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## WHATS NEWS AROUND THE POST?

OFFICER REPORTS  
*MONTHLY EVENTS*

**#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.





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## On the Cover: POST 555 AT POTTERS LANE, MIDWAY CITY

Commander Tim, Len, and Marlene at the grill at Potters Lane. The Post 555 Family brought canned goods and sundries for the on site pantry, had a Tour, and BBQ here on August 15th.

Potters Lane is an American Family Housing installation in Midway City that is specifically a homeless veterans community.

Potters Lane is built out of shipping containers that have been assembled into modular 1 BR furnished apartments. Veterans may apply for the housing program here, and must meet certain criteria to qualify.

Learn More about Potters Lane:  
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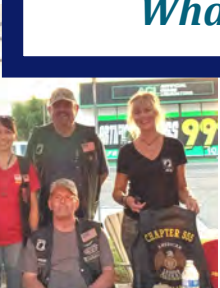
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## What's going on at The 555?



**Top Row:** The Post 555 Family pose for a photo together with the Potters Lane Family, the group takes a look at the inside of one of the living quarters; **2nd Row:** Marlene, Kat, and Clara, in the kitchen at Potters Lane Community Room; #Post555Family say hello out in the quad at Potters Lane; **3rd Row:** ALR Chapter 555 at the American Legion table at Veteran Appreciation Night at Lifestyles Cycles Bike Night. There goes Boss, Clara, Charlie, SGM Bob, Kat, and Kokoe! **Row 4:** Look at that plate full of Commander's Steak Dinner! Full house dinner crowd at Steak Night, and the Five Star kitchen crew. Wow what a night! **Row 5:** ALR Newest Members Scott R., Douglas D., Gilbert R. (Welcome back!), Steve Austin speaks about his bottom line; There's Corner Dave and Skip in the Annex —Hey Skip!



## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



*Rusty's Island Chips*



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Fellow Legionnaires,

August was a busy month for the #Post555Family. In addition to the usual monthly E-Board, General Meetings, District meetings, and Thursday dinners, we also had several events. As Commander, and a Rider, I have to say that I have not had a busier week – the week of the 13th. We had our E-Board and General Meeting on Monday. Tuesday was no event, but we spent that time prepping for our trip to Potter's Lane on Wednesday the 15th.

I am proud to say that the Post Family played a significant role in the Potter's Lane canned food drive, tour, and BBQ lunch. We collected two truck loads of canned foods and sundries for our homeless veteran living community right here in Midway City. First Vice Lenard, Judge Advocate Jim Sewell, and I cooked burgers and dogs for the residents, while Clara, Kat, Kokoe, and Marlene got the prep, kitchen, sides, and serving side in order. We had a good showing that day, the post family meeting and greeting with the residents and staff.

Thursday was Auxiliary Dinner Night.

Friday the 17th was Veteran Appreciation Night at Life-styles Cycles Bike Night in Santa Ana. Our Chapter 555 ALR set up a table at the event, and we spent the evening recruiting and getting the word out about the American Legion and Riders.

We had our Commander's Steak Night the next day, Saturday the 18th. I was at the grill making the steaks; Clara, Shirley, and Kokoe

were in the kitchen dishing up, and June was running the tables. Andy and Kim were at the front end working the tickets and seating. It was one of our smoothest dinner events – all thanks to our great crew!

Sunday the 19th we were at the post with Frank and the team working on moving the annex water heater, and cleaning & organizing the office. We found some time to drop off steaks and potatoes at Potters Lane so that the residents could enjoy a nice Ribeye Steak Dinner.

Speaking of team work, I'd like to talk about what it takes to run an American Legion Post. From the outside, it just looks like a building and a bartender. Some one comes in and opens in the morning, and someone serves drinks all afternoon. On Thursdays and some Saturdays people come in and cook. Sometimes people rent the building and have a party.

What people don't see is everything going on in the background to keep this place going: we have a membership team – Ken, Len, and Andy make sure our members are paid up, and paperwork is complete and going where it needs to go. Randy and Ken sort out the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Doc handles the finances, pays the bills & utilities, and keeps us in 'the Black.' The E-Board make important decisions for the good of the Post Family. We have a team ordering the booze, beers, and buying the supplies – cups, cocktail napkins, limes, juices, mixes. We have a team making sure the pantry is stocked with food supplies. Utensils,



plates, napkins, and fresh ingredients for cooking. We have a team that handles our social media, flyers, website, advertising, emails, monthly publications – keeping the information flowing down to our post family and friends. We have a team that coordinates the calendar, events with other Posts, and a team that handles rentals in the Annex. Most importantly, we have a team that keeps the post in pristine condition, both inside and out.

There are so many facets of running a Post, that I'm sure I probably missed a detail or two. What I'm trying to say is it takes a heck of an organized team to keep the 'Triple Nickle' going day in and day out. Sometimes there is a lot of stress, especially when we have a busy month, or a major milestone coming up. But we have a great group working together, and we always find a way to put the drama and the BS aside and keep the good of the Legion up front – and this is what keeps us successful. What is amazing to me is that we are all volunteers coming together and making good things happen. Kudos to our team – our #Post555Family.

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

***Next Meeting:***  
**MONDAY, October 8th 7:00 PM**

## 2ND VICE COMMANDER REPORT



Comrades,

This month I'd like to focus on one of our local heroes. This year California has had unprecedented fires. Both in size and frequency.

Randy Jones (AKA Randy Johnson AKA High Tower) has been called on to go out to fight these fires With his Reserve Unit.

