



# THE MARAUDER

DECEMBER 2016

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

These are very exciting times for the Post. We reached our first milestone at the beginning of November when we successfully tented the Main building. What a huge task, and Eboard Member Len Guillen made it look easy along with the help of our Post Family! Now we are ready to start the next phase of our Post Improvement — The Ceiling Project. We are scheduled to begin in December and complete the ceiling in January.

I would like to thank the Marine League for donating \$100 towards the Post Improvement Fund.

**News:** We had a great turnout on Prime Rib Night - HUGE thanks to Lakewood Post 496's Jim and Steve for putting that together. Although we only had 20 pre-sale tickets sold the day of the event, we SOLD OUT in just 7 minutes!

We recently held a Thanksgiving for Veterans Fundraiser, where the Post 555 Family worked in conjunction with the VA Long Beach Transition Program. Our goal was to raise funds to provide grocery store gift cards to a veteran returning from deployment

and their families (up to a family of four). In the two short weeks that Post 555 held this fundraiser, I am very proud to say that our Post family was able to present 23 gift cards worth \$75 each to the VA. Thank you to all that were able to contribute: George Benedict, Maureen, Kat, Marlene, Kokoe, Gene, Jim, all the Post Family, and Friends.

Our Toys for Tots boxes are set up. Please bring any new, unwrapped toys to the post.

We are coordinating an Adopt-A-Family with the Long Beach VA. We will have a donation station for requested gift items (from the veterans and families), and/or cash. The Post Family Christmas Party is on December 10th. We will have Santa, presents for the kids, food, white elephant gift exchange, and more food. \*\*Please RSVP with the number of adults and number of children that will be attending.\*\*

I look forward to seeing everyone at the



party!

ALR member Marlene is cooking Coq Au Vin (see flyer) on Friday, Dec. 16th. Don't miss out on some good eats!

Don't forget 3rd Monday Dinner is Lasagna. On 12/19, let Chef Tony do the cooking! This is an excellent opportunity to get away from the holiday havoc and relax. Have dinner with your friends and family at the post - See you there!

Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year to all!

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

### Special Dates Observed in December:

**Dec. 1 - Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) B-Day**  
**Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**  
**Dec. 13 - National Guard Birthday**  
**Dec. 17 - National Wreaths Across America**  
**Dec. 25 - Christmas**  
**Dec. 28 - Anniversary of Army Chaplain Asst.**  
**Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve**

## 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 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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## THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

First of all Merry Christmas to everyone, and I hope the coming year will be Happy and Healthy to you all. We are still blessed again with not having any member passing on to the Post Everlasting. (God Bless)

I have to say what a great Commander's Prime Rib dinner we had in November and what a great turnout. Just remember the next one that we'll be having. Make sure you purchase your tickets early.

Old Glory (Long May It Wave) Born in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777, the flag of the United States of America symbolizes the patriotic ideals of a nation "conceived in Liberty" and admired around the whole world. From the dawn's early light to the twilight's last gleaming, you'll be proud to display "Old Glory"...

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Remember to renew your membership for 2017, and if you already have, just ignore any future notice.

God Bless the American Legion Family and our Great Troops around the world.

For God and Country! Please stay Healthy and alert.

**Andy Timko**  
**Post 555**  
**Chaplain & Adjutant**



**Merry Christmas**

RSVP with the number of adults & children you will have attending the party

## ALL POST 555 FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, DEC. 10



### SCHEDULE:

**11:00 AM** Doors Open

**1:00-3:00** Santa (photo opp, and gifts for kids)

**11:00 - 2:00** Lunch Window Open: Hot Dogs, Sandwiches, Chicken Nuggets, other snacks.

**5:00** Dinner: Ham, Prime Rib (first come first serve), Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Dinner Roll, Dessert.

**6:00** Dessert and White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$15 Limit)





## AUXILIARY UNIT 555



Hello and Greetings to All,

As we wrap up 2016, I would like to thank all the Post, Sons, ALR, and Auxiliary members for working together and growing together. In these short few months since I became president, I have noticed an increase in synergy among the groups and working towards a common goal: the mission – 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.

This being said, there are still many areas of improvement for this unit. For many, I am 'preaching to the choir' when I say that I would like to reiterate that we are all members of the Legion Family. There is no such thing as "Riders taking over the Post" – because in order to be a Rider, one must be a Legionnaire, a Son, or an Auxiliary member first. We are these members first before we are Riders, and we are united towards this common goal. For some this is a difficult concept to realize, but I am hopeful that with time, even the naysayers will see the difference. It is in these times of skepticism that the focus on the mission is lost, which gives way to negativity and the erosion of the unit and the post family. It is my sincere hope that in 2017 we will work together towards the aims and purposes of the American Legion – because when we work together, it is

amazing what we can accomplish.

