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#Post555Family

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; To inculcate a sense of 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 consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



## POST 555 OFFICERS

Tim Dusina, Commander  
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 Len Guillen, Second Vice Commander  
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 Lee Lieberg, E-Board  
 Andy Timko, Adjutant  
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 Bill Seibert, Chaplain  
 Charlie Bates, Historian  
 Dan Hayden, Service Officer

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 Jeff Gallagher, Chaplain  
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 Mike Eustace, Sergeant at Arms  
 Not yet appointed, Chaplain  
 Rudy Gonzales, E-Board

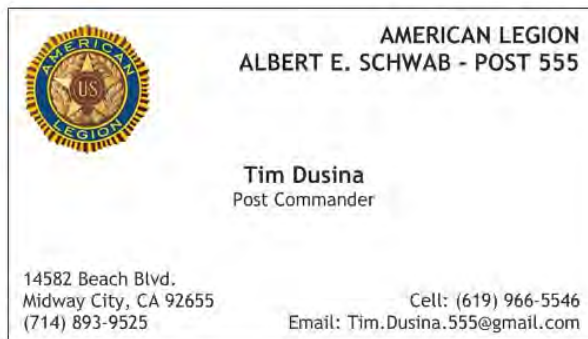
## On the Cover: Patriot Point

Shown on the front cover is the Vietnam Memorial at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park, in Little Saigon, Westminster, CA.

This park was dedicated in 2002, and was named after retired US Army Major Sid Goldstein. Maj. Goldstein was a member of the Legion of Val-

or, and winner of the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism in WWII.

Maj. Goldstein retired from the US Army and settled in Westminster, where he raised his family, served the community, and was honored for his  
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## 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](http://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 - 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

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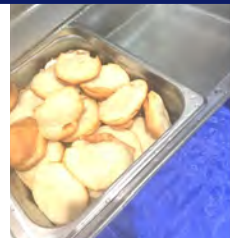
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## What's going on at The 555?



**Top Row:** Post 555 April General Meeting is in session; the Corvette Club Legionnaires pose for a quick photo. **2nd Row:** Randy, Gene, Debbie, and SGM engaged in conversation at the April Post Meeting; WWII Veteran Paulo Demasso and Andy Timko say hello! **3rd Row:** Post 4th Sunday Breakfast prep, coffee station, breakfast biscuits, eggs, potatoes, and Randy mixing the Bloody Marys at the bar. **Row 4:** SGM Bob telling Randy, Charlie, Kim, and Shirley fireside stories at the ALR Hospitality House in Oceanside; Group rider photo at Rose Cantina in Trabuco Canyon during the April after meeting ride; Look who is back on the bike! Gene gives us the peace sign as the ALR gets ready for the ride. **Row 5:** D29 Commander Ken George, Post Commander Tim, Kat, Clara, Shirley, and Kokoe pose for a photo during sunset in Oceanside; Callahan kicks back at his desk while discussing business; SGM Bob, Clara, Post Commander Tim, Kat, Gary, Shirley and Randy Johnson, and D29 Commander Ken George pose for a group photo at the Escondido Post 149.





*Rusty's Island Chips*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

It is May and this means it is time for Post 555 2nd Nominations and Elections. Elections are an important time for the future of our Post. If you have what it takes, this is your opportunity to step up and be a part of our success. Our elected and appointed positions are listed in this issue, along with the current list of nominated candidates. If you are interested in any of the officer positions, come down to our next monthly meeting on May 14th and put your name on the list. Step up and be a part of something big! Even if you don't run for an officer position, come on down and make your vote count. Remember,

this is our Post, and it relies on our active member participation, volunteerism.

**BAR REMODEL:** We are working on finalizing our building plans with the county. Once approved we will be good to go and we can start planning out our Grand Re-Opening Party.

**EVENTS:** Check out our Thursday Dinners – we cook something fresh every week. Our volunteers put together a tasty and affordable meal every week. Come on down and support your Post! This month we are also having our Commander's Steak Night on Saturday the 12th. I would like to personally invite everyone to try my Bone in New



York Steak, potatoes, roll, salad, and dessert. This is my event so you know you can expect a Commander sized meal!

