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# On the Cover: Independence Day

Happy Independence Day!

242 years ago, on July 4th, 1776, the United States adopted the Declaration of Independence. The 13 colonies of America (Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina,

and Rhode Island) declared themselves states, and no longer a part of the British Empire.

Let us always remember those that fought and sacrificed for our freedom during the Revolutionary War, so that we may declare independence from the British Empire. **#Freedom** 

# **Veterans Crisis Line**

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# POST 555 PUB HOURS

MONDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM TUESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM THURSDAY 2:00 PM - 9:00 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: Installation Night! Our 2018-2019 Post Officers - Lookin' good fellas! 2nd Row: More Installations! Auxiliary 2018-2019 officers; Squadron 2018-2019 officers - nice photo bomb Commander! 3rd Row: Post 555 Family: [The 'ims] Commander Tim, SAL Commander Jim, Auxiliary President Kim, and ALR President Kokoe; Commander Tim at the baseball game on Legion Night, at Raley Stadium. Legion Convention attendees watched the Sacramento River Cats vs. Texas Chihuahuas Minor League Baseball. Row 4: Howdy Gallagher, in the Captain's chair aboard the USS Iowa; Hey Bartender Bob Glatz, may we have another? Corner Dave, Spicy, and Bad Andy smiling for the camera; Hey, there goes Spock, Kirk, Abraham Lincoln, and Mork. Wait, what? Row 5: ALR group photo: Everyone says Hi Marlene! Auxiliary group photo—Hey ladies! Turn around Rudy! Geeze!:)

# THE MARAUDER

### **Editor's Note:**

The Marauder would like to note the following corrections to items from the June 2018 Edition:

- Shirley & Randy Jones' wedding anniversary is 3/26/94 (not 2018) Sorry Shirley & Randy!
- 2. Incorrect listing of new Post 555 officers.
  The corrected list is as follows:



# Congratulations 2018-2019 Post 555 Officers

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We apologize for the typographical errors, as well as any inconveniences or confusion that this may have caused.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

It is always a pleasure and an honor to see all of our Post Family members and Legion Family together for an event. Since our last publication, we have had several:

On Memorial Day, we paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice at the Memorial Day Service at Westminster Memorial Park. Our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Squadron, and Riders presented wreaths. After the service, we had our annual potluck at the Post — and wow! What a nice spread — we must have had three tables worth of food! We also had a special visitors Garden Grove Mayor Pro Tem, Phat Bui, and several Vietnamese Military Retirees.

On a sad note, we did lose a post family member, Legionnaire, and friend, George Benedict. George transferred to Post Everlasting on May 30th, and his service was held on June 18th. He will be missed.

The Annual American Legion Department of CA Convention also happened in June. District 29 made a strong show this year. Our post was presented a special award for the 2nd year in a row for the entire post family (that's Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL) exceeding 100% membership. Congratulations!

Update on the bar: the architect finished the plans, and the engineer stamped the drawings. These drawings are now at the county for review. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel! I'll keep you posted.

I am planning a Steak Night in August, on 18th – hope to see you all there. This is a



fundraiser for our Post Improvement Fund. We need your support -now more than ever- so that we can finish our renovation of our post.

Tim Dusina Post Commander For God and Country



# Next Meeting: MONDAY, July 9th 7:00 PM

# 2ND VICE COMMANDER REPORT



Comrades,

Once again there are many events coming up at our family post.

The most pressing is the Beach Party at the Naval weapons station in Seal Beach on September 15 2018. You need to sign up early because a list of attendees has to be sent in one month ahead to the Naval base.

Also our annual Poker Run is set for September 29th.

I would also like to thank the membership for voting me in as your new 1st Vice Commander. This position was the only contested position so I'm grateful for your support. Now we have a new year of post activities and will need your support throughout the coming year.

I joined the Legion Family 12 years ago. I wanted a safe place we could come and socialize with a group of good friends that had served or had family serve in the military; a place that I could feel Camaraderie and share drinks food and listen to music.

That soon evolved to a place we could help Veterans and Community programs. A place where we soon learned the Four Pillars of the American Legion. The 'Triple Nickle' has done this, and more for us.

