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On the Cover: Signs of Progress

Shown on the cover is a snapshot of a Work in Progress Post 555 Main Hall.

This photo was snapped at the front right corner of the stage, near the kitchen order window, facing the left of the stage where cabinets, a split door to the bar, and the Iwo Jima Monument mural once were.

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AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB - POST 555

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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
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Top Row: SGM Bob Trudeau working hard in the Annex; The new patio cover at the kitchen—future home of the new BBQ grill; Commander Tim repairs the broken door in the Annex—making it look easy! **2nd Row:** Post 555's newest members—Welcome fellas! Post Adjutant Andy explains how it works around the Post; Legionnaire Frank Monson preps the Annex for a new paint color. **3rd Row:** Hui O'Hula perform at the annual Auxiliary Luau Party; ALR Chapter 555 Post for a group photo at the Orange County Airport USO, where the Riders donated \$100! Auxiliary Charter Member Bettie Hudson, and Legionnaire Rudy Gonzales post for a fun photo. **Row 4**: ALR Chapter President Jim, Charter Member Marlene, and Sgt @ Arms Gene are busy in the kitchen cooking ALR 1st Thursday Dinner; Post 555 Family photo.

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

I am very excited about all the work that has been going on around the Post! In the last month we have made much progress with our Post Improvement project. If you take a look around, you will see some of the improvements that our professionals, and our core group of volunteers have done.

The Annex: Post Member Frank Monson and team took one Saturday in between Post events and family activities to prep and paint the inside of the Annex. A fresh coat of paint on this hall makes a world of difference. Thank you Monson Family!

Back Patio Project: A fantastic patio cover behind the kitchen has been added. This will enable our members to have a shady place to cook on our newly acquired BBQ! It will also help keep the kitchen at a much cooler overall temperature.

Stage Project: The stage floor has been dropped to the same level as the rest of the main hall. The cabinets on the

stage were removed, and items placed into the store room into our cabinets.

The Bar Project: Work has begun on the bar remodel. The walls separating the bar store room and the blue room have been removed. The wall between the bar and the stage has also been removed, to make an open concept layout.

The ceiling will be drywalled and insulated, and any remaining plaster removed. Recessed lighting will be installed.

Stay tuned for more details on the Bar Project, or better yet, stop in and see for yourself, or even better, lend a helping hand.

Again I reiterate, this is a lot of work done, and a lot of time donated, and lot of effort from post members and Legion Family. This is such a HUGE project—I thank all the folks that have helped get things right around the Post. And I also thank all Post Family and Patrons for your patience during this time.

Don't forget, we are always gladly accepting any tax



deductible donations, labor, and/or materials. Our GoFundMe page is: https://www.gofundme.com/post555. Every little bit

post555. Every little bit helps to make our post great again, and a post that you are proud of!

Dues: It's time for Annual Dues—get them in early and get your stamp, and your Early Bird Dinner coming up in October for free. This offer is extended to Post Family members: Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL. Spouses and friends are \$7 each. This year is going to be a good dinner, so get your dues in!

Tim Dusina Post Commander For God and Country

Next Meeting: MONDAY, September 11th 7:00 PM

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Difficult to imagine isn't it? Once the work is completed, the main hall will have transformed into an all new open concept design, while preserving the traditional elements of the 'Triple Nickle.' The mural will be restored in areas requiring maintenance, and the Iwo Jima mural, which was respectfully preserved will be placed back on the wall. All Legion license plates will also be preserved and displayed in the completed bar area.

On the Right: The stage, prior to construction.





Sons of the American Legion present:



Thursday, September 14th 5:30 PM

CHEESE TORTELLINI SPECIAL

Tortellini ai Formaggio: three cheese tortellini served with peas and prosciutto in a delicious cream sauce.



