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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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MARCH 2016

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 13, 2016. It will be nice to have it lighter in the evenings. With it being dark so early, it makes it hard for some to drive at night. It is a joy to have extra time to get things done in the evenings.

Thursday the 17th of March is St. Patrick's Day. Stop by, have a cold drink, a few tacos and a piece of pie. Our tacos are still \$1. Ask about drink specials.

We will be serving our \$5 Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, the 21st of March at 5:00 pm. Tony (the Bagel Guy) makes everything from scratch. The meat sauce is good, and the meat balls are even better.

Thanks, Tony, for taking care of the Veterans.

I wanted to share the following information regarding Senate Bill 685. This authorizes licensed Veterans clubs to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to members of other Veterans' organizations, active duty or reserve service members, or Veterans, and to members of their own organization and their guests. The interpretation of this bill is on our bulletin board in the bar.

Also Assembly Bill 778, Allows Veterans to request military documents from the county recorder's office with a digital request to promote easier access to Veteran's services.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated in the Chili Cook-off February 27th at the American Legion Post 555. It was a large success. We are looking forward to next year's cook-off. A big thanks to all the volunteers. The American Legion Riders have been very successful in raising funds for their favorite charity. It took a lot of work to put on this event.

It is time for you to be thinking about election of new officers. Next month will be the start of



nominations. Your new officers will be sworn in during our June meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. See you there!

I also want to share the Veterans Crisis Line, I-800-273-8255 PRESS I, and to find your Local COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER, CVSO, (844) SERV-VET.

In Loyalty and Respect Jenny Hayden, Commander



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THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Well, as of this report for March, good news again, I haven't got any bad news about any Members passing on to the Post Everlasting. I know I always mention that. Please let me know if you know of anyone that has a Loved one that has passed on to the Post Everlasting. Let me know so we can Honor that Special Member.

IMPORTANT INFO!

This is a critical year for our Country, therefore being extremely important that the Officers and Members of our Post 555 ascertain the knowledge to further the principals of God, Family, Country and Veterans of our many Services. Thereby perpetuating the final words, very strong words in the Declaration of Independence.

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance of the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Many Americans who feel in their Hearts the existence of GOD yet still neglect public worship of GOD do not realize that. God Bless America and the Legion Family (of course our Great troops).

Please be healthy, careful and alert.

For God and Country,

Andy Timko Post 555 Chaplain & Adjutant

(<u>Side Note:</u> Please take care of your 2016 Membership Dues)



THE PURPLE HEART BEAT



Our Purple Heart State Convention will be held in Clovis, California, this year in May. We have 23 active chapters with 3500 members in California.

Because we are spread out all over the State, we have our annual meeting one year in the North, the next year in the South, and finally in the middle of the State as it is this year.

Clovis has an excellent Veterans Center with an auditorium, full kitchen with a dining hall, large and small meeting rooms and is free for Veterans groups to use. There are six large hotels on the main street, so it is an excellent place to hold a convention, and there are two Indian Casinos in the area.

Jim Pinnix, Adjutant Purple Heart Chapter 752





Hello Everyone,

The Auxiliary has been busy interviewing candidates for Girls State. We are sponsoring four schools this year and have talked with some really talented and amazing young ladies. It is really difficult to select just one girl from each school to represent our Auxiliary. I am working on possibly getting a public official to come to the Post and have a picture taken with the candidates once selected and an article written about Girls State in the newspaper. This would be a great "boost" for the program and our Post!

Next month on Saturday, April 16, we will be having a Spring Tea for Ladies and Gentlemen, and some of the proceeds from this event will help us defray the cost of sending our candidates to Girls State. It costs \$400.00 for each girl to attend the week long session, a \$75.00 application fee, and additional money for us to provide a luncheon for all the girls representing the District before they go to Girls State.

More information on times, etc., on the Tea will be forthcoming shortly, so please mark your calendars now. Those of you that attended our tea last year told us how great it was, and we hope to duplicate it and then some this time.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER: Since St. Patrick's Day this year falls on a Thursday, March 17, we have decided to celebrate and serve a traditional Irish dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, & carrots, along with dessert and coffee for \$8.00 instead of the usual Taco Thursday dinner. So wear your green and come celebrate with us. Who knows, someone might even being doing an Irish jig!!

TACO THURSDAYS from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. EXCEPT FOR THURS-DAY MARCH 17. Bring your relatives

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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, California. 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 Hospital. This will be an ongoing project. Thank you all for your support!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY Kay Hamby











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Sons of The American Legion Squadron 555

Greeting,

Last month went by really quick, or at least it felt like it. Our wrestling event went really well. It was our best turn-out yet, and everyone seemed to have a good time. We had a lot more Legion participation this time, including Posts 277, 72 and 716, and I would like to thank all of you for that.

Our membership has grown to 66 members now, and we are at 116%. Man, that is awesome. With the Squadron growing, we need to start getting more Sons involvement at the meetings and around the Post. Our Squadron meetings are the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm, so set some time



aside, and come to one of the meetings. In fact, come early and have dinner at the Post!!!