Randy has spent time away from his family to make other families safe. When he comes home please give Randy, our

2nd Vice Commander, a big thank you.

I'm sure his Children especially Evan, his 6 year old Son and his wife Shirley miss him.

On that note Our Son ( Lenard Thomas Guillen Jr.) has been away from home for many weeks at a time fighting those Same fires.

From down south in San Diego -County to up north for the Mendocino Fire. Just like when we were in the military they both have missed family func-

tions and other things like scheduled vacations.

If you come across firefighters in your daily life say thanks for what they do. I know I appreciate it when someone thanks me for being a Veteran.

Please remember to participate in our events this month. Especially the Beach Party and our poker Run. It's not Fun if nobody shows up.

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



**Left to Right:** Our son Lenard Thomas Guillen Jr. and his crew. Our son is the tall one on the left; Our son watching an air drop of fire retardant; Post 555 2nd Vice Commander Randy Jones returning home from fighting fires on Northern California.

## PSO's CORNER

Greetings all,

President Trump this week signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA-H.R.5515) at Fort Drum, N.Y., which is the home of the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division. The bill passed both chambers of Congress with large margins (House 359-54 and Senate 87-10). This is the first time since 1996 that the NDAA will be sent to the President on time or before October 1. Key provisions of the bill include:

- Blocking a huge TRICARE fee increase that would have doubled annual fees for TRICARE beneficiaries under age 65;
- Expanding the VA Caregiver Program to include all severely disabled veterans. The

original program applied to badly disabled veterans that were injured after September 11, 2001;

- Limiting rent increases for residents at Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) for next year and prohibiting AFRH from removing residents only because they are unable to pay rent;
- Increasing Navy and Marine Corps reserve and active duty end strength for FY2019;
- Increasing annual active duty pay by 2.6 percent, which keeps pace with civilian pay increases;
- Repealing a scheduled one percent cut in Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for active duty;
- Expanding availability of

Military One Source for retired and discharged members of the Armed Forces (see story below);

- Allowing Purple Heart, Medal of Honor, former POW, service-connected disability veterans and caregivers for disabled veterans to use commissaries and MWR facilities;
- Permitting veterans, who have a 100 percent service connected disability, to utilize a travel benefit currently extended to active duty and retired military members and their families to travel on military aircraft when there is extra space onboard; and
- Mandating maximum life insurance coverage for service members deployed in a combat zone.



This final bill provides an overall increase in topline funding to support our troops and readiness recovery. FRA wants to thank Shipmates for using the FRA Action Center on issues pertaining to the NDAA.

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



## ADJUTANT'S REPORT



The last month was pretty exciting. Since July, we have about 140 renewals so far bringing the post membership to about 1/2 of its estimated goal for 2018-19 membership year. The goal for early bird of 50% is by September 12. Unfortunately, I do not know what the post membership goal is because the District Commander has not released it yet. Regardless, let's keep mailing or dropping off your membership renewals to the post today.

As you may have read in my "Did you know" section, I had the privilege of supporting the Centennial Legacy Run from Hutchinson, KS to Minneapolis, MN. What a great experience. After the run, I worked and attended the 100th American Legion national convention. The Amer-

ican Legion will be 100 years old in March 2019, but celebrating 100 years ago when the first ever American Legion national convention was held in Minneapolis, MN. Now, if you are reading this carefully, you may have read that I wrote "worked" at the national convention. Well, that is true. The biggest news is that I was offered and have accepted a full-time permanent employment position with The American Legion headquarters in Indianapolis, IN. I started on August 14th and my first two weeks were working as a national staff member during the Legacy Run and at the national convention. The position at national is a complete career change and a new journey for me. Even though I am working at the national office, I still intend to be a part of the post as the adjutant and submitting articles each month. I know you are probably asking, "How are you going to do that?"

At last month's general meeting, you may have noticed the adjutant's seat was vacant, and it was. However, I was there via live streaming video. I was listening and taking notes for the minutes. I intend to keep participating via online and being the adjutant as much as I can. Live video

conferencing is being used by Legion posts more and more all around the country. In today's society, many members are either working or cannot physically attend meetings. So around the country, many Legion posts have utilized live stream video so members unable to attend can still participate via video conferencing. The commander and I have worked out how we are going to make it work to create a model nationwide for other posts to use.

There are already cyber posts where the members exclusively meet online. They take minutes, make motions, vote, and function as a regular post except everyone is on their computer participating from wherever they are at the time. At Post 555 and every other post for this to work, it will take teamwork. For example at our post, I will still compile the minutes and process online membership transmittals. Andy Timko will receive the renewals, document the payment method, and submit the membership dues to the finance officer. Upon completing the online transmittals, I will provide the first vice commander with the member's membership card. He will then generate a welcome letter and mail both the

letter and new membership card to you directly. This process should not take longer than three weeks. Membership will be processed every week so the process should run smooth.

If you have questions regarding new or transfer memberships, PUFLs, or renewals, you can contact the first vice commander, Len Guillen for more information. If you need to make address changes or there are typos in your membership card that you want to be corrected, you can go onto your mylegion.org account to fix it, or you can feel free to email me at kagpost555adjutant@gmail.com with your changes. So if you haven't renewed yet, don't wait. Renew today.

**Ken George**  
**Adjutant**  
**For God and Country**



September is **Suicide Prevention Month**

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# LEGION FACTS: DID YOU KNOW?

