



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. Wednesday, Nov. 2, social hour 5:30 p.m.

November is a big month for American Legion Post 119. Nov. 11 we place flags alongside Highway 50. Help us post those flags 6:30-6:45 a.m. at the flag locker in the VFW parking lot.

Then at 11 a.m. the ceremonies and remembrance take place at the Veterans Memorial monument at the rear of the county government center.

This is a Friday, which is also happy hour at the Legion Hall on Greenstone Road. The band, Last Five Standing, will provide music. The adjutant tells me meals will be no charge for veterans, presumably those with Legion membership cards. All other will be charged \$7 for the meal.

Three big events in one day Nov. 11.

September had a pretty good turnout for dinner. The band played Sept. 16, where 77 dinners were sold. The hall was full and the dance floor was well populated for well-known tunes by the Last Five Standing.

I'll miss the District 7 meeting because I'll be working an election center at Union Mine HS.

I'll also miss our Nov. 16 executive board meeting because I will be in Montana elk hunting with my son and son-in-law. Then a day or two after I get back a painter is scheduled to paint my eaves. I booked him back in the late spring. Those guys are busy. He comes a few days before Thanksgiving, an event

where all of us go to my son-in-law's house. I make stuffing mix. Other people bring other items and it's a grand event.

Expect turkey, etc. for the Legion dinner Nov. 2. Followed by Santa hats for the Dec. 7 dinner.

Buy a brick. The bricks look great by the gazebo. Board members are working to get two structures in place – one to cover the barbecue pit and one to provide some shade for a large portion of the area in front of the gazebo so it can be used for weddings and events.

The post has scheduled Feb. 18 for the crab feed. Ticket prices will be at least \$75. More precise info will be known later.

Also, it is with sadness that our past Commander, Richard Crouch, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, October 21st. No other details are known at this time.

Adjutant Corner

No report

Membership Corner

Welcome to our new members!

<u>Name</u>	<u>ServiceEra</u>
Charles Trebnik	USA Vietnam
Gary E. Pihlaja	USAF Korea
Mark Nalley	USA Lebanon/Grenada

Service Officer Spotlight

Marine in Vet Court.

"I am more terrified of my teenage daughter than I was of the Taliban."

Another Marine in Vet Court.

It sounded like the judge ordered him out of custody, no bail, so he could take care of a matter in another county.

World Trade Federation? (Fill in your own WTF).

The Deputy Public Defender explained to his parents and I, outside of the courtroom, that it was just a matter of facilitating his release to the custody of the other county in order to resolve another matter.

Ok...

Only it seems that the other county's sheriff could not be bothered to come and get him, since he was such a small fish.

And the order looked to the jail just liked it sounded to us.

Jail slow walked his processing to give the Chief Public Defender a chance to reach the DA and the judge.

An emergency order was obtained, and our sick puppy will be safely kept until an appropriate placement can be found for him.

And, no, he is not to be handed the keys to his car.

El Dorado Veterans Resource Center

Located in the little kick out office outside the upstairs doors at the Veterans Memorial Building, this program of Military Family Support Group could use some more volunteers. They need van drivers, and they need office volunteers.

I remembered Sheila Webb of Volunteers of America used to keep some office hours there. Maybe VOA could help fill in?

It is being checked out.

Don't be shy about offering to help.

El Dorado Department of Veteran Services.

I am suggesting that spouses go with their Veterans to an appointment, and find out what their benefits are.

Ask about burial benefits, Aid and Attendance, Respite Care, Caregiver support, State of California Veterans Homes.

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Rider News

Riders Update

Great turnout October 8th for the 12th annual Fallen Heroes 111 mile poker run hosted by Rocklin Harley and Sierra Thunder Harley Owners Group. Over 200 bikes entered. American Legion Riders Chapter 119 Placerville was represented by Sam & Jane Fergason, Lane Ybright, Marc Sanders, Bill Bryant, Rich Klinke, John Muir, Corinne White and Frank Perez.

Sam Fergason

Director

ALR Chapter 119





Sons Spot by Bill Bryant

Sons Meetings 3rd Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

11/4 - **NO Friday Happy Hour** due to a prior rental

11/11 - Last 5 Standing Band with Meatloaf Meals by Michelle - a fun time & great food!

11/18 - Lemon Garlic Chicken Meals by Michelle - YUM!

