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## **FRANK MONSON** *CHILLIN' & GRILLIN'*

**WHATS NEWS  
AROUND THE POST?**

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

**#Post555Family**

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*On the Cover: Post 555 Legionnaire Frank Monson in his element*

Post 555 Legionnaire, Navy Veteran Frank Monson stands at the grill making his famous special baby back ribs. Frank never misses an opportunity to grill up, cook up, mix up, or put together a fantastic home cooked meal for our post family.

In fact, Frank and Team Monson have not only stepped up to serve up many a Thursday Night Dinner, but have also cooked up not one - but TWO BBQ Dinners in September (including chicken, baby back

ribs, smoked sausage, potato salad, and baked beans).

Some of Franks other fabulous meals at the 555 include Chile Verde, Tortellini Soup and grilled ham & cheese sandwiches, tacos for Fiesta Night, numerous cakes made from scratch... the list goes on! Keep an eye out for the next upcoming meal.

Kudos Frank and Team Monson for keeping our bellies full!

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- 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
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**What's going on at The 555?**



**Top Row:** Legionnaire Ron Murphy visits with OC Fire Station 25 in Midway City, CA on 9/11; The gang gives us a big 'hello' at Frank's BBQ Dinner; **2nd Row:** Fun times at Frank's BBQ dinner! Ribs, chicken, smoked sausage, all the fixins, dessert, and live music; **3rd Row:** ALR Chapter 555 12th annual Poker Run. Hey—there goes Bill and Patti! And what? Is that Adam? **Row 4:** There's a kitchen crew: Marlene, Corner Dave, and Frank—busy making up the fiesta night street tacos; ALR Summer Beach Party 2018: Len, and 295 step up to cook up lunch for the party; SGM Bob and the guys stand tall; **Row 5:** Good times at the annual Beach Party at Barney's Beach! Good food, live music, fun people—great crowd! Can't wait until next year!

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



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Fellow Legionnaires,

September was a busy month for the Post 555 Family. We started the month off with a bang at Frank's BBQ Dinner Event. We had a live band – Durty Watur, and a fantastic meal of baby back ribs, chicken, and smoked sausage, served with homemade potato salad, baked beans, and dessert. Over 135 meals served that day – thank you team Monson!

The ALR 555 and Cypress 295 Barney's Beach Party happened on the 15th at Barney's Beach, at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. We had a great turn out and party with friends and Legion Family. Thank you to the band, and 295 for working the BBQ. It's always a blast when you get to have a private party and an entire beach to yourself!

ALR Chapter 555's 12th Annual Poker Run happened on the 29th. This was probably

the biggest event that this post has seen, except for maybe the Chili Cook Off. Thanks again to Team Monson and the ALR for putting on such a fun event. Our annex hall was filled with live music, food, and good times.

Thank you to everyone that supports our Post, even during renovation. When we have big events like these, we earn money so that we can complete our renovation projects. This has been a tough year on all of us with the bar still under construction. I appreciate all who have stuck with 555 during these times.

There is light at the end of the tunnel. SGM Bob Trudeau has spearheaded the walk in cooler project so that we can complete our final step of bar renovation. I will provide updates to you as we get them.

In other news, I do have an announcement: Kokoe and I



are headed back to San Diego. She has accepted a new role at a company in the same county as my company and our family. Finally we can all be together, and without the 102 mile commute. As far as post business is concerned, this move will be transparent to Post 555 Family. I will finish my term as Commander, and we will still have our Grand Opening Party.

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

### *Upcoming Meetings:*

**Monday, October 8th @ 7:00 PM**  
**Monday, November 5th\* @ 7:00 PM**  
**\*Revised Schedule**



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## 2ND VICE COMMANDER REPORT



ton, National City and others. We had some Officers from the State of California American Legion Riders at our Poker Run Event. We also had some motorcycle riding clubs Like the Marines, and Partners.

Music and food were Great!  
It was announced that this was the most Riders we have had participate in our Run.

Thanks to all Volunteers that made these Events happen. And thanks to all members who attended. Next month we have our dinners and our October Fest.

**For God and Country  
Len Guillen  
1st Vice Commander**

Comrades,

This September was full of great events: the Thursday evening dinners, our Beach Party, and our 12th annual Poker Run.

