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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TO-GETHER

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 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 comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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FEBRUARY 2016

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

This is the month to buy cards, candy, flowers or just call someone special in your life to let them know that you were thinking of them. The red heart on a card also reminds us to keep our hearts healthy.

This month we are having a Super Bowl celebration at the post. We will set up a big screen TV in the main room so you can have comfort and more room. There will be a \$5.00 fee for finger food. The game will be starting later in the afternoon, so we will set up for 3:00 p.m. There will be chips, peanuts, pretzels, and popcorn. At halftime, pizza, chicken wings, pigs in a blanket, etc.

January was a slow-moving month as we all were recovering from the holidays. We

served our spaghetti dinner again on the 18th of January. We sold 60 dinners and had little leftovers. Thank you for coming in and participating in our events.

I would like to remind you to renew your dues for 2016.
Come by the post Tuesday afternoons after 2:00 p.m. with your dues, and Andy will give you your 2016 card. Renewal on the website is taking up to several weeks for your card to be delivered to you.

The big Chili Cook Off is scheduled for February 27, 2016, at the post. You need to bring everything with you including all cooking equipment to compete. There is an entry fee.

Last year they had several people that made their entry, and, of course, there was a winner. It is a fun day with a band, drink specials, lots of people and fun.

Don't forget Thursday night is



Taco Night. The team works really hard to make sure tacos are prepared to your liking and taste really great, too. Everything is a \$1.00, including desserts.

Yours in Loyalty and Respect, Jenny Hayden, Commander American Legion Post 555

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Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb. 7th (See Flyer Insert)





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THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Where did January go? I can't believe how fast time goes, but I have some good news as of this report. We (God Bless) haven't had any Legion Member pass on to the Post Everlasting. But as I always inform you, please let me soon as possible if you have a loved one that passes on so we can definitely honor that special person.

special person.
God Bless all the veterans of all Foreign Wars and even now protecting us from any dangers that exist. All those who even now guard the Portals of Freedom, all Auxiliary units and all Families of each every one of them.

Just remember, no group of American fighting men was ever called on to demonstrate their Bravery, their Endurance, or their Love of our Country under

more trying circumstances than those Gallant Americans, and I was one of them who served in Vietnam. So as long as our Nation produces men of Great Character, it can truly be said, GOD BLESS AMERICA! AMEN!

God Bless the American Legion Family (Definitely our Great Troops)

For God and Country.

Please be careful, stay Healthy and alert. AMEN!

Andy Timko Post 555 Chaplain







MESSAGE FROM E-BOARD MEMBER ED SEDLAK

First thing, I would like to wish you all a Healthy, Prosperous, Safe and Happy New Year.

Just want to ask for your help with our post. We would like you to look and see if you have any of Post 555 bar drink chips. Can you all please take a look in your car's glove compartment and console, your motorcycle's trunk and your drawers at home — wait a minute. Did I just say "drawers"? WHAT?

What I mean is your dresser drawers. Look for them and bring them in to the Post and buy drinks with them. This will help us here at the Post in the way that we will not have to spend

money on ordering new bar drink chips.

Thanking you in advance,

Your Favorite Thursday Night Bartender Ed Sedlak AKA "SPICY"





AUXILIARY UNIT 555

years. This costs \$400.00 per delegate to attend this week-long session.

TACO THURSDAYS from 5:00 - 7:00

p.m. Tacos are back every week. Bring your relatives and friends and come in some Thursday to enjoy our Tacos, Nachos, and a slice of yummy pie. It's a great value for only \$1.00 each. There are also "specials" in the bar for your pleasure. Best of all you'll get to meet some great new people who have joined our Post and Auxiliary and listen to music as well! Fun time for everyone! Hope to see you soon.

PULL TABS Please remember to pull your aluminum tabs from your soda/beer cans before you put them in the recycling bin at the Post. They can be left in the container on the tables by the recycling bins. This is a simple little thing everyone can do to help the Auxiliary collect these for the Ronald McDonald House located in Orange, CA. The money they collect from them goes towards family members being able to stay at the house while their sick child is being treated at CHOC's Hospital. This will be an ongoing project. Thank you





Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank all of you who graciously supported our recent fundraiser by purchasing the Carl's Jr./Green Burrito books before the holidays. This will enable us to donate \$450 to the P.I.E.R. Center at the VA for homeless women veterans. They plan to buy gift cards to Target and take the women there to purchase new undergarments.

Along with that The American Heritage Girls, who helped decorate the Post at Christmas, collected 55 pairs of socks, and the Boys group collected toiletries and canned goods. This is a definite plus for our homeless women veterans.

GIRLS STATE California Girls State is a leadership program of the American Legion Auxiliary designed to increase awareness and knowledge of governmental processes while learning about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Delegates come away with a greater appreciation of the American Flag and of the sacrifices made by our veterans. While at Girls State, they make friends with outstanding girls from around the state and have a fun week they'll remember for the rest of their lives.

