

El Dorado American Legion Family

El Dorado Post 119



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY August 2019



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Commander's Corner

I was mesmerized one year while watching precision drill teams in a flag ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. Our president and his wife had front row seats when she turned to her husband and mouthed these words for the world to see, "All this over a damned flag?" To which our president nonchalantly nodded his head in the affirmative. She was ignorant and incapable of grasping the enormity of it all.

Fast forward to our D-Day Article in last month's legionnaire, which brought me to tears. When the paratroopers left their aircraft this time, they were supposed to be jumping to a vacant field. To their dismay, the police could not hold back their citizens. Thus our guys were landing on top of vehicles and people. Folks were crying, laughing, hugging, shaking hands and helping gather parachutes.

These citizens were not ignorant. They had heard stories at dinner tables their entire life. They knew exactly what those parachuters meant to their ancestry. Every one of those Frenchmen/women understood the meaning of D-Day. It was passed down to them first and second hand from generation to generation. Each one of them understood that it meant freedom.

The Jump Sergeant said it all when he said, those paratroopers on D-Day are still treated as gods. Amen. We understand; many of us lost family on D-Day.

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

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.



Thanks for sending this in Mike Muetz! Above pics from the 4th of July Flag crew loading up and then having a nice breakfast.

WHAT? I can't hear you!

That seems to be a common thread at our Post meetings. If you are a Veteran with hearing loss and have not put in a claim for Service Connected disability you really ought to. The staff at the County Veterans Service Office are more than happy to assist you in starting a claim. The important thing is to START the process. If your claim is approved, the benefits begin with your Start date. After your claim is filed you will be scheduled for a hearing test with a VA contractor. The one I used was in Roseville. Within a month of that hearing test I had my claim completed. Hearing aids have improved greatly and can really help you relate better with the people in your life. Call our local VSO at 530-621-5892 and get started.

And VA Video Appointments

Veterans who use VA can now book appointments with their providers to be seen on the VA Video Connect app in lieu of face-to-face appointments. The app provides a secure video connection through a camera phone, computer, or tablet and gives direct, real-time access to health care teams. VA Video Connect has successfully enabled thousands of veterans to receive services while reducing their travel and wait times. Through a partnership with VA, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless have offered its customers the ability to access the VA Video Connect app without incurring data charges. [Learn more.](#)

Thank you, George

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.

The Adjutant's Round File

No report this month

American Legion Auxillary News & Notes

Hi Everyone,

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

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.

Please remember to bring your donations for our monthly raffle. Everyone is welcome to donate members or not. Remember the raffle helps keep the Auxiliary afloat.

Thank you!

Janie Bandera, President

(530) 677-4423

Cake List for August: Janie Bandera, Sue Coffey, Joy Krahn, Betty Butcher, Carol Muller, Rebecca Marty

August 2019

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1	2 Life Line Screening 8:15 AM Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	3 Retierment Party 2:00 PM
4	5 Voiture 1119 40 & 8 5:30 PM	6	7 Post 119 & Auxiliary Unit Social, Dinner & Mtgs 6:00 PM	8 Quiet Birdmen Hanger 6:00 AM	9 Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	10 Ponderosa High School Class of 1967 Reunion 11:30 AM
11	12	13 State of Jefferson 4:00 PM	14 Sons of the American Legion Meeting Chapter 119 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM	15 El Dorado Mineral and Gem Society 6:00 PM	16 Diane Wilkinson Catering 9:00 AM Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	17 90th Birthday Party 12:00 PM
18	19	20	21 Bar Committee & Executive Committee 5:00 PM Gold Bug Quilters 5:30 PM	22	23 Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Post 119 Happy Hour 5:00 PM	31

Service Officer's Spotlight

In the Beginning

This article is not about Veterans. It is about an event that occurred about 30 years ago. It established the pattern that I use to this day in my work with Veterans.

We were visiting our daughter for Father's Day. Normally, I do not watch TV, but she likes to share her favorites when we visit, to help keep me attuned to the culture.

The show was about two girls who are best friends in Junior High School. I thought it was only ok, but it resonated with our daughter. She looked up on Facebook her best friend from that time. She found her, but then gave me some bad news.

“Dad, BJ died in 2013.”

