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On the Cover: Memorial Day

As we enjoy our three day holiday weekend this Memorial Day, let us take a moment to remember the meaning and history of this holiday.

Originally called Decoration Day, this holiday was established in May 1868 by General John A. Logan to honor those who died in the civil war. During World War I, Decoration Day evolved into Memorial Day, to honor all those who died in all wars.

In 1968, Memorial Day was established to be the last Monday in May to create a three day weekend. In 1971, Memorial Day was established as an official Federal holiday. In 2000, Congress passed a law requiring Americans to observe a moment

of silence at 3:00 PM to remember and honor the fallen.

To honor the fallen, traditional Memorial Day activities include parades, visiting cemeteries, memorials, and placing flowers and wreaths on the graves of our loved ones who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

In 1918, inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Fields" YWCA worker Moina Michael attended a YWCA Overseas War Secretaries' conference wearing a silk poppy pinned to her coat. This marked the beginning of the red poppy, and was adopted by the American Legion Family as the national symbol of sacrifice made by those who have died for our country.

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
FRIDAY 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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Top Row: American Legion Post 555 Sign displayed proudly; E-Board Member and Thursday Bartender Ed Sedlak prepares for the monthly meeting; The construction progress in the Storage Room is looking fantastic! **2nd Row** Post Officers wave 'hello' before starting the monthly meeting; First Vice Commander Adam Crawford listens intently at a Post meeting; Michelle, Andy, and Andy pose for a cameo at the District 29 meeting. **3rd Row** Members and Commander enjoying live music at the 555; Kat and The Commander at the ALRDOC Convention in Hollister, CA; Construction on the replacement porch at the Post started on April 22, 2017. **4th Row** Mitch describes the new scene in the display; Past Commanders Photo Opp: Michelle, Andy, Al, Andy, Martha, and Tim strike a pose after the PCC April monthly meeting; Post Commander Tim Dusina poses with Area 5 Vice Commander Baxter, who accepts the new flag to be displayed at the Long Beach VA, and commissions Post 555 to retire the existing flag at the VA. **Row** 5: The ladies enjoy Thursday Night Dinner at the 555; Post officers and members pose for a photo during Friday Night Karaoke.

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

It's May, Spring is here, and -WOW!- we've got a busy month ahead! We are continuing on with our Post Improvement Projects. Jim Eubanks and crew are moving right along with the Storage Room. The cabinet faces are getting ready go on and we will finally have organized storage for all of our Post Family, clubs, and groups. The Front Patio Project started on the last week of April while I was at the ALR DOC Annual Convention. As I write this article, the old patio has been removed, a new patio built, and anti-skid coating and paint applied. This means we will have a safer front patio for all to enjoy. Our next projects will be on the Stage Area, and in the Post Kitchen stay tuned for more! As always, our GoFundMe website (https:// www.gofundme.com/

post555) is online, and we are still actively raising funds for our many post improvement tasks and projects.

There are several events and opportunities coming up and I would love to see our Post Family membership participate. There is a Flag Retirement Ceremony and Tri Tip Lunch on 5/13. The Young Marines will perform the ceremony. I am looking forward to making this a regular event at the 555. Our Rummage Sale & BBQ Cookout is on 5/20 - this is your chance to earn a few extra bucks selling your stuff. The Post Family continues to work together to prepare some fantastic meals on our Thursday Night Din-

Post Officer Installation Night is Monday 5/8. We will conduct officer installations for the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL. Come on down and meet your Post Family



leaders and enjoy some cake & coffee. I am proud to say that our membership has reached and exceeded 100%. This is especially remarkable because this is the first time that our Post, Auxiliary, and Sons memberships have reached 100% concurrently. Every month the Post Family continues to grow and welcome new people. It's nice to see so many new faces and fresh ideas!

Tim Dusina Post Commander For God and Country

THE CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Well hello everyone and for May 2017 I have great news no Member has past on to the Post Everlasting. Please keep in mind when any of you that has a Love one that passes on to the Post Everlasting please let us know so that we can Honor that Member.

I've mentioned this before but just a reminder for Memorial Day, In December of 2000 a Congressional resolution known as the National Moment of remembrance was passed which asks that all Americans on Memorial Day to voluntarily observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect to pause from whatever the are doing for a moment of silence or "Listening to Taps".

This is to be observed at 3:00 PM local time. Please take time to remember not only those who have fallen in the line of duty but also remember those members of our Armed Forces, Sisters and Brothers who continue to serve to protect our Freedom.

"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Good news we have successfully received 100% "Plus" with our Membership for 2017. I want to thank all of you and the Officers that helped to make this possible. God Bless America and the American Legion Family (Definitely our Troops)



For God and Country Please stay Alert and Healthy Amen Andy Timko Post 555 Chaplain & Adjutant







AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 PRESENTS:

ACT THURSDAY

DINNER

NIGHT

Thursday, May 25th @ 5:30 PM

All proceeds go to Veterans Programs



Special Tonight: Chef Dan's Glazed Pork Loin Served with Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli Florets, and Green Salad

SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS - EAT OUT TONIGHT



FLAG FOLDING AND RETIRMENT CEREMONY & TRI TIP LUNCH

Saturday May 13, 2017 10:00 AM

Asking for donations toward the Post Improvement Fund in lieu of lunch fee

The Young Marines will perform the Flag Retirement Ceremony. If you have a tattered old flag, bring it and join us for the proper disposal in this solemn ceremony. Family members and the public are invited.

