

**AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555** 

## THE MARAUDER

**MARCH 2017** 

**MIDWAY CITY, CA** 

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## POST IMPROVEMENT UPDATE GET READY FOR ELECTIONS NEW CLASSIFIED ADS!





FOR GOD AND COUNTRY we associate ourselves together 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 individal 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.



#### **POST 555 OFFICERS**

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

#### **AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS**

Kokoe Estrada, President Kay Hamby, First Vice Rita Smith, Second Vice Sherrie Fisher, Treasurer Sandy Sutton, Secretary Eveline Sifuentes, Chaplain

#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 OFFICERS

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

#### **SAL SQUADRON 555**

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

#### On the Cover: Post 555 Flags Displayed

Post 555 First Vice Commander Adam Crawford along with Commander Tim Dusina, and Post 295 and ALR 555 charter member Jeff Willis coordinated in true teamwork fashion to untangle the US flag from the eagle topper, and remove & replace the damaged US flag, POW flag, hooks, and rope.

The photo on the front cover shows the larger replacement

US flag, and double sided POW flag waving proudly in the beautiful California weather, and are a generous donation to The Post by First Vice Adam Crawford.

The Flag Pole is one of the many items that Commander Tim and 1st Vice Adam have taken pride in maintaining, repairing, or replacing at The Post.

#### Veterans Crisis Line

If you are a Veteran, or know of a Veteran, in need,

Confidential support is available:

Veterans Crisis Line: (800) 273-TALK (8255), (Press 1);

Text 838255. A VCL responder will text back;

Chat online by visiting Vets.gov

Or visit www.veteranscrisisline.net

#### **POST 555 PUB HOURS**

MONDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
TUESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
THURSDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
FRDAY 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SATURDAY 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SUNDAY 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
HOURS POSTED EXTEND IF BUSY



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#### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



Rusty's Island Chips





Stone & Ceramic Surfaces, Inc. 5381 Commercial Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92649 (714) 894-TILE (8453) Fax: (714) 896-0112 Email: info@scsurfaces.com Fellow Legionnaires,

February was a short but successful month. We enjoyed a fantastic home cooked Lasagna Meal prepared by Chef Frank. We also enjoyed our first Live Band Night on January 28th, just missing the February Marauder coverage. Cat Reed & Back Alley performed classic rock hits for a packed house, with food, drinks, and dancing. Our next live music event is scheduled for April 1st, featuring Rogues in Exile. This is a great rock & roll band, and you won't want to miss out on the

Post Business: At the February Post General Meeting we discussed changing the dates of the Post Meetings from the 2nd Monday to the 2nd Wednesday, at 7:00 PM. We will be voting to revise the Post Bylaws to incorporate this change at the April Meeting. Please be sure to attend.

Memberships: Post 555 has the opportunity to be at 100% for Membership for the first time in many years. We are so very close to 100%; if you have not renewed, please do so. At this time, if you are not caught up

you are considered delinquent and suspended after January. Also, if you have moved please update your contact information with Post Adjutant Andy Timko. We have several membership cards that have been returned in the mail due to outdated mailing addresses.

Post Improvement: Construction around The Post continues full steam ahead. The exterior trim of the main building that was rotted away with time and termite damage has been completely replaced, as well as part of the back wall near the kitchen.

The Storage Room Project is under way; the south windows removed, and cabinets being built. Security cameras have been placed all around the facility, and burnt out lights have been replaced. The restrooms have new hand blow dryers and new toilet paper dispensers. Kat Sullivan and Dave Gutierez have been organizing and maintaining the landscaping - check out our new plants out front!

Coming up this month: March is First Nominations for Officers. If you would like to be a part of making this Post great



again, please attend the March meeting and make your nominations, or get nominated. Elections are in April, and there is no better time than now to be a part of the Post Family.