Please bring your family and friends to the post and have the eligible ones join our family.

Without growth and Volunteers we can't continue.

For God and Country Len Guillen 1st Vice Commander



# ADJUANT'S REPORT



I just wanted to say how much I appreciate the vote of confidence from Post Commander Dusina that he has appointed me to be your new post adjutant. In no way does my replacing Andy mean he hasn't done a good job. He's been your post adjutant for a long time and he wants to take a well-deserved break. He's been a dedicated officer to the post and at the district level as well. He deserves a rest from all his hard work. Like with any change in personnel, everyone does things a little differently. The department has moved administrative filings toward technology and has implemented new streamlined processes in which the post is to submit its required paper work via the internet. Yes, that means computers and computer software programs. The days of handwritten and mailed forms and paperwork are going by the wayside. Everything is being done electronically. So, as your new post adjutant, I will be bringing the post into the electronic age.

In case some of you aren't familiar with what your post officer's roles and responsibilities are, let me tell you what mine are as your adjutant. This position, if you don't know, is the most central and crucial of all positions of any post, district or department. At the first executive board meeting last month, we handed out to all the officers The American Legion Officer's Guide and manual of ceremonies. This guide outlines the roles and responsibilities of all post officers, guidelines on how to operate a post, and protocols and procedures for performing ceremonies at the post.

Here is an excerpt of what the post adjutant's role is, "The adjutant has the same position in the post as the secretary of any other organized body, and a bit more. Like the first sergeant of a company, post activities

revolve around the adjutant. ... While the commander's duties are largely inspirational and executive, an adjutant's duties are administrative. The commander navigates the ship, but the adjutant is the engineer who runs the ship's machinery.

The adjutant is the personnel officer and personal point of contact for individual members of the post. He or she maintains membership records minutes of meetings, checks up and assists the work of the other officers and committees, and publishes official orders, announcements and instructions. The adjutant is primarily concerned with ways and means and, by virtue of a key position, can add effectiveness to all post activities.

What this means is that I will be working close with your post commander and all your post officers to ensure that the post moves forward. We work as a team. Remember, there is no "I" in "team." I plan on working closely with your vice commanders to ensure they succeed in their roles and help where I can. We already have dates scheduled both this month and next month to hold a membership renewal night at the post. Look for it in the calendar. Come down for post dinner and turn in your 2019 membership dues to get your new membership card. We'd be glad to see you down here, enjoy a bite to eat, and I would be very happy to meet all of you.

Please feel free to reach out to at: <u>KAGpost555adju-</u> tant@gmail.com with questions or concerns. I also plan on communicating post events and membership information with all of you via the monthly Marauder, the post newsletter and through email. Let me know if you need to update your email address or if you have a new email. I look forward to meeting all of you and having a great year.

**Ken George** Adjutant For God and Country





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DATE: Saturday, July 28, 2018

WHEN: 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon WHERE: American Legion on Beach Blvd

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# **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**



With summer vacation starting, I want to remind everyone that we have double deck pinochle every Sunday at the post! It is pretty friendly game. I want everyone to enjoy the summer. It looks like it's going to be a hot one so make sure you drink a lotta water. You have to stay hydrated. We have a big project coming on the post little painting need as many helpers as we can get. Airborne all the way.

For God and Country Stay Alert and Healthy Bill Seibert Post 555 Chaplain



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.

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

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# **PSO's CORNER**

Well, summer is here. For those of you who are going on a vacation trip, have fun but stay safe.

Reminder, I have brought a bunch of "Buy One Get One" discount cards for admission to tour the Battleship Iowa in San Pedro. They will be available for anyone to pick at the bar or literature table. The battleship museum is a great experience. It ranks in the top 5 best

Also for your information, LA Fleet Week will be at the port of Los Angeles over labor day weekend. There are usually 4 or 5 active navy and coast guard ships that hold open tours. Check LA Fleet Week.com for more information.

Have a safe 4th of July holiday.

For God and Country, Dan Hayden, PSO



# **VALUABLE RESOURCES**

Cal Vet is your Veteran resource to process everything from VA Claims for service related disabilities, benefits advocacy and assistance, Home loans, healthcare, Veteran status verification for Drivers License, beginning a college education, training for jobs, and much more!

