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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. March 6, social hour 5:30 p.m.

February's dinner was wonderful. We honored World War II veterans. Three showed up for dinner at the head table. They are a lively bunch. Nearly everyone knows Salvatore Gigante, who most recently received his Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Also in attendance were Manuel Garcia and William T. (Bill) Jones.

Organizing this special dinner were Adjutant Joe Rendon and 1st VC Lauralee Flannery, who made the introductions. Joe passed out the certificates and gold dog tags.

The Auxiliary served dinner and water to the head table and bused dishes.

For the record there are a lot of WWII vets in Post 119. Here and some we regret did not make it into dinner, but we'll honor them here:

Richard Edmonds, Pete Chavez, Clancy Meyers, Warren Parker, Robert Vehn, Frank Krek, Ossie Scariot, Frank Pignata, George Parkinson, and Delmar Smith.

I recognize one or two of these and understand why they were unable to come to the Feb. 7 dinner. We thank them for their service at a time when America fought a two-front war and achieved total victory.

I have begun to set up the March dinner when we honor officers of the year and hope to add the tribal police this year.

One motion passed during the February membership meeting. The post will contribute \$100 toward the cost of the band during Friday Happy hours.

Thank you for the big turnout for the membership meeting.

Membership Corner

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

Service Officer Spotlight

Case Managers:

There are several VA housing programs that I interface with.

One is HUD-VASH (Housing and Urban Development- Veterans Administration Supportive Housing). Case Management referrals have recently included the following:

1. Fixed Veteran's broken windshield. He is Forest Service, but it is so hard to find housing. Living in someone's mud room without heat, pending a solution.

2. Nicely housed, thank you HUD-VASH, but this 80% service connected disabled Veteran is overwhelmed. Last day of the month, and no money.

Let's get it done. Filled truck up with gas (truck courtesy of Gilmore Heroes Foundation). Got it insured and registered at AAA. Done in an hour.

He said it was like two hundred pounds were off his back.

3. Veteran's dying wish. Send his kids to scout camp. Their happiest place. El Dorado Veterans Resource Center volunteers are working on getting scholarships for camp.

It is going to get done.

David Zelinsky, Service Officer
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Rider News

On February 4, 2024 the American Legion Riders Chapter 119 Placerville were honored to provide a flag line for the Celebration of Life for Mr. Jim Campini. Mr Campini was a member of American Legion Post 119 and formerly served as Judge Advocate.

Sam Fergason
Director
ALR Chapter 119



Sons Spot

No report

Thank you
Lane Ybright
SAL Squadron Commander
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Did you know your son, grandson and great grandsons can join the American legion family, they are eligible to join sons of American legion.

Call Bob Springer
1 925 321 0017
Membership Chairman
Sons Meetings 2nd Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Belly Up To The Bar...

March is going to be a fun month...hopefully a little milder weather-wise!
We will have Last 5 Standing on March 8th at 5:30. Bar will open at 5 & there is food available!

March menu subject to change is:

3/1 - Chicken Tacos
3/8 - Clam Chowder
3/15 - Auxiliary menu
3/22 - Pork Tenderloin
3/29 - Roasted Chicken

Come on out to your American Legion Hall for a great time!

See ya there,

Barb

Honor Our Troops



**WE ARE
BACK!!**

19th Annual All American Breakfast Fund Raiser!

Complete with eggs, toast, sausage, ham, hash browns, hot cakes, biscuits & gravy,
juice, milk & coffee!

Date: Saturday, March 30th, 2024

Time: 7:00 am - 11:00 am

**Location: Veteran's Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive, Placerville – By the Fair Grounds**

Cost: \$10 Per Person

Tickets Available at the Door

*All proceeds go to sending care packages to El Dorado County
Soldiers in the War Zones, provide College Level Scholarships to
service members & Veteran as well as our El Dorado County Home
Buyer scholarships along with other Special Veteran Projects.*

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American Legion Auxiliary

Ann Marie Sutherland

President, American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 119

From your Editor: If you would like to take on the task of this newsletter, please contact the Commander. I have a new job and this is a bit of time I could get back.....

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 March!!!

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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The Legion Riders meet on the second Wednesday of each month, MEETING STARTS AT 1800.	



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