

# El Dorado American Legion Family



## El Dorado Post 119 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

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### Sons of the American Legion

Recently Bill Bryant of the Sons of the American Legion received an award for his efforts in the SONS Units for Area 1. Bill has been given an award for his efforts in bringing in new members to the SONS in California. In addition Bill was given an award for starting 17 new Squadrons in Area 1, which has never been done before. Well done Mr. Bryant!!

### Benefits of Online Membership Renewal

Online Membership Renewal provides a number of important benefits to both the member who renews online and the post. Many Legionnaires are not aware they can pay their dues online and online bill payment is becoming more and more common.

#### Automatic Online Renewal

Many consider **Automatic Online Membership Renewal** to be a "Best Practice" in the dues payment process. This is simply an online payment that is automatically processed each year during the month of August after the new Legion year begins. It eliminates the need to send dues renewal notices to members and eliminates the need for members to remember to pay their annual dues, the payment takes place automatically. We encourage local posts to make all their members aware of the benefits of Online Membership Renewal and believe it would be a good topic for your post newsletter, web site and other communications with your post members.

#### Member Benefits

- Dues payment can be made online any time of the day using a bank debit card or credit card.
- Online dues payments are recorded immediately. No more notices from the national office asking members to pay the dues they have already paid.

- Members no longer need to wait for their local post to process their dues payment. Once the local post is notified by national office a member's dues have been paid, a membership card for the current year can be sent to the member.

**Online Membership Renewal gives members the option to automatically pay their annual dues using their bank debit card or credit card.**

Below is a link to a video explaining how the on-line renewals are accomplished.

<http://www.members.legion.org/legion/OnlineRenewals/Members/index.html>. This slideshow was created in 2012, all relevant information is current.

Online Membership Renewal takes about 30 days for the national office to send the local post their portion of the member's dues. Most believe this is acceptable, in light of all the benefits Online Membership Renewal provides both the member and the post.

**You can't wait around for something to become good, it either is, or isn't. *Toni Aleo***

## Service Officer Corner

As of today, David has served 391 Veterans in about three years. Over half have been either homeless or at risk of homelessness.

GAF was facing a hard landing.

Homeless. No money. No one returning his calls. No wheels. Trouble walking. Got in trouble at Redhawk, but from Sacramento.

You get out of jail when you have done your time. Even if that means Sunday morning. When lots of things are closed. Like Mather.

Tracey joined me at 8 a.m. When GAF popped out, Tracey realized that GAF was a big man. He would have to change out some clothes in the "good to go" sea bag Tracey gave him.

We discussed options, but settled on a couple nights at a motel near Mather. And food. Lots of food. GAF is a big man.

Got him there, and checked in.

Marching orders:

Go to Mather.

Check in at Eligibility and Enrollment.

Go to Homeless clinic.

Ask for help getting into Salvation Army. Then Sacramento Veterans Resource Center.

Get chest x-ray for TB clearance.

Get physical exam, and help submitting application to State Veterans Homes.

Talk to VA qualified Service Officer about service connected PTSD, anger management, and mobility issues.

GAF crashed and burned a few times on his jumps for the 82nd. Some hard landings.

This time he had a:

Soft landing.

### Veterans Court Placerville:

Three new recruits should be in the fold by the end of Veterans Court this coming Monday. They all share the same theme. Combat. Alcohol. Domestic Violence. PTSD. They are all good men. As long as they take their treatment plan seriously, they have every reason to hope for success, and be honorably reinstated into society.

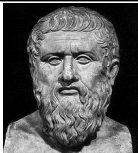
One Veteran is getting very close to graduating. He is determined to return to his homeless lifestyle. It is his choice. I am concerned.

Some of the others are struggling. Everyone has been very flexible and kind, but things keep happening. The VA suddenly cuts one Veteran's benefits. A lifetime of bad habits for another are a struggle to overcome. Sometimes we can help.

Eight are on calendar for this month.

### Veterans Court South Lake Tahoe:

Judge Bailey is very excited about the program. If there is a nexus between the military service and the crime, he will find it, and use it to help get the Veteran into Veterans Treatment Court. He has been very pleased with the cooperation of Bill Clark, the second in charge D.A. There are three Veterans on calendar for July.



