

El Dorado American Legion Family El Dorado Post 119



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY January 2020



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First Vice Commander's Corner

I hope everyone had a great holiday! There was no meeting in December as we all enjoyed each others company over another wonderful dinner.

No meeting/Dinner in January due to the New Year's Holiday.

Going to be headed to the crab feed? How would you like to hold your place to sit? Show up and help with set up on January 31 at 9am and you can mark your reserved place as a thank you for helping with set up!

Not a Legion thing, but the County is looking for feedback.

The 60+ Year Old Populationthe Other Gold in El Dorado County Survey: Older Adults Needs Assessment

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency, Area Agency on Aging, in partnership with the Commission on Aging, is conducting a needs assessment survey of older adults in the community. This survey will help identify needs and challenges faced by current and future seniors. The survey results will also help the Area Agency on Aging in the planning process for senior services in El Dorado County that are part of the Area Plan submitted to the California Department of Aging.

Surveys can be completed on-line at

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020OlderAdultSurvey

Copies are also available at the Senior Centers in Placerville, El Dorado Hills and South Lake Tahoe. If you would like a survey mailed to you, please contact Yasmin Hichborn with the El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency by phone at 530-642-4833 or via email at yasmin.hichborn@edcgov.us or contact the Commission on Aging at (530) 642-7276.

Happy New Year and on to the Crab Feed!

Discover the best breakfast deal in El Dorado County:

Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00

1st Sunday, 0700-1100, Fleet Reserve Association 275;

AND

2nd Sunday, 0700-1100, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10165

American Legion Post 119

CRAB FEED

Saturday
Feb. 1, 2020



Only \$45 per person
Advanced Purchase Only

Cocktails
5pm
Dinner
6pm
Raffle
Prizes
& more



For Tickets or Info call 530-626-3956
AMERICAN LEGION POST 119
4561 Greenstone Road
Placerville

Exit 41 Off of Highway 50, 1 mile So. of Highway 50

Friday = Happy Hour at the Post

Don't forget Friday happy hour. Food by Leo and a nice adult beverage is the best part of spending some time with your Legion comrades. Pool table is available along with pool cues. Come out & have some fun and chat w/ other members.

**"Those who don't know history
are destined to repeat it."**

- Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

**"Those who cannot remember the
past are condemned to repeat it."**

- George Santayana (1863-1952)

From your Editor:

Thought for Day

"We sleep peaceably in our beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on our behalf."

George Orwell

<https://www.legion.org/newsletters> is the link to use to sign up for the Training Newsletter which is sent out every other month from the Internal Affairs Division at National Headquarters. The current edition is focused on new National Commander Bill Oxford's goals and the District Training in a Box which the first phase is rolling out in two weeks at the NEC Fall Meetings.

If you have suggestions, you can reach me at Steph2472@yahoo.com Steph
Oh, and we have an official [FaceBook](#) page now too

American Legion Auxiliary News & Notes

Hi All,

We had a great holiday dinner thanks to our great cook crew.

There was no meeting in December so nothing was discussed. There also will not be a meeting in January because the first Wednesday of the month falls on the first of January which is a holiday.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and a happy new year! We look forward to seeing you next year.

