



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

Commander's Report By Michael Raffety

Sept. 6, Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Membership meeting 7:30

The August meeting featured two kinds of pasta, salad and rolls. Thank you cook crew for all you do on the first Wednesday of the month.

The turnout was kind of light, as expected in August when folks are on vacation.

Bill Bryant was presented with a \$1,500 check from Post 119 to add to the \$500 already authorized. The Auxiliary also gave Bill a check for \$2,000. The checks were to help with the cost of the Generac that is vital to keep Bill alive since he is "wired up" after getting home from the hospital.

Bill attended the membership meeting and said he would resume handling Boy's State for the Post. Thank you, Bill.

Also, Adjutant Joe Rendon awarded hat medals to past commander Bud Brown and 2nd vice commander Jimmy Ledbetter, Finance Officer Mike Schiavone Richard Smith, John Muir and Joe Rendon for recruiting three new post members each.

The DJ will play August 18.

I installed Jack Vranes as Judge Advocate for the post.

Mike Muetz collected dollars for the jackpot drawing. Thanks, Mike for standing in for Milt Bandera.

The meeting started pretty at 7:30 pm. It helped have the tables set up and all the paraphernalia.

Adjutant Corner

FYI: Here it is in a nutshell. At the August 2, 2023 monthly dinner and membership meeting I awarded five of our members the 2023 hat or lapel pin for recruiting three new members each during Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Any member can do the same for recruiting, but you have to remember to sign or print your name at the bottom of the application. I also want to give credit to Michael Schiavone for recruiting five new members. So start now to earn the FY 2023/2024 lapel or hat pin. This year's lapel/hat pin reminds me of the navy rate of "Boatswains Mate" crossed anchors.

To those who have not paid their dues the time is now, the membership money goes to help the post, programs and events to help our El Dorado Veterans. We are working hard between the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and the Legion Riders to help each other and share the work so our post succeeds in all programs and events. We are a family committed to helping veterans and their families.

The Post 119 Office is OPEN for Business 3 days a week as follows:

Mondays 9am to 11am

Wednesday 9am to 11am

Friday 9am to 11am

1st Wednesday: Open 5:30pm for Social Hour; 6:30pm Dinner; 7:30pm Membership Meeting

2nd Wednesday: Legion Riders at 6pm and the Sons at 5:30pm

3rd Wednesday: Bartenders Mtg - 5:30; Executive Board – 6pm

Friday Nights -- Happy Hour Bar and Band Night Opens from 5:00pm to 9pm

Membership Corner

Yes I am still here processing membership, and doing very well. Just to let you know your annual dues just rolled in like thunder in the month of July, that is why I didn't have an article for the newsletter.

I want to give a big Thank You to the 216 folks that have mailed in their annual membership dues, or paid online a BIG THANK YOU to you also. Also I have edited the September Birthday list. So if you do not see your name on the list and still getting the monthly newsletter that means that you have not paid your dues, and if it goes past December you will be suspended pending being dropped from the membership rolls.

On your ID Card it has printed on the front "**BE THE ONE**". The meaning is on the back of your card, the three things to remember. (1) To **Ask** veterans in your life how they are doing.

(2) To **Listen** when a veteran need to talk. (3) To **Reach Out** when a veteran is struggling. Pretty simple. Do you do that? Just keep these three things in mind when you see a person/veteran in need.

Service Officer Spotlight

All in a morning's work.

Paid off a Marine's PG&E. Five kids. E-8. 20 years. 100% service connected AND working. Stuff happened, but now they can breathe again.

Advised Marine's mother in law on counseling services available to him. 100% service connected. 2 TBIs. Still working. Citrus Heights Vet Center. Horses Healing Heroes in Herald, CA. Behavioral health at Mather. Arts and Culture El Dorado, Veterans Voices.

Reviewed criminal justice status for homeless Marine and wife, and realizing not quite time to apply for housing programs, other than Navigation Center in Placerville, at Juvenile Detention facility. Please contact Homeless Outreach Team at Sheriff's office.