Has anyone ever heard of The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund or who qualifies for it? Does anyone know how the scholarship fund is funded each year? Has anyone ever participated or road their motorcycle in the annual American Legion Legacy Run? This year, I was very fortunate to be able to participate in the annual American Legion Legacy Run. The run is coordinated each year that starts at a pre-determined rally point and ends in the city's convention center where the national convention will be held that year. This year's Legacy Run marks the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Legacy Centennial Run starting in Lysle Rishel Post 68 in Hutchinson, Kansas and ended at the Edward B. Cutter Post 102 in Anoka, Minnesota just outside of Minneapolis, where the 100<sup>th</sup> national American Legion convention was held this year. We visited eight (8) different posts across four (4) states, each post being chartered in 1919.

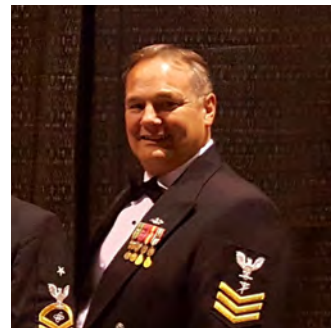


Let's talk about the ride itself. This year, there were over 371 motorcycles and three-wheelers, with drivers and passengers totaling around 400 people who participated in the event. Those riders covered a total of 1,082 miles in five (5) days. If you think a ride with Chapter 555 is long just going down to San Diego and back, then no one can hold a candle to these riders. They are hardcore. Most of the riders who ride are Vietnam Veterans and over 60% return for the ride year after year. However, this year there was a record

number of new riders from all war eras just to ride in this year's centennial run. What is more amazing is most of the riders rode their bikes to the rally point from all over the country. The furthest this year was southern Florida from the east and Washington State from the west. They came alone or with their spouse/significant other, and yes, even hardcore riders brought their soft plushy stuffed animals for good luck and companionship. Riders have all kinds of bikes, ranging from Harley's, Honda's, Indian's and Can Am's; two wheels, three wheels, trailers, and sidecars. As a rider myself, I have never seen anything like it.

Day 1 started from Post 68 in Hutchinson, KS and end at Post 21 in Independence, MO. The riders assembled each day of the ride at 0700 hours for a ride brief conducted by the Chief Ride Captain Bob Sussan of Post and ALR Chapter 177 in

Fairfax, VA who also set the tone for the week. "We do this for the cause, not the applause." This phrase resonates with every rider for the duration of the run. Sussan goes over the general route and identifies the hazards and the risks along the way. The day's hazard was rain, rain, and more rain with slick roads and low visibility. After the brief, a prayer was given by the ride chaplain asking for safe passage to our next destination. The 13 flights (ride teams – comprised of 20 to 30 motorcycles) then met in their groups



to conduct a team embrace, vocalize their individual team cheer on three, head to their bikes, saddle up, start their engines, and then ride.

The day started with light to heavy rain, one of the things we California Riders don't see too often and hate to ride in. All riders, despite the rain and the cold hung tough and continued the mission, "We ride for the children." The flights continued for approximately 250 miles with a final stop at the Tirey J. Ford Post 21 in Independence, Missouri, the home post of the 33<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States Harry S. Truman. This is also where our National Commander Denise Rohan caught up with us to accept the first round of very wet donation checks to the Legacy Scholarship fund. In Independence, MO, riders were able to visit the local sights such as the Harry S. Truman presidential library, local monuments, or the Kansas City VA Medical Center. Many riders also chose to go to their rooms to dry out, get a hot meal, and prepare for the next day of riding.

Day 2 - Rise and shine. It's the second day of the ride. All riders were still a little wet but rested and ready to go. The weather was overcast but dry. A good start for a full day of riding while we made our way north to Spencer, Iowa. The riders were greeted by Commander Rohan who ate breakfast with the members and gave her praise and thanks for what the riders do for the children. She stated "It's the American Legion that changes lives every day and you are a big part of it" The ride brief was given with a pleasant surprise. As you looked around the post, it was filled with motorcade officers from three (3) different agencies; Kansas City, Kansas, Lees Summit, Iowa, and Jackson County, Iowa Sheriff's De-





partment. Part of the brief was provided by the commanding officer from Jackson County Sheriff's Police. He welcomed everyone to Jackson County and announced that the three (3) departments will be escorting us riders from Independence to just past the county line and for everyone to stay in the right lane at all times.

This directive was so officers could pass the 371 bike convoy in order to get ahead and block the next intersection or on-ramp. By the way let me say that passing 371 bikes is no easy task. In order to get ahead of the full Legacy Run you have to be moving a lot faster. Nonetheless, the escort itself was absolutely amazing. You could tell this was not their first rodeo. The motor officers executed the escort with flawlessly precision, keeping the riders and chase vehicles moving without having cars cut in and not having to stop for anything. The riders continued to ride north stopping at the newly constructed Remington Nature Center of St. Joseph, MO where the mayor read a proclamation dedicated to The American Legion Riders Legacy Run, sang a song and danced the jig for the riders!

The next stop was for a "Gas and Go" at Casey's General Store for Gas by flights and then to Maryville, MO Post 100 for a treat of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for Lunch and Commander Rohan accepted more donations.

The next stop was Audubon, IA where we stopped for gas at a Gas Station - Waspy's opened specifically for the Legacy Run and staged at the home of "Albert the Bull." "Albert the Bull" has been standing watch

any given day, you could see them painted many colors. We considered sending an advance team out to paint his testicles purple to represent National Commander Ro-



han's "purple up" theme, but the drive in the rain did not seem practical.

