnout of members and guests was more than we expected. The gifts were many, but a challenge. It always tickles me to see how much fun we have at our functions. Let me thank all members and guests that attended the dinner. We are so blessed to have one another.

Last month I had a Korean Vet and his wife stop by the Post to donate money. He and his wife had stepped off a plane and walked through the airport with his World War II Korean vet hat on his head. While walking through the airport, a young man walked up to him and thanked him for his service. The young man also handed him money and asked the Korean Vet to use that money to feed a Veteran. This Korean Vet stopped by our post on Taco night and asked to speak to the Commander. I made a point to shake his hand and listen to his story. He shared his story with me, then handed the money to me to use towards the Thanksgiving Dinner being served on that day. I had the pleasure of thanking him for his service and his unselfish donation.

Santa Claus came to the Post on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Santa and all the kids, parents, Officers, etc., were able to have their picture taken with him. Santa has been such an

important person in all of our lives. I remember waking up in the middle of the night as a kid, waiting to hear Santa's Reindeer's sleigh. We all have our own memory.

Our next Post meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2015, 7:00 pm. At our December 14, 2015 eboard meeting, we passed a resolution to increase our dues by \$10. This would bring our dues up to \$50 a year. Starting January the dues we pay National will be increased to \$32.50. This decreases our margin of dues monies locally to \$7.50 per member. It is important to have your feedback on this decision because it will mean you will be paying \$10 more a year. This increase will go into effect for our 2017 dues.

District has announced a fundraiser for our Orange County Veterans Cemetery in Tustin. They are selling \$20 challenge coins to help raise funding. We sold 10 coins at our Christmas Dinner.

I would like to express my deepest sympathy in the loss of our friend and veteran Ernie Wardlow. He shared dinners with us, laughed with us, played cards on Sundays, and was a friend to many. He will be missed by all of us. We will meet again at Post Everlasting.

This is the time of year that we acknowledge the passing of 2015. There have been many events, new members, losses of our dearly beloved members, and mostly the cooperation of many volunteers. We are lucky to have so many people step up and



volunteer to run the bar, do the pick-up work every day, and help with keeping Post 555 working. I want to thank you all personally for your giving of your time, your patience and understanding when things get messy. It takes a special group of people to step up to the plate, to show up when you're tired and wonder if you are the only one that is doing everything.

Post 555 has been running 70-some years and will be going many more. I appreciate being the Commander of this post and feel grateful for all of you around me supporting me. I wish you all a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

**Jenny Hayden, Commander
American Legion Post 555**



THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Happy New Year to you all, but unfortunately I have sad news. My buddy and everyone's friend Earnest Earl Wardlow has passed on to the Post Everlasting.

Ernie enlisted into the United States Army Armd. Division in January 15, 1952, in Urbana, Illinois, and was released in September 1953 from Fort Sheridan, Illinois, but while in he also spent time in Germany.

Earnest was born and raised in Champagne Urbana, Illinois, graduated high school and then entered the United States Army. He then settled and met his first wife in Wisconsin and started working for GTE and raised three daughters, Jeana, Ann and Billie. They relocated to Long Beach, California, and transferred from GTE where he spent 35 years.

After he retired, single again is when he met his very lovely lady Rita Smith in 1998 and lived in Long Beach until they moved to Westminster where they lived in a very lovely home. Earnest belonged to several different organizations, the Huntington Beach Elks for 10 years, and the American Legion Post 555 in Midway City, and he was a good supporting member for 8 years. I will say this: Earnest

had a great sense of humor and loved to tell jokes.

Earnest will definitely be missed. He was loved by many of his family members and many, many friends.

God Bless you Earnest, my BUD.

God Bless America and the American Legion Family
(Of course our Great Troops)

For God and Country
Please be careful, alert and healthy.

Andy Timko
Post 555 Chaplain

Have a great New Year.



*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Earnest Wardlow

THE PURPLE HEART BEAT



Chapter 752, which meets at Post 555, participated in the annual Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade Saturday, the 12th of December. There were 99 entries with 14 Veterans groups represented with a ton of American Flags. The streets were lined with enthusiastic supporters, and there were 9 marching bands playing a lot of Military songs.

It is very good to know that our Service is greatly appreciated and that the younger kids are now being exposed to what Veterans have done and will continue to be doing in the future.

The more contact we have with the communities in any and all Veteran-

sponsored events the better our chances of fundraising and getting new members to join.

May God Bless you and yours and watch over all those in harm's way, Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Jim Pinnix, Adjutant
Purple Heart Chapter 752





Hello Everyone,

Another year has rolled around (way too soon) and a time to reflect on the past one and plan for resolutions and changes for the present. Let us all take this opportunity to see how we can participate in more of the Post activities, volunteer our special services, & lend a helping hand to items that might need some "TLC". Also, bringing in new members and new ideas will enable our Post to better serve our Veterans, Youth, & Community. Wishing You and Yours a Happy, Healthy, & Prosperous New Year.

The annual Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party for the Post 555 family members was a lot of fun for the kids and families that attended. Santa was a big hit with everyone and hopefully next year there will be a lot more kids who will come and enjoy all the activities and meet Santa.

