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The World's Largest Veterans Organization
El Dorado Post 119

Commander's Report By Michael Raffety

Dec. 6, Social hour 5:30, Christmas dinner 6:30 Dinner is free no meeting in December

November so far has been an eventful month for me so far. Oct. 12, I had two teeth extracted.

And off and on I had issues with bleeding. My oral surgeon stitched the bleeding area up and cauterized on my birthday. That afternoon I went to Marshall hospital to have my blood work done. I have not been driving since.

Friday, Nov. 3, I booked myself with the first dental implant specialist who would take me first thing in the morning. He stopped the bleeding for good, which had started up two days previous and I was able to attend the Area 1 meeting Sunday and introduce myself to Area 1 Vice Commander Jack Schipper, who was really appreciative of the Post hosting the meeting.

Three people I especially want to call out for thanks are 1st Vice Cmdr. Lorelee Flannery for handling the Membership meeting Nov. 1. Secondly, Lane Ybright for handling dinner Saturday. I was disappointed the turnout was very low.

Sunday, Nov. 5, all the district commanders were present, but there seemed to be few post commanders. I may have been the only one there as far as I could see.

Thirdly, 2nd Vice Cmdr. Jimmy Ledbetter did outstanding work making sure the TV was set up Saturday and worked so Jack Schipper could show some important videos, including about American Legion baseball. There are teams within reasonable travel distance. We can get a Placerville team.

Again, Jim made sure the gate and hall were open and the tables arranged as needed.

The breakfast crew Sunday was outstanding. It was a fabulous breakfast, including OJ and hot coffee, with cupcakes for a mid-meeting snack.

Thank you for whoever staffed the bar Saturday.

Christmas dinner is casual. Expect to see Adjutant Joe Rendon and myself in Legion pull-over shirts and Santa hats. Come out Dec. 6 and dress for the season. Dinner is free.

Membership Corner

"Now Hear This"... (As the Navy used to pipe over 1MC to all Hands)...I am troubled to see that so many of you veterans don't come to the Happy Hour events on Friday, and to our monthly dinner. What troubles me is that maybe 5% of our membership of 523 comes to partake of the food and drink events, but less than 1% stay to participate in the planning meetings for upcoming events.

If you want to know what is going on then please come to the meetings. These meetings are to plan events for you and your family, to come and be together with your fellow veterans and their families. Also to bring ideas or issues you want resolve respectively. I realize that some of you can't come due to physical ailments, transportation, weather and climate changes, but not most of you. The post has 12 to 24 meetings that are open to membership annually, and I see the same maybe 18 to 20 same members. Hope these comments motivate you up to come to a meeting. Nothing gets added or resolved by staying home brooding about it.

Also the latest El Dorado Post 119 Newsletter is always posted on the post website at www.Legion119.org or you will get the monthly newsletter via your email address.

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

Service Officer Spotlight

No report

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On November 10, 2023 the American Legion Riders Chapter 119 Placerville participated in a pre Veterans Day Parade at Eskaton Village senior community in Placerville. The facility provided a bbq lunch for the participants and we were able to socialize with the residents.

Chapter 119 Riders in the parade included Sam & Jane Fergason,
Jimmy Leadbetter, Mike and Judy Meutz.

The Hangtown Model A club, the Ford V8 club, and the Cameron Park Corvette club were also participants.

Sam Fergason
Director
ALR Chapter 119





Sons Spot

Did you know that your son and grandsons are eligible for Sons of American Legion? If you have any questions, call Bob Springer with membership for Sons at Post 119. He can be reached at 1 (925) 321-0017

Thank you

Lane Ybright

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Sons Meetings 2nd Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

December is off to a great start with Last 5 Standing rocking the place on Friday, Dec. 1st @ 5:30!

And George Lehr will be entertaining us with his DJ Music and Karaoke on Friday, Dec. 15th @ 5:30!

Please note there will be NO Friday Happy Hour on Dec. 22nd due to a prior rental (private event).

Here is our December menu, subject to change, while it lasts. So get in line right away once the kitchen opens!

12/1 - Chuck Roast

12/8 - Spaghetti (Sons')

12/15 - Meatloaf

12/29 - Pork Tenderloin

Merry Christmas to all - and be safe this holiday season!

See ya there,
Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

Hello from the Auxiliary! We had a wonderful November!

The Auxiliary is so happy to have friends of the Auxiliary. This month we were fortunate enough to have a non-member by the name of Sara that came in at Happy Hour and had members sign Christmas Cards to send to our active-duty men and women over-seas. What a wonderful project and a great way to involve our veterans and members in the process of sending cheer! Good job!

In other news, the winner of our wine basket is Randy Davis. Unfortunately, after many contact attempts, we have been unable to reach him. If you know Mr. Davis personally, please contact one of your Auxiliary members. We can't wait to give him raffle prize.

This month we have a couple of incredible days on the books. Along with our brothers, the Son's of the American Legion, we will be celebrating many things.

On Saturday, December 16 we will be meeting to distribute flags through the honored program, Flags Across America in the morning. This group places flags at the headstones of veterans. There are 16 spots available and we would love to see all of them filled. If you are interested please contact Lane or myself

for the time and location that we will be meeting. It's such an amazing way to honor our veterans.

We will be rushing straight from flags to the Post because we will also be having Spaghetti Dinner including garlic bread, a green salad and all the fixings. This dinner is to celebrate the National Guard Birthday, Space Force Birthday and honor Pearl Harbor Day. Remember both branches eat for free that evening. No music, but please come out and support your Auxiliary and Son's so we can continue to serve our veterans.

From the Auxiliary to all of you, have a safe and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Cheers!

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

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James Ramos Jr.	USA	Lebanon/Granada
Daniel Barns	USCG	Vietnam
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John Sissell	USAF	Persian Gulf
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Jack Bois	USA	Persian Gulf
Joseph Weber	USAF	Vietnam
Howard Johnston	USMC	Korea
Dick Rome	USA	Korea

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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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1730



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