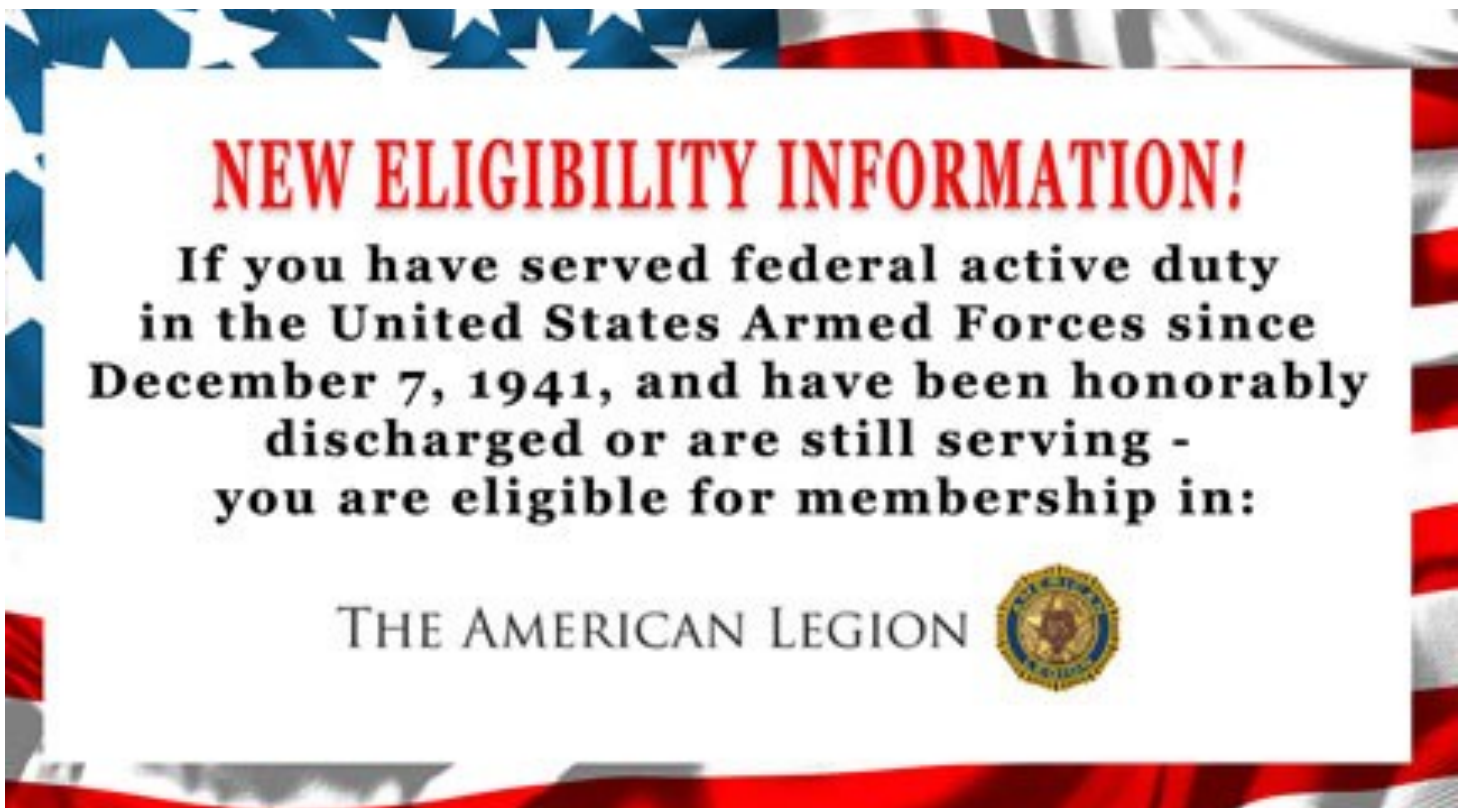
Thank you!

Janie Bandera, President
(530) 677-4423

No meeting in January!

Cake List for February: Jackie Schmidt, Rebecca Marty, RoseMary Lewis, Dolores Wadsworth, Joyce Reynolds, Janie Bandera

Cake List for March: Janie Bandera, Joy Krahn, Carol Muller, Rebecca Marty, Dolores Wadsworth, Ann Marie



The Adjutant's Round File

Get you Crab Feed Tickets!!!

As many of you know, Bill Bryant was honored in Pasadena late last year. The Pasadena post hosted 160 folks, inducting members into their "Hall of Fame", so he is official! He was awarded this plaque to bring home at the black tie gala, and has a plaque on their "Wall of Fame".

Picture of Bill's DSA and at the event in Pasadena.
And picture of note received from a youth who attended Boys State.



Dear Mr. Bryant,

I just wanted to give you my gratitude for helping me be able to attend boys state. It was one of the best experiences I have ever had and without you I would have never experienced it.

Sincerely,

Dominic Benedetti



Service Officer's Spotlight

Heroes and Heroin

Two of our Board of Supervisor Veteran Commissioners were heroes recently.

Hero one:

I went out to see BLT in Grizzly Flats. He is one hundred per cent service connected, and on so many meds, he should not be driving.