BJ was best friend's brother.

It hit me very hard.

Lo, all those decades ago, I was sitting at jail, waiting for him to pop out. Back then, folks were released at midnight, when your time was done.

Also waiting for BJ was the devil, ready to take him to a drug party.

So, why did BJ go with me?

Discharge planning.

I had an ace in my pocket that Mr. Devil didn't have. I had permission to take BJ straight to the mental institution where his girlfriend was, and they could be together for a few hours.

The plan worked. Straight to Charter Hospital, wait a few hours while he got to say goodbye to his girlfriend, drive him to the airport, and put him in the plane to Kentucky where his parents lived.

A few years later, he had graduated from Texas A&M, and came over to visit us for dinner with some college friends.

Nothing is funnier than young males.

That was the last I heard of him, until daughter's Facebook search.

He died of complications from juvenile onset diabetes.

I am sure he had the best life he could have.

One grieves harder for the death of one whose life you saved.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer

American Legion Post 119

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Emblem

"There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning."

Elements of the emblem

The rays of the sun



The rays of the sun form the background of our proud emblem and suggests the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.

The wreath



The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure.

The star



The star, victory symbol of World War I, also symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.

Outer rings



The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children.

Inner rings



The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states and the nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.

American Legion



The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.

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



Executive Team

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 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
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 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
 (530) 417-5802
 First Vice CURRENTLY OPEN
 Adjutant Bill Bryant
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 Treasurer Bill Bryant
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 Membership Bill Bryant
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 Sgt at Arms Mike Ross
 (916) 747-7637
 Historian OPEN
 Chaplain Robert Flowers
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Happy Birthday!!! Enjoy your special day!

Calendar of Meetings

August 7 : Dinner 7:00 PM -NO MEETING
 Aug. 5: 40&8 5:30 pm
 Aug. 14: Sons 5:30 pm ALR 6:00
 Aug. 21: 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
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 (916) 204-6038
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 Treasurer Jane Ferguson
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 (530) 409-7489

Legion History from their [website](#):

Aug. 9, 1921

The Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration. *Today, the Legion continues to lobby for adequate funding to cover medical, disability, education and other benefits for veterans.*

Aug. 24, 1969

The Legion's National Executive Committee establishes the National Emergency Fund as a result of the effects of Hurricane Camille.

Aug. 26, 1982

The Legion presents a \$1 million check to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of the Wall in Washington, becoming the largest single contributor to the project.

Aug. 2, 1990

The Legion files suit against the federal government for failure to conduct a Congress-mandated study about the effects of Agent Orange on veterans who served in Vietnam.

Aug. 24, 1994

The Legion announces the creation of the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition of organizations and individual citizens united to work for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration. Since 1995, the amendment has passed in the House by a supermajority six times: in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005. In 2006, the amendment fell one vote short of passage in the Senate.

August 2005

Delegates at the 87th National Convention in Honolulu unanimously voice their support for the global war on terrorism with Resolution 169.

August 2011

The American Legion Baseball World Series is held for the first time in the tournament's new permanent home, Shelby, N.C. Prior to this, the tournament had rotated to different cities. Total paid attendance at the Shelby contests soars to an all-time high of 86,000 total.

Aug. 30, 2013: National Commander James E. Koutz announced that the American Legion family raised more than \$1.1 million for Operation Comfort Warriors during the 2012-2013 fundraising year. It easily surpassed his original goal of \$500,000.

August 2014: National Commander Michael D. Helm announces that Legion Family members and friends donated more than \$4 million (his goal) to Legion charities and programs during his year in office.

August 2017: The Legion assists in the creation and eventual passage of the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act, which modernizes the current appeals process at the Department of Veterans Affairs, forcing VA to render a decision on a veterans claim within one year.

August 2017: The American Legion, in concert with others, creates, advocates for and passes the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2017. Named after the author of the original GI Bill and Past National Commander of The American Legion, the new GI Bill improves upon the great foundation that already existed, removing the burdensome cap to use the education benefit, along with many other great additions to the legislation aimed at improving the lives of veterans and their families.

August 2017: Denise H. Rohan of Wisconsin is elected national commander, the first woman to hold the role in the Legion's history.



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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 avail-