All proceeds go to Veterans Programs

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 555 PRESENTS:

3RD THURSDAY DINNER NIGHT

Thursday, September 21st 5:30 PM



Our special tonight: Spaghetti & Meatballs

Angel hair spaghetti served up HOT & FRESH with meat sauce, meatballs, and garlic bread

SUPPORT VETERANS PROGRAMS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 PRESENTS:

ATH THURSDAY DINNER NIGHT

Thursday, September 28th @ 5:30 PM



PSO Dan's Special Tonight:

LASAGNA DINNER

Home made Lasagna served with Garlic Bread and Salad. Get it while it's hot! First Come – First Serve

SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS-EAT OUT TONIGHT

FIRST VICE REPORT



Fellow Comrades,

I strongly urge all Post Family members to please inspect your flags on display, and change out any dilapidated and worn out flags. Encourage your neighbors and members of the community to do so as well.

Worn out flags are UNSAT!

Go down to your local home improvement store and pick up a few new flags to carry with you in the car or on your bike, to offer as an exchange for any worn flags that you see around the neighborhood, in the community, or wherever you are travelling.

We have flag replacement reminder cards at the Post for distribution. We also have a retired flag disposal receptacle. Don't forget that we also sell

We are doing a lot of work in and around the post, to improve the building and the facilities. I look forward to seeing you all soon when the Main Hall gets back online, remember to support our Post 555 economy when we reopen—this is our Post.

I also look forward to seeing you all at the next Post Meeting. Let's increase our attendance and participate more!

Thank you **Adam Crawford** 1st Vice Commander For God and Country



2nd VICE REPORT



Greetings to all,

Janet and I had the trip of our life time. We just finished a 44 day trip that took us to places that were amaz-

We left in our Motorhome on July 25 going up highway one and 101.

We went as far as the Canadian border

staying the majority of our stays at Elks Lodges and some VFW 's. We



visited many American Legion posts, VFW's and Elk Lodges.

The sights most beautiful and interesting were Californias Coastline, and Redwood Forests.

Oregons Coastlines and Rivers.

Washington States Puget Sound, and their many Islands.

We meet many wonderful people and found that many were from Huntington Beach, Garden Grove, Westminster and Long Beach. It Truly is a Small World.

We are glad to be home and ready to help with our events coming up. Our Beach Party at Seal

Beach Naval Weapons Station. Our Riders Visit to John Wavne Airports USO. A Ride to Heroes Hall at the OC Fairgrounds, The Octoberfest, and our Riders Poker Run.

As you can see we are a very active Post.

For God and Country,

Len Guillen Post 555 2nd Vice Commander Riders Vice President. **Vietnam Combat Veteran Retired Los Angeles County Fire**







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Lebanon/Grenada	WWI				
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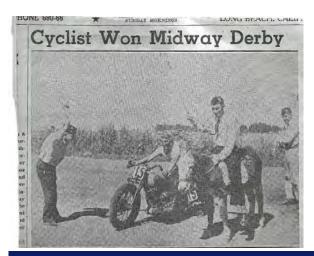
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Midway City Donkey Derby

Not sure of the exact date, but it can be guessed that sometime in the 1940s -'50s there was an event called the Midway City Donkey Derby. It's Don-



key versus machine, in this case a motorcycle. American Legion Post 555 member Fred McCleary was riding the donkey and Wild Bill Moore of Huntington Beach riding the motorcycle. The stakes were that the loser

would buy dinner for the winning group. Well, the winner was the motorcycle so the Legion had to buy dinners for the "Huntington Beach Motorcycle Riders" group.

Quiz: Who can identify the make of the motorcycle in the picture? Harley, Indian or other? Photo may be too blurry to tell.

HISTORICAL NOTES



Regards, Charles Bates Albert E. Schwab, Post 555, Historian, E-Board Member Chapter 555, American Legion Riders, Member

PSO's CORNER



Greetings Legionnaires of Post 555,

At the August post meeting we had 5 new members initiated. Two of the new members were in need of guidance for VA assistance. One of them filed a claim and missed an appointment they scheduled for him which resulted in a lower rate of benefits. That is not always the end of the road. A certified Veterans Service Officer can assist you to reopen your claim. Just remember that it is extremely important that you make any and all appointments they arrange for you, or at least call and

reschedule if you can't make one.

