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The World's Largest Veterans Organization
El Dorado Post 119

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Turnout was light but enthusiastic for the July dinner, which featured cheeseburgers, potato salad and chili.

At the end of last month Adjutant Joe Rendon and myself were delegates to the Legion's State Convention in Visalia. Before we traveled down there, we knew there was a resolution to detach District 7, of which this post is a member, and transfer it from Area 1 (Northern California) to Area 3 (Central California). Included in that shift was shifting several districts out of Area 3 and creating a seventh area.

Before we even hit the road, Bill Bryant, who was already at his Sons of the American Legion Convention let us know that that the resolution had been withdrawn. Whew! Good riddance to a bunch rigmarole and total hooey. One thing I learned was there are six Legion Areas in California. The resolution came about because the state vice commanders are each assigned an area. The state VC in charge of the Central Valley's Area 3 complained his was too big and too difficult getting to the other side of the Sierra. Well, gosh almighty, wait till summer and go up Highway 395. What a whiner. Getting around Area 1 isn't exactly a piece of cake. I have yet to see a state vice commander at one of our District 7 meetings.

The biggest excitement at the state convention was at the end. Our district commander had to line up three times to vote the number of delegates. One was to oppose a resolution about sending on to national about the issue of Girls State and Boys State. That issue passed. The problem is the state Auxiliary

isn't talking to the State Legion. The hope is that can be accomplished at the national level.

The second roll call vote of district commanders was to stop an extension of debate. Debate was ended after the extension failed to get a majority. A final resolution that passed with a roll call vote (our district voted affirmatively) to keep Boys State the same this coming year. But be forewarned that the Legislature has targeted this, and the future is coed for Boys State. That's why the state Legion has kicked it up to national so the Auxillary higher-ups can have the girls staters attend boys state. Next year Girls State will be attending Sac State, which is where the Boys Staters have been going.

Realistically, it's no different than 4-H and FFA and the Boys and Girls Club. Think of coed softball. Every service club owes its continuing existence to admission of woman: Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, the German Club. Women are the backbone of the Mother Lode Lions Club, one of the biggest clubs in the district. Think how many Legion members are women and how many attend dinner because their husbands were veterans and Legion members. Every state legislature and Congress have lots of women members.

At the July dinner I recognized Kent Dunn for 51 years in the American Legion. He explained he had just come back from Vietnam and his dad asked him to join the American Legion post in Ohio. He didn't feel like joining anything. His dad said he would pay his first-year dues if he would go to the meetings. That's how he became a Legion member. But the town he lived in was kind of small and the Legion post faded, so he joined a post in a larger town with a population of 2,000. Eventually he moved to California and joined our post. I gave him a certificate signed by myself and adjutant Joe Rendon. Attached to the certificate was his current membership card. I gave him first in line for dinner. We also had two Korean War veterans, who also got first call for the dinner line after those who required assistance.

Don't forget to buy a brick if you haven't already. They have been nicely placed by the gazebo.



Adjutant Corner

Nothing to report

Membership Corner

No updates right now

Belly Up To The Bar

We will be having our Last 5 Standing band on 7/29...come on by and enjoy Friday Happy Hour drinks and \$7 Lasagna dinners!
Don't forget Friday Happy Hour ever week with dinners available.
Rave reviews about Meals by Michelle!!!

See ya there,

Barb

Service Officer Spotlight

Meet our new Chaplain

Gary Gonsalves.

His name is Portuguese.

“Gonzalz” is the pronunciation.

Air Force

1966-1970

Thailand.

Likes our horseshoe pits.

Placerville resident.

Trained at Charis Bible College.

Volunteer street ministry.

Oasis ministries. Chaplain.

Mechanic. Machine builder and fabricator. Machinist. Welder.

Strong believer in healing prayer.

AND

Still learning on the job.

Picked up a voicemail.

“I’m on a 5250 hold. I need a VA advocate.”

I’m thinking he really is nuts. It’s a 5150 hold.

But, in case he knows something I don’t know...

I look it up.

It seems that after your 5150 hold is timed out, you can still be held as a 5250 hold if you are a danger to yourself, to others, or you are unable to take care of yourself.