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### **DISABILITY COMPENSATION: WHAT IS THIS?**

Disability Compensation is a monthly benefit that is paid by the USDVA to veterans for any disability exacerbated by active service in the military. This benefit is tax free, and can also be paid to veterans disable from treatment in a USDVA healthcare facility.

### **WHO QUALIFIES?**

Veterans may be eligible for disability compensation if they have a service connected (S/C) disability, and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions. A S/C disability does not have to be combat injury. Any injury or illness suffered or aggravated while in uniform can be considered.

### **HOW DO I FILE A CLAIM?**

There are five steps to filing a claim.

- The claim process starts when the veteran files either an Informal (Form USDVA 21-0966 (Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivor Pension and/or Dependency Indemnity Compensation)] or a Formal [Form USDVA 21-526EZ (Application for Compensation)]. Claims can be submitted electronically at the USDVA eBenfits portal [www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage]. When a claim is filed, the claimant must sign a Power of Attorney (POA) form authorizing VSO, VSR, or CVSO to act on the claimant's behalf. Note that the claims process is free, and veterans should never have to pay for assistance in filling out forms or advocating on behalf of a veteran.
- Obtain Evidence. Veterans must provide evidence to support the disability claim. This is crucial to the claims process.
   USVDA can also obtain evidence on the veteran's behalf.
   Evidence includes letters detailing specific experiences in service, medical records, information on dependents, employment history, etc.
- USDVA Requests a Physical Exam. While waiting for evidence, USVDA will request a physical. This is required to complete the claim.
- USDVA Rates the claim. Once all the evidence is received, the USDVA evaluates all of the evidence, medical records,



- and documents and identifies how this evidence corresponds to the USDVA rating schedule. This is where the percentages of disability are determined.
- USDVA makes a Decision. Once the rating is determined, then the USDVA notifies the claimant. If the claimant has any questions, they are to notify their VSO, VSR, o CVSO prior to calling the USVDA.

# WHAT TO DO IF A CLAIM IS DENIED OR YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH THE USDVA'S DECISION

Did you know that a claimant can appeal any part of a USDVA regional office disability claim decision? This includes appealing the denial of a claim, a low disability percentage rating, the effective date, and more. To learn more, contact your VSO, VSR, or CVSO to determine the best course of action.

# WHAT IS INVOLVED IN AN APPEAL?

There are several steps involved with appealing a Regional Office decision. Some steps may not be necessary, and this is determined on a case by case basis.

- The claimant files a Notice of Disagreement. This starts the appeal process.
- USDVA issues a response. This is called Statement of the Case (SOC).
- If the claimant still disagrees with the USDVA SOC, then the claimant files a Formal Appeal (USDVA Form 9, or equivalent)
- The claimant may request a formal review, which the USDVA can schedule, by a Decision Review Board Officer (DRO) at the Regional Office.
- If the claimant sill disagrees with the DRO decision, then the claimant can appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) in Washington, DC.
- It the claimant still disagrees with the BVA decision, then the claimant can appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims (CAVC) in Washington, DC.

A claim at the BVA or CAVC has three possible outcomes: the granting of all or part of a claim, a remand, or a denial. If a claim is granted on an appeal, the claim goes back to the Regional Office for processing. When a claim is remanded, this means that additional information may be required to finish processing the claim. When an appeal is denied by the BVA, the next appeal level is the CAVC. If the CAVC denies the appeal, consult your VSO, VSR, or CVSO for further guidance.





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# OP/ED

# Albert E. Schwab Post 555 Press Award Winners



By Clara Pon CALPA Secretary/Treasurer

Congratulations to Post 555 Commander Tim Dusina and Unit 555 Auxiliary (past) President Kokoe Estrada Dusina. First time entrants in the annual California American Legion Press Association (C.A.L.P.A.) media competition have come back from the 100th department convention in Sacramento with three awards in their respective categories for post newsletter (1st place), website (1st Place), and social media (2nd Place for Facebook). There are several other categories that we can compete in next year include videos, photography, graphic arts (flyers/posters), press releases, and editorials.

