



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

Commander's Report By Michael Raffety

Nov 1, Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Membership meeting 7:30

We had an excellent turnout for the Oct. 4 dinner meeting. It's starting to look like 2019.

November should be an even better turnout. The October membership meeting had a pretty good turnout as well.

An Area 1 meeting will be at the Legion Hall Saturday, Nov. 4 and concluding Sunday, Nov. 5.

Actually, Area 1 Commander Jack Schipper will be here at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, to join Post Adjutant Joe Rendon and myself to call post members who are past due and have let their membership lapse. We welcome anyone else who would like to join us. Bring a cell phone.

The Area 1 meeting will start at noon and conclude at 2:30. Saturday, Nov. 4. The Auxiliary, I am informed, will provide a chicken dinner for about 20-25. Members are invited though they need to email their confirmation to me by Oct. 24, so the auxiliary will know how much chicken to order. My email is michaelraffety@att.net

Most of Saturday will be training, including a video presentation that members will find interesting. More people will appear for Sunday's meeting. Sunday's meeting, Nov. 5, will begin 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. with a break in between for a raffle (bring raffle items, such as wine) and something called

“drink and drain.” To me that means one person to open the bar Saturday and Sunday.

That’s the biggest event at the post. I’ll remind everybody at our membership meeting Nov. 1.

The area 1 commander seems like a very personable guy. I look forward to a lot of Post 119 members coming to the Area 1 meeting Nov. 4-5. 1st Vice Cmdr Lorelee Flannery is organizing a night to honor WW II And Korean War veterans.

The budget committee met and made some progress. It will meet again later this month and is expected to wrap things up by then. Customarily a proposed budget is presented in June or July, but that would be too early for this post. It would lack two vital ingredients in a proposed budget – Fair beer sales and Jeepers Jamboree. That means August or September would be ideal months to work up a proposed budget. This year I was out of the country in September, so we are doing it this month.



Membership Corner

No Report

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

Service Officer Spotlight

Saturday morning.

1. Talked to Jim Goodspeed, Service Office, VFW Post 10165.

He managed to get a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for a WWII veteran. They are planning a big celebration for the pinning.

Turns out he needs to spend some more of his budget.

He came to the right guy. :)

How about a water bill for a Veteran trying to take care of his wife who is on In home Dialysis?

2. Should we file a missing person report on a Vet Court participant?

Called mom. She texted me girl friend's phone number.

Called her. We chatted a bit. She heard from him this morning.

He is on meth.

Then she called me.

He is arrested in Santa Clara county for drugs and gun possession.

Good news.

He is alive, and he will get sober.

Then we can get him back into recovery.

3. Elder financial abuse.

Wife and I talked over an hour, going over steps to get back control of their lives.

The DA has criminal investigators who do a good job on these crimes.

Will figure out a way for VFW Post 10165 and the Legion, to pay off a few back bills, and reduce the stress.

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Rider News

On October 14, 2023 American Legion Riders Chapter 119 Placerville attended the 13 annual Fallen Heroes 111 mile motorcycle ride. This event is sponsored by the Forgotten Soldier Program of Placer County.

The ride was hosted by Rocklin Harley Davidson, Sierra Thunder HOG, and Folsom HOG. Chapter 119 riders participating included Sam and Jane Ferguson, Jimmy Leadbetter, Dave Swineford, Mark Sanders, Lane Ybright,

Jesus Morales, Frank Perez. A great ride for a worthy cause.

Sam Fergason
Director
ALR Chapter 119



Sons Spot

This month has been challenging and extremely busy. Balancing work, the Son's, The Legion Rider's, being a state representative for the riders as Area 1 Vice Director and my home life keeps me running. During the month of September, SAL 119 was busy as well.