AUXILIARY UNIT 555



Greetings All,

Spring is here and with it brings new beginnings, growth, new officer installations, and Poppies. This is such an exciting time to be a part of Unit 555 and the Post 555 Family. We are doing so much around the Post, and for our Veterans. In between our 3rd Thursday Dinners, fund raisers, and collections, our unit also finds the time to support: Girls State activities (Kudos to Kay, Rita, and Diane), Thursday Dinners for the remaining three weeks of any month, build Blessing Bags (also known as Care Packages) for our veterans at the Long Beach VA, donate time at the VA

for bingo, visits and more, make prayer crosses, encourage and teach Americanism principles, and the list goes on.

Our installation ceremony will take place on Monday May 8th at the Post monthly meeting, along with the Legionnaires, and the SALs. I encourage all of our members to attend and meet/greet the new officers for the upcoming term.

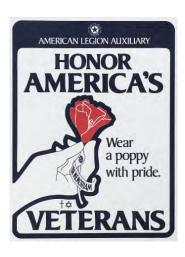
May is Poppy Month, and this means we will be distributing red poppies. Remember, the red poppies serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by fallen service members. The poppy was adopted as the as the American Legion Family's memorial flower in the 1920's. Moina Michaels is credited for making the poppy what it is today: the national symbol of sacrifice (to read more about the history of the poppy - click here). Wear your poppies proudly!

Coming up this month, we will be serving up Chicken Teriyaki Bowls for the 3rd

Thursday dinner. Please stop in for dinner and help us support our veteran programs.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 2nd at 7:00 pm. See you then –

Kokoe Estrada Unit 555 President For God and Country







Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

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 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.

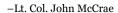
In Flanders Fields

"In Flanders Fields" is a war poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the First World War by Canadian physician and Lt. Col. John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Alexis Helmer, who died during the Second Battle of Ypres.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.





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.

May. Spring has officially arrived and most of the hills in south Orange County are covered in yellow mustard. The winter rains have really done their job. I haven't seen it so scenic in....well pretty much forever. That means it's time to get out and ride!

As I am writing this article, our ALR Delegates are up in Hollister at the Department Convention. I appreciate that Kokoe, Tim, Kat, Kim, Tony and Jim rode up there to make sure our Chapter has a say in what happens with our organization. I haven't been briefed on the goings on other than a new ALR Safety Guide is coming out. We will take advantage of the publication to get some safety training in during our meetings. More on the convention next month. Almost every month we welcome new members into the Chapter. They arrive and are, for the most part, eager to get involved. Make sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you see

a new face. Let them know they are a welcome addition to the family. I remember when I joined the Chapter I was looking for a group to ride with that contributes to society and to make some more riding buddies. The welcome I received was much appreciated and I know our new members will appreciate being made to feel they are not just another face.

Please mark your calendars for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29. We will meet at the Post to ride all the way across the street to participate in the Westminster Memorial Park Service. It is a traditional event that the entire Post Family participates in. After the service, we will ride over to the Westminster Vietnam War Memorial to pay our respects to the fallen. From there, back to the Post for the Pot Luck.

Our Chapter Chaplain, Jeff Gallagher, has agreed to help out with Road Captain duties. His first ride was



our April After Meeting Ride. Twelve Bikes headed to Walker's in San Pedro. A beautiful day to ride and great company to have a meal with. We took the "scenic" route through the harbor after and made a pit stop at Gallagher's Irish Pub in Long Beach. Jeff made sure that everyone was able to practice a U-turn in reminding us all that it's not the destination, it's the iourney! Until next month, For God

Until next month, For God and Country, LET'S RIDE!

Jim Sewell President American Legion Riders Chapter 555



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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.

SAL SQUADRON 555

Comrades,

I want to thank everyone for getting their dues in; we are over 100% for this year and over 80 members. With that being said we could use more members attending the monthly membership meeting, which is the third Monday each month at 7:00 pm. We could also use more support on the Thursday Dinners that are being put on by the Sons.

We have had our Elections and the Officers are pretty much the same and I will publish the new Officers roster in the next newsletter.

We will be putting on a



Wrestling event on June 3rd, it will be our first in a while and we could use your support. We really need a good showing so the Promoter will want to continue using our Post as a Venue. So please help support the event.

We will also be having our annual Memorial Day Wreath laying this month and we could use more Sons members attending, so please contact me or George Willis if you want to attend.

Thank you for your support,

James A Eubanks Commander 555 Sons

Ness Meesings MONDAY, MAY 15th 7:00 PM



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SATURDAY, MAY 20th, 2017 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All proceeds go to veterans programs

THROWBACK TIME MACHINE ~ANSWERS~

Last month, The Marauder asked if you could name these Veterans?

