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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TO-**GETHER FOR THE FOLLOW-ING PURPOSES:**

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of

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

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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November 2016

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

October came and went in a flash! We had our Early Bird Dinner and Spaghetti & Meatballs Events, and we earned approximately \$400 towards the post Improvement Fund. Thank you to all for your support!

Just a reminder that we are still processing renewals, don't forget to send in or drop off your membership fees to the Post.

Post Improvement Update: The main building is scheduled for tenting on Nov. I thru Nov. 3. During this time, the main building will be closed for business. The bar in the Annex however, will be open for happy hour at the usual bar business hours. The age while you are in. Thanksmuch awaited Main building Ceiling Replacement Project will begin in December, completing in January. During this time, the Post 555 Bar will be open.

The Post Improvement Fund is up to just over \$5500! Street Bagels yet, stop in for a Our GoFundMe website (https://www.gofundme.com/ post555) is always online if you want to make a donation or tell a friend!

News: The Marine Corps celebrates its 241st birthday on Nov. 10th. All Marines get and on the a free beer on the 10th - stop in for a cold one & celebrate

with us. We will be having an All Post Family Veterans Day Potluck on Friday Nov. 11th. Come on down and celebrate with us! Bring your favorite dish and share dinner and a drink with your fellow Veterans.

I am very excited to announce our first ever Prime Rib Dinner Night on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at 5:00 PM. Tickets go on sale for \$15 on the Ist and are available at the bar. Save this date on your calendars & see you there!

The holidays are approaching and we have a few activities in the works. We have a Toys for Tots collection box set up in the Post 555 Bar bring a toy and enjoy a bevergiving Dinner is planned for Nov. 24th sponsored by George & Maureen, Tony from Beach Street Bagels, a local business, and other Post & Auxiliary members. If you haven't been by the Beach tasty breakfast and coffee before you start your day.

We are in the process of setting up an Adopt-A-Family Program.

Please check in at the post website for updates as



this develops. This is a program where we will be collecting items for the families in need during the holidays. Santa is scheduled to make an appearance on Dec. 10th at The Post Family Christmas Party – don't miss out on a fantastic photo opportunity with Jolly Ol' St. Nick!

Tim Dusina **Post Commander** For God and Country





Special Dates Observed in November:

Nov. 10 - Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. II - Veterans Day

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving

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THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

November's here and I have to say sorry for not having a report in October, but as you can guess I had a lot of items going on. We are blessed again with not having any member passing on to the Post Everlasting. (God Bess) I myself am on a well deserved vacation that I needed very badly.

I hope everyone had a great time at the Early Bird Dinner. I heard the food was delicious and everybody had a very good time. Remember November I Ith is one of our very important days, and I know all of the members of the American Legion feel the same way to honor that important day.

When I get back I will continue to catch up on the membership so, please, if you haven't renewed your 2017 membership, try to do so. If you didn't know, I'm in a small farm

town in Colorado called Sterling only 1,200 miles away, and you may think I'm crazy that I drove all the way. The people here are very friendly and very helpful when you need directions and info and also very patriotic.

God Bless the American Legion Family and of course our great Troops.

For God and Country. Stay healthy and alert.

Andy Timko
Post 555
Chaplain & Adjutant







THE PURPLE HEART BEAT



There is a project now underway to help with Homeless Veterans. It is called Potters Lane, and it is located right here in Midway City at 15171 Jackson Street, two blocks south of Bolsa. The innovative Potters Lane housing development will transform cargo shipping containers into steel-frame, private living quarters for homeless Veterans. Once completed, with a hoped for date of February 2017, Potters Lane can serve as a model for the



country and is sponsored and funded by American Family Housing, the nonprofit developing Potters Lane in a lot next to the building where it serves hundreds of homeless and needy people everyday.

Each unit at Potters Lane will be built using three 8-by-20 foot containers, with several sides removed for interior space to accommodate a bedroom/dining area, kitchen and bathroom. Floor to ceiling windows on two walls will let in plenty of light.

AFH has always assisted Veterans, setting aside 16 units of 480 sq. feet with 15 for homeless vets and one for an onsite manager and services such as individual counseling, medical care, veterans liaisons and employment programs.

Jim Pinnix, Adjutant Purple Heart Chapter 752



AUXILIARY UNIT 555

Hello and Greetings to All,

The holidays are right around the corner – where did the time go? I'd like to start off by giving a big Thank You to all of those that made the time to participate in the October Post Family Events and help make them a success!

There are several events happening this month: Veterans Day, Prime Rib Night, and Thanksgiving, just to name a few. We can show our support to the Unit, the Post, and our Veterans by lending a hand, bringing a dish or a dessert, or even just being there to eniov the festivities. The first of many Toys for Tots toy donation boxes is set up in the bar. I would like to challenge the Auxiliary to fill up one box this season and make a child's holiday all the better! We will decorate the Post for Christmas on November 26th, in time for the Christmas Party on Dec. 10th.

The Americanism Essay Contest is coming up. This year there are 5 categories broken down by age group, with five different topics. Winners will receive a cash or gift card prize. If you have a family member that would be interested in participating, check out the Post 555 website Auxiliary page for more details.

Our Unit has open Committee Chair positions! If you are interested in any of these positions, please let us know. Details about each Committee will be available on the Auxiliary page of the post website.

Remember, your participation is what makes our unit effective and successful!

Reminder: Membership renewals are due - let's get our renewals in on time so we can meet our 2017 membership goals! If you have any questions, please contact any officer or



send us an email at unit555ALA@gmail.com.

See you all in the Annex for our next monthly Unit meeting on Tuesday, Nov. I!

