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On the Cover: Post 555 Merry Christmas

Shown on the cover is the 2017 Post 555 Christmas Tree on display in the Annex. Stockings hung by the fireplace, and presents under the tree, along with festive-decor around the hall makes the Annex a joyful Winter

Wonderland for this year's Christmas cheer! Auxiliary members Kat, Debbie, and Kokoe, along with Post Commander Tim, and Sergeant at Arms Wayne 'Okie' worked together to decorate the post inside and out.



AMERICAN LEGION
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 TUESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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What's news at The 555?



Top and 2nd Row: The progress in the bar: It's all starting to come together. You can see the remnants of the original bar incorporated throughout the new plan. Note the new LEDs, beautiful counters, corrugated metal façade, and beautiful mosaic tile courtesy of Marlene Flores! **3rd Row:** Legionnaires Jim Larson and SGM Bob Trudeau; The Riders enjoying lunch at The Green Dragon Tavern; Legionnaire Officers and E-Board at the November monthly meeting **Row 4:** Yvonne, Susie, Squeaky, Kim, Dennis, and SGM smile for the camera at the Veteran's Day Potluck. Hey Doc, say cheese! ALR members pose for a photo at Escondido Post 149; VA Long Beach Transition Program Lead John Clemmons, Post Commander Tim, and Auxiliary President Kokoe pose for a photo during the Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans gift card drop off **Row 5:** Corner Dave and Marlene on Veterans Day; The Shark Squad's Robert Vetchtein and Sam Anderson representing at the Post November Meeting; Post Commander Tim receives a flag flown at the Capitol from 291's Bert Bream on behalf of US Congressman Lowenthal.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



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Fellow Legionnaires,

This year has gone by so fast! With all the renovation, holiday chaos, Post activities, Legion activities, work, travel, and life-in-general, all of a sudden I feel like we are running out of days in the month, and time this year. My goal was to have The 'Triple Nickle' Bar completed by this time, but it looks like we will be doing our finishing touches into January. I want you all to know that once work is completed we will have a HUGE Grand Re-Opening Party. I want to thank every one of our Post Family and Legion Family members for being patient with us during this time. I also want to express my appreciation for all who have continued to sup-

a favorite. Thank you to the core group that keeps our events running smoothly. Thank you to the bartenders that keep our post open with the libations flowing!

Thanksgiving for Veterans was a successful Post Family Fundraiser. Together with the Shark Squad, and Post Family and friends we raised enough to provide the VA Long Beach Transition Program with Thanksgiving Dinners for 23 returning Veterans and their families. We had \$360 extra from that fundraiser and we used it to start Christmas Dinner for Veterans. Thanksgiving for Veterans was such a success that the VA kicked off Christmas Dinners for Veterans. Our goal for this fundraiser is



either of our Christmas Programs. Also, if you would like to share a dish please do. We are also doing the Secret Santa / White Elephant Gift Exchange – please keep the cost of each item below \$10.

In closing, I am proud of what we have accomplished this year as a Post, and as a Post Family. I look around and see the progress that we are making with the build-ings, and I catch myself

Next Meeting:

MONDAY, January 8th 7:00 PM

port our Post and Post Activity throughout this year. I especially want to thank the work crew for all the hard work that has been done so far.

Holiday and renovation anxiety aside, let's recap November. Veteran's Day Potluck was a great turn-out & celebration with the Post Family, especially with the live band and the food that we had. It is always a pleasure to see our members come out and have a good time! Thanksgiving was a nice turkey dinner with all the fixins and desserts and family. 4th Thursday Dinner's Fiesta Feast remains

10 families. If you would like to support, our Go-FundMe page is here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/xmasforvets555>

The Toys for Tots annual fundraiser continues, as well as Operation Santa Claus (Adopt a Family at the VA Long Beach Volunteer Services Program). Our annual Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 16th. We will have a live local band, Phunkle, food, and drink specials. There is no cover charge, however if you would like to support, please bring a new, unwrapped toy, or donate to

wondering how we made so much happen this year. Through all the work, dedication, and perseverance we have established a solid camaraderie among the Post Family. I am honored to be a part of our success and I can't wait to see what 2018 has in store for us!

Finally, I wish all a safe and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Tim Dusina
Post Commander
For God and Country



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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*



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remodel at the Post!**

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three correct answers to win a FREE BEER!
Hint: US ARMY circa 1967-68

Good Luck!



AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB
POST 555
New for 2017:
Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

FOR VETERANS & FAMILIES



Because the Thanksgiving for Veterans Fundraiser was so successful last year and this year, the Long Beach VA has introduced the Christmas Dinner for Veterans Program. This is very similar to Thanksgiving for Veterans, except this time it is for Christmas Dinner.

Our goal is to provide \$50 grocery store gift cards for dinners for 12 families this year. We had a fantastic jump start of \$360 left over from the Thanksgiving Fundraiser.

Show your support by going to this link

<https://www.gofundme.com/tgforveterans555>



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The American Legion celebrates 100 years in 2018. How can you help continue the legacy? Help out by renewing your membership, and encouraging others to renew. Recruit new members to join the American Legion Family. Help revitalize the 'Triple Nickle.' Use the application on the back of this page to sign up new members! And remember you can renew online at www.legion.org/renew, or mail it in to the Post, or drop it off at the bar.

Eligibility Dates

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



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Phone) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

(Membership ID# Former Member)

(Email)

(Post #)

(Date)

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - Only Eligibility) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) | |

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signed By Applicant _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address, go to www.legion.org.

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DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.legion.org.

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Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Unit # and Location _____

Date of Birth (Required) _____ ☐ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due.

For current department address go to: www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state_headquarters. Dues include a yearly non-refundable allocation of \$3.40 for American Legion Auxiliary magazine.

Membership pending approval of application.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible through / name of veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) ☐ Living ☐ Deceased

American Legion Member ID Number _____

Veteran's American Legion Post Name _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46) | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) |

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Wife | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-granddaughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Self |

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

ALA 12/2013



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____



Greetings all,

Well another year shot in the ass. Hope it was a good one for all. I'm hoping for a little better year since the wife and one daughter had some health issues. Enough on that. My new hearing aids seems to be doing a better job than the old ones, but time will tell as the brain adjusts to the difference.

After the remodeling is done, I will have some small slips of paper with

the direct phone line number for the VA registration desk that will be on the information table. Anyone who is not currently registered with the VA health care system needs to call them and see if you are eligible. Hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year.

Respectfully,
Dan Hayden
Post Service Officer
For God and Country

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Post 555 Family Fundraiser: Because the Thanksgiving Dinners for Veterans and their Families fundraiser was so successful, VA Long Beach kicked off a Christmas Dinner Fundraiser! We used our \$60 surplus to start a new fundraiser. Check it out here: <https://www.gofundme.com/xmasforvets555>
Thank you all for your support <3

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, winer gear such as hats and gloves—black color only. Drop box at the Post near POW / MIA table.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Get ready for Post 555 Bar Grand OpeningParty! Stay tuned for announcements on Facebook and the Post 555 website: <http://www.americanlegionpost555.com/>

WANTED: Raffle prizes for Bingo Night with the Auxiliary. If you have any items, questions, or suggestions please email us at Unit555ALA@gmail.com.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM AT 555? Contact us: 555.Marauder@gmail.com

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Greetings & Merry Christmas All!

We finally made it to the best time of year: Christmastime! All the decorations, Christmas trees, cookies, presents, Prime Rib, egg nog, family, friends – all these things

time ever? In fact, all four of the post branches reached 100%, for which our Post Family was rewarded! We sent three students to Girls' State this year – and are planning to send four in 2018! Our unit Auxiliary members helped out in all Post Dinners, events, and dinners this year – over 50 events!

Did you know that we have several Unit members involved in District 29 positions? Kay Hamby is the District 2nd Vice, Kathleen Sullivan and Yvonne Zweifel are our Community Service Co-Chairs, and yours truly is the Ameri-

to collect enough supplies to provide two large care packages for our troops on deployment overseas, AND an additional 18 Blessing Bags for the VA. I would like to extend a special Thank you to our friends in the community, the Boeing Leadership Development Excellence (LDE) Program's Nicole Harris and team for helping organize and assemble these items – they were able to accomplish a lot of work in a very short amount of time.

What a fantastic year of activities and accomplishments, and this is just hap-

Next Meeting:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th @ 7:00 PM

that make this time of year special; and soon after, New Year's!