I am glad I was able to assist both of them in getting to the right place and personnel to help them. Dealing with a government agency of any kind is not an easy task. Almost always you will get better results if you use the expertise of these trained professionals.

Respectfully,
Dan Hayden
Post Service Officer
For God and Country

Hello everyone I'm starting to report on the membership for 2018 renewals, and as we go fourth I would like all of your support to have you and your friends that are members to renew if you can ASAP. We would like to reach our 100% like we did last year!

By the way I personally want to thank all of you that helped out in 2017, we were over 100%!

As of this report we have 80 members that renewed including 4 new members. Along with that we have

46 PUFL's that are life members.

Our total is 126 to date. Good job everyone that has renewed. Next month I'll report on our Goal.

God Bless America and the American Legion Family, Definitely Our Troops

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

ADJUTANT'S REPORT





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

WANTED: Raffle prizes and Live Auction Prizes for the upcoming ALR Poker Run on September 30th. We need 3 to 5 BIG ITEMS for auction that value \$300 and up. Examples: suite tix w/parking to a major concert or event, hotel stays, spa packages, sports packages, ski packages, cabin or house vacations, car/motorcycle detail packages, etc... We also need help with sponsorships; Company logo on all our media, special recognition at event and they are welcomed to have a booth or signage up at our event All proceeds go to Our Heroes Dreams for our veterans with PTSD. Contact TJ tjconway82@gmail.com.

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

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AUXILIARY UNIT 555



Hello and Greetings to All,

We had a busy August, with our annual Luau Party, and 3rd Thursday Dinner. Members and officers stepped up and helped out to make our events successful. Special thanks to the Unit 555 ladies: Kay, Yvonne, Sherrie, Kim, Naoko, Kat, and Rita for making these events run so smoothly.

Coming up this month:

This month for 3rd Thursday Dinner we will be serving a fantastic Spaghetti & Meatballs dinner that you won't want to miss. As always, any help in the kitchen and in the hall is always welcomed and appreciated. If you cannot help in the kitchen, please support our dinners. Remember that all the moneys made go towards the many Auxiliary programs such as Girls State, Children & Youth, VA&R, and other emergency and incidental items (such as care packages for the VA patients, Homeless veterans, packages for the troops that are deployed). If you cannot or are not able to volunteer or support at any Post event, you can also support Unit 555 by making tax deductible charitable contributions to

the Unit. We are a 501(c) (19) organization and we can issue a letter with a receipt.

Our next Unit meeting is on Tuesday September 12th at 7:00 pm. Reminder: our annual dues are coming up! Get your dues in soon because Early payment = Early Bird Dinner. That's right, this year Early Bird Dinner is FREE to the post family: Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SALs. Guests \$7. Be sure to get your dues in by the end of this month for Early Bird.

Kokoe Estrada Unit 555 President For God and Country



Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America:

to maintain law and order:

to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during the Great Wars;

to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

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

to make right the master of might;

to promote peace and goodwill on earth:

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

to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;

to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



Next Meetings TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th @ 7:00 PM

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Post 555 thanks Post **Member Frank Monson** and Team for painting the Annex!

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.

