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



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OUR-**SELVES TOGETHER** FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America:

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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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# THE **MARAUDER**



#### **MARCH 2014**

## Commander's Message of the Month

**Dear Comrades** 

As we approach the conclusion of my commandership I wish to send a warm thanks to all of you who have dedicated yourselves to my assistance. Like I have said before, behind every good commander there is a great e-board. I am excited to say that I have been able to fulfill this position with confidence because of you. I am referring to each of you when I praise our great members. Much has been done and the post displays evident improvement. Let us take pride in the work that we have accomplished together. As we continue to strive needs to be worked on. As you forward, we must remember our duties remain. Because the post survives under our commitment to its needs, our volunteerism is a reflection of the American Legion's well-being. Each of us commit time and energy into making our post the excellent place that it is.

We have exciting events approaching us. I want to remind everybody about the upcoming Chili Cook-Off this Saturday hosted by the Riders on February 22, 2014. For each gathering in which we meet, our time together represents a special bond and meaning. Let all the members support this worthy cause and to show our brothers that we will be there for one another.

Elections are around the corner and are a significant time for the Legion. As we currently reflect on what we have accomplished, we can gather our thoughts for the

future.

Let us keep the next term in mind and support our new commander. Whomever we elect, you must keep in mind that the position you seek takes great dedication and willpower towards a role of responsibilities. This includes the continuation of the post's projects and the completion of our tasks. These tasks include redoing our ceiling, replacing our kitchen's floors and cabinets, and taking action on the termites affecting the bar. Eventually. more tasks shall come. For instance, the men's bathroom can see, there is plenty of work that needs to be done. With that, we need volunteers and fundraisers to accomplish each of these projects. Of course, we share the responsibility of upholding our post as a whole. If anybody has any ideas or suggestion to accomplish these jobs while

saving as much money as we can, feel welcome to make it known. Bring your ideas and share your thoughts with the eboard.

In closing thoughts, allow me to recognize some notable figures in our presence. Let us all thank Kay and Russell Hamby for their deep dedication and time in helping Dale with all his medical issues. Some of the most respectable acts are not for your own benefit, but for



others in need. I know I am not alone in saying that there plenty of members that are thankful for the fact that you helped not only an employee but one of our brothers as well.

"If WE EVER FORGET THAT WE ARE ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

THEN WE WILL BE A NATION GONE **UNDER.**"

Jose A. Amezcua



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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 555



#### Comrades,

I am glad to say that our membership is still rising, most of you have renewed this year and we even have new members. So to say the least our Squadron looks good on paper and as District Commander I am pleased, as is my superiors. Now as the Squadron Commander I can't say the same, for the last three Squadron Meetings there has only been two members present (three with Rudy) and for the last three Breakfasts there has been two of us working them. If I had not been able to talk my wife and some friends (which are now are members) to help out we would have been sunk. As well as minimal support from the SONS coming to our breakfast.

I have always tried to be uplifting in the newsletters and I have even gone so far as to take the blame for our short comings. With Georges help we have updated the E-Mail list to include all the addresses we have and we send them out with notices, but no response. I would be proud to see our Squadron Participate in more events around the Post, but it can't be just the two of us. Believe me when I tell you both George and I know what busy is and yet somehow we manage to find the time. I do not mean to scold you since you are grown men (okay some are really just children) and make your own choices. I do however believe that at the very least a reply to our E-Mails would not be too much of a strain on your busy schedule.

I wish to apologize for the cancellation of the breakfast last month with such short notice; I made the decision to cancel due to lack of interest. Unfortunately it was the Daytona 500 and I could not enlist enough help in the kitchen. I have decided to suspend the breakfast for now or at least until we have more help from the Squadron. However we do have an event coming Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Post. As a fund raiser we are going to try a night of Wrestling. Check out the flier following.

Comrades I know this is a voluntary organization and we all have our reasons for joining and I am not questioning those reasons. I joined to HONOR my father and in my case to HONOR my brothers in arms and I can think of no better way to serve them or their families than to

give back. I also want to mention our dual members and thank them for their contributions at the Post and the community, with over 50 members I would hope to be able to make more of a contribution as the SON'S.

I hope to see more of you soon and if you have ANY IDEAS on how we can improve things, come to the meeting and let us know.

Sincerely,
James Eubanks,
Commander Squadron 555





# **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555**

The month of February was an active one for the Chapter. On Saturday, February 15, we went on a ride in support of Vision2Victory. They had a Poker Run with funds raised going to the Veteran Support Center. We had a fantastic turnout. I have never been on a Chapter ride with so many members and friends taking part. Not sure how many bikes and riders/passengers we had, but I do know that there have never been so

many for one event, including our own Poker Runs! Thanks to all of out Chapter members for showing up to participate and support such a worthy organization.