Day 2 ended at the National Guard Armory located behind Spencer, Iowa Post 1 (the first American Legion Post in Iowa chartered in 1919) with a ceremony, Mayoral Proclamation and very tasty meal.

Day 3 - Our ride started where we left off in Spencer, IA where the riders raised and saluted the colors, laid down a wreath for the fallen, and played taps live. Then it was off to the Polaris factory where Indian motorcycles are made. Riders were able to shop and talk to Indian reps for information as well as watch a video about taking on the Indian name and how Polaris brought back the Indian name and reputation, just prior to a stop at the local VA's CBOC where we participated in an Operation Comfort Warrior Grant the next stop along our route was at the Graceland Cemetery in Albert Lea, MN where the riders met the family of KIA CW3 Corey Goodnature and paid respects, laid a wreath and after an Honor Guard volley played taps.

Then on to Leo Carey Post 56 in Albert Lea, MN where the riders were met with a huge American flag hanging overhead from a fire department ladder truck as they road in and parked,

taking up the whole city block. It was there that the post hosted everyone with lunch and were treated with the Post 56 song/cheer by post members. The last stop was Austin, MN, the home of Post 91 and Hormel meats. After various optional rides offered by the local ALR to the Legacy Run participants, Post 91 in conjunction with the Spam Post

570 held a HogRoast, with live bands for the riders.

Did you know this is also where Spam is made and that there is a Spam Museum?

Believe it or not, there is also an American Legion Post called the Spam Post. That's right. Austin, MN is also home to Spam Post 570. It was chartered in 1946 as an all-female WWII veteran post. The post was known for is competitive marching bands winning many titles in the 50s-60s including the 32<sup>nd</sup> American Legion national convention in Los Angeles. I actually met the Commander of the post. She has been an employee on the Spam line for 32 years. A small note about Jay Hormel. He was a patriot and valued the American Veteran. He was a big supplier to the US military during WWII sending cans of Spam overseas to feed the troops. He also had many workers leave in order to fight the war.



When the veterans returned, Jay Hormel employed each and every one of them.

Day 4 - The sun was out and it was truly the best day for a ride. The day started at the local cemetery where everyone met to pay respects and lay a wreath at the headstone of Jay Hormel, the founder of Hormel meats and Spam. We were joined by Mr. Hormel's great-granddaughter, his two (2) great great-grandsons, and Spam Post 570 Commander Mary Hanson. The ceremony like all others was very touching. In this ceremony, the two (2) great great-grandsons, who had to be about 5 and 6 years old, saluted the headstone when taps played. It reminded me of John Kennedy Jr. when he saluted his father, President Kennedy's casket as it passed by. Forty-two miles up the road, the riders



over Audubon for 50 years. He is constructed of concrete weighing 45 tons, stands 28 feet tall and 15 feet wide. Recently, Albert's claim to fame was being used in a super bowl commercial last February. The local town likes to surprise everyone by painting his testicles the rival high school colors. On





again did another ceremony and wreath laying honoring our fallen from all eras of war.

Prior to the day ended in Struck-Klandrud Post 336 in Onalaska, WI – we stopped at the Onalaska City Cemetery where we paid respects and laid a wreath at the gravesite of two of the Charter Members of this 1919 Post. On to Post 336 where everyone was met by the high school marching band playing music as they drove into the post. There were people in the street waving the American flag cheering and saluting our veterans as they passed by. We were also met again by National Commander Rohan where she greeted everyone in her home state and accepted even more donations to the Legacy Scholarship fund. At this point, the donations totaled more than \$200,000, there was still another day of riding, and the 100<sup>th</sup> national convention where more money will be donated. The riders were also able to see the fruits of their labor as a recipient of the Legacy Scholarship was present. The tuition helped pay for her to attend Milwaukee School of Engineering where she is pursuing a nursing degree.

Day 5 – The last day of the run. The excitement is mounting as everyone anticipates the finish. From Onalaska, WI, we had a short run to Galesville, WI. It's a small town with a small post. The center of town had a gazebo with a street encircling it. The mo-



torcycles took up the whole town square. A small contingent went to honor Corporal William Roland McBride, the local Posts namesake and his family with a wreath and

taps. Upon their return, the riders were treated to small-town America by sampling the local cuisine at the "Garden of Eaten" café where signature guitars are on display from various musical artists. Next door was Tom's

Bar where the inside it was decorated with Green Bay Packers everything and pictures signed by local veterans while in theater dating all the way back to WWII, saying "thank you" and "I can't wait to get back to have a beer with their neighbors and friends."

Everyone was also treated to local treats like cheese curds and lefse bread. For you cheese heads, I know the next question and the answer is, "YES! The cheese curds squeaked in your teeth." For those of you who don't what that means, "It's ok. It's a Wisconsin thing. You wouldn't understand." The rest of the day was some of the best riding you could ever imagine. We traveled up the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi River coast, a two-lane road with many small towns along the way for almost 100 miles. The views were breathtaking as you saw nothing but blue river, trees, and stunning rock formations the whole way.

Our last stop for the run ended in Anoka, MN where everyone stopped and participated in a veteran's ceremony at city hall. A brick was with others noting the end of the run for the 2018 Legacy Run. The brick reads "Ride for the Kids Legion Legacy Run 2018 KS to MN Final Stop Anoka." Taps was played again. Our veterans saluted one last time as the public watched and placed their hands over their hearts. It was a heartfelt experience.

After the dedication, everyone moved to Edward B. Cutter Post 102 in Anoka, MN. The day ended with more donations, a greeting from the Minnesota Department Commander, and dinner, more 'bun food'.