Here are your answers:



Post Commander
Tim Dusina



ALR President and Post Judge Advocate Jim Sewell



Post Finance Officer
Doc Adams

Congratulations to our winners who enjoyed free drink tokens and a FREE Thursday Night Dinner!



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CLASSIFIED ADS

Want to place an ad? Email 555.marauder@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Black and metal TV stand. Clean, contemporary design, black glass shelves, metal frame, tempered glass. Measures 20" deep x 58" wide x 24" tall. Asking \$75 & donating proceeds to the Post 555 Improvement Fund. Contact Post Commander



Tim Dusina at tim.dusina.555@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: 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

FOR SALE: WE HAVE ORGANIC SPAGHETTI FOR SALE FOR \$1/LB. PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE POST IMPROVEMENT FUND. WEDNESDAYS AT THE BAR. SEE SANDY FOR DETAILS.

WANTED: New white socks, for men and women. Looking to send several pair to the patients at VA Long Beach. Also looking to send several pair to unit detachment in Iraq. Also seeking protein, beef jerky, baby wipes, skin so soft spray. Drop box at the Post near POW / MIA table.

SELL YOUR ITEMS HERE!

Want to make a few extra dollars? Looking to buy, sell, or trade? List it all right here - Your post is free, and is a great way to advertise among your post family members and friends!



sunday Funday!

FOR THE MEN & WOMEN OF POST 555







Date: Sunday May 21, 2017

Time: 2-4 PM Location: Post 555

Light Refreshments will be served

Father's Day is around the corner!!!!

Come join me for some pampering! You will experience a hand pampering treatment, satin lip treatment, great age-fighting skin care products, and for the ladies learn how to apply a "Dash-out-the-Door" glamour look!

**There is no obligation except to just come and have fun!!! Can't wait to see you!

Oh and **RSVP** to me so I know how many to expect. My number is 949-689-3813 or email kimby1525@yahoo.com.





FLAG FOLDING AND RETIRMENT CEREMONY & TRI TIP LUNCH

Saturday May 13, 2017 10:00 AM

The Young Marines will perform the Flag Retirement Ceremony. If you have a tattered old flag, bring it and join us for the proper disposal in this solemn ceremony.

Family members and the public are invited.

Tech Q&A

HOW TO CONNECT TO POST 555 WI-FI ON A CELL PHONE

Tech Q&A

Q: How do I connect my cell phone to the Post 555 Wi-Fi?

A: Go to settings

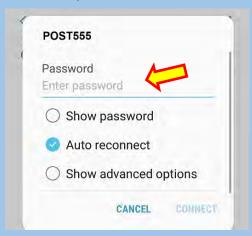
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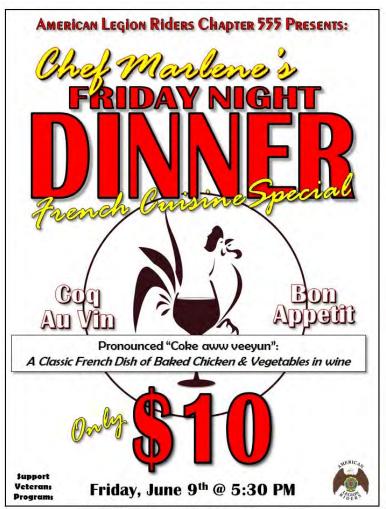


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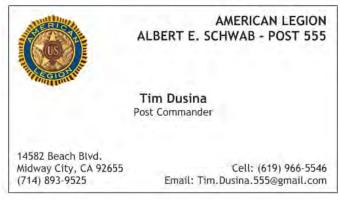
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MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Monday May 29th, 2017

Save the date
Attend AM Ceremony at
Westminster Memorial Park
Return to Post for Potluck
~ Details to follow ~











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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
May is Poppy Month!	Loyalty Day Public Service Recognition Week 5/1—5/6	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	3 40/8 7:00 PM	4 National Day of Prayer ALR 1st Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	Cinco de Mayo ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	Young Marines Mess Night	
7 Pinochle 12:00 PM	VE DAY Post E-Board 5:00 PM Post Meeting & Installations 7:00 PM	9	Marine Corps League 7:30 PM	5AL 2nd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	Military Spouse Appreciation Day ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	Flag Ceremony & Tri Tip Lunch 10:00 AM	
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28 Pinochle 12:00 PM	29 Memorial Day & Post 555 Potluck	30	31	San Wednesda	dy's ny & Saturday Night		

Post 555 Family May Birthdays

William Bichel Patti McClanahan-Carr TJ Conway **Thomas Foster** Katie Hamby Louis Lisenby **Thomas Machulda**

Ellen McNamara **Jesse Sanchez** Rita Smith **Joanie Teston James Williams** Twyla Williams James Ziegler

Happy Birthday!

Don't see your name?

Drop us a line at 555.matauder@gmail.com and we will add you in!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 3rd: Wrestling

June 9th: ALR Dinner featuring Chef Marlene

Starting at 4:00 PM until it's gone!

June 22-25: American Legion 2017 Annual

Department Convention

June 17: Commander's Steak Night

& Birthday Bash