

El Dorado American Legion Family El Dorado Post 119



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY October 2019



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Commander's Corner

100TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
EL DORADO POST 119
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8 2019

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

BBQ STARTS AT 4PM AND ENDS AT 7PM. FOOD IS \$10, PAY AT THE DOOR.

We will have guest speakers from 7-8 pm

8 pm the Random Strangers will play great music for us and we will make space for dancing.

Music til 10pm

THIS WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN FOR ANOTHER 100 YEARS.

Until next time,

Chuck Brasiel, Commander

530-409-8400 cell

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.



Bill Bryant - 2019 Amy Lorton Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Bill Bryant from El Dorado Squadron 119 in Placerville, CA has been selected by the Hall of Fame Committee as the 2019 recipient of the Amy Lorton Distinguished Service Award.

This award is presented to individuals or groups that have specifically supported veterans and their families in projects that have a direct and positive impact on their daily lives.

Bill's passion for raising money for various Legion related veteran programs, including the Department of California's "Helmets for Heroes" program is second to none.

Over the last ten years, Bill has personally raised over \$25,000.00. We congratulate Bill and look forward to presenting Bill with his award, at the 7th Annual Squadron 13 Sons of The American Legion Hall of Fame.

7th Annual Hall of Fame Gala - November 16 in beautiful Pasadena, California

For more information email salhalloffame@gmail.com or call (626) 792-2158
Tickets go on sale - September 1, 2019

Sons of The American Legion Post 119

Smith & Wesson 9mm Raffle

Smith & Wesson 9 mm. A precision, high quality firearm, most popular with civilian shooters due to the low price of ammunition.

Only \$10 per ticket

Contact Bill Bryant to purchase your tickets at 530-409-8414
Drawing will be held October 9, 2019
Winner has 2 weeks to pick-up and submit paperwork

The Adjutant's Round File

No report this month

American Legion Auxillary News & Notes

No report this month.

Thank you!

Janie Bandera, President

(530) 677-4423

October 2019

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		1	2 Post 119 & Auxiliary Unit Social, Dinner & Mtgs 6:00 PM	3 EDCAR Honor Our Troops Spaghetti Feed Fund Raiser 4:00 PM EDCAR's Honor Our Troops 4:00 PM	4 Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	5 Barbershop Harmony Show 7:00 PM
6 El Dorado Chapter NSDAR 12:00 PM	7 Voiture 1119 40 & 8 5:30 PM	8 Conerstone finacial 5:00 PM	9 Conerstone finacial 5:00 PM Sons of the American Legion Meeting 5:30 PM Chapter 119 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM	10 Quiet Birdmen Hanger 6:00 AM	11 Friends of NRA 8:00 AM	12
13	14	15	16 Bar Committee & Executive Committee 5:00 PM	17 El Dorado Mineral and Gem Society 6:00 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23 Gold Bug Quilters 5:30 PM	24	25 ReMax Gold Client Appreciation Halloween Party 5:00 PM Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Service Officer's Spotlight

Unnamed and uncounted

I officially began as Service Officer for the American Legion in June of 2014, but Commander Bud Brown appointed me as interim sometime between November 2013 and June 2014, to fill a vacancy.

As of today, I have served 744 Veterans, roughly half of whom were either homeless or at risk of homelessness.

It actually is more, since I do not always get the name, or remember by the time I get home to write it down.

This morning, three new Veterans served. Unknown, and, to me, nameless.

Monday mornings, as often as possible, I go to out of custody arraignment in Department 7. This is the best chance there is to make sure that the Veteran knows to self identify as a Veteran as early as possible while in the criminal justice system. I hand them Judicial Council Form, MIL-100, to hand to their attorney, explaining that there may be paths to reducing felonies to misdemeanors, having misdemeanors go away, and court fines and fees waived.

I always ask if they served in the military, since not everyone who served, calls themselves a Veteran. Maybe they did not go into combat, for example. Yet, they still served.

Today, two worthy looking gentlemen gratefully took the forms, and were glad to get an inkling into their rights.

The main event today, though, was hauling a homeless Veteran straight from jail in Placerville to residential recovery in South Sacramento. Although an OTH discharge, because he was not courtmartialled, he qualified for a VA paid for program called Grant per diem. While in Recovery a VA social worker will try to get his discharge upgraded. Hopefully, someone will work on his service connected injuries. Air assault. Numerous injuries. Clean up after two helicopters crashed. Yes, he is named and counted.

While waiting in the reception area, a female Veteran was finding out that her National Guard Service was not going to get her into this VA funded facility.

National Guard is weird. Even though you risk your life for your country, you only get VA coverage if you are hurt while on duty, or federally activated.