Nearly 300 California Units work all year to raise money in order to provide scholarships to students to attend Girls State. Local Units recruit from area high schools and select young women who are just completing their Junior year to attend the summer session. This year our Auxiliary Unit has decided to do more fundraising to include two new schools to this fabulous program. They are Bolsa Grande High School and Santiago High School, in addition to Garden Grove High School and Westminster High School from previous

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY Kay Hamby President, Unit 555

all for your support!



Many Hearts. One Home.

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Sons of The American Legion Squadron 555



Happy New Year to all of you.

So the holidays are behind us, and I find it somewhat bittersweet. I enjoy visiting with family and friends, and there is always plenty of great food — too much judging by my waist size.

This holiday season was by far the saddest with the loss of my Aunt Patty on Thanksgiving Day, but as always Post 555 was there for me and my family. We held the Celebration of Life here at the Post and with the help of members such as Kay and Lalo who gave up their entire day to assure we had no problems. The Post opened the bar for the day and, knowing my family as I do, some of you may not have had anything to drink the next day.

From the bottom of my heart, Thank You, Post 555 Legion Family, for your generosity.

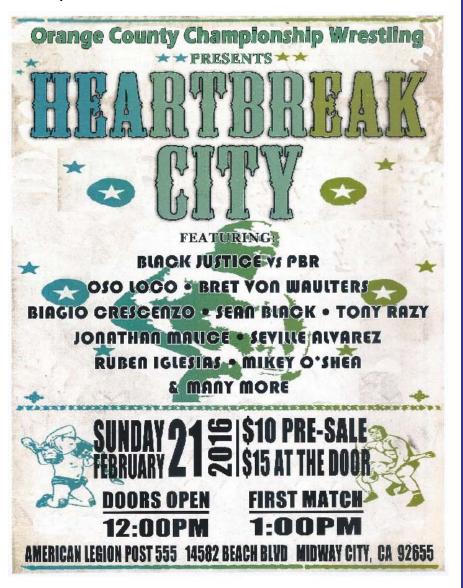
This year promises to be a good year, and I look forward to spending some of it with my friends at the Post. The month of February brings some good entertainment, and that starts for the Sons on February the 21st with our first O.C.C.W. Championship Wrestling. The Sons Squadron in conjunction with John Del A O proudly present HEART-BREAK CITY.

The doors open at 12:00 noon, and the matches start at 1:00. There will be tickets for sale for \$10.00 at the bar and \$15.00 at the door. Come and join us for all the fun. Bring the kids. They will love it. Please come out and Support the Sons, we need better turn outs or we could lose the event all together.

Thank all of you for supporting the Sons. We couldn't do this without you.

James A Eubanks Commander S.A.L. Squadron 555





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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

Remember, every Friday night is Rider Night at Post 555. Please come and support our charity, Our Heroes' Dreams. You just might be helping to save a Veteran's life.

I want to thank Post 555 for all their cooperation and help with all the events that we put together each year as a Chapter.

ing someone. We also, that same day, have our Chapter Chili Cook Off starting at 10:00am. Flyers have been circulating and posted. If you need more information, please contact Jim Sewell or one of the committee members. It should be even bigger than last year, so come and

This month we start the first nomina-

tions for our Chapter Officers on Febru-

ary 27th, so think about maybe running

for an officer position or even nominat-

join in on the fun and some great chili. February 20th, Chapter 149 will be hosting the ALR Area 5 Presidents meeting start at 10:00am. Chapter 149 is located in Escondido, CA. They hosted the ALRDOC Convention two years ago, and if you haven't visited that post,

you should. It is really nice. I want to remind all ALR Chapter 555

members that if your 2016 membership dues are not paid up by February 1st, they are overdue. Please contact myself, Charlie Bates or Rick Stratton. I understand many of the American Legion posts have not distributed their new 2016 Membership Cards. Just show proof that you paid with a check stub or receipt. That shows us that you are still in good standing with the American Legion.













ALR CHAPTER 555 TIM & KOKOE **PRESENT DINNER & SUDS EVERY FRIDAY** AT THE



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

DINNER TIME: WHEN IT GETS THERE



Southeast County Young Marines will be hosting:

Flag Folding, Disposal Ceremony & Drill Rifle Demonstration

to thank the American Legion for their continued support of the Young Marines.



PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2016 11AM—14:30 (2:30PM)

LOCATION

American Legion Post 555 The Triple Nickle 14582 Beach Blvd. Midway City, CA 92655

Southeast County Young Marines 12291 Vera Circle Garden Grove, CA 92845 www.secym.org

LUNCHEON

VETERANS EAT FREE - CIVILIANS \$5 PER PERSON

RSVP for luncheon with name, guest's name, indicate veteran/civilian

Noreen Mantle 714.420.7792 cell

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CHILI COOK OFF

Do you have that family favorite chili recipe? Show off your culinary skills and bring a crock pot full of family goodness.