It's time! This month Chapter 555 will be hosting our eleventh Poker Run! The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2017. If you have ever attended one of our Chapter events, you already know that we know how to put on a great party! If you haven't yet attended one, why not? Everyone is invited. You don't need to ride a motorcycle to participate. You can drive your classic (or not so classic) car. Or, you can spend your day at the Post and check out the vendors and enjoy the band. You will be supporting a great charity, "OUR HEROES"

DREAMS". They do great work for veterans and truly deserve your support. If that's not a good enough reason, how about lunch? Get vourself a Joe Jost's special sandwich and pickled egg without the trip to Long Beach! As I have already mentioned, everyone is invited. Let your family and friends know they are welcome too! Help us help! As long as we are talking parties, don't forget the second Annual Chapter 555 Oktoberfest at the end of October! The Oktoberfest is a party just to party, but hopefully be successful enough to put a few bucks into our Chapter Bank



Account so we can afford to do more stuff in support of our fellow veterans. More on the Oktoberfest in next month's article.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, Let's Ride!

Jim Sewell President

Next Meeting: SATURDAY, September 23rd @ 08:30



Top Left: ALR Chapter 555 Welcomes our Newest Member, Larry O'Connor; Top Right: Chapter 555 Visits John Wayne Airport USO to donate \$100 to the cause, and poses for a quick photo with The Duke; Bottom: Chapter 555 visits Heroes Hall to make a \$100 donation, and to see the items on display.

AMERICAN LEGION - ALBERT E SCHWAB POST 555 PRESENTS:

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2017

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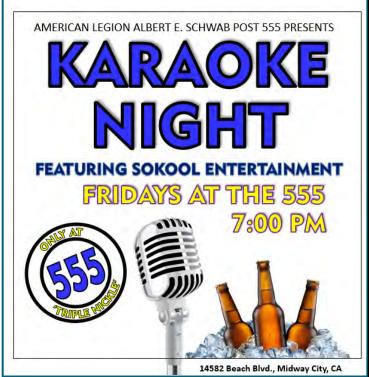
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OPTION 2: Purchase yours at the Post Main Building Grand Opening for \$17.



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ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555

9/11

REMEMBER • REFLECT • HONOR

Monday, September 11th, 2017 6:30 PM

Join us as we honor those lost and those who rose in service on 9/11
Seating at 6:45 PM
Post Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM – Open to all Candlelight Vigil following meeting Cake and refreshments provided

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September 2017							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
UPCOMING EVENTS: Don't miss out on our Thursday Night Dinners 10/14 COMMANDER & OFFICERS' STEAK NIGHT 10/27 Post Halloween Party 10/28: ALR Oktoberfest			Follow us on Conflictor AMERICAN FAMILY (1) (2) (2) (2) (2)	1 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK		
Pinochle 12:00 PM	LABOR DAY	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	40/8 7:00 PM	7 ALR 1st Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	8 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	POST 295 3 Ball Tournament 1:00 PM	
10 Pinochle 12:00 PM	inochle PATRIOT DAY		Marine Corps League 7:30 PM	5AL 2nd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	ALR SUMMER BEACH PARTY	
17 Pinochle 12:00 PM	AIR FORCE	National POW/MIA Recognition Day	Pacific Coast Harley Owners Group Meeting 7:00 PM	21 Hunters' Safety 5:00 PM AUX 3rd Thurs Dinner 5:30 PM	22 ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	ALR Monthly Meeting 8:30 AM MOPH 11:00 AM	
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Post 555 Family September Birthdays

Julie Gallagher Kellie Bronson Geyer **Rudy Gonzales** Kay Hamby John Harris Gilbert Hernandez Joe Hernandez

Richard Johnson Theresa Kontoes Cynthia Metzger Samuel Oglesby Frank Quinonez **Benjamin Slater**

Eveline Sifuentes Ronald St. John **Robert Teston Andrew Timko Robert Trudeau** Victor Vinson Yvonne Zweifel

Happy Birthday to you!

Don't see your name?

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

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THURSDAY NIGHT **DINNER SPECIALS DON'T MISS OUT!**

9/7 ALR: \$5 All American Hot Dog Bar 9/14 Sons: \$5 Cheese Tortellini Special 9/21 Aux: \$6 Spagheti & Meatballs 9/28 Post: \$8 Lasagna Dinner

Starts @ 5:30 until sold out!