There were several other chapters at our poker run, Including Post 200 Lake Elsinore, 716 Los Alamitos, Norco Chapter, Blooming-



**Above:** Commander Tim and First Vice Len hop on their bikes at the 12th annual Chapter 555 Poker Run.

## ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN REPORT



Post Everlasting August 20th at the age of 93. He was born June 8th 1925 in St. Carroll Ill.

Robert was one of the Great Generation. He served in World War II, in the Pacific, Korean Conflict, and also Vietnam.

Robert is survived by his wife Iris, and two children: son Erick, and Daughter Erin, along with many Grand Children.

Our second Member Dan Cuningham, no info as yet.

**For God and Country,  
Andy Timko  
Assistant Chaplain**

Yoo-hoo! Hello I'm back and unfortunately I have some said news. We have lost two of our members to the Post Everlasting. CPO Robert Wayne McCray US Navy Ret., known as Mack, and Dan Cuningham, USAF, Post 555 Legionnaire, and ALR Member.

Robert McCray was a long-time resident Of Westminster. He passed on to the

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## Are you a contributor or a complainer at your post?



By Clara Pon

There are about 55,000 posts across the country. There are posts of varying sizes, demographics, age composition, gender specific, non-ethnic diversified, military branch or MOS designated, without a building, without a bar, no Auxiliary or SALs, and on and on. However, they all have similar issues as well as successes.

I attended a membership seminar while at the national convention in Minneapolis in August. One of the membership seminars was about "What makes a great post?" As you might imagine, I was intrigued and curious to find the answers to that question. The answers didn't surprise me, but one of them will very likely surprise you. I will keep that until the end.

Having a WEB PRESENCE such as a website, Facebook, or some other social media platform gets the word out. More people take out their smart phones to see if a post has a website and if so, what activities do they have going on. Having an auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion as part of the post family demonstrates a sense of togetherness and belonging. The Legion family helps others throughout the COMMUNITY by supporting the FOUR PILLARS of service: Americanism, children & youth, Veteran Affairs and

rehabilitation, and national defense.

Members and non-members participate in local COMMUNITY events to promote the good things The American Legion does. Many posts or units build relationships with local SCHOOLS to help the next generation develop and grow by getting students to participate in the annual oratorical contest, Boys/Girls State, essay writing contest, scouting, teaching flag etiquette, or sponsoring a baseball team. Letting your community know you are there will help in RECRUITING efforts to attract new members to the Legion family. Do all your members know the HISTORY behind the name of your post? If not, they should. It's important for every Legion family member to know who and why their post, unit, detachment or chapter is named for.

If your LEADERSHIP KNOWS his/her roles and DOES his/her job, then chances are you've lucked out and joined a good post. If those leaders are MENTORING and guiding younger members, then you've really lucked out. If you have one or two leaders that know and does his/her job, then you joined a post that is half way to being a good post. However, a post without knowledgeable, active leaders is a doomed post. It takes more than a couple of people to make a post function. Leading by example and WALKING THE TALK is a sure way to earn the respect of your members, non-members, and even those in the community.

You can see the keywords in this article that are used to demonstrate what makes a great post. Now, how many of you can say that you help support all these key words? If any of you don't do any of

these, then you have no business complaining about the post in any regard. Maybe you should take a good look around at those that actually work hard, help around the post with the various programs, the website, the newsletter, planning community events, mentoring, and recruiting. Those are the people you should be thanking that make the post great.

In the beginning, I said I would reveal what this study discovered that will surprise most of you. The one thing that all great posts... they DID NOT HAVE A BAR. Not one of the posts that were part of the study operated a bar. That's right, not one.

So, if you think that supporting the bar buying drinks is supporting the post, then you are absolutely WRONG. For those that think they do any of those highlighted items, have you thought about actually taking over one of them and leading the charge?

You, as a member of the Legion family make the post what it is or isn't. In the last few months, it's been asked, "If the post closed its doors tomorrow, would the community know?" Well, here is a more pointed question, "If the true helpers of the post were to leave tomorrow, will you be stepping up to help?"