We have several events coming up this month, please check the calendar on the Back Page and stop by. The Legionnaires are putting on a 4th Thursday Dinner – join us for Sloppy Joes and support the Veterans!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Tim Dusina Post Commander For God and Country

#### THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

More sad news January 2nd we lost a very caring and giving person, A long time friend of many Legion Members and a special loving friend of Ed Sedlak. Mary Ann Davis her story began on August 10th 1957, in Fullerton California. From a very young age Mary Ann had a sense of adventure. When she was just two years old, she climbed the backyard fence and made her way to the grocery store, that kind of gives you a hint of her early years was. In later years as a teen she loved makeup, big girl stockings and high heels. Oh and she loved to dance and have fun.

Mary always showed compassion and respect for the needy and marginalized, was also a cheerleader for the underdog and would not tolerate prejudice. Her big heart also saved many stray animals over the course of her life. Independent from young age she knew what was important to her and did not follow the crowd, she had a way of calling a spade a spade and valued honesty. This is just a little information for everyone who knew and loved her and oh I can say she was a great great cook if you know me I can guarantee that.

Mary Ann has gone to the Post Everlasting and she will be missed God Bless you Mary Ann. You were Loved by many Legion Members and friends.

God Bless America and the American Legion Family (Definitely our Troops)



For God and Country Stay Healthy and alert (Amen)

Andy Timko Post 555 Chaplain & Adjutant



THURSDAY, MARCH 2nd 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS



BURGER

Hamburger & Fries

Make it a double + \$1 / + Tater Tots \$1

ONLY AT POST 555 - 14582 BEACH BLVD

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VETERANS PROCRAMS

#### **AUXILIARY UNIT 555**



Greetings All,

In February, the Auxiliary rolled out the first of hopefully many fun themed 3rd Thursday Dinners. In conjunction with the Post Family, the goal is to have a dinner every Thursday. Last Month, we featured a \$5 menu of Chicken Quesadillas, Chips, and Salsa, and we sold 56 meals - Nice work ladies! In March we will be serving up our Special Savory Hawaiian Sandwiches - don't miss out on an awesome dinner!

We also had our first ever Mary Kay party on February 19th – a good time had by all. We anticipate more parties like these in the future. If you did not have the chance to attend, stay tuned – we have more in the works! This month, we keep the Auxiliary activity ball rolling with St. Patrick's Day Dinner on the 17th. Be sure to join the Post Family for a fantastic dinner that doesn't disappoint! In addition our monthly meeting occurs on Tuesday, March 7th. Be sure to attend, as this will be our first round officer nominations! If you are ready to make a difference, join usthis is for you!

The Auxiliary is collecting items to bring to the hospital patients at the VA Long Beach. If you have and new socks (must be white), shirts, travel toiletries (shaving cream, floss, toothpaste, etc.), pens, pads of paper, please bring them to the Post to our drop box. We would like to organize a visit at the end of March to drop off these items. If you have any last minute items to drop off to the troops that are on deployment, we are still accepting items. Our comprehensive list is available in hard copy at The Post, and also on line at: http:// www.americanlegionpost55 5.com/auxiliary.html

Girls' State is underway! Applications are due in by March 15th, and interviews will begin. The Americanism Essay Contest continues until March 10th. If you know any students in grades 4 through 12 that would like to write an essay and possibly win a cash prize, please contact the Auxiliary and check out the website.

Last week during a clean-up event, we uncovered what appears to be an original Unit Charter Member Roll (shown below), signed on January 3rd, 1939. Steps are being taken to preserve this historical document, and will be displayed in the future

Unit 555 welcomes our newest members: Debi Castro, Julie Gallagher, Stefanie Weber-Lagman, Diane Silvers, Renée Tey, and Soulah Warshauer. We are glad to have you as part of the Post Family!

Unit 555: Let's keep the momentum going! There is no limit to what we can do as a Unit, and as part of the Post Family!