**Tim Dusina**  
**Post Commander**  
**For God and Country**

***Next Meeting:***  
***MONDAY, May 14th 7:00 PM***

### 1st Round Nominated Officers as of the April 2018 General Meeting:

*Post Commander*  
Tim Dusina [Current Post Commander]

*First Vice-Commander*  
Lenard Guillen [Current 2nd Vice Commander]  
Kenneth C. George [Current District 29 Commander]

*Second Vice-Commander*  
Randy Jones [Legionnaire, ALR Sergeant at Arms]

*Third Vice Commander*  
Ed Sedlak [Current E-Board Member]

*Executive Board [E-Board]:*  
Lee Lieberg [Current E-Board]  
Charlie Bates [Current Historian, and E-Board]  
Ed Sedlak [Current E-Board Member]

### 2nd Round Nominations and Elections May 14, 2018 - 7:00 PM

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*contributions to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.*

*The Monument displays two 11' bronze soldiers, one American and one South Vietnamese., and represents the coop-*

*eration between the two countries during the Vietnam Conflict.*

*Located near the monument is a forever torch, which is always lit, and a waterfall.*

*The plaque, which is dedicated*

*to those who fought in the war reads:*

*DUTY, HONOR, SACRIFICE  
IT IS SOMETIMES SAID  
THAT HEROES ARE HARD  
TO FIND. PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING  
OF DUTY, HONOR, AND con-*  
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# LEGION FACTS: DID YOU KNOW?

Presenting this month's 'Did You Know' article:

*District 29 Commander, ALR Chapter 555 Historian, Post 555 Legionnaire, and candidate for First Vice Commander: Ken George.*

After recently transferring to your post, the commander asked me to write an article on some random trivial Legion facts. After teaching a few courses for the first inaugural Department of California Legion College, I had a few ideas so I decided to make everyone aware of online training at the [Legion.org](http://Legion.org) website.



I would like to inform everyone that the national American Legion organization has updated an online course that used to be called *American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI)*. The course which is

offered online and in the classroom, teaches our members about The American Legion as a whole starting with the history, the four pillars, Legion family programs (SONS and Riders) and the 26 programs under the four pillars. Recently, National has updated and revamped the course calling it *Basic Training*. The course is still offered online and it is free to all Legion family members.

The course is designed to go at your own pace where you can even login and logout with the ability to pick up where you left off. Depending on your pace, the course could take as little as an hour and a half. At the end of each segment, there is a test to see how much you retained. There is also the ability to test your knowledge

right up front where you can take the final exam first. I took the final test first myself and passed. However, if you do not pass the final without taking the course, that is even more of a reason to take the course. I promise you, taking the course is fun and informative. It even has videos for those who hate to read.

Anyone interested in taking the course, can go to [www.legion.org/training](http://www.legion.org/training) or [www.legion.org/alei](http://www.legion.org/alei). At the end of the course, if you would like to purchase a graduate pin for your cap or lapel, you can order it for \$4.95 plus shipping. You will need your [myl-egion.org](http://myl-egion.org) account information to login. If you do not have it, don't panic. Setting up an account is easy. If you are having any difficulty setting



up your [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) account, please feel free to contact me at [kalangeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kalangeorge@gmail.com). I will be more than happy to assist you.

Lastly, anyone who takes the course and produces their graduate certificate, I will offer a one-time only free drink at the bar. Happy learning and remember, a trained Legionnaire is a knowledgeable Legionnaire. We need more trained and knowledgeable legionnaires.



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*COUNTRY NEED TO LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.*

*The American Legion Riders Chapter 555 traditionally ride to the Vietnam Memorial after the annual Ceremony at Westminster Memorial, and then to the Post for the annual Memorial Day Potluck.*



*Top: The eternal flame display near the soldiers monument. Bottom: the dedication to our heroes that fought in the Vietnam War.*

**NEWLY RELEASED**

**OFFICIAL NATIONAL**

**BASIC TRAINING CLASS**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**EDUCATION INSTITUTE**

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. It is divided into six sections, followed by a final exam.

The sections closely follow The Legion's Four Pillars of service. They include:

- History & Organization
- Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
- Americanism
- Children & Youth

This course is **FREE**. Upon successful completion of the final, the graduate will receive in the mail a completion certificate signed by the national commander. A *Basic Training Graduate* lapel pin can be purchased via your [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) account for \$4.95.

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**  
**McClellan Conference Center**  
**12 noon - 4 p.m. Location - TBD**

This newly released national Basic Training course is being taught by two national Legion College graduates, *Ken George*.

Register via email now to reserve your seat to:  
[kgdistrict29cmdr@gmail.com](mailto:kgdistrict29cmdr@gmail.com), email subject line: Convention Basic training class.

