

El Dorado American Legion Family

El Dorado Post 119



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

November 2019



Visit our Website at <http://www.legionpost119.org/>

Commander's Corner

100th Anniversary of El Dorado Post 119, American Legion • Friday, November 8, 2019 • This is a welcome event for the entire Community. • 4pm to 7pm BBQ. \$10 per person at the door. • 7pm to 8pm Speakers and Presenters. • 8pm to 10pm Music by the Random Strangers. Information: www.legionpost119.org Phone: 530-626-3956

From your Editor:

Thought for Day

"Conflict, when handled correctly, strengthens." Benjamin Watson

<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

2019 Membership Dues New and Renewing Members 2020

When you receive your renewal statement from National for American Legion Dues, please pay it through Post 119. If you make your payment this way, 15% of it will go to support our post. Your direct payment to our post benefits in two ways: first, you are making a 15% contribution; and second, you will not make the mistake of double payment. If you receive a second notice from National, check with our post first. Membership director has information on when your membership was paid or expired.

Dues for 2019/2020 is \$45.00. The increase put in place 3 years ago do to a per capita expense increase to the State American Legion. Joe Rendon Membership Director

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.



Once Again, Our Own Bill gets noticed!

The Sons of The American Legion Blue Brigade!

These members have recruited 30 or more new members into our organization!

These very special members will be awarded unique gifts that designate affiliation with the Blue Brigade of the Sons of The American Legion. Congratulations to the following 31 members and welcome to the Blue Brigade!

Bill Bryant (CA)

Richard Cook (OK), Jay Cook (OK), Kaycen Cook (OK)

Christopher Cook (OK), Mike Deutser (OK) - Second Consecutive Year, Russell Gilley (IL), John Gor-

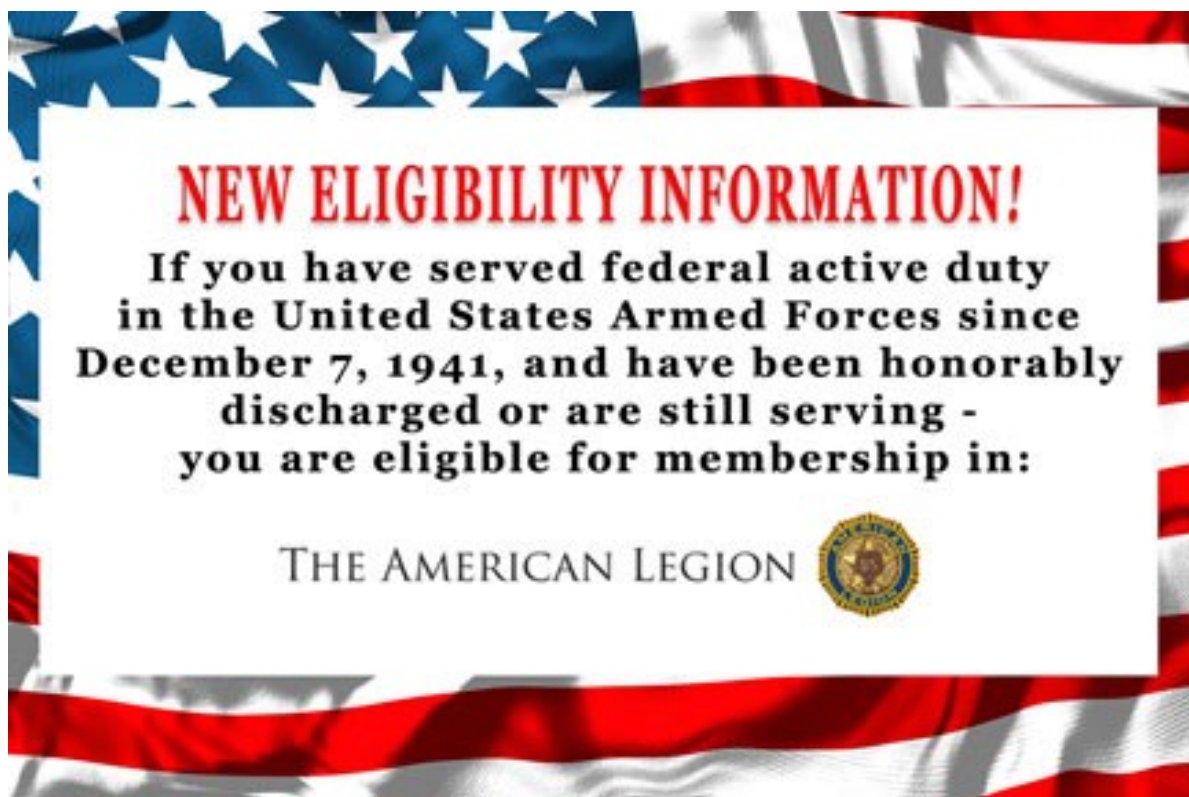
such, III (FL)

