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Commander's Report By Michael Raffety Dinner will be February 1st

Dinner 6:30 p.m., Feb. 1

Get your crab feed tickets. Feb. 18 will be the crab feed in the Legion Hall. Advance sales only for tickets. \$65 each is the best deal in El Dorado County. Buy them at the bar during Friday night happy hour. This is a major fundraiser for Post 119.

Also happening this month is the band Last Five Standing Friday, Feb. 10. Buy your crab tickets that night. It's the last chance for crab feed tickets. Buy four and invite your friends.

Despite a windy evening there were enough people showing up for Jan. 4 dinner meeting and also paying \$5 for take-out dinners afterward that the finance officer reported we broke even on the dinner. We also had a good turnout for the membership meeting, which started on time at 7:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The first person to exit following the meeting was greeted by a huge thunderclap. It was raining pretty good but most of the night was a windstorm and little rain overnight. I recorded 0.3 inch the next morning at my house.

An oak tree was reported blocking Highway 49 near Union Mine Road. I had to clear a blown over dead liquid amber on my road before I could leave for the Jan. 4 dinner meeting.

Our adjutant, Joe Rendon, was recuperating from an injury. Hope to see him at the executive board meeting Jan. 18. Thank you, Lauralee Flannery, for taking notes of the meeting in the absence of the adjutant.

The March 1 dinner meeting will feature law enforcement officers of the year.
There will be no Membership meeting that night.

Come to the crab feed Feb. 18. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door. Buy them at the bar on Friday nights.

Adjutant Corner

No report

Membership Corner

Welcome to our new members!

Service Officer Spotlight

While tying my shoes

El Dorado Community Health:

No, we cannot tell you his name, but what can you do for a homeless, alcoholic Veteran? We just want to see what kind of resource you are.

Me:

Check to see if he is VA health care eligible. He has to be present. 877-222-8387. Once the VA answers the phone, which can take 30 minutes, in just a few minutes they can give me the yay or nay.

Take him to the county VSO, and apply for missing DD-214, file a service connected claim, apply for health care, apply to a state Veterans home, and more.

Take him to Mather ER for detox, and coordinate with lisha Toombs, Mather social worker, to make sure that there is a hand off ready from ER to a residential detox, and then a handoff to residential recovery.

And, if all goes well, to longer term living such as Victory Village, and then perhaps a state Veterans Home.

Check the court's case system to see if there are any pending matters, particularly criminal, to see if there is any coordination needed with Vet Court, or the Mather Veteran Justice officer.

El Dorado Community Health:

Oh, wow. You are a good resource!

David Zelinsky
Service Officer
American Legion Post 119
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Rider News

On November 2, 2022 the riders were honored to provide a flag line for the funeral of Richard Crouch, former Post 119 Commander and Adjacent. The service was held at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA. Full military honors were provided by an Air Force Honor Guard and the ceremony was officiated by Mr. Gary Gonsalves of Post 119.

On November 19, 2022, a celebration of life for Richard Crouch was held at the post. The riders again provided a flag line for this event which was well attended by family, friends, and fellow members of Post 119.

Sam Fergason
Director
ALR Chapter 119



Sons Spot by Bill Bryant

Sons Meetings 3rd Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

On 2/10, we will have a Valentines Celebration Dance with The Last 5 Standing band 5-8 pm. Michelle will be serving Tacos 5:30-6:30 (or out).

Due to continuing increases, we will be raising beer & drink prices by \$1 to help defray these costs on band and rental functions.

Don't forget our Crab Feed 2/18!

Subject to change, here is our February menu:

2/3 - Pork Chops

2/10 - Tacos

2/17 - Meatloaf

2/24 - Lasagna

See you at the Hall,

Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

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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For upcoming events/calendar, [click here](#)

Did you know?

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

If you have served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and were honorably discharged or you are still serving active military duty honorably, you are eligible for membership with The American Legion.

California Legionnaires getting free access to Google Cloud Skills Boost

The American Legion Department of California is collaborating with Google to provide free cloud computing skills to members of the Legion Family and their immediate family members. Through access to Google Cloud Skills Boost, the program will help train, upskill and provide credentials in cloud computing skills to California Legionnaires and their families, with the goal of leading to employment in technical, in-demand jobs.

In November, Past Department of California Commander Autrey James announced the partnership on Facebook, calling the collaboration, "a unique opportunity made possible by Google for veterans or immediate family members looking to re-skill and get into the emerging Cloud computing industry."

Full article

<https://www.legion.org/education/257950/california-legionnaires-getting-free-access-google-cloud-skills-boost>



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The Auxiliary Meets on the First

Wednesday of each month at 2000

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The Squadron meets on Third

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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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