Kokoe Estrada Unit 555 President For God and Country



Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

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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 during 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;

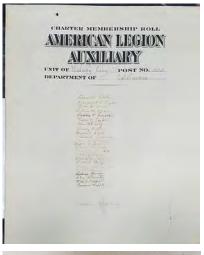
to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy;

to 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.











**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 555 PRESENTS:** 

# PROTHURSDAY DINNER NIGHT

THURSDAY, march 16th 5:30 PM







Baked Hawaiian Sandwiches Macaroni Salad





**SUPPORT VETERANS PROGRAMS** 

#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555



#### ALR 555 Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves as members of the American Legion Family, constituting the American Legion Riders 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 participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion;

to promote motorcycle safety education programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion Family members with the same motorcycle interests:

To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

This month's article will be my final as President of Chapter 555. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve in that capacity for three of the last four years. I am very proud of all the hard work our members have put into our events. They have been great successes and we have been able to donate thousands of dollars to various organizations.

Speaking of events, as of this writing, our Annual Chill Cook-Off is about a week away. By the time you read this, I am sure you will agree that it was another great success! Also, remember to save the day, March 11. I plan to lead a ride that everyone can enjoy. It'll be a good one! See the flyer for more information.

I look forward to continued involvement with the Chapter, but from a position of sitting in the back of class shooting spit wads through a straw! In all seriousness; I have no idea who the next group of leadership will be, but I am



sure they will carry on and hopefully continue to grow our Chapter. For now, I will take my leave.

For God and Country Jim Sewell President







Upper left: ALR breakfast after the February Monthly Meeting. Upper right: ALR President Jim Sewell welcomes new member Don 'Boats' Gross. Lower left: ALR President Jim welcomes new member Gordon 'Juice' Dalton. Below: Chapter 555 visits Post 716 on a Saturday ride. Bottom: February Monthly Meeting.







## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555







WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

MEET: ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555

14582 BEACH BLVD. MIDWAY CITY, CA

TIME: 0800 KSU@ 0830

RIDE DESCRIPTION: JOIN ME ON A BREAKFAST RIDE THROUGH NORTH SAN-DIEGO COUNTY BACK ROADS, BREAKFAST AT THE PAUMA CASINO BUFFET (\$12.95 BRUNCH) AND THEN ON THROUGH BEAUTIFUL BACK ROADS.

I-405 TO THE 76, STOP AT PAUMA, CONTINUE ON 76 TO 79 TO TEMECULA THEN OVER THE ORTEGA BACK TO ORANGE COUNTY AND, SURPRISE, END AT COOK'S CORNER.

#### SAL SQUADRON 555



Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" 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 true spirit of Americanism;

to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers 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 good will on earth:

to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

to consecrate and sanctify our friendship, by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;

to adopt in letter and spirit, all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands;

and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

Greeting to all,

I realize it has been some time since I have had an article in the Marauder, but I will endeavor to correct that. There has without a doubt been a lot going on around the Post in the last month or so and if you have been in you can't miss the changes. Our Post Commander has been busy getting things done and has done a great job this year, he has out done himself this term.

The Sons have also been busy as well; we pitched in on the new ceiling improvements that were recently done. It has truly been a joint effort, I was able to pitch in with some materials I had on hand and even had a donation from my company of some LED 6" can lights. The crew that did the renovations to the ceiling in the main hall (with the exception of the dry wall hangers) are all Sons members at 555 and did an outstanding job. I will have to take some credit since they are all on my crew; there was Joshua Eubanks (my Son) who did the electrical, Mark Allen

who did the taping of the drywall and ran the crew and Gerald Morris who helped with the Electrical and the Painting.

Along with providing the Labor, we were able to save the Post about \$3,000.00 by donating materials and Labor. None of this would have been possible if our Commander hadn't taken the initiative to take on this project, good job Tim. There are many more things happening right now, and we are knee deep in the middle of it all. So keep your eyes open and watch as the Legion family transform this place and makes it a great place to be.