We have a whole year to build up our media portfolio to dominate the competition next year and give District 22 and Post 365 stiffer competition. They, as a district and post submitted in every category and placed in each one. Granted, they are past winners for at least the last two years and aren't new to C.A.L.P.A, but I think Triple Nickle has the mad skills to beat them next year.

In addition, your post commander and past Auxiliary and current chapter president have also submitted entries into the annual National American Legion Press Association (NALPA) media contest. Notifications of contest winners will be announced and awards handed out at the NALPA awards luncheon during that national convention in August in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Let's keep our fingers crossed that they are also NALPA contest winners, too.

One last item to mention is how busy, committed, and active your post commander and first lady are. Not only are they busy running the post and all its ongoing projects, the Auxiliary unit, and planning rider events and fundraisers, they are also new officers in C.A.L.P.A. First lady Kokoe is the new Area 5 vice president and Post Commander Tim is the sergeant-at-arms. They are all about the Legion pillars and making things better.

Everyone, please congratulate Commander Tim and First Lady Kokoe when you see them for their victorious accolades in the annual CALPA media contest. We hope to see more of these awards lining the walls of the post.







# CAN YOU FIND ALL THE AMERICAN FLAGS?

In celebration of Independence Day, count the number of American Flags tha appear throughout the July Issue of the Marauder!



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# AUXILIARY UNIT 555 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings!

Our Auxiliary Unit has been busy this month. Auxiliary members, along with the entire Post family attended the Westminster Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony and presented Wreaths. After the ceremony we had the Memorial Day potluck with lots of food and the main hall was overflowing with Legion Family and guests.

On Sunday, June 3rd, Kay

Hamby, Shirley Jones, Naoko Gorsuch and myself went to the Long Beach VA and played bingo in the Community Living Center. This was our first time for all of us to go to the VA and play bingo, it was a great time and we look forward to being able to do this in the future.

On June 18th the Post family had the Board Installations for the Legionnaires, Sons and the Auxiliary. Our first meeting with the new board is July 3rd where we will be discussing special events that we want to do this upcoming year and welcoming any new members that attend.

Our Third Thursday Dinner for June was meatball sandwiches prepared by Shirley, Naoko and Legionnaire Gene Lucier dropped in to lend a hand as well. We served meatball sandwiches, salad and chips and sold out! Everyone that stopped to support the dinner had great compliments for the meal. Stay tuned for our Third Thursday dinner for July! Although, you don't have to wait just for the Third Thursday dinner for the Auxiliary, the other Post Family have their own Thursday Dinners each week. Come support the various groups each week and get to know your fellow post family.

Our next big Post Family event is a potluck on July 4th at 2:00 pm! What will you be bringing to share?

Have a great July 4th!

Kim aka Baby Doll Unit 555 President For God and Country



# Next Weetings TUESDAY, July 3rd @ 7:00 PM

# **AUXILIARY UNIT 555 - TREASURER'S 2 CENTS**

Hello Post Family,

I just want to share with you that this last Memorial Day Weekend in May was major fundraising opportunity for American Legion Auxiliary units. Our Unit here at Post 555 earned over \$1500 in Poppy donations this year. I want to give a huge shout out to Kay Hamby and her husband, Russ Hamby, Post Legionnaire who sat in front Huntington Beach Walmart all day on Friday and also Kay sat with our Auxiliary President, Kim Martin-Adams on Saturday & with myself on Sunday at Westminster Walmart over the Holiday weekend. Thank you to everyone that donated or spent their time helping on collecting all these donations.

Our Auxiliary 3rd Thursday dinner has also been successful with the help YOU and the Riffle Club

who is also here on our dinner night. We have made over a \$1000 in profits in the last 6 months. We have served the following dinners and are planning the remaining months of dinners now. We have served so far: Chicken Pot Pie, Penne Pasta, Rigatoni, Ravioli Dinner, Chicken Alfredo, and Meatball Sandwiches'. We will be doing Spaghetti and Meat-

balls for July and a Hot Dog Cart in August so please come see us and get to know

Thank you and Happy July!

your ladies of the Auxiliary!

Shirley Jones ALR 555 Treasurer Auxiliary 555 Treasurer



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.