Jeffrey Gottfredson (CA) - Second Consecutive Year

Michael Hallman (OK), Terry Harris (KS), Thomas Hopwood (PA), Michael Kuehn (MN), John Long (CA), Bart Looper (OK)

Sam McPherson (OK) - Second Consecutive Year, Brent Miller (PA), William Null (AK), Robert O'Neal (FA), Michael Pate (IN)

Arthur Pimm (PA), Roger Posey (OK), Dennis Sadler (PA), Travis Setters (OK), David Shreve (PA), Tim Smith (OK) - Second Consecutive Year, Blake Smith (OK), Timothy Sullivan (CA) - Second Consecutive Year, Scott Usner (PA), Jeremy Wallace (VA), Charles Yaeger (PA)



American Legion Auxiliary News & Notes

Hi All,

We had a delicious chicken dinner for October, thanks to our hard working cook crew.

Sorry I 've been gone since July 1st so I have not contributed to the newsletter for a couple of months. I submitted an article for October's newsletter and sent it to Stephanie who puts it together. Somehow it was lost in the email air waves. When I composed the last article I was still out of state. Milt and I were having a great time traveling to Alaska and back.

While I was gone the American Legion voted to replace wife with spouse in their constitution and bylaws, opening up membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to male spouses!

The Legion also changed membership eligibility in the American Legion Family. For the American Legion Auxiliary there are now two eligibility periods: April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and Dec. 7, 1941 until the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by congress. Big news right!

Do not forget I am looking for volunteers for the posts open house on November 8th. I need ideas for the Auxiliary to help with the celebration.

At the November meeting we will have a guest. The District President will be joining in.

Your dues are payable as of July 1st. Please remember the dues have gone up to \$35.00.

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

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

Thank you!

Janie Bandera, President

(530) 677-4423

The Adjutant's Round File

NOVEMBER 11, FREEWAY FLAGS. BE AT THE FLAG LOCKER AT 0650HRS, BREAKFAST AFTERWARD. CEREMONY AT THE EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS MONUMENT AT 11AM. TAKE FREEWAY FLAGS DOWN AT 4PM. IF IT IS A RAINY DAY WE WOULD NOT PUT THE FLAGS OUT.
QUESTIONS? Ask MILT- POST 119 SGT AT ARMS- 916-616-4427

- THE 2020 POST 119 CRAB FEED IS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1ST. WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CRAB FEED TICKETS ON THE POST 119 WEBSITE



Service Officer's Spotlight

A Tale of Two Murderers and the case for monasticism

Veteran number one:

Convicted of attempted murder. Off to state prison for 25 years. I think he attempted death by cop. He has the bullet holes in his torso to prove it. No one else got hurt. Still, you should not be running towards the deputies firing your gun.

How to cope with 25 years of prison?

Actually, last time I saw him, he was doing much better than when I first met him. When I first met him, he was somewhat wild eyed and emotionally distraught. Now, he seems relieved, perhaps even happy. The secret to life is a meaningful existence. For one thing, he hopes to someday enjoy being with his son, even though that is 25 years away. But the main thing is re-framing his life with his fellow prisoners. According to Undersheriff Randy Peshon, 80% of inmates just need a little help. 20% need to be in jail.

Using that rough estimate, our Veteran is going to reframe his existence as if he was in a monastery, a monk in his cell. His life will be one of community service, of prayer and shared communion. He will reach out in compassion, and try to help and heal others, and in doing so, he will help and heal himself. Hopefully, that 80% will hold, and most of whom he reaches out to, will be a joy to be friends with.

Veteran number two:

Convicted of second degree murder. About to be freed. He will be reunited with his son after twenty-five years. He spent his time studying, praying, improving himself. He hopes to work as a drug and alcohol counselor. He is a lovely person, today. What he did in the past was while on meth, acting out from his untreated military traumas. He is no longer that person, and took responsibility for turning himself into a wiser, and giving, human being.