(Bun food is anything that goes between bread like hot dogs, brats, ground beef patties, pulled pork, and cold cuts.) As I looked around the room, I could see the camaraderie that brought these veteran brothers and sisters together each year. They shook hands, hugged, and congratulated each other on another successful year. Their success paid off. By the end of the 100<sup>th</sup> annual American Legion national convention, the Legacy Run raised over \$1,256,930. The experience was unforgettable and I look forward to doing it again next year. The ALR Department of California donated over \$6,200 with Chapter 555 donating \$250.

Here are my final thoughts and something for you to think about. After the Legacy Run was over, I reflected on the 1,000+ mile trek we just traversed. We passed through some of the most pristine landscape in the country – big towns, small towns, villages, and



farms. Along the way, adults and kids greeted us with American flags, salutes, cheering, and applause. The flag of our country was being waved boldly and proudly. Nobody took a knee, pouted, turned their back, stomped on the flag, or raised a fist. This was good old fashion American patriotism and pride. No one was afraid to show or display it. It was being on this Legacy Run that, for a moment, I forgot the turmoil going on in our country every day. It gave me solace and hope that there are still proud Americans and patriots who understand the value of what we have here in America and that freedom is not free. Freedom comes with a high price, the blood and lives of our fellow veterans. Have you shown your patriotism and American Pride lately?

For God and Country,

**Ken George**  
Post 555 Adjutant  
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**CALL:** Veterans and their loved ones can call (800) 273-8255 and Press 1, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, or call your local [24-hour mental health crisis line](#).

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

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

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



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## VALUABLE RESOURCES



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

The closest local Cal Vet is located at 1300 S. Grand Ave., Building B., Santa Ana, CA 92705. Phone: (714) 480-6555. Email: OCVSO@OCCR.OCGOV.COM

In our July Edition, the Marauder covered **DISABILITY COMPENSATION: WHAT IS THIS? WHO QUALIFIES? HOW TO FILE A CLAIM? and HOW TO APPEAL A CLAIM?**

This month we will focus on Veteran advocacy and assistance. **WHAT IS A VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE?** Veteran Service Offices are the resources that are available to provide services and advocacy to veterans, dependents, and survivors. The Veteran Service Office is in place to assist veterans and their family with anything from filing disability claims, home loans, scholarships, medical and dental referrals and claims, transition assistance, job training, life insurance, compensation, to elderly, disabled, incarcerated, and minorities.

**WHY DO I NEED A VSO?** There are a multitude of reasons why a transitioning service member might need help getting the most out of their military benefits. The process, amount of forms, details, changes in benefits and in the program can be overwhelming. This is especially true for veterans who are leaving the service sooner than expected, retiring early, medical discharge, and other reasons.

A VSO's main objective is to assist veterans and families with getting the benefits that they have earned and deserve. While some veterans don't feel the need or requirement to get personalized, high quality, thorough assistance, others may feel lost and overwhelmed by all the paperwork and the details. The VSO will assist veterans to get all the forms and paperwork properly completed and submitted, whether it is to the VA, to the state education assistance bureau, etc.

**WHAT ARE THE TYPES OF VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS?** There are many Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) that are available to provide advocacy to veterans. [CalVet](#) provides several county Veteran Service Offices at convenient locations. The Veterans Administration ([VA](#)) has a list of veteran service organizations available for veterans to seek out as well. Veteran Service Organizations such as the VFW, IAVA, and The American Legion are all excellent groups for advocacy. In the CalVet system, County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) are members of the California Association of County Veteran Service Officers (CACVSO). CVSO are an organization of trained professional veterans advocates, and are often the veterans first contact in the community when seeking veteran services.

The [American Legion](#) is a service organization with trained and accredited veteran service officer professionals that provide assistance to veterans such as disability at the VA. American Legion service officers are specially trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families. American Legion Service Officers also provide information, referrals and resources on education, employment and business, death benefits and other important topics.

**SELECTING THE RIGHT VSO.** There are three important things to note when selecting a VSO. 1) The VSO that you select be "chartered", which means they are federally chartered and/or recognized or approved by the VA Secretary for purposes of

preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. 2) The VSO should not be charging the veteran (covertly or overtly) for services rendered. If this happens, this activity should be reported to the VA immediately. 3) Make an appointment with the selected VSO, and explain your case/situation to the service officer. A face to face meeting should give you a feel of the VSO, and how well they do their job. If you are uncomfortable with this VSO you may select a different service officer. The VSO is your go-to for the benefits that you have earned and are entitled to, and it is their mission to get you all of the benefits you have earned and deserve.

**ONCE THE RIGHT VSO IS SELECTED.** The Department of Veterans Affairs requires those who wish to be represented by a specific Veterans Service Organization to submit VA Form 21-22, which will need to be filled out and submitted by the VSO you wish to represent you.

[VA Form 21-22](#) is not a "blanket" form that requires a signature only, it requires the applicant's privacy act data (including Social Security Number and insurance numbers) AND acts as a limited power of attorney for the specific information and actions you are requesting the VSO perform on your behalf.

Read more about VSOs: <https://militarybenefits.info/veterans-service-organizations-assistance/>



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## Marauder awarded 3rd place in its first NALPA media competition



By Clara Pon  
NALPA member since 2014

At the 2018 National American Legion Press Association (NALPA) media awards luncheon held on Monday, August 27, 2018 during the 100th American Legion national convention in Minneapolis, over 70 guests were present to celebrate and recognize the hard work of those that won awards in the annual competition. Entrants to the annual NALPA competition are submitted from all over the country from anyone who is a member of NALPA. For the past few years, the number of entrants continue to rise, increasing the field of competition vying for one of the three coveted award spots for each category. The winners from this year's competition are from California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Virginia.