# 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.

Greetings Riders,

Summer is in full throttle, and so is our Chapter! June was a good month, with several rides, escorts, events, and memorials that our Chapter participated in. This includes the Annual Post Memorial Day Event 555, Wayne Campbell Memorial Poker Run at Big Bear 200, a funeral escort with Dana Point 281, Rim of the World Ride with 365, George Benedict escort / memorial 555, HB Elks Chili Cook Off and Car Show, Bike Night 295, ALR Thursday Dinner, and of course our after chapter meeting ride to the USS Iowa - Post 61.

For those that were not able to make the trip on 6/29, the USS Iowa ride was pretty amazing. Not only the scenic ride up the road, and slalom around the boxes and road hazards, but we received the full tour. Captain Rich of the USS Iowa, and Post 61 saw to it that we got an amazing fully narrated tour of the Iowa, complete with historical anecdotes, and great detail. Huge thank you to Post 61 for making that happen! After the tour we took the scenic route to

lunch at World Famous Curly's in Signal Hill.

The ever boisterous 555 know how to bring the party, as only The 555 can. Who brings it better than us? The riders brought the party to the Memorial Day BBQ Potluck, and to the Commander's Salisbury Steak Night, and a good time was had by all. I want to invite the Chapter to bring the party on Thursday July 12th – our ALR dinner night. We will be firing up the grill, and having a potluck. Please bring a dish if you'd like. Don't forget canned goods for Potter's Lane!

Summer of 555 continues with our Annual Summer Beach Party in September on the 15th. Sign up early and get your tickets for \$15 – this is one event you won't want to miss. We will have food: burgers, dogs, sausages, chicken, ribs, fruits, veggies, snacks, cakes, cookies, beer, and more! We will have entertainment: <<<LIVE MUSIC>>>, and a PRIVATE beach!

Poker Run (Saturday September 29th) planning is coming along nicely. We have our Run



pins and shirts designed, band is lined up, and lunch menu is in work. Keep an eye out for pre-registration announcements – pins are free for the first 50!

Our next meeting is Saturday July 28th. See you then! In the meantime keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up.

Ride safe! And log your miles: https://www.americanlegionpost555.com/chapter-555-event-log.html

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,

Kokoe Estrada President ALR Chapter 555

# Next Meeting: SATURDAY, JULY 28th @ 09:30

# ROAD CAPTAIN'S DIRECTIVE



Message from the Road Captain, Commander Tim Dusina:

After discussion with some of you it seems that because we ride in a large group, it would be appropriate to have an assistant Road Captain that will ride somewhere closer to the middle of the pack. This

way if we get separated at a stop light, the back half of the group still knows where we are going and how we are getting there. We will institute this practice for all rides going forward. If you are interested in being an Assistant Road Captain, let me know.

Also, it seems that no one feels leading a ride, yet everyone can do a better job at it. I am here to coordinate the rides. I am not as familiar with the Orange County area as many of our members. That being said, please email me at

tim.dusina.555@gmail.com and we can put a ride together. We can alternate ride leaders; I am here to coordinate quality and fun rides for our group, I do not have to lead every ride.

I am planning an overnight ride to San Diego in August / September time frame. Those interested in going to check out the back roads to Julian and the area let me know. I'd like to get about 10 bikes to ride out on a Saturday, visit some posts: 255 National City, 434 Chula Vista, stay overnight. Ride through the countryside the next morning, stop in Julian for lunch. Ride back to OC after (or we can stay an additional night).

Tim Dusina Road Captain ALR Chapter 555

# ALR TREASURER'S NOTE

Happy July all!

Just a friendly reminder to let you know that the our Legion Riders have secured Barney's Beach house, and it is coming up quick. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We have the Recreation Center Pavilion for Saturday, September 15th 2018 from 12 noon to 8 pm. It is \$15 per person and you MUST complete a Release of Liability form. I have printed forms with me or you can use the link below to complete online. We have to turn in a list of all participants and all of the Liability forms into the base by August 15th, 2018.

You can pay by Cash, Check, Credit Card

or go to links below for PayPal. See myself or Kokoe to pay and turn in forms.