He has a right to a hearing, and has to be provided an advocate.

Veteran asked me to contact his girl friend. Confirmed from talking with her that self harm was definitely on the table. Discussed Moral Injury and Survivor’s Remorse with her.

Contacted John Healy of the American Legion in Placer county, where the Veteran is being held, and because John actually knows what he is doing.

“Due to HIPPA you cannot tell the VA. The facility has to provide his advocate.”

Veteran is out there now, and I am concerned he is incapable of making healthy choices.

Second learning experience:

Visit young Veteran in jail.

Type of discharge?

General under other than honorable.

That's my first.

He has a bad reenlistment code. Did not serve long enough for VA healthcare, I think. Claims no injury of any kind while serving.

Refer him to county VSO to see what they can do for him. Maybe a Veteran designation on his driver's license?

His discharge plan?

Go live with mom.

He will walk past the VSO office on his way to mom's.

Hopefully, he will go in.

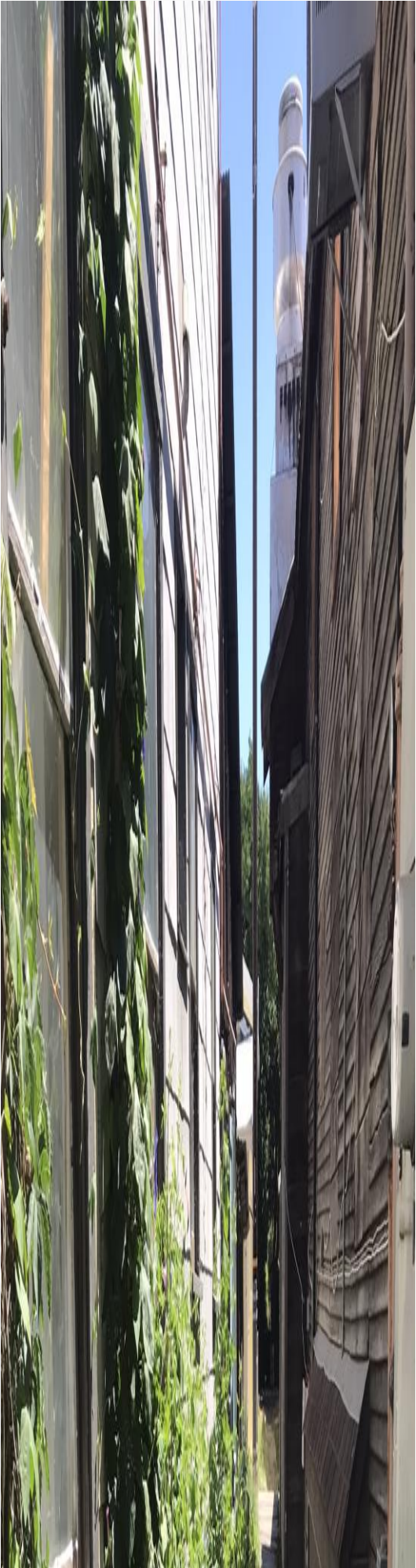
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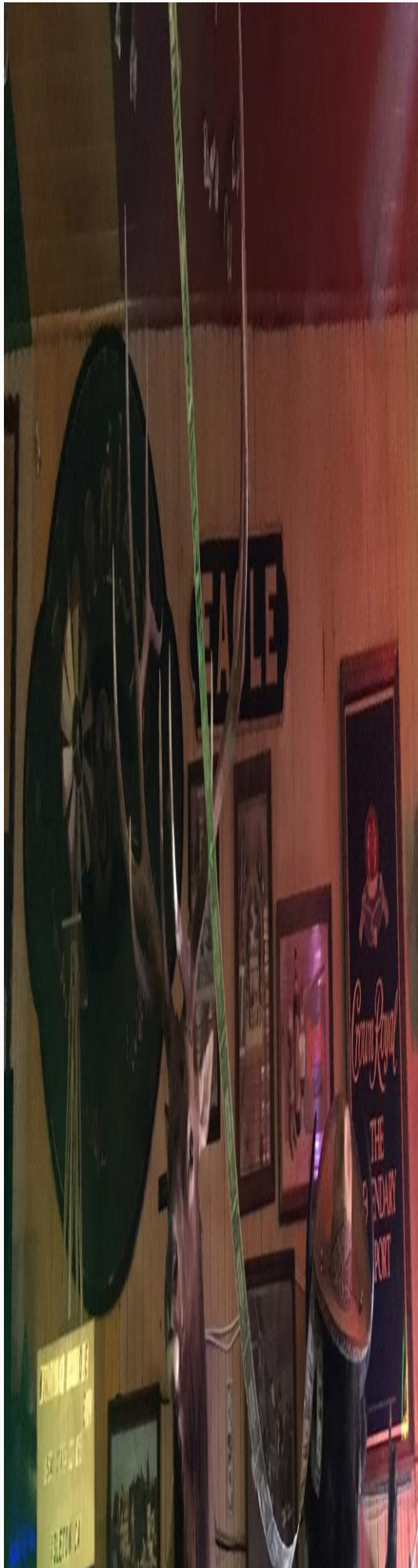
On Sunday July 17th....