For this year's competition, the post first lady Kokoe Estrada submitted the Marauder for the Al

Weinburg publication for category 3B, posts with 250-750 members. The Marauder is so good, it placed third in its first national competition. To accept the award and attend the luncheon on Kokoe's behalf was Ken George, post adjutant. The award will be presented to Kokoe, the Marauder publisher and editor at the next post meeting. We hope to see it hung on the wall or placed in a prominent display case for all to see.

Let's all congratulate Kokoe for her continuous effort to publish an award-winning monthly magazine. We can all be part of the winning publication by submitting informative and well written articles and stories about how we help our Legion family members, the local veteran community, and mentor future youths of America. California did well again this year. We took home 11 of the 44 awards that were given. I say we can do better next year. In fact, I know we can. Last year, California brought home 15 awards. We dominated in nearly every category. We have until late April of 2019 to get our creative minds working by writing articles, designing flyers, taking photographs, making videos, managing great websites, or administering the most active social media sites there are.

Congratulations again to Kokoe Estrada, Post 555 first lady for an outstanding job publishing the monthly magazine, the Marauder. I know next year she's not just going to compete in the print portion. She's going for editorials, graphic design, photography, social media, website, and videos. Let's pitch in and give her all the support we can.



**On the Left:** NALPA 2018 President Mark Sutton from the Department of Michigan presents Post 555 Adjutant Ken George with our award for the Al Weinburg publication award.





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**American Legion**  
**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
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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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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

For current department address go to: [www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state\\_headquarters](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.

### 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"/> 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:**

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

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

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ALA 12/2013



### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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



## August Cryptogram Challenge Answer

THE SOLDIER IS THE ARMY. NO  
ARMY IS BETTER THAN ITS SOLDIER  
S. THE SOLDIER IS ALSO A CITIZEN.  
IN FACT, THE HIGHEST OBLIGATION  
AND PRIVILEGE OF CITIZENSHIP  
IS THAT OF BEARING ARMS  
FOR ONE'S COUNTRY. GEORGE  
S. PATTON JR.



*The soldier is the Army. No army is better than its soldiers. The Soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country.*  
- George S. Patton Jr.

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## Know Your ABC's

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.

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MOVKEDELTA TPPEK  
EOXESBBOEILRAHC  
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KCAVRBHCNTINSZF  
NAYGFOWIEONPIR  
ARR EISTRFIHNDO K  
YOVARB OOLCVTIU  
QRCJP PGMRUECLLA  
LKJTRTNEMJIOULP  
LETOHJA OQVYZCFA  
LIMADHTAWZLSLLP  
MOTNAXIGVZBONOB  
BAZGDZXNMNGEKIM

Once you find all the words, the left over letters will reveal this method of spelling:

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ALPHA  
BRAVO  
CHARLIE  
DELTA  
ECHO  
FOXTROT  
GOLF  
HOTEL  
INDIA  
JULIET  
KILO

LIMA  
MIKE  
NOVEMBER  
OSCAR  
PAPA  
QUEBEC  
ROMEO  
SIERRA  
TANGO  
UNIFORM  
VICTOR

WHISKEY  
XRAY  
YANKEE  
ZULU





## 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,

August came and went in a flash! In between work and Post stuff, it's like I blinked and missed the entire summer. We barely had time to ride this month!

We visited the Motorcycle Swap Meet in Long Beach at the end of July. There was quite a lot to see in the time that we were there, but it was nice to get out with the group and go shopping and grab lunch.

In August we welcomed back chapter members Scott Stazenski, and Gilbert Rodela. We voted in our newest member, Douglas Donnelly. Congrats fellas! Out membership is up to 75 members – we remain the biggest chapter in Area 5. Speaking of which, we are starting our membership renewal drive – please take a moment to get your dues in \$20. We accept cash, check, charge, and paypal (alr.chapter.555@gmail.com). Did you know that the biggest chapter in California is 91 members? I would LOVE to meet and beat this number. I would LOVE to put Chapter

555 on the map as the biggest chapter in California. Let's get out there and recruit. This should be easy for us to achieve. I would like to sweeten the deal by awarding the person with the most recruits with some kind of big prize. Right now I have 5 so far this term. I'm pretty sure you guys can beat me at this. It would be sad if I had to go out shopping and buy myself something nice haha kidding.

On the 15th, we did our Pottery Lane Canned Food and Sundries Drive drop off, tour, and early dinner event. Pottery Lane is our local homeless veterans housing community. American Family Housing built this community out of shipping containers. All 18 units are essentially modular, furnished one bedroom, air conditioned apartments.

It was awesome to have so many riders and post family show up and take part in this event! Post Commander Tim was at the grill with Len and Jim Sewell. Marlene, Clara, Kat, and I were in the air conditioned kitchen/rec area organizing the kitchen and the food line. In our very short



time collecting items, we managed to drop off two full truck loads of quality canned foods and sundries. I would like to thank everyone for their support. This was huge for Chapter 555, and for the community at Pottery's Lane. Thank you all.