Our Squadron currently has 67 members and we are at 85.90% with a few more new members and renewal still to transmit. Our goal is 78 members this year and we are almost there, so if you haven't renewed you need to stop by the Post and drop off your dues or mail it in. Don't hesitate any longer, since as of now by Detachment By-laws your membership is suspended. I know you don't want that and neither do

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we, besides you lose you privilege's to use the Social Quarters. Whoops that's not good!!

I wish to say that I am proud to be affiliated with this Post and the people that are a part of it, Also I would like to thank my crew for all of their hard work and the professional manner it was performed. Also thank you to George Willis for all your hard work as 1st Vice Commander and with your efforts on Membership.

Thank You,

James A Eubanks Squadron 555 Commander



Post 555
Proudly Sponsors
Boy Scout
Troop 314



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 PRESENTS:** 

Thursday, March 24th 5:00 PM



Featuring:
The Commander's Sloppy Joes
Chips
Dessert

SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS - EAT OUT TONIGHT

### Did you Know?

#### On this day in history:



March 2, 1949: Capt James G. Gallagher and the crew of Lucky Lady II, a B-50 Superfortress, complete the first nonstop flight around the world.



March 13, 1942: On this date, the US Army started using a different kind of soldier: dogs. This was called the War Dog Program, or K-9 Corps. In the fall of that same year, the Quartermaster Corps of the U.S. Army began training dogs for the NAVY, MARINES, and Coast Guard.

March 17, 1959: USS Skate (SSN-578) becomes the first submarine to surface at the North Pole, traveling 3,000 miles in and under Arctic ice for more than a month.

March 20, 1922: USS Jupiter (Fuel Ship #3) is recommissioned as USS Langley (CV 1), the Navy's first aircraft carrier.

March 21, 1945: General A. A. Vandergrift, 18th Commandant of the Marine Corps, became the first Marine four-star general on active duty.

#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

#### PET ACCESSORIES

When our Marine Corps League Detachment move into Post #555, we adopted Stella as our Mascot, and I ordered a custom made Marine uniform for her. Unfortunately, before she could ever wear it, Stella was lost to us. If anyone has a Bull Dog and would like to purchase the



uniform it is available. We paid \$135.00 to have it made, but I will let it go for \$100.00.

Contact Commandant Gerald D. Hardig, at (714) 538-6063 (Home) or (714) 337-2509 (Cell), or e-mail at gerald.hardig@gmail.com

#### **APPLIANCES**

Set of white GE appliances, good condition: one electric range cook top, one in wall microwave oven (model JE 1360WB 001), one in wall oven. (model J RP15W0W4WW). Price negotiable — all proceeds will go to the Post Improvement Fund. Contact Kokoe at cell phone (619) 838-3699 or email kokoe.estrada@gmail.com.







AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB - POST 555

Tim Dusina Post Commander

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Phone (714) 891-4300 / Fax (714)-891-9658 www.hbharley.com **AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 555 AUXILIARY PRESENTS:** 