**NEWS:** On November 16th, the Post Commander and I went to the VA to drop off 23 Vons Gift Cards to the VA Long Beach Transition Program. This means that 23 Veterans and their families are able to have a proper Thanksgiving, thanks to everyone's donations! Just to put that in perspective, last year the Transition program was only able to provide four families with dinner. This year the program had collected for 9 families; Post 555 provided an additional 23 dinners for a total of 32 families. Give yourselves a round of applause, because we made a huge difference at the VA!

On November 17th we hosted our first Ravioli Night, which was a success. We sold 48 dinners and provided members and family with an enjoyable new and exciting dish!

We had an awesome turnout on Thanksgiving Day. There was a ton of turkey, all the fixins', desserts - a really good, fun, relaxing time had by all. Thank you to Sue & Family, Rita, George & Maureen, Tony, Doc, James, Adam, and all the Post Family for all of your time and attention to detail. Thank you for making Thanksgiving stress-free and enjoyable.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** We have an eventful December coming up. The Post Family Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 10th, and I hope to see everyone at the post! Our Auxiliary Monthly Meeting is Tuesday,



December 13th, at 7:00 PM. Our January Auxiliary meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th.

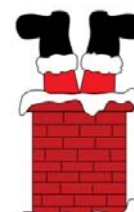
I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy and safe New Year!

**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](mailto:unit555ALA@gmail.com).

For God and Country

**Kokoe Estrada**  
**President Unit 555**

*Merry Christmas*



**American Legion Riders Chapter 555 Presents:**

**Friday Night Special**

**DINNER**

*Featuring Chef Marlene*

**Coq  
Au Vin**



**Bon  
Appetit**

**Pronounced "Coke aww veeyun":**

***A Classic French Dish of Baked Chicken & Vegetables in wine***

*Only* **\$10**



**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 PM**



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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555



As the Holiday Season approaches, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As you enjoy your time with family, remember the men and women of the U.S. military stationed around the world. I remember my first Christmas away from home was in 1973. I was stationed in Augsburg, Germany, and 19 years old. I remember Christmas dinner in the Mess Hall, turkey and all the fixins'. It was good, but it wasn't home. My fellow MP's and I enjoyed the care packages from home, and we all shared the goodies. Still, it wasn't home. I never spent a Christmas in the field, nor did I ever spend one in a war zone. I was lucky in that regard, but I remember very much missing my family. So, as you are enjoying your holidays, think back to what it was like to be thousands of miles away from home. Remember those young men and women experiencing it this year. May God Bless and protect them as they protect our great nation. Merry Christmas to you all.

**For God and Country**  
**Jim Sewell**  
**President, ALR Chapter 555**

**ATTENTION:**  
No ALR meeting  
in December



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



# "3rd Monday" Dinner

**Bring Family  
& Friends!**

**WHEN?  
Monday,  
Dec. 19  
5:30 p.m.**

**BEACH ST  
BAGEL**

DELI &  
SANDWICHES

12305 Beach Blvd., A-3, Stanton, CA 90680  
SW corner of Beach & Lampeon  
(714) 893-6700

**DELICIOSO!**

## **LASAGNA**

**MEAT OR VEGGIE  
SALAD & GARLIC  
TOAST  
ONLY \$7**



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

# **BLASTS**

*...from the Past!!!*

Previous months'  
Blasts from the Past:

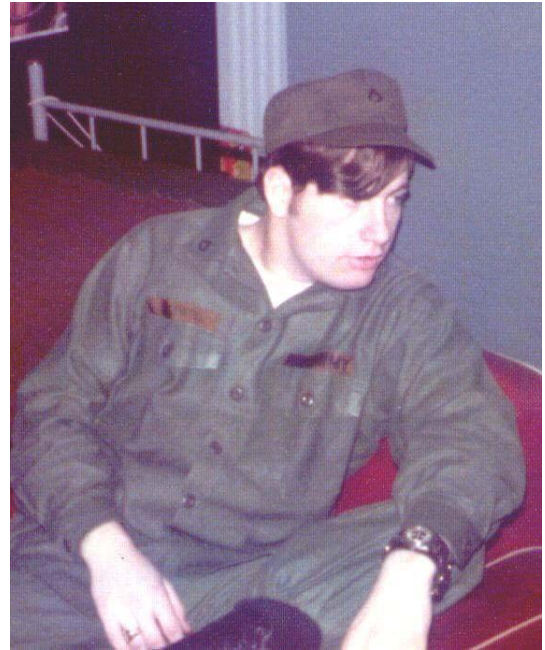
October: Charlie Bates

November: Donald "Reb" Sanders

**CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS???**  
**He is one of our Veteran members.**

See Sandy when she's bartending and submit your guess!  
The first 3 correct guesses **WIN A FREE DRINK!!!**

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



**SAVE A TREE!**

**SAVE THE POST \$\$\$ ON PRINTING & POSTAGE!**

**GET CURRENT NOTIFICATIONS!**

**BE "IN THE KNOW"!**

**GET IT ALL IN TECHNICOLOR!**

Sign up for emails!