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Miscommunication issues can occur due to technical reasons in a variety of situations, such as when talking on the phone in an area with bad reception or with a lot of background noise. This is especially frustrating if you're trying to communicate an exact term, such as a name or a street address.

This is a method of spelling out words by using easy to understand code words, each of which signifies a single letter in the English alphabet. Using this method can help you avoid miscommunication issues, by allowing you spell out words in a way that is intelligible to listeners regardless of the situation.

This can be valuable for anything from talking with tech support, to giving critical information to emergency services. In fact, this method is so effective that there have been calls for using it among medical professionals, where accurate communication can be a matter of life and death.

If you found all the word seek words, then you found the answer.

This method of spelling is the:



## CAN YOU FIND ALL THE HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS?

In celebration of Halloween, count the number of American Flags that appear throughout the July Issue of the Marauder!



# 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 Nickel.' 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (Membership ID# Former Member) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

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| <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 (8/24/62-7/31/84)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard                                       |
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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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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

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(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed By Applicant (or Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  Birth - 17  18 and over

Date of Birth (Required)

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)**

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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 (8/24/62-7/31/84)
<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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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](http://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.**

## AUXILIARY UNIT 555 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



September has started out with a busy month! The Post had a barbecue fundraiser for the Post Improvements on Saturday September 1st and was a huge success! Frank Monson did the grilling for the event and the food was amazing! Then on Sunday September 2nd, it was District 29's Christmas in September at the VA! First Vice Kay Hamby, Treasurer Shirley Jones and myself went and

helped out play bingo and pass out Christmas gift bags to the veterans in attendance.

On September 15th, the American Legion Riders hosted a beach party at Barney's Beach House in which several of our Auxiliary members and their families attended along with our sister Post 295. This was another successful event by the Riders that was open to all of the Post 555 and Unit 555 family.

The unit has been collecting donations for the Compton Stand Down to help out homeless veterans. We have been collecting backpacks filled with school supplies for the kids and filled with shirts and socks for the adults. At the time of this

writing we have about 15 backpacks to be taken to the VA for the Stand Down. The last day for drop off was September 19th and delivered on September 20th.

The American Legion Riders will be having their annual Poker Run on Saturday September 29th. Many of our Auxiliary members are Riders and will be working the event.

October Third Thursday dinner we will be celebrating Halkoween. Hope to see you there! Until then, have a great month and see you soon!

**Kim aka Baby Doll  
Unit 555 President  
For God and Country**

*Upcoming Meetings:*  
**Tuesday, October 2nd @ 7:00 PM**  
**Tuesday, November 6th @ 7:00 PM**

## AUXILIARY UNIT 555 - SECRETARY'S NOTE

Have you heard of an organization called Working Wardrobes? Their office is in Irvine, California, and they provide workforce readiness services, including resume assistance, training, and wardrobe for the interview to just name a few! More information can be found on their website at <https://workingwardrobes.org>

They also have a program dedicated to serving Veterans, called VetNet. One of their fundraising event is a 5K Run/Walk, and I am honored to return to this 2nd annual event as a second-year participant. Would you join me for the

walk on Saturday, November 3rd? There are options to sign up as a virtual walker if you cannot make the event, attend the finish line festival only for those supporting someone participating or any amount of donation would be fantastic!

I created a team with the company I work at – if you'd like to join me on a team, I'd be delighted! If you like to create your own Legion Family team, that'll be nice also! The goal is to support a veteran entering (or re-entering) the workforce!  
Team page: <https://workingwardrobes.org>



[robes.salsalabs.org/walk2018/t/heartofexperian/index.html](https://robes.salsalabs.org/walk2018/t/heartofexperian/index.html)

**Naoko Gorsuch  
Auxiliary 555 Secretary  
National Security  
Committee Chairman**



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.



**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,

Here we are sliding into fall – where did the summer go? I blinked and just like that, it’s Halloween already!

Well September was a busy month for Chapter 555. We had two major events, and thanks to our core group of volunteers, they were a huge success. The ALR annual Beach Party at Bar-net’s Beach was a great time. The live music, BBQ, weather, and family & friends were the perfect combination. We had a huge showing from Post 295, and they even put in some quality time on the grill! J Thank you 295!