BLT could not go to the store, and needed food. Thanksgiving, his daughter and her family were coming over. He really wanted to make turkey and all the fixings. Got him to Holiday Market, and we had a blast.

Turns out, Tim Thompson had recently gone to see him, and they had gone on a shooting trip. BLT was still pumped.

Thank you, Tim, you gave him just what he wanted.

Hero two:

Over Thanksgiving, got a phone call from DOG. Another disabled Vet. He was snowed in up in Pollock Pines.

I emailed the usual suspects.

Tim Page has a soft place in his heart for DOG. Within 24 hours, I received a photo, proving the work had been done.

What is it about folks named Tim?

Thank you guys.

Heroin one:

"I am not taking him unless he can behave in the car."

Things did not sound good on the other end.

Bird got it together enough to call me himself, and ask for help.

I always call Mather ER ahead of time, to verify eligibility, before I haul someone down.

"We cannot verify that he is covered."

Desperate times, desperate measures.

Picked him up in Placerville, and hauled him down to Mather ER.

The plan is first detox, then residential recovery, then a compensated work therapy program. Bird is a good worker.

Turns out he did not have two years of service. He thought he did, but time in the brig does not seem to count.

Bird is not much of an advertisement for heroin. Outside he had to heave. He seemed to be in physical agony.

Back to Marshall. They gave him detox meds, but, unfortunately, put him back on the street that night.

Eventually, Bird rematerialized. He qualifies for VA funded grant per diem, meaning free residential residential recovery.

Heroin two:

Multiple deployments. I have spoken to his squad leader. First guy through the door. Excellent soldier.

Horrific civilian. He never received any post deployment adjustment programming.

Now facing nine years in state prison. Many convictions over a number of years, but this time, he hit the lotto.

Yet, he never had been offered Veterans Treatment Court.

Expectation is that Monday, December 9, he will be accepted into Vet Court, and Tuesday, December 10, I haul him to probation, where he gets an ankle monitor, and then off to River City Recovery.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer

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Happy

Birthday!!! Enjoy your special day!
Happy Holidays to all!

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Calendar of Meetings

No Dinner as it is New Year's Day

No Meeting

Jan. 6: 40 & 8 5:30 pm

No mtg: Sons 5:30 pm ALR 6:00

Jan. 15 Bar Meeting 5:00 pm & Exec. 6:00 pm

All Legion Members welcome.

Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion

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**The Squadron meets on the SECOND
Wednesday of each month,
MEETING STARTS AT 1730.**



Jan. 1, 1989

The Veterans Administration is elevated to Cabinet-level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Legion fought hard for the change, arguing that veterans deserve representation at the highest levels of government.

Jan. 30, 1995: The American Legion announces acceptance of scaled-down exhibit “without political commentary” for the Enola Gay, ending the greatest controversy in the Smithsonian Institute’s 149-year history.

If you know of a Legionnaire who might benefit from the information in the California Weekly Email Update, have them visit this page to sign-up for the mailing list:

<https://www.calegion.org/sign-up.html>

June 26-28, 2020

Department Convention, Salinas

January 2020

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Voiture 1119 40 & 8 5:30 PM	7 Jr. Shooters 6:00 PM	8 El Dorado Chapter NSDAR 9:00 AM	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Sierra Renaissance Society Presentation 1:00 PM	18 Hickory Wind Music Anniversary 7:30 PM
19	20	21 Jr. Shooters 6:00 PM	22	23	24	25 West Slope Unity Group 12:00 PM
26	27	28 Annual Awards Dinner El Dorado Gun Club 5:30 PM	29	30	31	

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MEMBERS' SPOUSES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT
OUR DINNERS ON MEETING NIGHT.

The office at the Post will have someone present between 9am and 11am, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. (Closed on Monday Holidays).

From your Editor: This issue marks my one year anniversary of doing the Post Newsletter. I have been delighted with the positive comments I have heard, though wish more of you would contribute content, or comment on things you like or dislike as sometimes it feels like I am writing in a vacuum....

As veterans we know the importance of training. As Legionnaires, the benefit of training is that it helps prepare us to better serve our veterans, their families and our community

[The American Legion Basic Training Course](#) is a Free Self Paced On-Line training, that is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!