Be sure to sign up by **Wednesday, June 13, 2018**. Please include your full name, mailing address, post/squadron/unit number, email address, and telephone number so we can confirm your seat. We look forward to seeing you then.



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- Hospice Care
- Home Care Consulting

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT**

May Day May Day is here already, and here is some good news: I checked with Department and we are very close to 100%, even though National has been having a big problem updating the reports (Get it together National!). As of today we have 256 members. Our membership stats are at 91% which includes Renewals, New Members, Transfers, PUFL's, and On-line renewals.



Have a great May and definitely remember Memorial Day Honoring all the great Veterans that gave all and the veterans still serving. GOD BLESS AMERICA

Oldie but Goodie: Were thankful for our Blessings all Year, for our family we dearly love, our dear friends old and new, for the sun light and warm days, for the stars that glow at night, the trees of green,

and skies of blue, and puffy clouds of white. Think about it were grateful for our eyes that see all the beauty all around us, for arms to hug, and legs to walk, even to hear all the sounds around us. The list of all were grateful for would fill a great wonderful big book. Finally our thankful hearts find new delights everywhere we look! AMEN

**For God and Country  
Stay Alert and Healthy  
Andy Timko  
Post 555 Adjutant  
Assistant Chaplain**

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**



There was a name and a number of a witness, so I called the person and he confirmed that he saw this woman hit my car. There was also a card from another witness. I called my insurance, and they told me we don't have anything to do with that, and you have to go to the claims adjuster. More in next month's Ma-rauder.

An interesting event happened to me. I was at a shopping center, in the store. When I got done and back into the car, I noticed there was a piece of paper on my windshield. So I got out and looked at it, and somebody had hit my car!

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





## RECRUIT RENEW REVITALIZE

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](http://www.legion.org/renew), or mail it in to the Post, or drop it off at the bar.

# I WANT YOU

## to be a Legion Family member

### To Learn More, Contact:

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**Albert E. Schwab Post 555**

14582 Beach Blvd.

Midway City, CA 92655

(714) 893-9525

<http://www.americanlegionpost555.com>

### 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.

**ONLINE RENEWAL:** <https://www.members.legion.org/tal/renew>





## 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](http://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](http://www.legion.org).

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### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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)**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)               | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)   |
| <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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## PSO's CORNER



Greetings all,

Again not much going on in my area. Still getting some requests for assistance or guidance for the VA or other veteran assistance programs. On the personal side,

April 20th is my wife and my 44th anniversary, so we are going to San Diego for a West Coast Mini Reunion with shipmates from my last command, which is April 21st and 22nd. Will see you all at the

April post meeting.

**For God and Country,  
Dan Hayden, PSO**



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

***Monday, June 18th, 7:00 PM Post Family Installations***

## POST 555 ELECTIVE AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

Summary of Albert E. Schwab Post 555 organization duties and responsibilities for elective and appointed positions:

### **ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

**COMMANDER** - The Post Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Post and has general supervision over the business affairs of the Post. Such officer shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Post and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Post. The Commander shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds and shall make an annual report covering the business of the Post for the year and make recommendations for the ensuing year.

**FIRST VICE-COMMANDER** - He/She shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of Commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the Post Commander. The First-Vice Commander shall be the Post's Membership Chairperson.

**SECOND VICE-COMMANDER** - The 2nd Vice Commander shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of First Vice-Commander in the absence of or disability of such officer, and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Post Com-

mander. He/She will be concerned with the work of the Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation programs, and provide programs to spice up the meetings and attract attendance.

**EXECUTIVE-BOARD** - The Board of Directors (The Executive Board) shall consist of the elective officers of the post, the Junior Past Commander, and three elected members. The executive committee shall consider all matters pertaining to the Post and shall make recommendations to the Post.

### **APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

**ADJUTANT** - The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and corrected record of all records as the Department and National Organizations may require, render reports on membership annually or when called upon at a meeting, and under direction of the commander, handle all correspondence received by the Department or National Organization. He/She shall also supervise the annual nomination and election process.

**FINANCE OFFICER** - The Finance Officer: The Finance Officer of the Post shall have charge of all finances and see that they are safely deposited in a local bank or banks and shall

report once a month to the Executive Committee the condition of the finances of the Post, with such recommendations as may deem expedient or necessary for raising funds with which to carry on the activities of the Post. He/She or two (2) members of the Executive Board shall sign all checks disbursing the monies of the Post. The Finance Officer shall be bonded under a blanket bond procured from the Department Headquarters and paid for by the Post at cost.