TACO THURSDAYS from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. We will resume our weekly schedule beginning January 14, 2016.

AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS – January Audrey Briseno, Joan Evans, Mary Goldberg, Sue Nott, Sandy Sutton, Dorothy Wilder (Not listed? Please contact me so I may update our master list.)

I don't want to start the year out on a sad note, but want to extend our love & deepest sympathy to our 1st Vice President, Rita Smith, who lost her beloved partner Ernie of 17 years on December 4th. We will always remember Ernie for his great smile, kind soul, and all of his special jokes. He was a remarkable

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man and will be greatly missed. A memorial for Ernie will be announced and held later in the month at the Post.

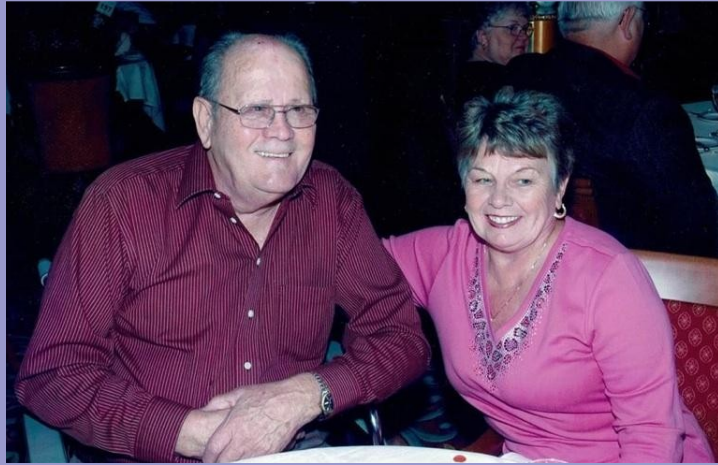
Also, please keep our Historian, Ana Eustace and her husband Mike in your prayers and thoughts as he suffered a stroke on December 6th and was transferred from the VA to Long Beach Memorial ICU. He underwent surgery on December 9th, and at some point will be transferred back to the VA for further rehabilitation. Mike is also an officer of our Son's Squadron. God's Blessings for a speedy recovery.

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Kay Hamby
President, Unit 555

The Children's Christmas Party was a lot of fun!





*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Earnest Wardlow

Those we love
don't go away,
they walk beside us
every day...
unseen, unheard,
but always near,
still loved,
still missed
and very dear.





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

This past year of 2015 was a challenging one for the American Legion Riders Department of California and all of the Chapters. There were many problems to deal with to keep the Department of California American Legion from having the ALRDOC Charter removed. There were changes with a new uniform manual that came from AL Resolution 15-004 on what can be worn on the vest or jacket with the ALR patch. There were many Resolutions brought forward at the ALRDOC Convention last April 2015. New Chapter By-Laws had to be written and turned in to the American Legion Riders Department of California Judge Advocate for approval, which were accepted. Our chapter has accepted these changes and has done a great job pulling together to keep our Charter.

This coming year will be a challenging one, and I know that Chapter 555 will have no problem meeting any challenges thrown its way with the continued sup-

port of Post 555. The ALRDOC 10th Annual Convention will be on April 22, 23 & 24, 2016, in San Luis Obispo, hosted by ALR Chapter 66.

On February 20, 2016, Chapter 149 Escondido, CA will be hosting the Area 5 Presidents meeting. At our meeting on February 27, 2016, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and hope to have a bigger turn-out than last year. Also, that same day we will be having first nominations for Chapter Officers.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Robert M. Trudeau
SGM, USA (Retired)
President, ALR Chapter 555



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016



ALR CHAPTER 555

**TIM & KOKOE
PRESENTS
DINNER & SUDS
EVERY FRIDAY**

**AT THE
TRIPLE NICKLE CLUBROOM
TIPS & DONATIONS WELCOME
CLUBHOUSE HOURS
2PM TO CLOSING**

DINNER TIME: WHEN IT GETS THERE





Photos courtesy of Kay Hamby, Oscar Perez, Jim Sewell, and Jeanna and Tony Weisman.

FIESTA

\$1



Taco Thursdays Resume

Jan. 14, 2016

\$1

5 - 7pm Yum!!

\$1



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EDITOR'S CORNER



Hi Everyone!

It seems as though 2015 did a fly-by at Mach speeds. Where did it go? All the more reason to make the most of every moment with our friends and family. Let's continue to make beautiful memories in the coming year.

It is with a heavy heart that I write about one of our member's passing. I've been at Post 555 about a year now, slowly getting to know all the great people here. Rita and Ernie were two of the brightest faces I'd see here, and I have to say that they've really touched my heart,

and Ernie knew how to make people laugh. I would love seeing them on Taco Thursdays, and I'd never fail to give Ernie his much-deserved hug. We love you, Ernie. You will be missed dearly.

Rita asked me to thank everyone for the love and support you've given during these challenging times. She truly appreciates everything you've done. Please keep her and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please be patient with the outdated status of the website. We are working hard to get it up-to-date ASAP.

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Safe 2016. Please be careful during the holidays. And remember to give your love and support to our fellow veterans and active-duty soldiers who cannot be home for the holidays.