To find Consent Forms online: Go the ALR section of the Post webpage, (link below) under Chapter information. Flyer, Map, Rules and Consent forms. Print & turn in with payment or email them right back to Shirley at: Akalucy68@aol.com

https://ww.americanlegionpost555.com/alrmembers.html

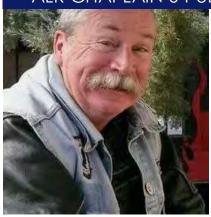
PayPal Users: <a href="https://www.PayPal.Me/ALRChapter555">https://www.PayPal.Me/ALRChapter555</a> - Please Note: Barnery's Beach House in the memo section.

Thank you and Ride Safe!



Shirley "Johnson" Jones ALR 555 Treasurer Auxiliary 555 Treasurer

# ALR CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT



Comrades,

I am writing this on June 27, 2018. This day was proclaimed PTSDS Awareness Day by a Senate Resolution in 2010. A few years later the Senate expanded the "day" to the entire month. PTSD has been with us since the first wars, alt-

hough it wasn't always called that. I remember in my days in the Air Force working with civilian veterans who suffered from "shell shock". It wasn't until 1980 that PTSD was formally recognized and much later identified by the VA for specific treatment.

Today, PTSD is recognized as a disabling disorder chiefly among veterans and public safety officers. About 20 percent of veterans (average) have some degree of PTSD. The percentage is higher in Vietnam veterans. Public safety officers usually suffer from cumulative PTSD, drawn from a number of incidents over their career. It is harder to detect and diagnose.

The most serious issue with PTSD is, of course, suicide. Veteran suicides run about 20 per day; the vast majority of them are not under professional care. For us, that means we need to be especially concerned with our Legion Family.

A number of our Legion Family suffer from PTSD and we all know them. The ones of most concern are those who we don't know yet. So, I ask you to keep your eyes open and a helping hand ready. Most vets suffering from PTSD know there is something wrong but they sometimes need help in identifying it and, most importantly, getting help. Do your part and don't let anyone in our family suffer needlessly.

As we enter a new month, please keep all of our veterans overseas in your prayers. While you are at it, say a prayer for our members who are currently battling cancer. And, please keep George Benedict and all of our brothers who have gone to Post Everlasting in your hearts.

I am humbled to be your Chaplain,

Jeff Gallagher Chaplain ALR Chapter 555

# ALR JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT

At the last rider meeting, I had a rider come up to me asking what a judge advocate is. He said he'd never heard of it and asked what does a judge advocate do. So in short, I told him that a judge advocate basically advises the president on the interpretation of department and chapter bylaws if there are questions and provides council on legal matters pertaining to incidents that any of our chapter riders may get into. I also told him that it is my job to make sure your chapter bylaws are current and in compliance with department rider bylaws.

According to the amended 2016 American Legion Riders Department of California bylaws, the responsibilities and duties of a judge advocate from Article IV, Section 9 states, "The Department Judge Advocate shall advise the Department Officers and the

Department Executive Committee on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the Department Bylaws. The Department Judge Advocate shall advise the Department Officers and the Department Executive Committee regarding parliamentary procedures when requested. The Department Judge Advocate shall also preside over the Trial Board Committee if necessary. The Department judge Advocate shall also perform such other duties as assigned by the President providing there is no conflict with the Department Constitution and Bylaws."

So, even though the description is from the department bylaws, we replace "Department" with "Chapter" and that would essentially be my responsibilities as ...continued on page 18





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 Na-

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,

June was a busy month: we have had Elections and Convention which marks the beginning of a new year. Last year we made it to 82 members and hit 105%, thanks to all of you renewing and the new members that have joined us. Some of our new members have joined us as officers this year. Here are your 2018-19 Officers:

Commander – James Eubanks 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. – George Willis 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. – Christopher Goodrum Adjutant - Joseph Mauriello E-Board members:

**Rudy Gonzales** Andy Wright Leland Hill Sgt.-at-Arms – Ed Schule

Historian - Vacant Chaplin – Vacant Finance - Vacant

It is nice to see more partici-

pation from other members, and this year looks like it will be a good year. We have Officers that are anxious to get involved. This means that we can be involved with more of the Post activities.

