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El Dorado Post 119

Commander's Report By Michael Raffety

Dinner 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 7, social hour 5:30 p.m.

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The Jimmy Buffet-style singer and accompanist drew a large crowd to the Legion Hall Oct. 21. Extra tables and chairs were brought out. There was a long line for the pulled pork sandwiches and salad. 100 dinners were sold.

I thank Ed Hagen for supplying the salmon for the Nov. 2 dinner.

The Dec. 7 dinner will, as is traditional, will be free, in other words, the post is covering the meal expense. Drinks will be at the usual price and will help defray the cost of the meal.

I will be wearing a Santa hat, along with a couple of others at the December dinner.

At the Nov. 2 meeting that follows the 6:30 dinner we honored the passing of past commander Richard Crouch. His celebration of life was scheduled for Nov. 19 at the Legion Hall. Richard Crough was post commander in 2012-2013. He enlisted in the Air Force after graduating from Compton High School in 1954. He retired as major after 32 years.

The regular band was due to entertain the evening of Nov. 11 when the meal will be free for veterans, as approved by the executive board. That follows flag raising along the freeway and ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial at the county government center.

At the November dinner we were due to hear from some more Boys Staters.

Karim Abou-Seido, Eli Cole, Evan Jefferson, Lucas Johnson, Jayce Kaldunski, Hayden McGowan, Christian Paper, Alton Partner, Fischer Work and Landon York were the young men who attend the event this year.

Crab Feed tickets are available at the bar. The Crab Feed will be Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023. Price is set at a reasonable \$65 (other agencies charge \$75). Cocktails begin at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Advanced purchase only. Raffle prizes will be very enticing.

First Vice President Sam Bradley will run the Executive Board meeting Nov. 16 while I'm in Montana elk hunting.

I'll keep this short so there will be space left over for photos.

Boys State Report 2 November 2022 American Legion California Boys' State Compendium Address American Legion El Dorado Post 119

1. Introduction

Good evening distinguished members of the American Legion El Dorado Post 119. My name is Hayden McGowan and I am a senior and one of the two delegates from Union Mine High School, who were chosen to participate at the 84th Annual, 2022 American Legion California Boys' State. I am tremendously grateful for not only the expertise which this event has provided me, but for the opportunities which it has afforded me.

2. Report

I was graciously provided with the opportunity to interview and potentially become appointed as one of the two delegates from my school to represent our student body at the American Legion California Boys' State this prior January. Little did I know of the astounding ride which was in-store for me. Upon arriving at California State University, Sacramento, I made a solemn promise to myself that I would derive from my experiences at the American Legion California Boys' State what I instituted into the event. I most certainly did not shy away from this very promise. Following check-in, I immediately began to fabricate a framework as to how I would go about making the most of my week at the American Legion California Boys' State. I was afforded numerous opportunities for networking with fellow delegates which I am fortunate to call friends through this very day. First things first, I served on a negotiation panel within the greater Media & Newspaper Team, whereby I facilitated transactions on behalf of the Federalist Party and Whig Party in purchasing advertisement slots within the American Legion California Boys' State newspaper and newscasts. Moreover,

following admittance to the American Legion California Boys' State Bar, I practiced as a defense and prosecutor attorney within a couple of legal cases throughout the course of the week. Additionally, I was appointed as a member and as a spokesperson for the Federalist Party Platform Committee, overseeing the fabrication of a rather bipartisan agenda pertaining to both Statewide and National Dilemmas. Likewise, following statewide elections, I was appointed as the Director of the Department of Internal & Legal Affairs for the Office of the Secretary of State, overseeing the drafting of executive orders for the Governor. Additionally, this position sanctioned me a coveted seat within the Governor's Council. Moreover, following the dispatch and inception of impeachment proceedings, trying the Secretary of State, I assumed my duties as the unbeknownst, Deputy Secretary of States, and acted as the Secretary of State for nearly the entirety of the last day of diplomatic proceedings at the American Legion California Boys' State, whereby I was involved with enacting 28 pieces of legislation, including Executive Orders, Assembly Bills, and Senate Bills.

Now, as for the virtuosity which the American Legion California Boys' State has provided me, I mustn't go without saying that the list is most certainly perpetual. The knowledge in which I was able to acquire from a mere week at the American Legion California Boys' State is something which will transform me for a lifetime. Neverminding the pedagogical knowledge which I acquired throughout my experiences, the networking opportunities and connections which this week facilitated are beyond what anyone could ask for. Thus far I continue to find opportunities to apply all which I learned at the American Legion California Boys' State in a myriad of ways. For instance, I currently work as an intern canvasser with Assemblyman Ken Cooley's re-election campaign. Had I not had the opportunity to participate in the American Legion California Boys' State, I most certainly would not have been prepared to pursue this further scope in the discipline of political science. With that, I would like to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for your contribution and scholarship of my unforgettable experience at the American Legion California Boys' State. I am beyond grateful for this door which you have opened for me, and for all the doors which this opportunity has continued to provide me in pursuing.

3. Final Statement

Once again, I thank you for your time this evening, and I immensely appreciate all in which you have done for me!