Happy New Year!

Sandy Sutton
Editor



**Happy
New
Year!
2016**

Spaghetti Monday

IS BACK!!!



Now THAT'S
a Meatball!!
DELICIOSO!!

Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!



**SPAGHETTI WITH
MEAT SAUCE,
MEATBALLS &
GARLIC BREAD**

**Monday, Jan. 18
Service begins
at 5:30 p.m.**



**TRIPLE NICKLE
CLUB ROOM**

Come try
our new IPAs
on tap &
\$2 beer
specials!



WINE & SPIRITS

HOURS:

WEEKDAYS	2:00PM - 7:00PM*
SATURDAY	NOON - 6:00PM*
SUNDAY	CLOSED

All Bartenders at the Triple Nickle Clubroom are VOLUNTEERS, giving of their time to make sure you enjoy yours. Please keep this in mind and tip accordingly!

***Hours posted may be extended due to Legion Family needs. Come have a great time!**

**American Legion Riders Chapter 555
Presents
The 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off**



**Test your chili
against those who
think theirs
is better!**

**American Legion Albert E. Schwab
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14582 Beach Blvd.
Midway City, CA 92655
Between CA-22 and I-405**



Sat., Feb. 27, 2016

**Live Music, Dancing
Noon - 4pm**

**Open to the Public
All Chili Chefs Welcome to Compete**

FIRST PLACE - \$150

SECOND PLACE - \$75

THIRD PLACE - \$50

Registration/Setup: 9am

Cooking Begins: 10am

Tasting Starts: 12 Noon

Cook-off Entry: \$20

Tastes: \$1 per ticket

Proceeds Benefit:



**OUR HEROES'
DREAMS**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jose Amezcua
Audrey Briseno
Robert Cleaveland
Terrence Doyle
Joan Evans

Mary Goldberg
John Hanley
Jenny Hayden
Sue Nott
Clark Johnson

Matthew Keefe
Austin Olivieri
Dennis Rude
William Saia Sr.
Walter Stephenson

Sandy Sutton
Thomas Tregeagle
Terry Van Akin
Frances Verstynen
Tony Weisman

Douglas White
Dorothy Wilder
Theodore Zanias



Come on in to the Triple Nickle for a free Birthday Beverage of your choice.
(Not listed? Contact the Editor and give her your birth date!)

JANUARY 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Post Dark	2 555 Clubroom Opens at Noon Every Sat.
3	4*	5 7pm Auxiliary Unit Mtg	6 40/8 - 7pm	7 NO TACOS	8 ALR Dinner & Suds Clubroom Opens at 2PM	9 555 Clubroom Opens at Noon Every Sat.
10 Pinochle 1PM	11* Post E-Board 5pm Post 555 Mtg 7pm	12	13 Marine Corps League 7pm	14 Auxiliary Taco Night Resumes 5 to 7pm	15 ALR Dinner & Suds Clubroom Opens	16 555 Clubroom Opens at Noon Every Sat.
17 Pinochle 1PM	18** Post Dinner 5:30PM Squad. 555 E-Board 6:30pm Mtg 7pm	19	20	21 Auxiliary Taco Night 5 to 7pm	22 ALR Dinner & Suds Clubroom Opens	23 555 Clubroom Opens at Noon Every Sat. ALR Mtg 8:30am MOPH 11am
24	25 Big Band Music & Dancing 7:30-9:30pm	26	27	28 Taco Night 5 to 7pm Corvette Club	29	30 555 Clubroom Opens at Noon Every Sat.
31	CALENDAR NOTES: *Post meeting and E-Board moved to Jan. 11. **January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Post Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30pm					

Upcoming Events:

Spaghetti Dinner Every 3rd Monday

American Legion Riders 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off: Sat., Feb. 27, 2016

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS

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 Second Vice: Linda Earnest
 Treasurer: Kokoe Estrada
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 Chaplain: Eveline Sifuentes

Sergeant at Arms: Bonnie Seibert
 Historian: Ana Eustace



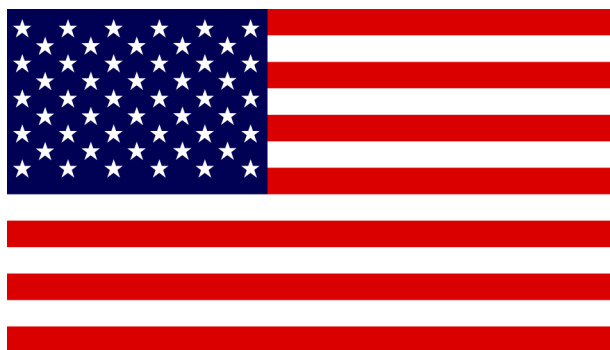
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 Secretary: Charles Bates
 Treasurer: Rick Stratton
 Sergeant at Arms: Gary Logan
 Road Captain: Joe Vera
 Chaplain: Jeff Gallagher



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander & Acting Treasurer: James Eubanks
 First Vice & Acting Adjutant: George Willis
 Second Vice: Nick Eustace
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 Chaplain: Francisco Paras, Jr.



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