“I thought to myself: I am wiser than this man; neither of us probably knows anything that is really good, but he thinks he has knowledge, when he has not, while I, having no knowledge, do not think I have.” — Plato, Apology

## Service Officer Corner Cont..

Independence Day

Veteran inmate one:

He has:

No friends

No family

No money

No vehicle

No home

All he has are spiritual voices in his head.

He gets out on:

Independence Day

Tracey and I plan on being there. 8 am. Tracey will have his good to go bag. Rich pulled strings, and reserved a night in a motel. The Episcopal church gave me some food for him. July 5, The county VSO office will hand him all his service records.

The VA Justice Outreach Specialists gave me some leads to Sacramento Veterans Resource Center and VA Palo Alto.

Hope may be faint, but there is hope.

Veteran inmate two:

Five tours of combat duty spread over ten years. Kosovo. Iraq. Afghanistan.

A Marine.

Theme of the month:

Combat Veteran. Domestic Violence. Alcohol. PTSD.

Connect the dots.

He has:

Friends.

Great wife with a great kid.

Benefits.

He knows what he has to do.

Pray that he does it.

He gets out on:

Independence Day.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer

American Legion Post 119



### Bar Update

Lee Sanders has decided after 21 years as the Bar Manager it is time to pass along the gavel. John Shetler who has been the assistant Bar Manager was passed the gavel by Lee. We would all like to thank Lee for all the 21 years he has been the Bar Manager. John has some very big shoes to fill. We are all positive that John will do an awesome job.

Congratulations to Lee for retiring and John for being the new Bar Manager.

### August Birthdays

Kenneth Vogele	Michael Jones	John Haglund
Robert Krabbenhoft	Lyle Davis	James Larson
Paul Padgett	Bob McNeal	Paul Lazetera
Bruce Turner	Audley Kelley	John Anderson
Jeffrey Howard	William Marden	Donald Licker
Donald Wangberg	Wenscell Ogden	Robert Stickel
Harold Barker	Rudolph Blazius	Robert Roberts
Peter Comerford	Glen Wiley	Curtis Tate
Melvin Fisher	Charles Whitaker	Suzy Bergin
Robert Brooks	Robert Russell	

“I am a big believer that eventually everything comes back to you. You get back what you give out.” —**Nancy Reagan**

“Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.” — Aristotle

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” — Elizabeth Andrew

“The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier on earth.” Stonewall Jackson

A true leader has the confidence to stand alone. The courage to make tough decisions. And the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader. But becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.

Douglas Mc Arthur..

# Legion Riders Corner

## Riders 8th Annual Poker Run Fundraiser July 8th, 2017

The Riders unit held their 8th Annual Poker Run Fundraiser this past July 8th. We had a fair turn out considering we were looking at **105** degrees that day, this doesn't make for a fun ride. Thank you to all who came out to support the Riders fundraiser. This year we attempted to engage with local merchants and two local charities that help local Veterans. Military Family Support Group and Only Kindness, these two groups provide funds, food closet and personal support among other activities for Veteran's and Family's. We had a late start with these two groups this year, we would like to start our planning earlier in the year and see about getting these groups and local businesses more involved. This year we added a short **Poker Walk** for those who don't ride. This year the high hand winner was from the Poker Walk. We have several idea's for next years fundraiser, stayed tuned as we will have more on what we would like to do. One thing we would like to do is have a gun safe and mystery gun for a grand prize next year. If anyone knows of a friendly gun shop who would like to donate to us please let us know.

The Riders and the Post would like to thank the local businesses that were able to donate to this years fundraiser. We started late in engaging the local community in our fundraiser. However, we did have a very good response and hopefully we will do better next year. One idea in the works is to have a Poker Walk on Main street with cards pulled at several businesses. Start and end points would be at the Post. When you are out and about in Placerville on Main Street stop by one of these businesses and thank them for their support of local Veterans.