Great Chapter 119 ride today to Al the Wops for lunch. Cool going over this morning and rather toasty coming back but a good time as always. Today's riders included Jane Ferguson, John Miur, Diane Beastron, and Mark Sanders. Jim Ayers and Joe Rendon came by to see us off. 125 miles and 3 hrs saddle time. Had one of the best ever BLTs at Al's.

Sam Ferguson
Director
ALR Chapter 119

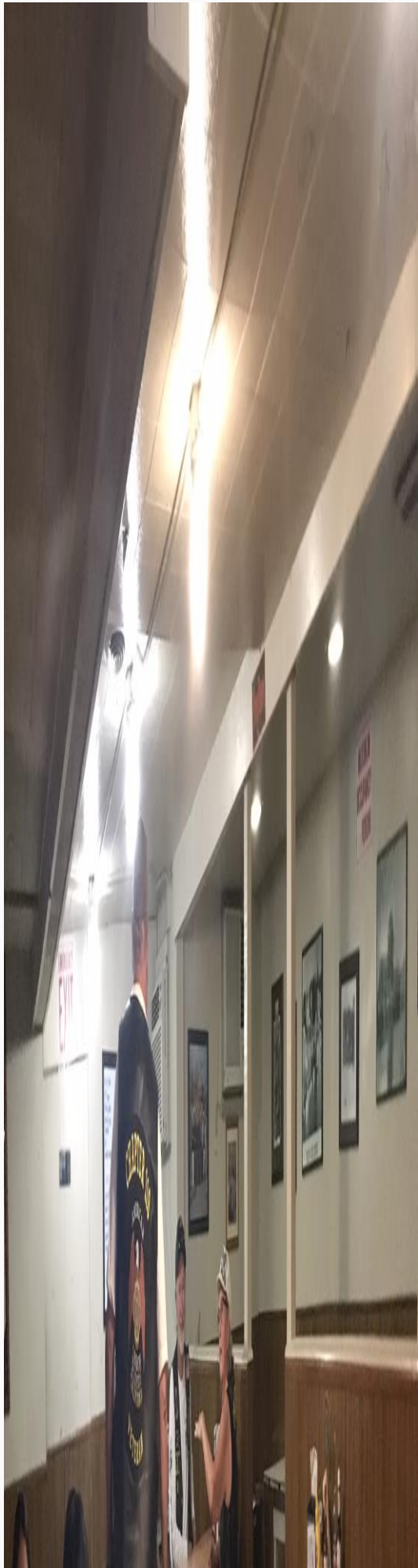


















Sons Spot by Bill Bryant

Sons Meetings 3rd Wednesdays @ 6 pm

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The Sons are taking donation of \$10 per ticket for a Smith & Wesson 9mm with accessories.

At convention, Bill Bryant turned in \$15,322 to Helmets 4 Heroes (\$500 from the Post, \$300 from Riders and Sons \$13,500- \$3,500 cam from the Kershaw Knife sales and Bill can get them with Post 119 on them if you are interest he can be reached at Bill Bryant

530 409 8414

American Legion Auxiliary

Hi All,

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 all of the members who have an August birthday !!!!