If you are currently receiving a printed copy of the Marauder  
or you're not yet on our email list, please sign up!

You'll help **save Post 555** on printing and postage costs  
so we can give more to our **Veterans programs.**

To opt in for your emailed newsletter and email notifications:

Email Sandy at [sandyvcsr@gmail.com](mailto:sandyvcsr@gmail.com)

See one of the bartenders or

Fill out an email request form in the bar

# ➔ 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!

AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555

**INTRODUCING:**

## **KARAOKE NIGHT**

**FEATURING SOKOOL ENTERTAINMENT**

**FRIDAYS AT THE 555**

**7:00 PM**



14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA

## *Line Dancing*

**FRIDAYS AT THE 555**

REFRESHER LESSONS BEGIN AT  
6:30 PM

NEW LESSONS BEGIN AT  
7:30 PM  
(IN THE ANNEX)

**Only \$5**

Regular Line Dancing  
begins immediately after lessons



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555  
TIM & KOKOE PRESENT:**



**ALR FRIDAYS  
@ THE 555**

**BAR HOURS:  
2:00 PM - CLOSING**

**FOOD ~ 5:00 PM – BRING A DISH – TIPS WELCOME  
ALL FOOD PROCEEDS GO TO OUR HEROES' DREAMS  
AND VETERAN PROGRAMS**



**TRIPLE NICKLE**

**MINIMUM HOURS:**

**MON., TUES., THURS. 2PM - 7PM\***

**WED. & FRI. 2PM - 9PM\***

**SATURDAY NOON - 9PM\***

**SUNDAY NOW OPEN!**



**CHALLENGE A FRIEND TO  
A FUN GAME OF DARTS!!**



**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.**

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Clarence Alvey, Jr.  
Charles Bates  
Thomas Estrada  
Kenneth Heid

Fred Hernandez  
Robert Hodgdon  
Eugene Kirkham  
David Porter

Donald "Sparky" Sparks  
Robert Strange  
Gregg Tompkins  
Jerry Tyner

Kai Wong



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!)

# DECEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	3 Bar Opens at Noon
4 BAR IS OPEN  Pinochle @ 12	5	6	7  40/8 - 7pm	8	9 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	10 POST 555 CHRISTMAS PARTY Bar Opens Noon
11 BAR IS OPEN  Pinochle @ 12	12 Post E-Board 5pm Post 555 Mtg 7pm	13  Auxiliary 7pm	14  Marine Corps League 7:30pm	15  Hunters Gun Club 5pm	16 Special Dinner Coq Au Vin 5:15pm	17 Bar Opens at Noon
18 BAR IS OPEN  Pinochle @ 12	19 LASAGNA DINNER 5:30 Sons (SAL) E-Board 6:30pm Sons Mtg 7pm	20	21	22  Corvette Club 7:30pm	23 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour &	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Bar Opens Noon No ALR/MOPH
25 CHRISTMAS DAY  BAR IS CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30 ALR Night Karaoke, Happy Hour & Potluck	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Bar Opens at Noon

**POST WILL BE CLOSED**  
**Christmas Day 12/25/2016**  
**New Year's Day 1/1/2017**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 25, 2017 - Chili Cook-off

### THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL EVENTS:

Dec. 10 - Post 555 Christmas Party  
Dec. 16 - Fri Night Special Dinner Coq Au Vin  
Dec. 19 - 3rd Monday Dinner LASAGNA

NEW!! Karaoke Fridays & Line Dancing!!

**POST 555 OFFICERS**

Commander:	Tim Dusina	Finance:	Antony 'Doc' Adams
First Vice Commander:	Adam Crawford	Judge Advocate:	Jim Sewell
Second Vice Commander:	Tony Amezcua	Sergeant at Arms:	James Costere
E-Board:	Charlie Bates	Asst. Sgt at Arms:	Lee Lieberg
	Len Guillen	Chaplain:	Andy Timko
	Ed Sedlak	Service Officer:	
Adjutant:	Andy Timko		

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS**

President:	Kokoe Estrada	Sergeant at Arms:	Kathleen Sullivan
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Second Vice:	Rita Smith	Marshall:	
Treasurer:	Sherrie Fisher		
Secretary:	Sandy Sutton		
Chaplain:	Eveline Sifuentes		

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President:	Jim Sewell
Vice President:	Len Guillen
Secretary:	Charlie Bates
Treasurer:	Kokoe Estrada
Sergeant at Arms:	Tony Olson
Road Captain:	Antony 'Doc' Adams
Chaplain:	Jeff Gallagher

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 555 OFFICERS**

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



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