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the year of accomplishments that we've had:

POST FAMILY: Our Auxiliary Unit has made great strides with respect to our relationship as a member of the Post 555 Family. I am very proud of our members that work together with the Legionnaires, SAL, and ALR day in and day out to make our daily operations, activities, and events so seamless.

UNIT ACTIVITIES: Did you know that this year our Unit reached 100% membership for the first

canism Chair. Naoko Gorsuch has stepped up within the unit to become the Historian, and the National Security Chair. Kudos ladies! Thank you for stepping up this year!

Our unit also sent two coupon packages overseas, collected for, assembled, and delivered 26 Blessing Bags for the Long Beach VA. Sharing is Caring: when our unit fell into a plethora of spaghetti, we shared with our sister units in Placentia, Orange, and Westminster. Our Unit members spend countless hours assisting our veterans, the community, and our sister units.

In addition to the 26 blessing bags, we were also able

pening with the small core group of 6 or 7 members. I am excited for what we can accomplish if all of our members stepped up for at least one event in a year. Who knows what we can achieve!

REMINDER: Membership renewals are due - let's get our renewals in on time so we can meet our 2018 membership goals! If you have any questions, please contact any officer or send us an email at unit555ALA@gmail.com.

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.





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



Next Meeting:

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 15th
7:00 PM**

**Post 555 thanks Jim Eubanks and the Team
for helping make our Post great again!**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555 President's Lame Duck Ride (For Real this time)



Location: Albert E. Schwab Post 555

14582 Beach Blvd. Midway City, CA 92655

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018

KickStands Up: 9am Sharp

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

Well, where did 2017 go? What a great year we had as Chapter 555 had another fantastic year of raising fun and funds! We started off the year with our Annual Chili Cook-Off. We had several teams competing for cash prizes and the perpetual trophy. The trophy has been residing at Post 716 this year, as Kelly and Ron Huff won the event. Honestly, there was some really good chili presented by all the competitors, but the best chili won.

Maybe this coming year, the trophy can return home to Post 555, but it will take some good

chili to dethrone the current Champions. Our Heroes' Dreams, as usual, were the beneficiaries of the event and we were able to present them with a nice donation.

It seemed that as soon as the Chili Cook-Off was over, plans for our Poker Run began. The Poker Run for this year was the best attended that I have ever seen for our Chapter. The ALR was well represented as Chapters from throughout Southern California were in attendance. We also had several groups from outside the ALR helping us raise money for Our Heroes'

Dreams. As a result, we were able to see Our Heroes' Dreams leave the event with \$3,000.00. Not too bad of a donation at all!

Our final fund raising event of the year was for the Chapter. We love donating, but we also need operating capital. The Oktoberfest is that event for us. What a fantastic time! I hope that everyone had at least half as good a time as I did! If they did, they had themselves some fun! German food, beer, music, deco-

Next Meeting: SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th

rations.....= GOOD TIME in my book!

We also made several rides throughout the year. The Lame Duck Presidents ride turned out to not be a Lame Duck Ride.... But it will be in 2018! The ride I really enjoyed was our ride to Heroes' Hall at the Orange County Fairgrounds and the Bob Hope USO at John Wayne Airport. Deputy Tom Spaulding saw us arrive at the Airport and allowed us to park along the curb opposite the passenger pick up area. We went in for a visit and were briefed on the USO Opera-



tion. After, a photo op with John Wayne. At both venues, we made a \$100 donation. As I close for this month, I want to remind our membership that we are the most

visible arm of the American Legion Family. Everywhere we go, we wear a patch with the Legion Logo.

Conduct yourselves in a manner that reflects well on our parent organization. First round nominations for your next group of Officers is in February. Second Round and Elections are in March. Time to start thinking about who will be leading our Chapter. Will you be one to do so? I also want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**FOR GOD
AND COUNTRY,**

**Jim Sewell
President**



ALR 555 Preamble

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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.



Top Row: ALR Chapter 555 pose for a photo opp with John Wayne after visiting the USO at Orange County Airport; Chapter 555 Saturday group photo **Bottom Row:** President Jim says Prost! At Oktoberfest; Marlene and Kokoe say Cheese!; Chapter 555 Lame Duck Ride 1.0 to Pauma for lunch! Also the last time we saw Spicy that day... Woops!

VALUABLE RESOURCES



CALL

Veterans and their loved ones can call (800) 273-8255 and Press 1, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, or call your local [24-hour mental health crisis line](#).