<u>Name</u>	<u>ServiceEra</u>	
Bertram Drouin	USA	Korea
Richard Cox	USA	Vietnam
Raymond Glissman	USA	Vietnam
John Martin	USA	Vietnam
Audley Kelley	USN	Vietnam
Harold Baker	USA	Korea
Byron Boyer	USA	Vietnam
Michael Jones	USN	Vietnam
Paul Scheiman	USN	Vietnam
Gary Petty	USAF	Vietnam
Charles Whitaker	USN	Korea
Phillip Finley	USN	Korea
James Larson	USN	Vietnam
Dennis Look	USA	Vietnam
Rudolph Blazius	USAF	Vietnam
Delmar Smith	USA	Korea
Paul Padgett	USA	Vietnam
Christopher Palmer	USMC	Lebanon/Grenada
Richard Pacileo	USAF	Korea
William Johnston	USN	Persian Gulf

Robert Russell	USAF	Vietnam
Curtis Tate	USA	Vietnam
Melvin Fisher	USN	Korea
Earl Holly	USAF	Vietnam
Eldon Schrick	USAF	Vietnam
John Anderson	USA	Vietnam
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Robert Roberts	USAF	Lebanon/Grenada
Danny Potts	USA	Vietnam
Robert Haines	USAF	Korea
Wenscell Ogden	USA	Vietnam
Robert Krabbenhoft	USA	Vietnam
Robert Sanford	USA	Vietnam
Kenneth Schlim	USMC	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>

Aug. 9, 1921

The Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration. *Today, the Legion continues to lobby for adequate funding to cover medical, disability, education and other benefits for veterans.*

Aug. 24, 1969

The Legion's National Executive Committee establishes the National Emergency Fund as a result of the effects of Hurricane Camille.

Aug. 26, 1982

The Legion presents a \$1 million check to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of the Wall in Washington, becoming the largest single contributor to the project.

Aug. 2, 1990

The Legion files suit against the federal government for failure to conduct a Congress-mandated study about the effects of Agent Orange on veterans who served in Vietnam.

Aug. 24, 1994

The Legion announces the creation of the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition of organizations and individual citizens united to work for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration. Since 1995, the

amendment has passed in the House by an supermajority six times: in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005. In 2006, the amendment fell one vote short of passage in the Senate.

Aug. 28-30, 2001: The American Legion passes resolution to rekindle Blue Star Service Banner program.

August 2005

Delegates at the 87th National Convention in Honolulu unanimously voice their support for the global war on terrorism with Resolution 169.

August 2011

The American Legion Baseball World Series is held for the first time in the tournament's new permanent home, Shelby, N.C. Prior to this, the tournament had rotated to different cities. Total paid attendance at the Shelby contests soars to an all-time high of 86,000 total.

Aug. 16, 2017: The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 – also known as the “Forever GI Bill” because it removes time limits for veterans who wish to use it for college – is signed into law by President Donald J. Trump. The legislation is named for The American Legion past national commander who in the winter of 1943-44 drafted the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act that changed the nation after World War II.

August 2017: Denise H. Rohan of Wisconsin is elected national commander, the first woman to hold the role in the Legion's history.

Going to Indianapolis? Experience. Honor. Remember.

Indiana’s rich military history comes alive as you explore the Indiana War Memorial Museum and see the tattered flag of the 15th Indiana Infantry Regiment, stroll along the lush green space at the Veterans Memorial Plaza or sit intently listening to the stories of bravery at the Medal of Honor Memorial. Experiencing these historic landmarks enables us to honor the generations of Hoosiers who defend freedom around the world. The Indiana War Memorials Foundation is proud to support the museum, monuments and memorials that form the [Indiana War Memorial Plaza Historic District](#)—a National Historic Landmark District that is also on the National Register of Historic Places. No other city in the United States maintains as many acres dedicated to honoring veterans. Only Washington D.C. has more monuments dedicated to veterans and military conflicts. These historic treasures give us a concrete and meaningful way to ensure that the sacrifices of Hoosier veterans are

remembered forever. <https://www.indianawarmemorials.org> Having just been and found the sights worthwhile, I thought I would share.

"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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MEETING STARTS AT 1730

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**The Legion Riders meet on the second
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