Up till now I have been unable to be involved with the Son's Thursday night dinners once a month, due to prior obligations. I will now be able to participate now that it has changed. We will be having our dinner on July 5th for those that don't feel like cooking, and as always, we can use the help in the kitchen.

There was a problem at National this year and we (the Detachment) did not receive our membership cards at Convention. As soon as we receive them we will let everyone know, and I would encourage everyone to renew at that time. The Detachment has an award for reaching 100% early, so let's give it a shot and go for the award.

We will resume our regular meetings this month. The next meeting will be on July 16th and starts at 7:00 pm as usual. I do hope to see more of you attend our meeting. For those wishing to learn more about different positions and how things are done, we will be having Leadership Training thru-out the year. We will keep you posted as to the dates and locations if vou wish to attend.

There is one last tidbit of information I want to pass on to you. This year the Sons of the American Legion received permission from the Rose Parade Committee to enter a float. So together with the American Legion, the family will have a float in the upcoming Rose Parade.

As more information becomes available I will pass it on.

Sons of the American Legion "Honoring our Heritage while Nurturing our Youth"

For God and Country James A. Eubanks Squadron 555 Commander



Next Meetings Monday, July 16th, 7:00 PM

# The California Sons Adventure eMagazine

**Check out the** Sons Department of CA Detachment monthly publication, The California Sons 'Adventure! more issues at: <a href="http://sonsadventure.com/">http://sonsadventure.com/</a>

ALR Adjutant's Report Continued from page 17... your Chapter 555 judge advoupdating and amending our chapter bylaws to be in compli-

chapter judge advocate, rest assured that I am familiar with cate. For this year, I plan on Legion bylaws (national, department, district and post level), have helped amend and rewritance with departments'. For ten various post bylaws up and those that don't know me and down the state, and have access may question my qualifications to the one of the founding mem-

and knowledge of being your bers and foremost authority on The American Legion Riders Department of California. Ride

> Clara Pon George Judge Advocate **ALR Chapter 555**



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

# 5555JULY

# THURS 7/5 - SQUADRON \$6 ROAST BEEF

# SANDWWICHES

Back by popular demand! HOT Roast Beef Sandwiches served on a roll with brown gravy or au jus. Served with a side of chips and potato salad. Come on down and support the SALs!

### THURS 7/12 - ALR

# \$6 ALR BURGER BURN & GNNED FOOD DRIVE

Riders are grilling up hamburgers tonight! Get a fresh hot burger with all the fixins', salads, chips. Free dessert with donation! Supporting Veterans at Potter's Lane



# THURS 7/19 AUX

# \$6 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS

It's your lucky night! The ladies are cooking up a fantastic spaghetti & meatballs dinner for you — served up hot and fresh with garlic bread. Add side salad for \$1 more.

# THURS 7/26 POST

### COMMANDER' MEATLOAF SPECIAL

Commander Tim is making his famous homemade meatloaf dinner with garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, and a side salad. Get yours early before we sell out!

# THURS 8/2 SQUADRON

# 

SALs are cooking up a wonderful fettuccini alfredo dinner! Served with chicken, and a side of tasty garlic bread. Add a side salad for \$1 more. Buon Appetito!

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POST IMPROVEMENT PAINT DAY 2 10AM Pinochle 12PM Karaoke 3PM—7PM	POST E-Board 5:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM	Review Us!	Marine Corps League 7:30 PM	ALR 2nd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	14 CYPRESS 295 3 Ball Get Together
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# Post 555 Family July Birthdays

**Theresa Alvey Paul Bosse Patrick Coponiti Sherrie Fisher Randy Jones** 

**Shirley Jones** James Heil Walter Hughes William Thorn

Jim Raimondo John Ryan Swan Soderlind George Ursini

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 DINNERS

7/5 SAL: Roast Beef Sandwiches 7/12 ALR: Burger Burn\* 7/19 Aux: \$6 Spaghetti & Meatballs 7/26 POST: \$8 Commander's Meatloaf Special 8/2 SAL: \$6 Fettuccini Alfredo 8/9 ALR: \$6 Brats Night\* \*POTTER'S LANE **CANNED FOOD & SUNDRIES DRIVE** 

Come on down and let us do the cooking Starts @ 5:30 until sold out!