Advised Navy Vet to call 877-222-8387 to enroll in VA health care, and walk in Tuesday to county VSO for tinnitus claim.

Everyone is helping out on well pump installation. Just waiting for a written estimate.

Burned out Pollock Pines vet and wife might get housed.

Sure I left something out.

David Zelinsky
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Rider News

On Saturday, July 29, 2023 the riders were honored to provide a flag line at the post for Mr John Shetler's celebration of life. Mr. Shetler was a past post commander and also a bar manager.

On Saturday, August 12, 2023 the riders went for a lunch ride through the foothills to Pioneer Burger in Pioneer CA. The weather was nearly perfect and the traffic light. Riders and guests attending were Sam and Jane Fergason, Jim Donahue, Mark Sanders, David and Karen Swineford, Dave Munn, Lane Ybright, and Gary Gonsalves.

Sam Fergason
Director
ALR Chapter 119





Sons Spot

We have a WINNER! Ken Guest is the winner of the Henry Golden Boy rifle. Patrick Hodgson won the signature Erin Simmons hand forged skinning knife. The Sons is teaming up with the Auxiliary on several exciting new things.

1st: Starting in September we will be hosting a meal to recognize all veteran related holidays, special recognitions and branch birthdays each month.

Example: September is busy, on Friday 9/15 Sons and Auxiliary will be hosting dinner, at this dinner we will recognize all of the veteran related days in September they include Patriot Day 11th, POW/MIA Recognition Day 15th,

Constitution/ Citizenship Day 17th, Air Force Birthday 18th, Gold Star Mothers & Families Day 24th and Sons of the American Legion Birthday 15th. Our goal at this dinner is to feed all POW's, Air Force Veterans and Gold Star Mothers for Free in recognition of their service and sacrifice.

2nd: we are at the start of another school year for all the children in this county and as such, I contacted the Gold Rush-1034 20-30 Club of Placerville, a childrens non profit specializing in helping the youth of our community to see if we could help. I asked Ann Marie our new Auxiliary Pres if they could help. Ann Marie went to work gathering donations from a few of our local business owners and secured \$2000 in one night. We (Sons and Auxiliary) will be donating 44 backpacks full of school supplies to help our children in need start off the new school year on the right foot. Huge shout out to our main donors that made this possible on very short notice. Tom Schmidt (ANRAK Corp), Chris Meyer (High Sierra Industries), Gary Cooper (G&O Towing) and my old friend Tom Butts (Nor-Cal Equipment Rentals) Thanks to those very generous Men we were able to pull this off in only 3 weeks.

Our meetings are always the 2nd Wednesday each month at 5:30

Thank you
Lane Ybright
SAL Squadron Commander
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Sons Meetings 2nd Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

Mmmmmm....sounds like a lot of fun at our American Legion Hall in
September!!!

We have Last 5 Standing on 9/8 in the house 5:30-8:30!

Also on 9/22, we have DJ music & karaoke by George Lehr of Soundsgood Productions 5:30-8:30! Don't forget country swing & line dancing to go with the karaoke!

Here is your tentative menu subject to change, of course:

9/1 - Spaghetti

9/8 - Lemon Garlic Chicken

9/15 - Carnitas Tacos (hosted by SAL & Auxiliary)

9/22 - Meatloaf

9/29 - Pork Chops

So come on out, cheap drinks & meals and support your El Dorado Post 119

See ya there!

Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

Hello from the Auxiliary!

I am so pleased to let you know how successful we've been this month! Being part of this American Legion Family becomes better every day!

The Auxiliary has such appreciation for our Son's of the American Legion. Through their contacts we are already effecting change.

We have joined with the 20/30 Club to begin, for the first time in years, to work some of our main programs. Children and Youth, Americanism and VA&R will be served through one event! Yay!