On September 15 we co-hosted a very successful carnitas tacos dinner with our Auxiliary. A lot of planning, prep and hard work went into this delicious meal. This dinner is the first of many that are helping to raise money for the bands and DJ each month. Our intent is to show our appreciation for your service by providing entertainment more often. I am brand new to the world of corporate sponsorships, but I was able to secure a nominal donation that has allowed us to purchase a large navy blue YETI cooler and 2 large YETI tumblers 1 red and 1 white to to show off and begin sales of raffle tickets at the ANRAK cornhole tournament fundraiser. Then our awesome Auxiliary not only added items to the cooler making it a irresistible bargain but the Auxiliary president Ann Marie, Son's own Shawn Medvec and John Muir hauled tables and a easy up along with the Yetti and several gift baskets provided by the Auxiliary to raffle on site and they created an incredible booth to advertise the American Legion Family. The event was so huge that we were dwarfed in comparison to the event raffle (they raffled a 2023 Camero SS) just to give you an idea of the scale, so our day of selling tickets and talking to people about the Legion was meager. Thank you to Tom Schmitd of ANRAK for the invitation and opportunity to have a booth at the tournament. Thank you to Ann Marie, Shawn Medvec and John Muir for taking this on and for being there all day. So we still have raffle tickets for sale. Each ticket is \$5 and we will hold the drawing on January 5 for the Blue YETTI and accessories. I encourage you to speak to Ann Marie or myself to buy tickets. The profits earned will fuel our programs and keep us working towards the many goals set forth by the American Legion. My hope is to get us back on track with what our Legion Post 119 represents and how it conducts itself toward the care and undying appreciation of the Veterans and their families in our community.

In the brief period of time I have been part of the Leadership for the Son's of the American Legion, I have seen it myself, at many other posts, working together with the other branches of the American Legion Family can be very effective.

With that in mind we will be collaborating with the other Legion Family groups to come up with new and exciting events for our membership. Please jump in with suggestions and ideas, they are all welcomed.

One more note: Bill Bryant was recently inducted into the SAL Hall of Fame for his numerous contributions and accomplishments within the Sons of the American Legion.

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

Thank you

Lane Ybright

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Sons Meetings 2nd Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

November has a couple rentals and a holiday weekend, so we only have 2 Friday Happy Hours that we will be open.

Come on by for some Classic Rock & Roll by Rxemedy! For those of you that know him, this is Mike Speegle Jr's band and they're really great!

They will be playing on Nov. 3rd from 5:30-8:30. There will be Chicken Enchiladas by Michelle available while it lasts.

Also, George Lehr will be performing on Nov. 17th with DJ Music and Karaoke from 5:30-8:30. There will be food available by the Sons while it lasts.

See ya there,

Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

November, the month of the veteran!

On November 10 your Auxiliary has the great fortune of sharing their birthday with our United States Marine Corps! The following day, November 11 belongs to our veterans!

To celebrate our Marines, both former and present, and to honor our veterans, the SAL and the Auxiliary will be hosting a taco dinner on November 17. All Marines, veterans and Auxiliary members are invited to join us for a free meal.

Of course, there will be birthday cake!

In recognition of the Marine Corps tradition, we will request the oldest Marine and the youngest Marine in the hall, cut the cake. Entertainment will be provided by our favorite DJ, George Lehr with Soundsgood Productions. He always "Sounds Good!" Please come and enjoy the merits of your service by allowing **us** to serve **you**.

Let us not forget the happenings in September!

The SAL was able to secure funding for a Yeti cooler and 2 Yeti tumblers. The Auxiliary spruced it up and together we created our first large scale raffle basket. We will be selling tickets for the cooler through January 5, 2024 when we draw the lucky winner!

All raffles big and small help fund the SAL and Auxiliary programs and allow us to show our unwavering support, love and respect for our veterans. Because of this the Auxiliary will hold a separate high dollar raffle basket each month. Fear not! We will still hold our regular raffles during our Membership dinner, we're just adding to the fun with the monthly basket. Each basket will be presented at the Membership Dinner and drawn at the following Membership Dinner. As with the Yeti, you do not have to be present to win.

For the month of October, we're offering a beautiful Americana inspired wine basket. Its contents have a retail price of just over \$210. October's basket will be revealed on November 1. I have it on good authority that the next basket is going to be a hit as well!