On Saturday, February 22, our Chapter held our First Annual Chili Cook-Off. I was disappointed in the fact that only two teams showed up to cook chili. I had hoped for a few more from our Legion Family at Post 555. The good news, however, is that the Cook-Off was supported by several area five ALR Chapters, as well as Legion members from Posts other than our own. Chapters 507 (Newhall), 852 (Temecula), 255 (National City), and 716 (Los Alamitos) came to our event, and I also spoke to several Legionnaires from Post 291 that came inland from the scenic Newport Harbor to Beautiful Downtown Midway City to enjoy the festivities. Because we only had two entrants in the Cook-Off, we ran out of Chili early. Those of us lucky enough to get some, enjoyed a couple of really good batches of chili! Jeff Gallagher won first place, but Gary

was only three votes. The band, The Zee Bops, provided musical entertainment and were very good! Lots of folks on the dance floor enjoying themselves. I am not sure as of this writing if we were able to make any money to pass onto Veteran issues, but everyone had a great time. I *KNOW* the Post made a killing in bar sales! Let us hope that next year, we can get more people involved in making Chili, we would have done very well had we had more chili to sell tickets to taste!

On Monday, March 17 the Chapter will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage for Saint Patrick's Day. Come enjoy a traditional Irish dinner! Check out the Flyer in the issue of The Marauder.



#### THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Well as we start March I haven't received any bad news of any Members passing on to the Post Everlasting. As you know and I keep mentioning that when you do unfortunately have a Loved one that does Pass on please let me know soon as possible, I know it's a tough time but we would like to honor that individual.

O lord, You have showed us that death is but the gateway to a more glorious life and that we must not fear its coming; and we know also that neither life nor death can separate us from your Love. Assure us yet again that our departed Comrades from the American Legion are not lost to us, but sharing new life with you in Kingdom of our Father, where we shall in good time be reunited. We know them to be with you forever....Amen

God Bless America and the American Legion Family, Definitely our Troops, For God and Country (Stay Healthy) Amen

Andy Timko, Post 555 Chaplain



(This is **NOT** a Riders Dinner! This is a **POST FAMILY DINNER**, put on by the American Legion Riders, Chapter 555 for everyone to enjoy)

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# AMERICAN LEGION FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014 SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM

MENU: SPAGHETTI MEAT BALLS OR SAUSAGE CORN SALAD DESERT

\$8.00



# AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM

MENU: FISH AND CHIPS COLE SLAW DESERT

\$8.00



#### **TRIPLE NICKLE HOURS**

WEEKDAYS: 2:00 PM-\*APPROX 7:00 PM SATURDAY: NOON - \*APPROX 7:00 PM SUNDAY: NOON - \*APPROX 7:00 PM

\*CLOSING TIMES DEPEND ON CUSTOMERS



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# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Morris Johnsen Charles Lappert Dan Maka'ena Gene Christensen William Carr Rudy Albillar David Nye Robert Johnson, Jr Edward Morrissey, Sr Luis Connot Donald Wiesner
Jose Martinez
Andrew Williams



Come on in to the Triple Nickle for a free Birthday Beverage of your choice. (Not listed? Contact the Post Adjutant and give him your birthdate!)

# MARCH 2014

SUN WED THU FRI SAT Mon TUE 1 2 6 7 Auxiliary 3 Fish n Chips Dinner 555 E-Board 5PM 5:30PM 7PM 7PM 9 12 10 11 13 14 15 555 7:00PM 266 9:30AM 7:30PN 18 16 19 20 21 Post 555 17 Irish Spaghetti 8:30AM Dinner Dinner 5:30PM Sons 7P 11AM 5:30PM 26 28 23 25 29 24 Sons Night of Wrestling Doors Open 7:30PM 5PM 30 31

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Russ Hamby Asst. SaA: Ed Sedlak Ed Sedlak Chaplain: Andy Timko



## **LADIES AUXILIARY UNIT 555 OFFICERS**

President: Lil Perez Chaplain: Bonnie Seibert
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# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 OFFICERS

President: Jim Sewell
Vice President: Marlene Flores
Secretary: Debbie Churchill
Treasurer: Chuck Johnson
Sgt at Arms: Mike White
Road Captain: Bill Carr
Chaplain: Jeff Gallagher



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 555 OFFICERS

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2nd Vice: George Willis

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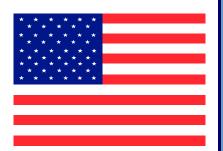
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