We, as a family, were able to bring in over \$3000 towards a program that collects backpacks, and items to fill them, for needy and under privileged children.

Oh the things we can do!

Through our combined efforts we will be able to provide 44 backpacks, completely filled, age appropriate, for 44 children! These efforts freed up the 20/30 Club's ability to provide even more. Each one of these kids will receive the gift of a shopping spree at Wal-Mart for clothing and shoes.

There is one little one, that is ours. She's 10 years old and her father is an Airforce and Army veteran. We were able to make sure she was taken care of. Not only did she qualify for the 20/30 Club Program, she qualifies as a junior Auxiliary member. Let's welcome Malaya Mico to our Auxiliary as our one and only Junior Auxiliary member. I know she'll be an excellent beginning to our Junior Auxiliary membership.

Through the Son's of the American Legion, she will not only hold her head up high with new school year supplies, she will be treated to a manicure and pedicure. She was offered a haircut but declined and asked if we could give that to her three year old brother. How sweet! Done.

On to other news.

The Auxiliary needs a little help. To our members that are presently not participating, I need you. We have so many incredible programs that we haven't run in years due to lack of participation.

This is a fresh Auxiliary. If you have a passion project, we can support it through our programs! Come visit with us on the first Wednesday of the month. The Legion has a great cook crew that makes sure we're all very well fed.

Presently I am sitting chair for VA&R, Children and Youth and Americanism. Typically, we ask for donations of cakes for our monthly Membership Dinner and meetings.

As a new president, I would like to express my apologies for not understanding the cake rotation. Fear not! This is a VA&R necessity that many other Units do not have. During the upcoming months, VA&R will provide cakes. This will hopefully free up our ability to focus on Unit 119 as the up and coming Unit within our District. The reason I can proclaim this is because I am standing VA&R chair. If you want to change this come to a meeting and allow me to appoint you. It would be gratefully appreciated.

For all of you that want to be involved, coming to the monthly meeting is important. You can make a difference! That being said, to actually work as part of the American Legion Family we need to change our meeting date and time. It has been proposed that we change our meeting date and time from the 1st Wednesday of the month to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 19:30 hours. (7:30 for all our civilians 😊)

This allows us to be more instrumental and productive when working with our American Legion Family leadership. For those of you that are fully involved, please consider this fully. This can be the constructive change that our Auxiliary needs to become the force that the American Legion Auxiliary is meant to be.

When it comes to our Auxiliary being a force, membership is something we need to address. I'm stating it again because it's vital. It's an Uncle Sam moment for our Auxiliary. WE WANT YOU!!

We are actively looking for new members. Do you have friends that have expressed a want or need to start giving back? Bring them in for Friday night Happy Hour! Our incredible Auxiliary member and Professional Chef, Michelle Meyer, makes the best Friday night dinners ever! Or support our band and karaoke nights with a girls night out! Let's get some of our friends and family involved!

Let them know that what we do is volunteer and make lives better. All we get out of this is joy. Come and be joyful with us!

I would like to thank our Lincoln Auxiliary, Unit 264, for their contribution to Bill Bryant. They raised a \$500 donation to help us help our very own Iron Man! What a privilege being part of the Auxiliary, District 7 is! We are blessed with so many wonderful Auxiliary sisters!

This month has brought challenge but also so much positive change! If we can all choose to work together, we will be able to do so much for our veterans and our community.

The American Legion Auxiliary mantra is "Service not Self." What a wonderful idea and goal! Through that thought and principle we can all stand a little bit taller and be a little bit better. OOH-RAH! Hooah! Hooyah!

With Gratitude,

Ann Marie Sutherland

Auxiliary President Unit 119

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

Steph2472@yahoo.com *Steph*

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

Cleophas ChumbleyUSA Vietnam

Ricky Harris USA Vietnam

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Josh Clark	USA	Persian Gulf
Thomas Kenny	USAF	Vietnam
Lawrence Hodson	USA	Vietnam

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.

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at 1730**



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