This month is an active month for the Legion Americanism with the candidates for Boys State being interviewed. During our wresting, I am always giving questions to the kids about flag history for prizes. I must say that when we started over a year ago I couldn't get a correct answer about the flag at all. Now I am having to work hard to stump these kids. I had to resort to asking them what was "Half Staff" and why was it done. I don't think most of the

parents knew the answer, but I bet they know it next time.

Until next time, keep our flag flying high and flying correctly. Flag history and etiquette are more important than you think!!!

For God and Country James A Eubanks S.A.L. District 29 Commander, 2015-16 Squadron 555 Commander, 2015-16

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American Legion Riders CHAPTER 555



On March 26th, 2016, is the ALR Chapter 555 meeting, and on that day we will be electing new officers. Hopefully we will have a good turn-out of members to vote for those that were nominated to represent our Chapter.

A good turn-out and always a lot of fun was had at The 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off on February 27th. As always, a big thanks to all of those who helped out and made it a very successful event. Also I want to thank Post 555 for all of their help.

On April 22-24, 2016, is the Department of California American Legion Riders Convention at ALR Chapter 66 in San Luis Obispo, California. For those who would like to go and have not volunteered to be a Delegate or Alternate, come along. It will be a great ride and fun to be had. Now is the time to make reservations as the hotels will fill up fast.

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













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 NRMantle@aol.com

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 Fun Night of Dancing, Big Band Music & Pizza! Bring a friend!

Bar will be open! Drink Specials & ~ Pizza \$1.50 / slice ~

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

Every 4th Monday 7:30-9:30pm

Upcoming Dates:

March 28 April 25 May 23 June 27

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TACO THURSDAYS



\$1



Beef, Chicken, Veggie Tacos Nachos, Salad Slice of Pie Only \$1 each

EDITOR'S CORNER

Hi Everyone!

Every third Monday we have been able to offer a delicious \$5 Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by our member Tony Rizzolo of Beach St. Bagels in Stanton (SW corner of Beach & Lampson).

Thank you so much, Tony, for the continued gift of your time and food!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Marlene Flores for her time and chef skills for putting on a couple of Bar Brunches, and also Kokoe and Tim for



bartending during the brunches. I hope we can have another one soon!

We are certainly blessed to have such giving members, and it's a real bonus when they are amazing cooks!

MY BUTT

HURTS!

Please come visit me in the Triple Nickle Clubroom on Wednesdays and Saturdays! Posted hours are extended on

Wednesdays and Saturdays till at least 9:30pm when I bartend!

During our Big Band night on Monday, March 28 from 7:30 to 9:30pm, I'll have pizza available for purchase by the slice. We also have drink specials in the bar!

Happy Easter, Everyone!

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bartending during the And Happy St. Patrick's Day as well!

THANK YOU to our Vets, Reserves and active-duty soldiers for your service and sacrifice. Please stay safe!

Sandy Sutton Editor Volunteer Bartender

P.S. Please only give chocolate bunnies for Easter, not live ones. They are a 9to 12-year commitment. MOST are abandoned after Easter or malnourished and forgotten. SO SAD!





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St. Patrick's Day Special Dinner



Thurs., Mar. 17, 2016 NO TACOS Tacos will resume Mar. 24

St. Patrick's Day Menu:

Corned Beef Cabbage Potatoes Carrots Bread Dessert & Coffee Only \$8



Come join us for a Traditional St. Patrick's Day feast!

Brought to you by Post 555 Auxiliary

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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MARCH 2016



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Marine Corps League 7:30pm | 10 Fraco Night 5 to 7pm | 11 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM | 12 Bar Opens at Noon Sat. |
| 13 Pinochle 1PM Daylight Savings Time Begins | 14 Post E-Board 5pm Post 555 Mtg 7pm | 15 | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage 5 - 7pm Hunters Gun Club 5pm | 18 ALR Dinner & Suds Opens 2PM | 19 Young Marines Event * 11am-2:30pm Bar Opens at Noon Sat. |
| 20 Pinochle 1PM | 21 Spaghetti Dinner 5:30PM Sons (SAL) E-Board 6:30pm | 22 | 23 | 24 Taco Night 5 to 7pm Corvette Club 7:30pm | 25 Good Friday ALR Dinner & Suds Opens at 2PM | 26 Bar Opens at Noon Sat. ALR 8:30am MOPH 11am |
| 27 Easter | 28 Big Band Music, Dancing & Pizza 7:30-9:30pm | 29 | 30 | 31 Taco Night 5 to 7pm | | |
| Uncoming Events: *Mar. 19 - YOUNG MARINES Eng Folding Disposal Corrections | | | | | | |

Upcoming Events:

April 16 - Spring Tea for Ladies & Gentlemen April 18 - Spaghetti Dinner April 25 - Big Band Music & Dancing *Mar. 17 - Corned Beel & Cabbage (No Tacos Mar. 17)
*Mar. 19 - YOUNG MARINES Flag Folding, Disposal Ceremony, Luncheon, Chili Cook-off (11am-2:30pm)
Mar. 21 - Spaghetti Dinner 5:30pm
Mar. 28 - Big Band Music, Dancing & Pizza
Taco Thursdays 5-7pm (Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31)

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