**HISTORIAN** - The Historian shall be charged with the individual records and incidents of the Post and Post members, and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Post or Executive Board. The Post Historian is also charged with photographing and documenting Post events. **Sergeant-at-Arms:** The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to him/her by the Commander or Executive Board.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** - The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to him/her by the Post Commander.

**CHAPLAIN** - The Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Post members and will offer divine but nonsectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, and adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the National or Department Headquarters.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE** - It shall be the duties of the Judge Advocate shall be to supply professional advice in the conduct of Post business or render council. He/she is to interpret the American Legion Constitution and By-Laws and may be called upon by the Commander and/or other officers of the Post to rule on the legality of their actions and make decisions insofar as they affect the good of the American Legion. The Judge Advocate shall be in charge of the auditing of all the post accounts and ledgers.

**SERVICE OFFICER** - The Service Officer shall be generally that of prosecuting claims and protecting the rights and privileges of all veterans, their dependents and survivors and to handle such other matters as may properly be considered service work.







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## MAY CONTEST:

Count the poppies in this issue and win a **FREE Thursday Dinner** of your choice! Submit your guesses to [555.marauder@gmail.com](mailto:555.marauder@gmail.com)

AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555 PRESENTS

**KARAOKE  
NIGHT**

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**FRIDAYS AT THE 555  
7:00 PM**



14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA





Greetings All,

I would like to start this article by saying thank you. This will be my last Marauder article as your Unit 555 President for the 2017-2018 term. I am proud of what we have accomplished together as a unit and as a part of the Post Family. Our active

members have played such an integral role in the daily success of this unit and the post daily function. Our active members also played a significant role in the ALR Chapter 555 activities.

We have grown and matured so much over a short period of time, and this is something that the entire unit should be proud of. We have established a solid foundation onto which we can keep building, and achieving great things. Let's all take a moment to pat ourselves on the back. We busted our behinds this year!

This month, our unit held 2nd nominations and elec-

tions for the 2018-2019 term. I would like to congratulate our new officers for the 2018-2019 term: Kim Martin-Adams, President; Kay Hamby, First Vice; Yvonne Zweifel, Co-2nd Vice; Kokoe Estrada, Co-2nd Vice; Naoko Gorsuch, Secretary; and Shirley Jones, Treasurer.

Congratulations Ladies! Let's keep the momentum going!

**Kokoe Estrada Dusina**  
**Unit 555 President**  
**For God and Country**



*Next Meeting:*  
**TUESDAY, July 3rd @ 7:00 PM**

## 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.

—Lt. Col. John McCrae



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 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!



## 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



Greeting to all,

I am very pleased to say that we have met our 100% + mark and I want to thank all of you that renewed again this year, your support is greatly needed. We have one person that has played a major role in reaching our goal and that is George Willis our 1st Vice Commander. George hates when I brag on him, since I know he doesn't

thing to say, you can bet they listen.

Then on the Squadron level the more members hopefully means more members involved around the Post. It takes volunteers to raise money for the programs and help keep the Post going. Just a little of your time can go a long way and it helps prevent active members from getting over worked. It does take a certain type of individual to give up their time with all that goes on in our lives; it takes a person with a passion for what we do. No it's not always easy, but I will tell you it's fulfilling. There is a special feeling you get when you

for this article. I am glad to see that more of the Sons Members are starting to come to the meetings and I thank you for that. The members are what make up a Squadron, not just the Officers and when there are only a few of us there we really can't conduct business. With more members coming to the meeting now, we can start conducting business and we will begin to have more structured meetings, following the guidelines set for conducting a proper meeting. It is time that others learn how and why we do certain things, hopefully preparing some of you for the day when you run the Squadron.

### *Next Meeting:*

**MONDAY, May 21st 7:00 PM**

do it for the recognition and that is all the more reason for me to say it.

Many of you probably haven't really given much thought to the importance of increasing our membership numbers. The obvious is by increasing our numbers we increase our income and hopefully our volunteer force, especially since we are a volunteer program. The biggest reason and the most important is the power and leverage our numbers give the American Legion with Congress. It is literally impossible for Congress to ignore the Legion with all its might, how does that help you ask? When you have an Organization that represents hundreds of thousands of Veterans, 170,000 Sons as well as several hundred thousand Auxiliary members (Riders are included in the parent organizations) and millions of dollars and volunteer hours that has some-

know that you're a part of something so much bigger than yourself and that you can make a difference.