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

**FOR GOD  
AND COUNTRY,**

**Kokoe Estrada  
President  
ALR Chapter 555**

**Next Meeting: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND @ 09:30**

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## AUXILIARY UNIT 555 - SECRETARY'S NOTE

Did you know, that there is a place called "Gold Star Manor" in Long Beach? I found about this place when we were distributing Poppies at Walmart. Their website,

<http://www.goldstarmanor.org/> states "The American Gold Star Manor is a not for profit charitable trust that owns and manages an affordable, senior housing complex for the benefit of members of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., gold star fathers, veterans and other qualified seniors. It also provides support for the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

organization. The Manor is located in Long Beach, California and is the only facility of its kind in the United States."

I don't know much about it besides what's on the website, but I will be reaching out to the facility shortly to get to know them. As part of the Auxiliary's National Security program, if you know of any Blue Star or Gold Star parents, please let me know! I'd like to introduce ourselves and see if they need anything or if we can assist them in any way!



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

*Next Meetings:*  
**TUESDAY, October 2nd @ 7:00 PM**

## AUXILIARY UNIT 555 - 2ND VICE, JR PAST P

Greetings All,

Long time no article! This is a fun time to be a part of the ALA. There is a new course that has National has launched, as a part of the Leadership Program. Although not a leadership class in the definition of 'leadership,' this is an excellent opportunity to learn about the ALA's rich history, and our many programs.

Why is this important, you ask? Learning about our organization not only makes you a better member, it makes you a better recruiter. One thing that I stressed as your President was to recruit. Without members, the Auxiliary cannot survive.

How do you get new members? By sharing with others what we do as an organization. Tell people why you joined. Pick one of our committees that you really enjoy and share with potential members why you like this committee. Tell people why you are passionate about

Americanism, Girls Sate, VA&R. When people see that you are excited about the ALA, they will also show interest. Close the deal, and sign up that new member! Get her involved with our mission!

Even if you don't know a lot of women, you can use your knowledge of the Auxiliary to peak a recruits interest in joining the Squadron, the Legion, and the ALR. Our programs in the Legion Family are similar. We share a common mission for God and Country. Give them an application, or tell them where our post website is: <https://www.americanlegionpost555.com/>

Take the leadership course today. You can complete the correspondence course by mail. We can work through each section as a unit, or in groups. Just let me know if you are interested.

This is very similar to the [American Legion Basic](#)



Training Course. I highly recommend taking both.

Check the Auxiliary Page for course information. Look for the Senior Basics Course and Senior Correspondence Course. There is a Jr course available as well. I can post this on the post website if there is interest. <https://www.americanlegionpost555.com/auxcommittees.html>

For God and Country.

**Kokoe Estrada**  
Co-2nd Vice President  
Jr. Past President  
Leadership Chairman  
Public Relations Chair



### Auxiliary Unit 555 Preamble

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

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

to maintain law and order;

to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

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

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

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

to make right the master of might;

to promote peace and goodwill on earth;

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

## SAL SQUADRON 555

*Next Meeting:*

**Monday, September 17th, 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/>



### AMERICAN LEGION ALBERT E. SCHWAB POST 555

# 555 SEPTEMBER Specials

## THURS 9/6 - SQUADRON

### \$6 TURKEY CLUB

Sons are in the kitchen tonight preparing Squadron Turkey Club Sandwiches! Mmm, taste the turkey with lettuce, tomato, cheese, and bacon stacked on toasty white bread? Served with a pickle and potato salad.

## THURS 9/13 - ALR

### \$FREE - POTLUCK ALR FRIDAY ON A THURSDAY

But Why? Hey, why not? Rider Night means potluck night and happy hour! Bring your favorite dishes, appetites, and good times.

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POKER RUN  
LUNCH MENU  
SATURDAY, SEPT 29, 2018**

**\$10 GETS YOU:**

**BBQ CHICKEN,  
RIBS, SAUSAGE  
BAKED BEANS  
POTATO SALAD  
DESSERT**

ALL PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT THE CA  
AMERICAN LEGION  
VAAR PROGRAM AND  
POTTERS LANE LOCAL  
HOMELESS VETERAN  
HOUSING COMMUNITY

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 - 14582 BEACH BLVD., MIDWAY CITY, CA

## THURS 9/20

### AUX

### \$6 ENCHILADA NIGHT

Auxiliary Unit 555 is cooking up some home made chicken enchiladas served up with rice, beans, with chips and salsa, especially for you tonight! Come on down and enjoy!

## THURS 9/27

### POST

### \$8 POST FIESTA NIGHT

Commander Tim says, "Make It So!" So we are having a Fiesta Meal! Chicken, Beef, and Original ground beef Street tacos, with beans, rice, chips, salsa, side salad. Arriba! Andale! Get yours before it's gone!

## THURS 10/4

### SAL

### \$6 RAVIOLI DINNER

Squadron 555 are cooking up a fantastic three cheese ravioli dinner. Served with a tasty marinara sauce and Garlic Bread. Come on down and support our Squadron - Buon Appetito!

14582 BEACH BLVD., MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655



# YOUR REFERRALS HELP OUR VETERANS!



Lauren is on a mission to give back to our Veterans in the community. For every buyer or seller referral you send to Lauren that leads to a successful sale, she will donate up to \$1,000 to the Albert E. Schwab American Legion Post 555 and Chapter 555 Legion Riders for Veterans Programs.