Our 12th Annual Poker Run was a very successful. We had 77 bikes, 2 corvettes, 12 passen-gers, and over 100 poker hands. The event team really went the extra mile this year - from setting up vendors, raffle prizes, ride pins, shirts, live music, and all the excellent food! When all was said and done, with the raffle, auction, 50/50, registra-tions, and merchandise sales, advertising, flyers, banners, we brought in over \$4500 – And this is without having any event

sponsors, for the first time ever. These hard earned funds will go back to the chapter, and also split between the Veterans Af-fairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Legion Program and our local homeless veteran community, Potters Lane.

I’d like to send a huge THANK YOU out to Boss, Kat, Marlene, Frank & Team Monson, Clara, Ken, Shirley, Randy, Jim, Bob SGM, Gene, Mick, Kim, Doc, Debbie, The Shark Squad, and all everyone that helped out. You guys are the magic that makes us awesome. Thank you.

And as if we weren’t busy enough, I want to take a mo-ment to remind everyone of three things: 1) We have our next meeting coming up in Oc-tober 27th @ 09:30. Our after meeting ride will be to the event: Motorheim’s Coppers & Choppers at Angel Stadium. 2) November Monthly Meeting will be one week earlier on Novem-ber 17th, 09:30 –due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. 3) Chili Cook Off is coming up in February. This is our biggest event (or maybe Poker Run is bigger!) but we will need full support on this one. Please get



your idea hats on and negotia-tion skills out for sponsors, cooker, raffle prizes, and more sponsors! Remember, as always, these super huge events that we put on always go that much smoother when we have our members step up and lend a hand.

Till next time, ride safe: keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up.

And log your miles: <https://www.americanlegionpost555.com/chapter-555-event-log.html>

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,**

**Kokoe Estrada  
President  
ALR Chapter 555**

**Next Meetings: Saturday, October 27th @ 09:30**  
**Saturday, November 17th @ 09:30**  
**\*REVISED DATE\***

**BUY BUY BUY**  
**SPEND \$\$ - SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER**

**YOU WANT THIS!**

**GET YOUR ALR GEAR TODAY!**



ALBERT E. SCHWAB AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 PRESENTS:

# VETERANS DAY

## POTLUCK PARTY



**JOIN POST 555 AS WE  
CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS**

**SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**2:00 PM**

**BRING A DISH**

**HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH THE POST FAMILY**

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Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

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

to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism;

to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars;

to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation;

to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth;

to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

to consecrate and sanctify our friendship, by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;

to adopt in letter and spirit, all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands;

and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

*Upcoming Meetings:*

**Monday, October 15th, 7:00 PM**  
**Monday, November 19th , 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: <http://sonsadventure.com/>

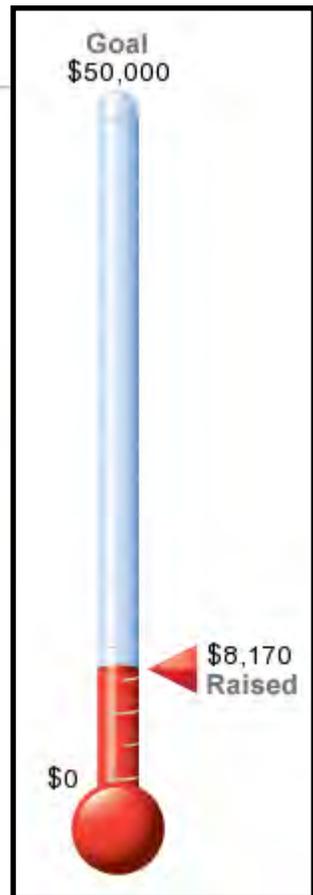


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**Post 555 Building Improvement Fund**



Our Post 555 needs your help today!  
Show your support at:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/post555>

Help American Legion Post 555 get to our fundraising goal so that we can complete our building renovation projects. Every dollar counts!  
Thank you for your support.