For God and Country

Kokoe Estrada President Unit 555





Bring your unwrapped toys to our COLLECTION BOX located in the Post 555 bar







AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555



What a fantastic couple of months! As reported already, Chapter 555 had our annual Poker Run on September 24. We did very well, despite the lack of support from our fellow Chapters. I did not report the amount made, as I wanted to keep it quiet until I was able to present our check to Justin Bond of Our Heroes' Dreams at our 10th Anniversary Oktoberfest celebration.

The Oktoberfest was on October 15th. I have to admit, I was very disappointed in the turnout of our members. I was very impressed and grateful for the support given by our Post, Auxiliary and Sons. Despite my disappointment in our Chapter presence, I, and I think everyone in attendance had a great time. Kokoe did a fantastic job In planning the event, and we did make a few bucks to put in the bank. I'd like to see the Oktoberfest become an annual event and see it grow.

The highlight of the day was when Justin Bond and his

team from Operation Battlefield arrived. They took a day off from their 2200 mile journey to join us and relax a bit. Justin gave the crowd a bit of background information on Our Heroes' Dreams and their current mission with Operation Battlefield. After his talk I was pleased to be able to present a check in the amount of \$3,600 to him for use in support of Our Heroes' Dreams. TJ Conway did so much to make the Poker Run a success, so I could not present the check without her up with me and our Treasurer Kokoe. After the check was presented, Post member George Benedict and Chapter member Marlene Flores threw out a challenge to the crowd. I passed the hat and an additional \$570 was raised and presented to Justin. Post Commander Tim Dusina won the 50/50 and donated his winnings also.

I am so proud of our Chapter. They have done so much good work. I am proud to be one of them!



For God and Country Jim Sewell President, ALR Chapter 555



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Location: Albert E. Schwab Post 555 14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA

Friday, Nov. I I 4:30 pm















SAVE THE DATE





Saturday, February 25, 2017

Live Music & Dancing
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Chili
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
All Chili Chefs Welcome!



Previous months' Blasts from the Past:

September: Gene Lucier October: Charlie Bates

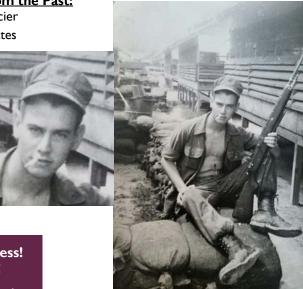
...from the Past!!!



He is one of our Veteran members.



Featured member & family are not eligible for the free drink. :)



INTRODUCING:

KARAOKE

NIGHT

FEATURING SOKOOL ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAYS AT THE 555

7:00 PM

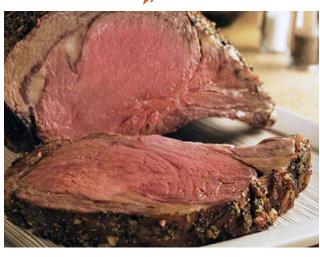


Post 555 Prime Rib Dinner Saturday, Nov. 19

New Time 5:00 PM

\$15

Tickets available for purchase in bar starting Nov. 1st



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Bring Friends & Family

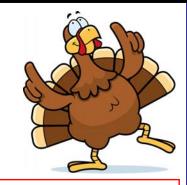
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POST 555THANKSGIVING DAY

Dinner

Thurs., Nov. 24,

Dinner will be served 3-3:30pm



Please RSVP so we have an estimate 714.829.6913

Turkeys will be provided by George & Maureen Sign-up sheet in bar for other dishes

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WINE & SPIRITS

POST 555 BARTENDERS ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS, GIVING OF THEIR TIME.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION.

HOURS POSTED WILL BE EXTENDED DUE TO LEGION FAMILY NEEDS.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

John Alfirvic David Brisbine Martin Coulter William De La Garza Scott Fawcett Sidney Hallburn Dan Huish Joseoh Ingram Willard Jordan Nick Kobosa Billy Massey Earnest Snyder James Stratton Edward Van Nunes



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

NOVEMBER 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tenting Main Bldg Annex Bar Open Auxiliary 7pm in Annex		3 Tenting Main Bldg Annex Bar Open	4 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	5 Bar Opens at Noon
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends BAR IS OPEN Pinochle @ 12	7	8 BAR IS CLOSED for Voting Day	9 Marine Corps League 7:30pm	10 Marine Corps 241st Birthday	11 Veterans Day Potluck 4:30pm ALR Night, etc.	12 Bar Opens at Noon
13 BAR IS OPEN Pinochle @ 12	14	15	Corvette Club 7:30pm	17 Hunters Gun Club 5pm	18 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	19 Bar: Noon Prime Rib Dinner New time 5pm
20 BAR IS OPEN Pinochle @ 12	21 No 3rd Mon. dinner Sons (SAL) E-Board 6:30pm	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Dinner Service starts 3-3:30pm	25 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	26 Bar Opens at Noon ALR 8:30am MOPH 11am
27 BAR IS OPEN Pinochle @ 12	28	29	30			

UPCOMING EVENTS - Mark your calendar:

December 19 - 3rd Monday Dinner LASAGNA February 25, 2017 - Chili Cook-off



THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL EVENTS:

Nov. II - Veterans Day Potluck

Nov. 19 - Prime Rib Dinner

Nov. 21 - No 3rd Monday Dinner this month

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Dinner

NEW!! Karaoke Fridays & Line Dancing!!

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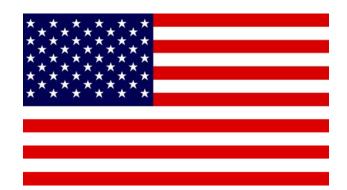
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