Ist place winner to be recognized.



BIG BAND

Free Admission Open to the Public

Come enjoy a night of dancing and big band music & bring a friend!

Bar will be OPEN!

7:30-9:30pm

Every 4th Monday

Upcoming Dates:

February 22 March 28 April 25 May 23

LOCATION:

American Legion Post 555 14582 Beach Blvd. Midway City, CA



EDITOR'S CORNER



Hi Everyone!

February? Really? Wow.

One month into the new year, this month we celebrate the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve's 75th Birthday, Presidents Day, Four Chaplains Day, and of course Valentine's Day.

After the holiday season, when we think about the next actionable holiday, sometimes the realization of Feb. 14th being the next big one brings butterflies of anticipation, and to some it brings woes and stress of "What do I get her/

him?" Usually "he's" the one stressing out. Poor guys. Well, I'm sorry that I can't help you there, but what I'd like to say is that Valentine's Day, for me, is a time to focus on and be thankful for my son, my dear friends and my family.

Valentine's Day is a symbolic day of romance, but also Love in its purest form. Remember those friends who are a part of your life and who mean so much to you, and reach out to them this Valentine's Day.

Remember our soldiers whose loved ones are thousands of miles away, and especially remember and reach out to those whose loved ones have passed.

Thank you to all of you at Post 555 who bring joy to my life!

Wishing everyone lots of friendship, love, giggles & warm fuzzies.

Sandy Sutton Editor

Four Chaplains Day: February 3rd

A day set aside to honor the four U.S. Army chaplains who gave up their life jackets and their lives to save others when the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank during World War II. Please read more about these four amazing men.

Visit www.fourchaplains.org





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Spaghetti Monday IS BACK!!!



Monday, Feb. 15 Service begins at 5:30 p.m. Only\$5

Proceeds benefit Post 555



Dinner prepared & donated by:

> BEACH ST. BAGEL

> > DELI & SANDWICHES

12505 Beach Blvd., A-3 Stanton, CA 90680

Spaghetti with meat sauce, Meatballs & gar lic bread

LOCATION:

American Legion Post 555 14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA



TRIPLE NICKLE **CLUB ROOM**

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

Hours:

2:00PM - 7:00PM* WEEKDAYS

Noon - 6:00pm* SATURDAY

SUNDAY CLOSED



WINE & SPIRITS

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!

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:

American Legion Albert E. Schwab Post 555 14582 Beach Blvd. Midway City, CA 92655 Between CA-22 and I-405



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dana Ahl Charles Bavin Samuel Brandes Brandon Chapman Jack Copeland

Marty Enox Carl Gressman David Gutierez O. Winnie Hamerlinck Vern Hart

Lewis Holman Lee Mastro Leroy Reed AnnMarie White Donald Wood

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!)

FEBRUARY 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
*Feb. 15th Presidents Day	1	2 7pm Auxiliary Unit Mtg	3 Four Chaplains Day 40/8 - 7pm	4 Taco Night 5 to 7pm	5	6 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.	
7 SUPERBOWL PARTY 3PM	8 Post E-Board 5pm Post 555 Mtg 7pm	9	10	Taco Night 5 to 7pm	12 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	13 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.	
14 Pinochle 1PM Valentine's Day	Spaghetti Dinner 5:30PM Sons (SAL) E-Board 6:30pm Mtg 7pm	16	17 Marine Corps League 7:30pm	Taco Night 5 to 7pm Hunters Gun Club 5pm	19 Coast Guard Reserve BDay ALR Dinner & Suds Opens 2PM	20 Bar Opens at Noon Sat.	
21 Pinochle 1PM	22 Big Band Music & Dancing 7:30-9:30pm	23	24	Z5 Taco Night 5 to 7pm Corvette Club 7:30pm	26 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM	27 ALR Mtg 8am MOPH 11am ALR Chili Cookoff	
28	29	EVENTS IN FEBRUARY: Feb. 7 - SUPERBOWL PARTY 3PM Feb. 15 - Spaghetti Dinner 5:30pm Feb. 22 - Big Band Music & Dancing Feb. 27 - ALR Chili Cook-off					
Upcoming Events: Taco Thursdays 5-7pm							

Mar. 19 - YOUNG MARINES Flag Folding, Disposal Ceremony, Luncheon, Chili Cook-off (11am-2:30pm)

Mar. 28 - Big Band Music & Dancing

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Super Bowl Party

Super Bowl on Large Screen TV in Main Hall

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 3:00 p.m.

Halftime Grub
Plate of Finger Food \$5

Pizza, Chicken Wings, Pigs in a Blanket, etc.

Pitcher of Bud Light \$6
Well Tequila \$1 shots
(limit 3 shots/person)

Snacks Available During Game
Popcorn, peanuts,
pretzels, chips

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