I could go on about how rewarding it is, but you won't know until you're a part of it (The Legion Family). Bottom line is we need your help, there are Officers positions to fill, dinners and events that need volunteers and many other things to do. You can do as much or as little as you want, but please do something. Every little bit of help truly does make a difference and we would be grateful. For the Sons we have the Thursday night dinner once a month and help is needed there, we also have Memorial Day coming up with a wreath to lay at Westminster Memorial. Our first Vice and I will both be back East and we need volunteers to help present our Wreath this year.

One last item to talk about

Thank you for your participation.

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

**James Eubanks**  
**Squadron Commander**



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

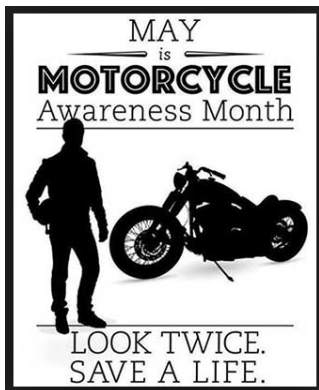


## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 555

Greetings Riders,

May is here and that means great weather for riding! But who am I kidding we are in SoCal – and every day is a good day for riding! Fortunately, we have a Road Captain this year, Post Commander Tim Dusina.

May is also Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Please take a moment to review the ALR Safety Handbook, and refresh our knowledge and reestablish those good habits like keeping your head in the game and exercising good special awareness. Look out for cars, because they aren't looking out for riders.



**APRIL RECAP:** Last month was an eventful month for our chapter. Some of the ridership attended Bike Night on the First Wednesday at Post 295 Cypress. We had several riders ride out to Oceanside for the annual ALR DOC Convention

as either delegates, alternates, or for general support. We had a good crowd out there and enjoyed some R&R at the Chapter 555 Hospitality Suite by the beach. While in Oceanside, the group went for a ride out to visit Escondido Post 149 and Vista Post 365. Later that month, we had our first meeting under the new leadership, where we welcomed our newest member, Ron Prince. Our after chapter meeting ride was out to Rose Canyon Cantina & Grill in Trabuco Canyon, and then out to Cook's Corner, and back to the Post.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** I look forward to this next month's rides and events. Please save these dates and try to make it out to the post to support our Chapter and Post: On Saturday May 12th, the Commander is hosting the Commander's Steak Night. Get a nice New York Steak with all the fixins' for \$18. There is also a burger event at Big Bear Chapter 584 on the 12th from 11:00 to 15:00. Anyone interested, we have all the flyers posted on FB and in our Forum (ALPost555.org). Our next ALR Thursday dinner will be on May 24th, where we will be serving up Hot Pastrami Melts starting at 17:30. The next Chapter Monthly meeting will be on Saturday, May 26th at 09:30. The annual Post 555 Memorial Day Event is on Monday, May 28th. We will meet at the Post and then ride across the street to the West-



minster Memorial Park for the ceremony. After the ceremony we will ride to the Vietnam Memorial up the street, and then back to the Post for the potluck and BBQ.

**GENERAL:** Anyone interested in an ALR hooded sweatshirt (\$30), flags (\$6), POW (\$6), or name patches (\$8), please drop me a text or email. I will place the order on the 19th to try and get them in by the next meeting. Passports are making a return for the 2018-2019 year: they will be \$20 and promise to have better incentives and prizes. Anyone interested please see me.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions for activities, parties, and fundraisers, please drop any of our officers a line. We are continually looking for fresh ideas to keep our ridership going! In the meantime, let's keep riding and supporting our fellow veterans and American Legion Rider chapters!

**FOR GOD  
AND COUNTRY,**

**Kokoe Estrada  
President  
ALR Chapter 555**



[tim.dusina.555@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Tim Dusina  
Road Captain  
ALR Chapter 555**



### ALR 555 Preamble

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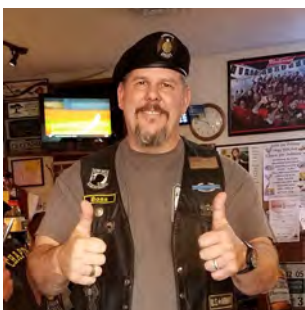
To participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion;

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.