**TELL A FRIEND!**

**LAUREN POOLE**

REALTY ONE GROUP

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*Come, relax and listen to classical music!*

Free Admission - Casual Attire - Bring Family & Friends -

## Evening At The Vet

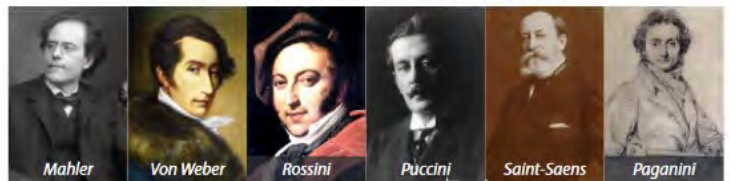
*presented by "Commodore's Classics"*

**Every Saturday and Sunday, 7-8:30 p.m.**

VA Long Beach Healthcare System

5901 East 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90822

Bldg. 165, Room D101, "Egg" Auditorium



**ALR CHAPTER 555**

*Annual*

# SUMMER BEACH PARTY

**@ BARNEY'S BEACH**

SEAL BEACH NAVAL WEAPONS BASE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2018**

**ALL DAY - STARTS AT 12:00 NOON**

**FOOD • DRINKS • MUSIC**

**BYO HARD LIQUOR • REGISTER WITH ANY OFFICER**



**\$15**



**CHAPTER 555  
12th ANNUAL**

## POKER RUN

**SATURDAY, SEPT 29, 2018**

**\$25 RIDERS • \$20 PASSENGERS • \$10 EXTRA HAND**

**• PRE-REGISTER FOR FREE RIDE PIN •**

**REGISTRATION 08:30**

**HI/LOW HAND WINNERS- 50/50 RAFFLE**

**LIVE MUSIC - LUNCH - AND MORE!**

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## September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>  <b>10/8: EARLY BIRD DINNER</b> <b>10/13: OCTOBERFEST</b>  <b>SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH</b>			<b>TIME TO GET YOUR 2019 DUES IN</b> <b>PAY TODAY VIA PAYPAL / CASH / CHECK / CHARGE / HARD LABOR</b>			<b>FRANK'S BBQ DINNER &amp; LIVE MUSIC POST IMPROVEMENT FUNDRAISER 5:00 PM</b>
<b>VJ DAY</b> <sup>2</sup> (Victory over Japan)  Pinochle 12PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	<b>LABOR DAY</b> <sup>3</sup>	 <b>Auxiliary Meeting</b> <sup>4</sup> 7:00 PM	<b>40/8</b> <sup>5</sup> 7:00 PM   <b>BIKE NIGHT</b> POST 295 5:30-8:30 PM	<b>SAL 1st Thurs Dinner</b> <sup>6</sup> 5:30 PM	<b>ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night</b> <sup>7</sup> 7:00 PM	<b>3-BALL TOURNAMENT</b> <sup>8</sup> POST 295 1:00 PM
<b>ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS (AT SUNSET)</b> <sup>9</sup> Pinochle 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	 <b>POST E-Board</b> <sup>10</sup> 5:00 PM <b>Post Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	 <b>PATRIOT DAY ROSH HASHANAH ENDS</b> <sup>11</sup>	<b>Marine Corps League</b> <sup>12</sup> 7:30 PM  	<b>ALR FRIDAY On a Thursday! Potluck Dinner</b> <sup>13</sup> 5:30 PM	<b>ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night</b> <sup>14</sup> 7:00 PM	 <b>ALR ANNUAL BEACH PARTY ALL DAY</b> <sup>15</sup>
<b>Pinochle</b> <sup>16</sup> 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM	 <b>SAL E-Board</b> <sup>17</sup> 6:30 PM <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7:00 PM <b>CONSTITUTION DAY</b>	 <b>AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY</b> <sup>18</sup>  <b>YOM KIPPUR BEGINS</b>	 <b>LIKE US ON FACEBOOK</b> <sup>19</sup>	<b>Hunters' Safety</b> <sup>20</sup> 5:00 PM <b>AUX 3rd Thurs Dinner</b> 5:30 PM	<b>NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY</b> <sup>21</sup> <b>ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night</b> 7:00 PM	 <b>ALR Monthly Meeting</b> <sup>22</sup> 9:30 AM
<b>Pinochle</b> <sup>23</sup> 12:00 PM Karaoke 3PM-7PM  <b>GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY</b> <sup>30</sup>	 <b>Review Us!</b>	<b>POST 555 Missed Birthdays</b> <i>Happy Belated Birthday!</i>  <b>August: Ron Murphy</b>  		<b>POST 4th Thurs Dinner</b> <sup>27</sup> 5:30 PM <b>CORVETTE CLUB</b> 7:00 PM	<b>ALR FRIDAY Karaoke Night</b> <sup>28</sup> 7:00 PM	 <b>ALR ANNUAL POKER RUN</b> <sup>29</sup>

### Post 555 Family September Birthdays

Robyn Anchondo	Joe Hernandez	Benjamin Slater
Marlene Flores	Richard Johnson	Eveline Sifuentes
Julie Gallagher	Randy Jones	Ronald St. John
Kellie Bronson Geyer	Theresa Kontoes	Robert Teston
Rudy Gonzales	Cynthia Metzger	Andrew Timko
Kay Hamby	Kathy Norris	Robert Trudeau
John Harris	Samuel Oglesby	Victor Vinson
Gilbert Hernandez	Frank Quinonez	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!

### POST 555 THURSDAY DINNERS

9/6 SAL: \$6 Turkey Club Night  
 9/13 ALR FRIDAY on a THURSDAY Potluck  
 9/20 Aux: \$6 Enchilada Night  
 9/27 POST: Fiesta Night  
 10/4 SAL: \$6 Ravioli Dinner  
 10/11 ALR: \$6 Chicken Dinner

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