



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

Commander's Report By Michael Raffety

Oct. 3, Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Membership meeting 7:30

What a turnout we had for the September dinner! The hall was full. It looked like 2019 instead of 2023.

We had a new member, Michael Martin, attend the membership meeting and he loaned me a book his father wrote about his participation as a Marine in the Battle for Okinawa. His dad, Robert Martin also did his own illustrations. Look for my column in the Mountain Democrat for more information.

A frequent visitor to our monthly dinners and also our membership meetings is that flashy dresser Sgt. Major Leonard "Mac" McAdams. Everybody who participates in ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial always meets the sergeant major smartly dressed in his Army uniform, coordinating flag bearers and picking several to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Mac is also commander of the VFW, where he is busy readying the facility for reopening after recovering from a major flood. Mac was recently highlighted in the Army Magazine. He has been a leader since being a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Sea Scout, spending his spring breaks in Santa Catalina and every summer in Yosemite. Before being drafted, Mac worked in a Veterans Administration in the psychiatric ward.

"Several of the WW II and Korean vets I cared for gave me advice about how to keep my head on straight. It was impactful advice to keep me from getting involved in what I call the 'inhumanities of war.'"

After being drafted in 1968 Mac went straight to an NCO candidate course and then Vietnam. He returned from Vietnam in 1970. Mac returned to citizen Soldier as Provost Marshall Sergeant Major of the 40th Infantry Division.

In 2004 McAdams deployed in the Global War on Terror, where, as command sergeant major, he was responsible for 182 military police. In 1991 he was an innovative recruiter for the National Guard. He has had a 42-year career in the Army.

He raised two sons on 5 acres he has had for 30 years near Placerville. Recently he visited West Point where his son is an instructor in the popular Defense Strategic Studies program. Mac enjoys riding a yellow 2000 Indian motorcycle and a 2004 Cadillac XLR two-seater convertible. For those who have seen Mac's flashy "camo" suits, the article pictured four hangar closets of them, all different.

Mac is one of the calmest, mellowest sergeants majors you'll ever meet. He is popular and we hope to see him at more of our dinners or happy hours.

I'll miss the executive board meeting. 1st Vice Commander Lorelee Flannery will run the meeting. A primary topic of conversation will be covering the patio area.

Membership Corner

Area 1 Vice Cdr. Jack Schipper has scheduled a meeting at our Post for November 4th & 5th and also a post Mini Revitalization & Buddy Check period on Friday, November 3, from 1600 to 1800 to try and bring back our members who were dropped for non-payment of their annual dues, or for other reasons. If you would like to come out and help either make calls or stuff envelopes with informational letters about our post, we sure could use a few hands doing so. If interested be at El Dorado Post 119 to lend a hand on that Friday the 3rd of November. I have included the membership corner into the adjutant corner since it is the same. The adjutant is the membership chair and the membership is really a committee that helps recruiting and calling members. (Do you remember the term Sun Shine Fund, well it is now called Buddy Check and there is funding.)

Here it is in a nutshell. The Fiscal Year starts on July 1, 2023 so if you are holding a membership card that has a heading of 2023 you are NOT CURRENT on your dues. So get cracking and send in your dues straight away, so I can send you your 2024 card. That is the catch phrase for the 2024 fiscal year. Read below in the membership corner as to what the slogan means if you don't already know.

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 average age of our membership is 75 yrs old and not getting any younger, if we (that means all of us) the membership do not recruit younger members this post will die. A few others post have folded in our district due to the lack of participation and support, just to name one recently is Rocklin.

Thank You, and hope to see you at our events in the near future; like Friday Band Night; Membership Dinners; Executive Board meeting; and the Riders Meeting (even if you ride or not) all of the events and meetings are open to the membership. You may find some information that you may be interested in like JR. Shooting Group, Boy Scouts, Baseball, or you can suggest a group, sport or whatever. Just ask if you don't know what events are coming, I have some of the informational meetings listed below..

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Service Officer Spotlight

Pumping gas.