She had only been state activated. Nope. She not suffered any physical injuries. Nope.

Wait a second. Someone in your unit died while on training? You saw it? It could have been you? You have trouble sleeping, panic, get depressed and anxious, have anger management issues, and have hyper-vigilance? Self medicating?

Tell her to go to Mather. See a Service Officer or Rep. File a claim for PTSD.

Maybe it will work.

At least gave her a chance.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer

American Legion Post 119

530-919-8488

From your Editor:

Reminder about our [Code Of Conduct](#)

- [Pursue and promote fair and equitable practices and oppose discrimination which is based upon gender, age, race, religious creed, national origin, sexual orientation, physical disability, marital, parental or Veteran status \(as defined by the Bylaws of The American Legion\).](#)
- [Endeavor to foster a work and operational environment founded on respect and dignity and free of sexual harassment.](#)

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



*"Serves you right - I told you not
to wear those to the beach."*

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



Executive Team

Commander Chuck Brasiel (530) 409-8400
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 Finance Mike Schiavone (530) 409-2710
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 Past Commander Roger Reynolds (530) 350-7740
 Chaplain Edgar "Bud" Brown 530-677-4135
 Judge Advocate VACANT
 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
 Al Stone - 530-626-3956

-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
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 Treasurer Judy Muetz (530) 622-9133
 Chaplain Dolores Wadsworth (530) 677-1255
 Sgt At Arms Joy Krahn (530) 677-6356
 Marshall Joyce Reynolds (530) 350-7740
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The Auxiliary Meets on the First Wednesday of each month.

Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion

Commander Robert Flowers
 (530) 417-5802
 First Vice CURRENTLY OPEN
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 Sgt at Arms Mike Ross
 (916) 747-7637
 Historian OPEN
 Chaplain Robert Flowers
 (530) 417-5802

Happy Birthday!!! Enjoy your special day!

Calendar of Meetings

Oct. 2 : Dinner 7:00 PM
 Oct. 7: 40 & 8 5:30 pm
 Oct. 9: Sons 5:30 pm ALR 6:00
 Oct. 16: Bar Meeting 5:00 pm & Exec. 6:00 pm
 All Legion Members welcome.

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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
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 Run Coordinator Sam Ferguson
 (530) 409-7489

Legion History from their [website](#):

Oct. 16, 1989

The long-standing objective of the Legion to improve adjudication procedures for veterans claims is achieved when the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals becomes operational. Most of the provisions contained in the law creating the court were originally included in the Veterans Reassurance Act, written by the Legion and introduced in Congress in 1988.

Oct. 11, 1990

The Legion creates the Family Support Network to assist families of servicemembers deployed for operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the Middle East. Through local posts, the network offers a wide range of assistance, including financial assistance, mowing lawns, baby-sitting and more. *Today, FSN continues to assist families affected by military activation and deployment.*

Oct. 1, 1995

The Legion forms the Persian Gulf Task Force to enhance service for the newest generation of wartime veterans, thousands of whom suffer from illnesses linked to their service in the region.

Oct. 10-11, 2001: The American Legion creates the American Legacy Scholarship Fund for children of military members killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Oct. 17, 2003: American Legion efforts on Capitol Hill break the deadlock on the Disabled Veterans Tax when Congress creates a 10-year phase-in for service-connected disabled retirees to receive military retired pay and VA disability compensation without subtraction from either. Legion efforts also result in passage of the Military Family Tax Relief Act.

Oct. 17-18, 2007: The American Legion National Executive Committee passes Resolution 35 and adopts The American Legion Riders as a national program of The American Legion. The first American Legion Riders chapter was established by American Legion Post 396 in Garden City, Mich., in 1993.

Oct. 22, 2009: President Obama signs the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform Act of 2009, guaranteeing "advance funding" for VA appropriations, a formula that The American Legion has strongly supported for many years. The new law sets funding for VA one year in advance.

October 2010

Continuing a long-standing tradition of advocating for timely and adequate medical care for veterans, the Legion forms a PTS-TBI Ad Hoc Committee to both examine current methods by VA and the Department of Defense of treating the two conditions, and investigate potential alternatives.

October 2012

VA guarantees its 20 millionth home loan. 1936-1937 National Commander Harry Colmery and 1943-1944 National Commander Warren Atherton escorted the original GI Bill of Rights through Congress in 1944, arguing passionately for veterans educational benefits, government-assured health care and what they called "readjustment allowances." Today Colmery and Atherton are lauded as the "fathers of the GI Bill" and its successors.

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American Legion El Dorado Post 119
4561 Greenstone Rd, Placerville CA 95667
(530) 626-3956
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!