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Welcome to
The American Legion
The World's Largest Veterans Organization
El Dorado Post 119

Commander's Report By Michael Raffety

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

Turnout for the Jan. 3 dinner was light, which was to be expected that close to New Year's Day.

The meeting afterward accomplished a lot, according to 1st Vice Cdmr. Lauralee Flannery, who substituted for me since I was undergoing a medical procedure. Thanks for the assist!

Get your crab feed tickets!

Membership Corner from Lauralee

It's been a busy 2023 for the Post. Thanks to the members that attend the monthly meetings and members of the Executive Committee, who actively participate in the betterment and business of operating our Post. The membership has voted to fund the patio shade project, the patching, resealing, and painting of our parking lot as well as increasing the Veteran Service Officer budget. I encourage all members to attend the monthly meeting, in order to bring motions and vote to allocate funds.

In February we will potentially vote to allocate funds to pay for Bands and DJ's during our Friday Happy Hour.

Some of the funding for Post "projects" comes from our three main yearly fund raisers, our Post sponsored Crab Feed, El Dorado County Fair "Beer Tree" sales and the Cook team Jeepers Jamboree event. As members we have a responsibility to be good stewards of our funds while paying to keep our facilities maintained, desirable for renting, funding 10 students to attend Boys and Girls State and five High School Graduate scholarships while keeping funds on hand for major repairs and emergencies.

The Post meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month excluding December (The Post-Christmas Dinner). You must be present at the monthly meeting in order for your thoughts and concerns to be heard and your vote to be counted. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 7th.

Joseph Rendon Adjutant / Membership Chair (916) 601-4127

Service Officer Spotlight

Blessings: Good morning David... I am coming up on 6 years ... you came to my rescue when I was housed at the Eldorado jail... almost 6 years ago..you put me up in a hotel put me in touch with a man who got me some clothes as well as a hair cut... it gave me some respect for myself... I honestly did never want to go back to the life that landed me in jail, but I did not have many options until you reached out... at this time I had some time alone and time to think about my life and where I wanted to be.. I chose to stay clean... to this day I have no clue why I became an addict .. but I do today know my triggers and I am able to work through a lot of things that come my way.. I want to thank you once again for your kindness and I am forever grateful for you walking into my life.. thank you once again David.. and happy holidays

Do you mind if I share this with some of my allies?

Of course .. not a year has gone by in the last 6 years you are on my mind... when I find myself struggling , you come to mind.. you were and are an angel... God only knows where I would be today with out your helping hand... 🙏 🙏 I try and reach out to the homeless in my area of West Sacramento.. I talk to a few that will let me.. and let them know there not alone... and I was once were they are... and there is hope... as well as help if they want

Curses:

Unfortunately, sometimes things do not always work out so well.

There is a combat Marine out there with legitimate survivor's remorse.

And he is conspiratorial, paranoid and delusional.

Every hero serving our Veteran's community has a target on their back, because this fellow has a twisted view of reality.

Win some, lose some.

But keep on, keeping on.

David Zelinsky, Service Officer

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Rider News

No Report

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Sons Spot

No report

Thank you

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Sons Meetings 2nd Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

February is going to be a busy month for our Hall with lots of fun!

2/2 we will have Garratt & Rick of Naked Parrots playing for us - come on out for a little "vacation" as he takes us to the Islands with his Jimmy Buffet music!

2/10 of course is our "Infamous" Crab Feed - be sure to get your tickets early!

2/11 will be Super Bowl Sunday - come early for a front row seat in front of the big screen! And don't forget to buy raffle tickets for the 43" TV!

2/16 we will have George Lehr with his DJ music & karaoke!

Here is our menu subject to change:

2/2 Bratwurst

2/9 Beef Stew

2/16 Pork Tenderloin

2/23 Polish Dogs

Come on out to your American Legion Hall for a great time!

See ya there,

Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

We have a few exciting things to share this month! First our date change from the first Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month has been productive. Being able to join the leadership throughout the American

Legion Family is priceless. We have been able to learn what is going on with the other groups and are presently brainstorming ways that we can better assist each one.

During the meeting of The American Legion we were graced with funds for our Girls State program. Their generosity was unexpected and greatly appreciated! It was a blessing to be able to be in attendance to hear and accept this kindness.

Please join the Auxiliary in welcoming and supporting Ms. Dolores Wadsworth's night of talent. This event has been completely planned and executed by one of our auxiliary favorites for all to enjoy and participate in. I hear we have more than a few Legionnaires ready to show off their moves so we're sure that this event is going to be a blast. It's scheduled for Friday, January 26 in the evening so Happy Hour drinks will still be available. Yay!

The Auxiliary is happy to present Super Bowl Sunday at the American Legion. Drinks will be flowing at the bar and we will be presenting Award-Winning Tri Tip Chili that will be accompanied by Award Winning Cornbread Muffins! We will also have some of your game day staples available. All the good eats for a mere \$15. This is not a cover charge. Don't want to eat? The bar is still open and ready to serve anyone who would like to attend. What a fun and inexpensive way to spend your Super Bowl while supporting our veterans!

Putting together events such as these allows all of you to invite new people to attend and hopefully join one of our family of organizations. We specifically work these events with the hope of new membership and the promise of support for our outreach programs. So please remember to make these events a fun night out, not just for yourself but, for those in your circle of friends. We are all actively recruiting new membership and you can help and have fun at the same time.

Speaking of new members, we would like to welcome Mrs. Karen Swineford to our Unit. We can already tell that she is going to be a wonderful addition not only to our Auxiliary but also to our Rider's! On behalf of all of our wonderful Auxiliary sisters, I extend a warm welcome to you Mrs. Karen!

Please remember that every penny that you donate to the Auxiliary through meals, tips, membership or sponsorships is used for programs that better our local veterans and our community. We need your assistance and attendance at our specific events to accomplish our goals and perpetuate the causes and

thoughts of the American Legion. Not all dinners and events are created equally.

Your Auxiliary is looking forward to all that 2024 will bring and we are excited to serve our veterans and community this year but it is also important for us to remember our history. We had the incredible opportunity to accept a scrap book created by our very own District President from 1952. Mrs. Janet Pringle of The Daughters of the American Revolution presented the Auxiliary with this priceless and fragile gift. To see and understand what the strong women of the Auxiliary accomplished in the past is a treat that we can't wait to share with all of you. It's an inspiration and we can't wait to celebrate the accomplishments of our sisters from the past.

Ann Marie Sutherland

President, American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 119

From your Editor: If you would like to take on the task of this newsletter, please contact the Commander. I have a new job and this is a bit of time I could get back.....

Enjoy this newsletter. If you have suggestions, or something you want me to add to the newsletter, you can reach me at
Steph2472@yahoo.com Steph

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A very happy birthday to those who were born in February!!!

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

Did you know?

The American Legion has podcasts and videos to listen to or watch...

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



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