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## November 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p align="center">November and December Dinners will be Potluck unless otherwise specified Giving our chefs a rest!</p> <p align="center">NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY MONTH</p>				1	2	3
				SAL 1st Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR) Pinochle 12 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	SPECIAL SCHEDULE POST E-Board 5:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM	Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	40/8 7:00 PM 	ALR FRIDAY On a Thursday! Potluck Dinner 5:30 PM	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
VETERANS DAY Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	VETERANS DAY OBSERVED Potluck 5:30PM	Marine Corps League 7:30 PM Pacific Coast HOG Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM		Hunters' Safety 5:00 PM AUX 3rd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	ALR Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	SAL E-Board 6:30 PM SAL Meeting 7:00 PM			THANKSGIVING DAY	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	Follow us on twitter
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM				ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM		

### Post 555 Family November Birthdays

John Alfirvic  
David Brisbine  
Martin Coulter  
William De La Garza  
Scott Fawcett  
Sidney Hallburn

Kailey Hampton  
Dan Huish  
Joseph Ingram  
Randy Jones  
Willard Jordan  
Nick Kobosa

Billy Massey  
Earnest Snyder  
James Stratton  
Edward Van Nuñez

**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

**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DINNERS ARE POTLUCK DINNERS!**

Come on down and share a dish!  
Starts @ 5:30 until sold out!

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## OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
  	1	2  <b>Auxiliary Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	3 40/8 7:00 PM  <b>BIKE NIGHT</b> POST 295 5:30-8:30 PM	4 <b>SAL</b> 1st Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	5 <b>ALR FRIDAY</b> Karaoke Night 7:00 PM 	6  Follow us on <b>twitter</b>	
7 <b>Pinochle</b> 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	8  <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> POST E-Board 5:00 PM EARLY BIRD DINNER 6:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM		9  <b>Marine Corps League</b> 7:30 PM	10  <b>Marine Corps League</b> 7:30 PM	11 <b>ALR FRIDAY</b> On a Thursday! Potluck Dinner 5:30 PM	12  <b>ALR FRIDAY</b> Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	13  <b>ALR ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION</b>
14 <b>Pinochle</b> 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	15  <b>SAL E-Board</b> 6:30 PM <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7:00 PM <b>CONSTITUTION DAY</b>	16 	17 	18 <b>Hunters' Safety</b> 5:00 PM <b>AUX 3rd Thurs SPOOKY Dinner</b> 5:30 PM	19 <b>ALR FRIDAY</b> Karaoke Night 7:00 PM 	20  <b>US NAVY 243RD BIRTHDAY</b>	
21 <b>Pinochle</b> 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM 	22 	23 <b>AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>YOM KIPPUR BEGINS</b>	24  <b>LIKE US ON FACEBOOK</b>	25 <b>POST 4th Thurs Dinner</b> 5:30 PM <b>CORVETTE CLUB</b> 7:00 PM	26 <b>DAY OF THE DEPLOYED</b>  <b>ALR FRIDAY</b> Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	27  <b>ALR Monthly Meeting</b> 9:30 AM <b>NAVY DAY</b>	
28 <b>Pinochle</b> 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	29 <b>POST 555 Missed Birthdays</b> <i>Happy Belated Birthday!</i> September: Russ Hamby		30  <b>HALLOWEEN</b>	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> November and December Dinners will be Potluck unless otherwise specified Giving our chefs a rest! <b>OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</b>			

### POST 555 FAMILY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Vince Agor  
Michael Canfield  
Jim Cartwright  
Ronald Faucett  
William Fry  
Naoko Gorsuch  
Lenard Guillen  
Bettie Hudson  
Aaron Hafer

Randy Jones  
James Kinnu  
James Lewis  
Peter Lofthus  
Linda McBride  
Dianne Michell  
Charles Mitchell Jr.  
Wayne Nowakowski

Ronnee Rathkey  
Debbie Reinbold  
David Rodriguez  
Brieon Russell  
Duane Spain  
Tim Waterhouse  
Duane White  
James Woodyard  
Ralph Yore

*Happy Birthday to you!*  
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### POST 555 THURSDAY DINNERS

10/4 SAL: \$6 Ravioli Dinner  
10/11 ALR FRIDAY on a THURSDAY Potluck  
10/18 Aux: \$6 Spooky Dinner  
10/25 POST: Potluck Night  
11/1 SAL: Potluck Night  
11/08 ALR FRIDAY on a THURSDAY Potluck  
Come on down and let us do the cooking  
Starts @ 5:30 until sold out!