Laborers Union Local 185 cash for raffle prizes

Leslie Bravo 1hr Massage

El Tamalero 1 dozen tamales (David Silva "The Tamale Man")

Mike Miller—Performance Cycle (Oil Change)

Bow Tie Barber 2 hair cuts

Apple Mtn Golf 4 rounds of Golf

TBonz cycle Gift certificate towards purchase

GS Smog & Repair

Nugget Market/ForkLift Gift Certificate

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Clyde Boren (Oil Change)

Supply Sargent Gift Certificate

Taste of Europe Gift Certificate

Jack Russell Brewery Gift Certificate

Mikes Marketplace Barber Ship Gift Certificate

Lockeford Meat & Sausage Gift Certificate

Placerville Polaris Gift Certificates

Folsom Harley Davidson

Placerville Hardware Water Nome

Powell's Steamer

Folsom Harley Ladies of Harley Gift Basket

Randy Johnson Ams Oil

Critter and Jim Maxey Grand Prize T.V.

In addition there were many other Raffle donations by members. There are too many to name but I would personally like to thank each and everyone of you. THANK YOU!

### Military support group

<http://mfsonline.org/>



### ONLY KINDNESS

#### VISION

NO ONE DESERVES TO BE HOMELESS. WE SEE A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE CAN THRIVE VERSUS SURVIVE.

#### MISSION

TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND STABILIZATION WHERE OTHER RESOURCES AREN'T AVAILABLE RIGHT HERE AT HOME.

<https://www.edcrc.org/veteran-support.html>

But one of the big lessons I have learned from my journey is you can't please everyone, so don't try.

*Chris Colfer*

# Legion Riders Fundraiser

A good time was had by all thanks to the Volunteer's in the kitchen preparing and serving an awesome chicken lunch. Of course the Cooks get the best awesome Volunteer award for slaving over the BBQ pit in the heat of the day, Thank you Milt and Mike S. sorry if I missed anyone else cooking. Thank you Barb and daughter for all their efforts in the kitchen. I know I missed a whole lot of folks who put in time and effort. But don't think we forget!



Our VP Joe Rendon seemed to have taken a wrong turn on his way back to Sacramento from the Magnificent 7 ride to Tombstone Arizona. Seems on his way home he ended up in Ely Nv. Just a few miles from home. Maybe we should call him wrong way Joe. But for now he gets to enjoy the Hangtown Noose for a month. Way to go Joe, you need to find someone to take that from you next month..

Christmas Party planning time is upon us. All suggestions are welcome, if not at the meeting please E-Mail me or Joe with your thoughts and ideas.

## Last Roll Call

Recently we have lost several members from our Post, and sadly I have transferred their names to:

***“Post Everlasting”***

***Lowell D. Decker***

***Raymond P. Haagen***

***Carl C. Lotz James McNatt***

***James E. Patterson***

## American Legion El Dorado Family Leadership Team 2017-2018

### Post 119 American Legion

Commander	Sam Bradley	(530) 306-1070
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Finance	Mike Schiavone	(530) 409-2710
Sgt At Arms	Milt Bandera	(530) 677-4423
Past Commander	Edgar "Bud" Brown	(530) 677-4135
Chaplain	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802
Judge Advocate	James Campini	(530) 622-0751
Bar Manager	John Shetler	(530) 672-6805
Building Manager	Mike Muetz	(530) 919-7866
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Historian	Mike Raffety	(530) 626-8020
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	Jim Campini	(530) 622-0751
	Chuck Impey	(530) 672-1338
	Danny Mainwaring	(530) 622-0486
	John Shetler	(530) 672-6805
	Tim Smith	(530) 622-0990

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Carol McLaughlin	(530)
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Treasurer	Karen Dale	(530)
Chaplain	Dolores Wadsworth	(530) 677-1255
Sgt At Arms	Joy Krahn	(530) 677-6356
Marshall	Joyce Trumbly	(530) 621-3953
Exe Committee	Judy Muetz	(530) 622-9133

### Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion

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First Vice:	?	(530)
Adjutant:	David Zelinsky	(530)
Treasurer:	Richard Meager	(530)
Sgt at Arms:	Mike Ross	(530)
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Chaplain:	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802

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President:	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794
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Secretary:	Mike Muetz	(530) 622-1961
Treasurer:	Jane Ferguson	(530) 409-7487
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Chaplain	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802
Run Coordin	Sam Ferguson	(530) 409-7489
Safety Officer	Curt Tate	(530)
Web Master:	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794

## Newsletter submission guidelines

**ALLOWED:** Must be Post or Veteran related.

**NOT ALLOWED:** *Politics* and *Religion*.

This is keeping with the guidelines of the American Legion! Only allowed is Veteran's issues, **NO** Political party or people fund raiser ads.