1. Had to drive to El Dorado Hills to fill up his gas tank so that he can get to work. Family of four is destitute, and they really need this paycheck. Sons of the American Legion covered it.

But...

He then borrowed an old Jeep from his in-laws so that the wife could drive the ten year old to school in their car.

He is stuck on the road, because the old Jeep stopped working.

Still has his job, last I heard, but...

Let mom walk her to school. The job comes first. I used to walk miles to school.

That gas was so you could get to work!

No job, no rent, no food.

Tough choices, but...

2. Pumped gas right near my house. American Legion Post 119 will cover it.

Prayerfully, they are about to go to Victory Village. Also, they have health issues compounded by living in their car, and need to go to doctor at the Rancheria.

Tahoe Coalition has been paying for their motel stay until the door is open at Victory Village.

But...

He is thinking of going to Yuba Sutter stand down in Marysville.

No!!!

Great stand down, but that gas is so that you can get to Shingle Springs for medical, and housed in Jackson!

He says they will give him a gas voucher at the stand down.

They better have the gas to get into housing is all I can say.

Grrrr...

*David Zelinsky
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Rider News

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Sons Spot

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

Thank you

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Sons Meetings 2nd Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

October - looking forward to some nice cool nights...and some cool adult beverages!

We will be having Garratt of the Naked Parrots on 10/6 at 5:30 pm. Come on out and dance!

October menu (subject to change) is:

10/6-Chicken Alfredo

10/13-White Chicken Chili (Sons/Aux)

10/20-Meatloaf

10/27-Riblets

So get on your dancing shoes, have dinner & cold libations and support your American Legion Hall with friends & family!

See you there,

Barb

American Legion Auxiliary

Happy September from your Auxiliary!

We have a very busy month filled with promise for fundraising and new membership!

Speaking of membership, new membership cards are in. Pop into our meeting after the Membership Dinner the first Wednesday of each month to meet our new First Vice and Membership Chair, Christina Cowherd. Not only will she have your card on hand, but it gives all of your new Auxiliary officers a chance to say hello and put a face to a name. We can't wait to meet or re-meet each and every one of you!

I am blessed with the incredible women I serve with. We are all working diligently to open our programs, work with our American Legion Family and honor our veterans. To help in our efforts, I have appointed a new Sergeant-at-Arms. Sara Rendon has graciously accepted this important position. Let's give her a warm welcome!

The Sergeant-At-Arms is responsible for keeping order at Unit meetings and other duties as assigned by the Unit President. I am pleased and grateful for another remarkable addition to our team. Yay!

We have two very special Auxiliary sisters that we can always count on to show our American Legion Family a sweet time! Thank you to our lovely Chaplain, Dolores Wadsworth and our Secretary, Carole Muller for providing our delicious cakes this month! They serve quietly but, oh so sweetly and we all get to reap the benefits! If you've put a piece of cake in your mouth, chances are, they provided it. Thank you, ladies. Your generosity and kindness is appreciated by us all.

I would also like to extend thanks to our District 7 guests. They attended our Membership Dinner and our following meeting. In addition to breaking bread with us, they had valuable information to share. They lead by example and are a wealth of knowledge for all of our newer leaders. Thank you for coming and sharing your time and wisdom!

To all of our new members that are hungry to hit the ground running, we're excited to have you! Welcome, or welcome back! We have many experienced members that can guide you towards a project that suites you. As volunteers, remember, we do this for the love of helping our veterans and their families. It is not a job. It's a mission. Find a niche doing something you love. Get a few friends together and come up with a project that will make you feel good about having done it. The Auxiliary is a great way to connect with your best girlfriends and make new ones!

Exciting things are on the horizon! Join us at our Friday night Happy Hours to say hello. Doors open at 1700 and dinner is served at 1730. The food is always delicious, thanks to

Michelle, the American Legion Family's wonderful chef and the drinks are always flowing!
Cheers!

Warm wishes from your Auxiliary until next time!

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

Steph2472@yahoo.com Steph

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

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/>

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