If you feel you are in a crisis, whether or not you are thinking about killing yourself, please call. The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. People have called for help with substance abuse, economic worries, relationship and family problems, sexual orientation, illness, getting over abuse, depression, mental and physical illness, and even loneliness.

If you just want to talk, call the **24/7 Veteran Combat Call Center** to talk to another combat veteran. 1 (800) 927-8387

Veterans Chat Online

Veterans Chat 24/7 Confidential Support is a Click Away! If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, responders at the Veterans Crisis Line online chat offer help that can make a difference. Caring, qualified VA professionals are standing by to provide free and confidential support.

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KARAOKE NIGHT

FEATURING SOKOOL ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAYS AT THE 555
7:00 PM

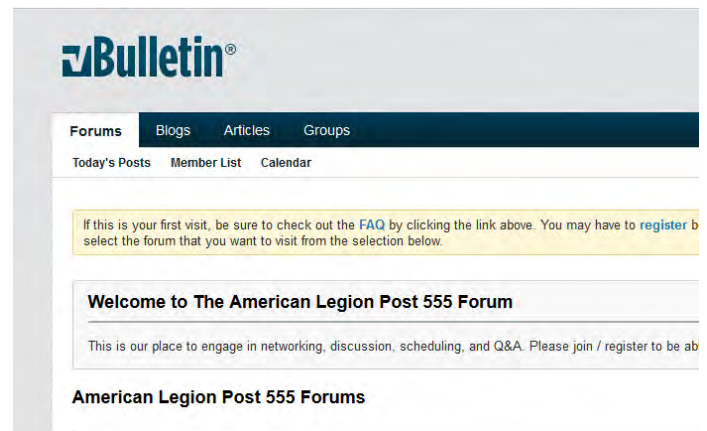


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CHECK OUT OUR NEW FORUM!

INTRODUCING: The Post 555 Forum! This is the place to go to post your thoughts, ideas, questions, and comments! Engage in conversation and thoughtful discussion with your fellow Post Family members! There is a community Calendar, as well as individual groups broken out by Post Family Branch, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, ALR.

Sign up today: <https://www.alpost555.org/>



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Christmas Party 2017

LIVE MUSIC

FEATURING SUNSET BEACH LOCAL BAND

PHUNKLE

SAT. DEC 16TH

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

SECRET SANTA \$10 LIMIT

FOOD DRINK SPECIALS

NO COVER - DONATIONS TO LOCAL CHARITIES ACCEPTED:

BRING A TOY - TOYS FOR TOTS | VA LONG BEACH ADOPT A FAMILY | VA LONG BEACH CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR VETERANS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL VETERANS AND FAMILIES

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING EVENTS: Don't miss out on our Thursday Night Dinners 01/04 ALR 1ST THURS DINNER 5:30 PM 01/20 COMMANDER'S PRIME RIB DINNER 02/06 AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETINGS RESUME					1 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	2
3 Pinochle 12:00 PM	4 Instagram Follow Us On twitter	5 Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	6 40/8 7:00 PM 	7 PEARL HARBOR DAY No Dinner Tonight	8 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	9 POST 295 3 Ball Tournament 1:00 PM
10 Pinochle 12:00 PM	11 POST E-Board 5:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM	12 13 NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY Marine Corps League 7:30 PM		14 SAL 2nd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	15 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	16 HANUKKAH BEGINS POST FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
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31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 KWANZAA BEGINS 12/26—1/1	27 	28 POST 4th Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	29 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	30 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Post 555 Family December Birthdays

"Squeaky" Adams
 Clarence Alvey, Jr.
 Charles Bates
 Thomas Estrada
 Kenneth Heid

Fred Hernandez
 Robert Hodgdon
 Eugene Kirkham
 David Porter
 Debbie Reinbold

Robert Strange
 Gregg Tompkins
 Jerry Tyner
 Kai Wong

Happy Birthday to you!

Don't see your name?

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

POST 555 THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS DON'T MISS OUT!

12/7 ALR: No Dinner — Ordering Pizza
 12/14 Sons: \$5 Meatball Sandwiches
 12/21 Aux: \$6 Chicken Alfredo
 12/28 Post: \$8 Salisbury Steak Dinner

Starts @ 5:30 until sold out!