Let us hope and pray that Veteran Number One is transformed into Veteran Number Two during his journey of the next 25 years.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer

American Legion Post 119

530-919-8488

Legion History from their [website](#):

Nov. 10-12, 1919

First Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. The Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, instead of Washington. A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. *Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.*

November 2002

The Legion launches the national "I Am Not A Number" campaign to identify and document the delays veterans face in obtaining medical care from VA.

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**



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.



Happy Birthday!!! Enjoy your special day!

Calendar of Meetings

Nov. 6 : Dinner 7:00 PM
 Nov. 4: 40 & 8 5:30 pm
 Nov. 13: Sons 5:30 pm ALR 6:00
 Nov. 20: Bar Meeting 5:00 pm & Exec. 6:00 pm
All Legion Members welcome.

Mark your calendar for the 100th Anniversary event for El Dorado Post 119 on Friday November 8, 2019.

Everyone is welcome.

4pm to 7pm BBQ. \$10 per person, pay at the door.

7pm to 8pm Guest Speakers.

8pm to 10pm music and dancing with the Random Strangers.

Executive Team

Commander Chuck Brasiel (530) 409-8400
 1st Vice Stephanie Carlson (530) 409-9716
 2nd Vice VACANT xxxx
 Adjutant Roger Reynolds (530) 350-7740
 Finance Mike Schiavone (530) 409-2710
 Sgt At Arms Milt Bandera (530) 677-4423
 Past Commander Roger Reynolds (530) 350-7740
 Chaplain Edgar "Bud" Brown 530-677-4135
 Judge Advocate Ken Vogeles (530) 642-9523
 Bar Manager Barbara Riley (530) 409-7746
 Building Manager Roger Reynolds (530) 350-7740
 Veterans Service David Zelinsky (530) 919-8488
 Membership Joseph Rendon (530) 672-1161
 Historian Mike Raffety (530) 626-8020
 Executive Bd. Jim Ayers (916) 739-9421
 Bud Brown
 Sam Bradley
 John Krahn
 Bob Russell (530) 626-5533
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Unit 119 American Legion Auxiliary

President Janie Bandera (530) 677-4423
 1st Vice Rebecca Marty (530) 677-4423
 2nd Vice Carol McLaughlin (530) 642-2153
 Secretary Suzy Bergin (530) 644-7806
 Treasurer Joyce Reynolds (530) 350-7740
 Chaplain Dolores Wadsworth (530) 677-1255
 Sgt At Arms Joy Krahn (530) 677-6356
 Marshall Joyce Reynolds (530) 350-7740
 Exe Committee Judy Muetz (530) 622-9133

The Auxiliary Meets on the First Wednesday of each month.

Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion

Commander Robert Flowers
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 First Vice CURRENTLY OPEN
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The Squadron meets on the SECOND Wednesday of each month, MEETING STARTS AT 5:30 PM.

Chapter 119 American Legion Riders

President Joe Rendon (530) 672-1161
 Vice President Carlos Navarette
 (916) 204-6038
 Secretary Gary Coverdale
 Treasurer Jane Ferguson
 (530) 409-7487
 Sgt at Arms Mike Ross
 (916) 747-7637
 Membership
 Critter Springer-Maxey
 (530) 622-1961
 Chaplain Robert Flowers
 (530) 417-5802
 Run Coordinator Sam Ferguson
 (530) 409-7489

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Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					1 Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	2 El Dorado High School Booster Club 4:00 PM
3	4 Vulture 1119 40 & B 5:30 PM	5 Jr. Shooters 6:00 PM	6 Post 119 & Auxiliary Unit Social, Dinner & Mtgs 6:00 PM	7	8 100th anniversary of Post 119 4:00 PM	9 Union Mine Baseball Fundraiser 5:00 PM
10	11 Veteran's Day Freeway flags	12	13 El Dorado Chapter NSDAR 9:00 AM Sons of the American Legion Meeting 5:30 PM Chapter 119 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM	14 Quiet Birdmen Hanger 6:00 PM	15 Life Line Screening 8:15 AM Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	16
17	18	19 Jr. Shooters 6:00 PM	20 Bar Committee & Executive Committee 5:00 PM	21 El Dorado Mineral and Gem Society 6:00 PM	22 Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	23
24	25	26 Jr. Shooters 6:00 PM	27	28	29 Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	30

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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!