11/25 - **NO Friday Happy Hour** - Happy Thanksgiving from our Bartenders to you!

Please note menu is subject to change.

Michelle volunteers her time from her business Creative Fusion Catering to tantalize our taste buds!

Be safe everyone and have a wonderful holiday!

Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

No Report

CAKE LIST:

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



A very happy birthday to all of the members who have a birthday this month !!!!

Name

ServiceEra

Robert Wiswell	USAF Vietnam
James Pine	USN Vietnam
John Salverson	USA Vietnam
John (JR) Miles	USAF Vietnam
Eugene Baker	USA Vietnam
Clyde Hebbbron	USA Vietnam
John Roberts	USAF Vietnam
Carlos Navarete	USA Lebanon/Granada
Anthony Arjil	USMC Vietnam
Jose Rodriguez	USAF Vietnam
Jacquelyn Walker	USAF Vietnam
Francis (AL) Rawlin	USN Korea
Richard Crouch	USAF Korea

Diane Beastron	USAF	Vietnam
Manuel Correia	USA	WWII
Joseph (Joe) Cuneo	USN	WWII
William Pyne	USN	Korea
Ed Castelman	USN	Vietnam
William Fiedler	USAF	Vietnam
Ronald Panscik	USAF	Vietnam
Eric Agee	USN	Panama
Donald Uelman	USA	Vietnam
Richard Meagher	USA	Vietnam
Basil Borkert	USA	Vietnam
Robert Crowder	USAF	Korea
Thomas Koler	USAF	Vietnam
Robert Vehn	USA	WWII
Alfred Schaeffer	USMC	Vietnam
Joseph (Joe) Rendon	USN	Vietnam
Roy Rodgers	USCG	Vietnam
Robert Brickley	USMC	Vietnam
Bob Woods	USA	Vietnam

George Parkinson	USMC	WWII
Steve Gorman	USAF	Korea
Ralph Rodgers	USN	Vietnam
Dennis Smith	USAF	Vietnam
James Sagaser	USAF	Vietnam
Ernest Chaney	USA	Vietnam

Name

ServiceEra

Frank Pignata	USAF	WWII
Gail Seward	USMC	Korea
Mike Mojonier	USN	Vietnam
James Alderink	USN	Vietnam
Harry Holler	USN	Vietnam
Jeff Peterson	USN	Vietnam
Gerald Wentland	USA	Vietnam

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

Did you know?

Nov. 10-12 1919

First Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. The Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, instead of Washington. A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. *Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.*

November 2002

The Legion launches the national "I Am Not A Number" campaign to identify and document the delays veterans face in obtaining medical care from VA.

Signs of Crisis

The end of a personal relationship. The loss of a job. Everybody faces difficult times in life, and people cope with stressful situations in different ways. When emotional issues reach a crisis point, contact the Veterans Crisis Line.

The 2022 National Veterans Day Poster Contest Winner



Each year the Veterans Day National Committee publishes a commemorative Veterans Day [poster](#). The Committee selects a poster from artwork submitted by artists nationwide. It also distributes the winning design to VA facilities, military installations around the world, and across cities and towns in our nation. It then serves as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.

Over the years these posters have illustrated the rich history of our country's service men and women. The poster reflects our pride and patriotism in saluting Veterans while providing the thematic artistry for the year.

The theme for Veterans Day 2022 is “Honor.” Veterans are proud of their military service in defending our Nation. Honor reflects the military value and tradition of answering the call to duty. There is distinct honor in serving to protect our way of life and the Constitution of the United States of America. We encourage artists to consider Veteran history of service to our Nation and the honor we owe them for fulfilling patriotic duties.

Membership: Frequently Asked Questions of National Eligibility Questions

Are you eligible? Here are a few frequently asked questions regarding American Legion eligibility. For any other eligibility questions, feel free to contact us at membership@legion.org or 317-630-1321.

Signs of a crisis: The end of a personal relationship. The loss of a job. Everybody faces difficult times in life, and people cope with stressful situations in different ways. When emotional issues reach a crisis point, contact the Veterans Crisis Line. Dial 988 then press 1

Take the self assessment: <https://www.vetselfcheck.org/welcome.cfm>

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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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

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MEETING STARTS AT 1730

40 & 8

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at 1730**