**Advertisements:** At this time we only advertise for business's that **donate time** or **money** to the American Legion and Local Veterans. In the future we may charge a small fee to help with the cost of printing and mailing. What will be allowed is the same as above.

## Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening is having an event at the Post on August 19th. The Post has **4 complimentary** tickets for the members to use, they are first come first served. What is Life Line Screening you ask? Life Line Screenings go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. They offer 5 different screenings, Carotid Artery/ Plaque Screening, Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. To **resister**: Call toll-free: **1-866-229-0469**, Online: **www.lifelinesscreening.com/communitycircle** or **Text: circle to 797979**. All results will be available within 21 Days. Use Life Line Screening Comp No. SF621039 When Registering.

## Happy Hour at the Post

Don't forget Friday happy hour. Food by Leo and a nice adult beverage and the best part is spending some time with your Legion comrades. Pool table is available along with new pool cues. If the balls are not lost we have a net and paddles for the ping pong table. On occasions we are doing different things during happy hour. Since we have a nice projector we occasionally will watch a movie.

"The difficulty, my friends, is not in avoiding death, but in avoiding unrighteousness; for that runs faster than death."

— Plato, Apology

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Social 6pm Dinner 7pm	3	4 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm	5
6	7 40&8 Voiture 5:30pm	8	9 SOAL - NO meet Riders - 6:30pm	10	11 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	12
13	14	15	16 Taco Night Bar Mtg: 5pm E-Board: 6pm	17	18 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Calendar of Meetings

**August 2:** Social 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm  
General Meeting 8:00pm  
**August 9:** Sons Squadron 5:45pm  
Post 119 Riders 6:30 pm  
**August 19:** Bar Tenders Meeting 5:00 pm  
Executive Meeting 6:00 pm  
**All Legion Members welcome.**

**MEMBERS'  
SPOUSES ARE  
ALWAYS WEL-  
COME AT OUR  
DINNERS ON  
MEETING NIGHT.**

## Happy Hour dinners by Leo

**August 04 Brisket**  
**August 11 Pull Pork**  
**August 18 Ribs**  
**August 25 Tri Tip**  
All meals served with Chef's choice salad and dessert. All Meals are \$5.00. **NOTE:** Menu may change based on availability.

America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.  
President Harry S. Truman

There is much more to being a patriot and a citizen than reciting the pledge or raising a flag. Wrestler, Actor and former Governor of Minnesota Jesse Ventura

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

President John F. Kennedy

A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government. Author Edward Abbey

The way to secure liberty is to place it in the people's hands, that is, to give them the power at all times to defend it in the legislature and in the courts of justice."

President John Adams

If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin."  
Founding Father Samuel Adams

All meeting's at American Legion Post 119, 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville, CA 95667

\* Happy hour subject to prior rental.

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**Membership Dues New and Renewing Members**

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. The 1st Vice has information on when your membership expires,

Dues for 2018 is \$45.00. The increase put in place last year was due to a per capita expense increase to the State American Legion. Joe Rendon 1st Vice

**AMERICA**

Henry van Dyke

I love thine inland seas,  
Thy groves of giant trees,  
Thy rolling plains;  
Thy rivers' mighty sweep,  
Thy mystic canyons deep,  
Thy mountains wild and steep,  
All thy domains;

Thy silver Eastern strands,  
Thy Golden Gate that stands  
Wide to the West;  
Thy flowery Southland fair,  
Thy sweet and crystal air,  
O land beyond compare,  
Thee I love best!