Adjutant Corner

No report

Membership Corner

Welcome to our new members!

Service Officer Spotlight

While I was gone.

I left my service phone behind for almost three weeks for a trip to Portugal to see family. When I got back, I had 24 notifications, including a notice that I had nine voicemails.

Things always come in themes.

A number of notices involved a homeless Marine, who I will call 47.

47 is a combat, in the sandbox, Veteran.

Survivor's remorse sounds trivial, but it is not. It is huge.

47 was supposed to be out front on patrol, but his sergeant switched assignments, so he got turret duty. Someone else then died from the IED.

47 is a graduate of Vet Court. He is a graduate of the VA's finest program, the residential treatment program in Palo Alto.

And yet...

He can be very menacing to providers. He sets up limits to what he will and will not do, and where he will go.

So, he is criminal justice involved, and homeless.

Doug Shelstad, Chaplain of VFW 2680, is being front man. Behind the scenes, Only Kindness is offering resources.

The latest plan is to offer him a stay at a motel near Mather, and have him engage with HPACT, the homeless primary care team, Mather behavioral health, Ilisha Toombs, the VA social worker dealing with drug and alcohol, homeless Veterans, and perhaps Volunteers of America, located two blocks from Mather.

We, the people, owe 47 a helping hand.

But he has to grab it, and not slap it.

In a nutshell, the rest of the notifications involved helping people with PTS(D) claims, and other homeless Veterans.

Cleared it out in 24 hours, but the story continues.

David Zelinsky
Service Officer
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Rider News

Sam Fergason
Director
ALR Chapter 119

Sons Spot by Bill Bryant

Sons Meetings 3rd Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

Christmas is almost here! We will have \$4 Egg Nog drinks available while it lasts!

Please note on 12/23 there will be no Happy Hour so our Volunteer Bartenders can enjoy the holiday!

Here is our Friday Happy Hour December menu (subject to change):

12/2 - Spaghetti & Meatballs

12/9 - Smoked Tri-Tip 🍷

12/16 - Lasagna

12/23 - Closed...Merry Christmas!

12/30 - Meatloaf

And of course all the fixings!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

Be safe everyone and have a wonderful holiday!

Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

Hi All,

A great salmon dinner was provided by Ed Haggen on meeting night. Cooked by Ed and our wonderful cook crew. Thank you Ed and the Legion cook crew.

Our District 7 American Legion Auxiliary officers joined us for dinner and our meeting are Melyse Munroe, President, Bonnie Bradbury, 2nd Vice; and Jean McGinnis, Sargent-of-Arms.

If you did not know already dues are payable. They are \$35.00 for the year.

I am in desperate need of a treasurer. If you are interested please let me know.

We could always use donations for our raffle. We cannot do it without you. A big thank you to all that bring donations.

Whether you are volunteering or not come to our meeting. I have a small group of members that come to the meeting but I would like to see more of you. The meetings are structured but easy going. I would love to see your smiling faces.

Thank you!

Janie Bandera, President

(530) 677-4423

CAKE LIST: Janie Bandera, Carol Mueller, Rebecca Marty, Dolores Wadsworth

From your Editor: If you would like to take on the task of this newsletter, please contact the Commander.

Enjoy this newsletter. If you have suggestions, or something you want me to add to the newsletter, you can reach me at
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Did you know?

You can get an annual parks pass as a Veteran.

Military Pass

Cost: Free Available for:

- Current US military members and their dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force, as well as Reserve and National Guard members
- US military veterans
- Gold Star Family members

How to obtain:

- In person: [Find a location to purchase this pass at a federal recreation site.](#)
- Online: Order this free pass from the [USGS Store](#). There is an additional cost of \$10 for passes obtained online.
- Please [check requirements](#) before arriving, such as showing a Common Access Card (CAC) or Military ID (Form 1173) or exchanging a Gold Star Voucher.

Additional Information:

- Find detailed information about this pass on the USGS Store's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage.
- [Learn about free access for U.S. military veterans and Gold Star Families through a Military Pass.](#)

- Passes may not be issued as gifts since eligible recipient must present proof of eligibility.

Pretty easy to apply and have it sent to you for just a \$10 processing fee.

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Podcast Link <https://www.legion.org/tangoalphalima>

Watch videos here and stay up to date on all things

Legion <https://www.legion.org/magazine/videos> and

The VA has started an initiative focused on supporting veterans through self-care.

<https://www.va.gov/WHOLEHEALTH/get-involved/get-healthy.asp>

"Borne The Battle" is a weekly, interview-based podcast that recognizes each battle, challenge, and sacrifice our Veterans endure during and after their service, as well as, spotlighting important resources, offices, and benefits VA offers our Veterans.

<https://blogs.va.gov/Vantage/84285/accessing-va-podcast-network/>



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The Auxiliary Meets on the First

Wednesday of each month at 2000

Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion

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The Squadron meets on Third

Wednesday of each month,

MEETING STARTS AT 1730

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Lampiste Vacant

40 & 8 meets the first Monday of each month at
1730



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