### Next Meeting:

**SATURDAY, MAY 26th @ 09:30**



### Message from the Road Captain, Commander Tim Dusina:

If anyone has an idea for a ride, please email me so that we can coordinate. I am not as familiar with the Orange County area as many of our members. That being said, please email me at



**ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555**

# **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE & POTLUCK**

**Monday May 28th, 2018**

**46<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Service at  
Westminster Memorial Park @ 11:00 AM  
(across the street at 14801 Beach Blvd.)**

**Potluck and BBQ at the Post  
immediately after memorial**



**14582 Beach Blvd., Midway City, CA**



AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555

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## Specials



### THURS 5/3 - POST

### \$8 FRANK'S FABULOUS DINNER NIGHT

The Monsons' are in the kitchen tonight! Stop by for your choice of a Legion chili dog, Juicy 100% Grade A Beef chili burger, potato salad. Get yours before we run out!

### THURS 5/10 - POST

### \$6 COMMANDER'S SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS

If you cook it, they will come. Come on down for the Commander's favorite dinner and get yours with meatballs and garlic bread. Add salad for \$1 more!

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## COMMANDER'S STEAK NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
5:00 PM

MEAL INCLUDES: GARLIC MASHED POTATOES - ROLL - SALAD - DESSERT

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### THURS 5/17 AUX

### \$6 CHICKEN ALFREDO

Everybody loves pasta! And you The Auxiliary is cooking up our home made fettuccini alfredo with chicken and cream sauce, with a side of garlic bread. Add a salad for \$1 more ♥

### THURS 5/24 ALR

### \$6 HOT PASTRAMI

The Riders are making mouth watering, hot, fabulous Hot Pastrami Melts that people can't resist. Can you taste the melted provolone and swiss on fresh French deli rolls? Mmmmm!

### THURS 5/31 SAL

### \$6 ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES

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!

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## May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY IS NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH</b>  <b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b> 06/18 POST FAMILY OFFICER INSTALLATIONS			1  <b>GOLD STAR SPOUSES DAY</b> 40/8 7:00 PM 	2  <b>FRANK'S 1st Thurs Dinner</b> 5:30 PM	3  <b>ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night</b> 7:00 PM	4  
5  Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	6  <b>Auxiliary Monthly Meeting</b> 7:00 PM <b>SILVER STAR SERVICE</b> <b>BANNER DAY</b> <b>LOYALTY DAY</b> 	7  <b>Marine Corps League</b> 7:30 PM 	8  <b>POST 2nd Thurs Dinner</b> 5:30 PM	9  <b>MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY</b> <b>ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night</b> 7:00 PM	10  <b>COMMANDER'S STEAK NIGHT</b> 5:00 PM	
11  <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	12  <b>POST E-Board</b> 5:00 PM <b>Post Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	13  <b>PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY</b>	14  <b>Pacific Coast HOG Chapter Meeting</b> 7:00 PM 	15  <b>Hunters' Safety</b> 5:00 PM <b>AUX 3rd Thurs Dinner</b> 5:30 PM	16  <b>ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night</b> 7:00 PM	17  <b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b>
18  Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	19  <b>SAL E-Board</b> 6:30 PM <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	20  <b>MARITIME DAY</b>	21  <b>VFW POST 9557</b> 7:00 PM 	22  <b>ALR 4th Thurs Dinner</b> 5:30 PM <b>CORVETTE CLUB</b> 7:00 PM	23  <b>NATIONAL POPPY DAY</b> <b>ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night</b> 7:00 PM	24  <b>ALR Monthly Meeting</b> 9:30 AM
25  Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	26  <b>MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND POTLUCK</b>	27  <b>Instagram</b>	28  <b>LIKE US ON FACEBOOK</b>	29  <b>SAL 5th Thurs Dinner</b> 5:30 PM	<b>POST 555 April Birthdays</b> <i>Happy Belated Birthday!</i> to Melinda Clare	

### Post 555 Family May Birthdays

Tony 'Doc' Adams  
William Bichel  
Patti McClanahan-Carr  
Scott T. Clare  
TJ Conway

Thomas Foster  
Katie Hamby  
Louis Lisenby  
Thomas Machulda  
Ellen McNamara

Jesse Sanchez  
Rita Smith  
Joanie Teston  
James Williams  
Twyla Williams  
William Ryan

*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

5/3 FRANK'S DINNER  
5/10 Post: \$6 Spaghetti & Meatballs  
5/17 Aux: \$6 Chicken Alfredo  
5/24 ALR: \$6 Hot Pastrami  
5/31 SAL: Roast Beef Sandwiches  
6/7 ALR: Burger Burn

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