



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. June 7th

The May 3 dinner had a pretty good turnout for tacos. It was Tres de Mayo. Friday was Cinco de Mayo, and the parking lot was packed for Happy Hour and the featured band, the Last Five Standing. Enchiladas were served for dinner. The meeting following the dinner was delayed half an hour as the diners enjoyed chatting among themselves, which is the purpose of these monthly dinners. If you haven't been to a Post 119 dinner in a while, please come back. Covid is over, even the international health organization says it is over. President Biden has ended all restrictions, so now Rafael Nadal can come to America and play tennis without getting a shot (he has natural immunity from having caught the disease).

We were honored to have California Department Commander Jere Romano attend our dinner and later addressed our Membership Meeting. He came to our post in honor of Bill Bryant, who by request, introduced Romano. He spoke without note and gave an inspiring pep talk on growing membership. We had a big turnout for the Membership meeting.

There are still some folks I know who haven't got back in the habit of coming to Legion dinners. It just takes one dinner to get back in the swing of things. I have even seen some folks at a different venue who used to come to Legion dinners. Unfortunately, the hall shut down for a period. But we have been back for about 3 years or more. Come on back.

The Membership Meeting that followed the dinner May 3 was the final nominations for officers. All officers were renominated except the First Vice Commander, who will be Lorelee Flannery. We are proud to have such a dedicated Legion member as 1st Vice Commander.

Former 1st VP and former commander Sam Bradley will continue to oversee scholarships for the Legion and the 40 and 8. Officers will be officially installed at the June 7 meeting.

The VFW Hall has not recovered from the flood. Their commander has proposed to make breakfasts at the Legion Hall and split the proceeds with us. The executive board was due to take this up in May. I expect the feedback will be positive. I'll update the membership next month and likely via an e-blast.

Sign up to work the Beer Tree. This is a major fundraiser for the post. It helps to keep the budget in the black. Last year we set a record for Beer Tree sales. It was even busy during the Wheelbarrow races. There were a lot of fathers who came out for Father's Day and did not go to the Wheelbarrow races.

Thank you Barbara Schiavone for organizing the Beer Tree signups. Both Barbara and Mike Schiavone put in a lot of hours and days at the beer trees. Mike sets up the kegs and Barbara sets up the ticket booths and makes sure all the volunteers have Legion T-shirts. Then she counts the sales. See you at the fair.

Adjutant Corner / Membership Corner

Welcome new members!

Wayne Campbell USMC Vietnam and David B. Coody USAF Lebanon/Grenada

Business meetings are as follows:

Dinner/Membership Meeting – 1st Wednesday;

Legion Riders and Sons – 2nd Wednesday; and

Executive Board – 3rd Wednesday.

Membership Dues New and Renewing Members

When you receive your renewal statement from National for American Legion Dues, please pay it through Post 119. Dues for fiscal year 2023/2024 are \$45. If you receive a second notice from National, contact Post 119 Membership Director for information on your membership and when you lastpaid. Please check your ID card first.

Service Officer Spotlight

Driven

30% service connected female Veteran and her 11 year old daughter. Only Kindness has taken good care of them. Motel Cameron Park. Air BnB for a month in Pollock. Drove them to Pollock, then Safeway for groceries. Gilmore Heroes Foundation got her a car, but it needs some work. Long term housing not resolved.

Met him while he was in custody. Inmate services gives us a regular list of incarcerated Veterans. He kept my card. He made his own arrangement to get into Nations Finest, VA funded residential rehab. Drove him from Cameron Park to South Sacramento. Observed his anxiety, and urged him to file for PTS(D) service connected benefits.

One foot. Lost the other due to diabetes. Another incarceratee. Only Kindness paid to have his truck fixed, but it took a few days to get the part. Only Kindness covered for the motel. I transported him to the motel, and back to the mechanic when his truck was ready. Service connected, but hard to set up checking and mail when homeless. Hopefully, checks will show up.

Heaven or hell. You can go to prison for four years and four months, or go to the best residential rehab, trauma treatment facility on the planet. He made the right choice. Judge ordered him from jail to my custody. Had a nice drive from Placerville to VA in Menlo Park.

*David Zelinsky
Service Officer
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Rider News

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, eleven Post 119 members participated in an event honoring Vietnam War servicemen from El Dorado County who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Members attending included the Riders, Son's, and the Auxillary.

On Saturday, May 20, 2023 the Cameron Park Corvette Club hosted a charity event benefiting American Legion Post 119. The event was organized and led by Brad and Corinne White of White Hot Tees. Forty Corvette owners registered for the event which included a drive in the foothills, games, and

raffles ending at PJs Roadhouse. Legion Riders Jane Ferguson, Lane Ybright, Dan Sansori, Jesus Morales, Jimmy Leadbetter, and Sam Ferguson assisted with traffic control and raffles ticket sales. A total of \$1071 was donated to Post 119 from this event

Sam Ferguson
Director
ALR Chapter 119



Sons Spot

no report

Thank you
Lane Ybright
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Sons Meetings 3rd Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

Finally getting into nice weather!

Hope you have your dancing shoes handy...on June 2nd, Last 5 Standing is in the house!!! Bar opens at 5 and dinner & dancing starts at 5:30 🍷

BBQ Chicken Dinners available til out.

Reminder that the Hall will be closed on 6/16 as we will all be at the El Dorado County Beer Tree 🍷

June menu (subject to change):

6/2 - BBQ Chicken

6/9 - Pork Chops

6/16 - POST CLOSED

6/23 - BBQ Burgers

6/30 - BBQ Tri-Tip

See you there!

Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

Hi Everyone,

At the May dinner we had very tasty tacos. Thanks as always to our great cook crew.

I have decided to quit being President of the Auxiliary. Thirteen years has been enough for now. Rebecca also decided to quit. Rebecca and I approached Ann Marie and she very graciously decided to throw her hat in the ring.

At our April and May meetings we took nominations and at the May meeting we had a vote of Officers. The new Officers taking effect July 1, 2023 are Ann Marie Sutherland, President, Christina Cowherd, 1st Vice, Judy Muetz, 2nd Vice, Carol Mueller, Secretary, and LuLu Silva-Manuel, Treasurer.

There will be an installation of Officers in leu of a meeting in June.

Please remember to bring your donations for our monthly raffle. Everyone is welcome to donate, members or not. Remember the raffle helps keep the Auxiliary afloat.

Thank you!

Janie Bandera, President

Cake List for June: Janie Bandera, Carol Muller, Delores Wadsworth, Rebecca Marty

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 June!!!

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

Did you know?

[2023 American Legion Baseball Scholarship nomination form available](#)

[Our support for children counts](#)

[What's next for Vet Centers](#)

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-v-a-podcast-network/>

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!!



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The Auxiliary Meets on the First

Wednesday of each month at 2000

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Historian Vacant

The Squadron meets on Third

Wednesday of each month,

MEETING STARTS AT 1730

40 & 8

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Lampiste Vacant

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at 1730**



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