## DINNER DAYER

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM

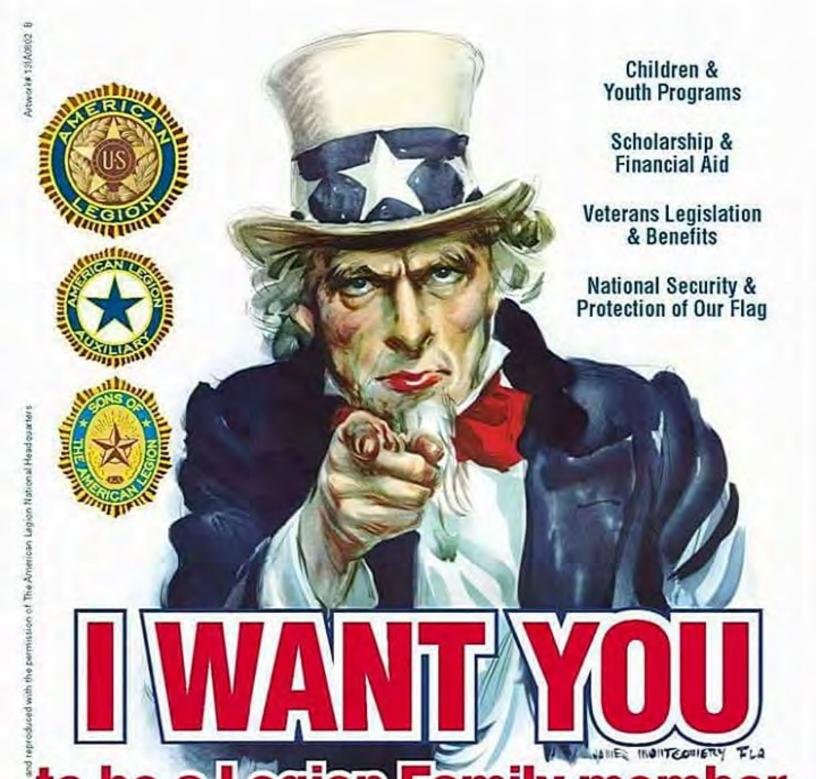
Irish Soda Bread
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Red Potatoes
Dessert

\$10

AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB

POST 555

14582 BEACH BLVD., MIDWAY CITY, CA



### NAMES INDITECTION to be a Legion Family member

To Learn More, Contact:

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#### **Eligibility Dates** Gulf War / War on Terrorism Korean War present\* Aug 2, 1990 June 25, 1950 Jan. 31 1955 Рапатта WWI Dec 20, 1989 Jan: 31 1990 Dec. 7, 1941 Dec. 31 1946 Lebanon/Grenada WWI Aug. 24, 1982 July 31, 1984 April 6, 1917 Nov. 11, 1918 Vietnam War if currently serving on active duty Feb. 28, 1961 May 7, 1975 today, you are eligible.

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 PRESENTS**

ROGUES IN EXILE PLAYING YOUR FAVORITE ROCK & ROLL HITS

SATURDAY **APRIL 1**<sup>st</sup> 2017 \$5 COVER





6:00 PM To 10:00 PM

**COME ON DOWN & SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETS** KITCHEN OPEN 14582 BEACH BLVD. MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655

## THE MARAUDER Back



## March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Ash Wednesday 40/8 @ 7:00 PM	ALR 1st Thurs Dinner 5:00 PM	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	4
5 <b>Pinochle</b> 12:00 PM	6	7 Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Marine Corps League 7:30	9	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	11
Daylight Savings Time Starts, +1 hr Pinochle 12:00 PM	First Day of Spring Post E-Board 5:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Hunters' Gun Club 5:00 PM AUX 3rd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5:00 PM ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	18 <b>National</b> <b>Medal of</b> <b>Honor Day</b>
19 Pinochle 12:00 PM	20 SAL E-Board 6:30 PM SAL Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22	23 Corvette Club 7:30 PM POST 4th Thurs Dinner 5:00 PM	24 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	25 ALR Monthly Meeting 8:30 AM MOPH 11:00 AM
26 Pinochle 12:00 PM	27	28	29 Vietnam Veterans Day	30	César Chávez Day	AT

### Post 555 Family March Birthdays

Rudy Albillar William Carr **Bill Christenson Louis Connot Steven Fipp Morris Johnsen** 

Robert Johnson Jr. **Charles Lappert** Dan Maka-ena Jose Martinez **Edward Morrissey Sr. David Nye** 

**Donna Rude** Allison Scarborough Jeanna Weisman **Donald Wiesner Andrew Williams** 

Happy Birthday!



April 1st: LIVE MUSIC!

Coming Soon: Parking Lot Swap Meet