Many of the Auxiliary and Son's new offerings and accomplishments are due to the help of others. With that in mind, I would like to thank our sponsors. Be it dinners, raffles, snacks, appetizers, sweets or raffle prizes, none of our organizations would benefit as well without them. I am grateful to be working with the following retailers:

Railey's has been a wonderful supporter. Our veterans' plates have been graced by their produce and products. Their management has worked with the ALA and SAL to help make meals come together. A huge thanks to them for all they do!

Safeway has donated to our meals as well. Their management has assisted your ALA and SAL generously and without any hesitation. They have contributed monthly to help us accomplish our goals. They allow us to purchase odds and ends that make our monthly meals special. We are grateful!

Our Auxiliary sisters are known for the sweets! Dolores Wadsworth and Carole Mueller provide the big cakes each month for our Membership Dinner. Thank you, ladies. A new addition to our sweet treats is Sara Rendon. A big thank you for the delicious pie and brownies you donated to our raffle. They were the first things to go and I'm sure they put smiles on the mouths they were devoured by.

We have also recently reached out to Gold Country Ace Hardware in Cameron Park and are hoping to partner with them as well. Good things are on the horizon!

Membership! We love our return members and want to welcome our new ones! Some of you are already getting involved and making every service day more fun! Warm greetings to our new Auxiliary sisters.....Sara Campbell, Kimberly Kay Merry, Shelly G. Smith, Amy Johns, Ann Vignololee and Sheryl Hagen. We are excited to have you!

Keep up with all the Auxiliary is doing by coming to meetings or popping into our wonderful Happy Hour on Fridays. Everyone is welcome and it's a great way to open the weekend. Bring friends or make new ones while enjoying good food, inexpensive drinks and getting to know a little about what our wonderful Family of organization is all about.

Until next month, so long from your Auxiliary!

Ann Marie Sutherland

American Legion 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

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

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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
Anthony Arjil	USMC	Vietnam
Jose Rodriguez	USAF	Vietnam
Jacquelyn Walker	USAF	Vietnam
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William Pyne	USN	Korea
Ed Castelman	USN	Vietnam
William Fiedler	USAF	Vietnam
Ronald Panscik	USAF	Vietnam
Eric Agee	USN	Panama
Donald Uelman	USA	Vietnam
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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
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Steve Gorman	USAF	Korea
Ralph Rodgers	USN	Vietnam
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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/>

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!!

Things you did not know about the Navy!

From the online article.

1. Five cities claim the right to be considered the Navy's birthplace: Beverly, Mass.; Marblehead, Mass.; Philadelphia; Whitehall, N.Y.; and Providence, Rhode Island. The Navy takes no position on its place of origin. (via Mental Floss)
2. All submariners are volunteers who have passed rigorous psychological and physical tests. (via Mental Floss)
3. Navy ships named for individuals are christened by "the eldest living female descendent" of that individual. (via Mental Floss)
4. Humphrey Bogart, Bob Barker and MC Hammer all served in the Navy. (via Mental Floss)

5. Bill the Goat has been the Naval Academy mascot since the early 1900s. Legend has it that a Navy ship once had a goat for a pet, and on the way home to port the goat died. Two ensigns were entrusted to have the goat stuffed, but got distracted by a Naval Academy football game. One of the ensigns allegedly dressed up in the goat skin and pranced around at halftime. The crowd loved it and Navy won the game. (via USO)
6. The first version of the Navy was dissolved following the Revolutionary War, but it was reconstituted to deal with piracy. (via The Vintage News)
7. During World War II, the Navy produced six future presidents: Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Bush Sr. And before the war, there had been no naval veterans in the White House. (via The Vintage News)
8. Cadets and midshipmen played the first Army-Navy football game Nov. 29, 1890, on "The Plain" at West Point. Navy had been playing organized football since 1879 and defeated the newly established Army team 24-0. (via army.mil)
9. The Blue Angels – the Navy’s flight exhibition team – was established in 1946 by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Chester Nimitz to raise the public's interest in naval aviation and boost Navy morale. (via blueangels.navy.mil)
10. The Navy Marine Mammal Program trains bottlenose dolphins and California sea lions to detect, locate, mark and recover objects in harbors, coastal areas, and at depth in the open sea. (via public.navy.mil)



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