



El Dorado Post 119
THE AMERICAN LEGION
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY
February 2017



American Legion Auxiliary

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January dinner was quite good thanks to all the cook crew. At our meeting in January we voted to give up to \$200 to the Post for an AED. We also voted to give \$100 out of our raffle we took in that night.

If you have not paid your dues by now they are delinquent. Please remember our money goes to help veterans and their families.

In December I took the \$300 worth of sweats and socks to the VA hospital along with five buddy baskets. The folks there were very happy to get them.

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

Thank you!
Janie Bandera, President

Cake List for February: Janie Bandera, Sue Coffey, Pat Nerwinski, Joy Krahn, Suzy Bergin, Carol Muller

Cake List for March: Jackie Schmidt, Rebecca Marty, RoseMary Lewis, Karen Dale, Dolores Wadsworth, Betty Butcher, Marybea Varvel, Joyce Trumbly

Message from Membership

National has been sending out renewal notices and will continue to do so into next year. If you have a 2017 membership card, throw away the renewal notice. If you know you've paid, I know you have paid and that is the end of it. Don't waste a stamp telling me you are paid up-I already know, that is why you have a 2017 membership card. If you want to help the Post with our membership processing we need a membership person. Just call the Post telephone and let me know you want to help.

We Need your HELP!!!

Please talk to your Post 119 Officers about contributing to the post Newsletter, or if you have any interesting news you would like to share send an e-mail to rjb@rjb1.com

Service Officer Corner

Rainy day phone calls:

1. "Yes, we will cover your fees at the DMV to put the vehicle in your name. And the insurance. Excepting that we have to see how the arraignment goes on Monday for driving on a suspended license."

A good, hard working, honorably discharged, Veteran, facing debtor's prison.

2. "Yes, the draft is over, but Selective Service Registration appears to still be in force, for males, aged 18-26, according to the Internet. And I remember my son registering over 20 years ago. So, it probably was legitimate that he signed up." The caller was a Veteran trying to help his community, and worried that there had been a scam.

I would have sent them to the county, but the young man had already sent the paperwork off. He would have been better off to check with the county Department of Veteran Affairs first, to be sure, before sending back the forms.

3. "Yes, I think the county Department of Veteran Affairs can help you get some of your medals that you earned for your service. I remember one Veteran who had his DD214 updated to reflect more Distinguished Flying Crosses and Bronze Stars, so I think they would be a good place to start. Wow, the VA provided your service dog. Wow, the VA sends a van to drive you to Mather. Wow, they put you in the front of the line for your prescriptions and appointments. Wow, multiple head traumas. Agent Orange. PTS(D). Tinnitus. Numerous acts of heroism. Serving your fellow Veterans. Combat injury after combat injury."

When John Glenn first ran for Senate, his opponent attacked him for having never made a payroll. The implication was clear. Military service was not real work.

John Glenn replied, saying in essence, "You go into a VA hospital, and tell those guys they didn't have a real job."

See number 3 above.

Of course, John Glenn won.

David Zelinsky
Service Officer
American Legion Post 119

Note from Bud Brown (correction to web site)

I have a Vets catalog chucked full of military regalia. Clothing, campaign ribbons, hats, flags, display cases, etc..

The web site is www.medalsofamerica.com

A THOUGHT FOR February:

"One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others." ~ Lewis Carroll

Service Officer Corner Cont..

Four cats.

How do you end up homeless in Cameron Park when you have no money or transportation?
With a significant other who can barely walk with her walker? And a dog?

And four cats?

Bought them some nights in Motel 6. Groceries. Breakfast at Denny's. Had my favorite Cameron Park homeless Veteran help with the intake.

Always house them through Tuesday night, because that's the night without a nomadic shelter.

Wednesday morning I picked him up. They had enough time to arrange for everyone else. Connected him to a trailer option that they could put on a friend's land. Until then, showed him some basics. He got squared away with the county Department of Veterans Affairs and Volunteers of America. Got him a bus pass. Showed him the bike path. Dropped him off at the Upper Room. He will be fed three meals and sleep inside until Tuesday night. Hopefully, the trailer will be hooked up by then.

Or it's Hangtown Motel on Tuesday night.

David Zelinsky is affiliated as an Associate with a monastic order, and makes an annual report to the leadership.

Here is an excerpt from his report:

Apostolically, I am in a pretty good place. Mainly, I am the Service Officer for the local American Legion Post. Today was a normal day. Pump gas for a felon. Encourage him as he helps me help him, and his fellow Veterans. Visit the county Department of Veteran Affairs, and brainstorm over how to get our number one town drunk into VA services. How to push back on an agency failing to meet its obligation to transport Veterans to their medical appointments. Pump gas for another felon. Get him enough food to get him covered until his next VA check, and refer him to help on his battles with Social Security and VA. Hand a gift card to another Veteran, accused of a felony. Brainstorm on resources, and plan to show up in court at his arraignment, next month. Another Veteran should be there, needing support. Try to push our multi-county Veterans collaborative to invite our county interim VSO to speak. Try to get the jail to request mental health services for two incarcerated Veterans. Refer another Legion Commander to the interim VSO for help getting a deceased Veteran's discharge papers.

Really, it was a slow day.

David Zelinsky
Service Officer
American Legion Post 119

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Maybe every other American movie shouldn't be based on a comic book. Other countries will think Americans live in an infantile fantasy land where reality is whatever we say it is and every problem can be solved with violence. -Bill Maher, comedian, actor, and writer (b. 1956)

Americanism

The National Americanism Commission

The National Americanism Commission of The American Legion was created by The American Legion's National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1919. Accounts of that meeting reported the following action: "We recommend the establishment of a National Americanism Commission of The American Legion, whose duty shall be the endeavor to realize in the United States the basic ideal of this Legion of 100 percent Americanism through the planning, establishment and conduct of a continuous, constructive educational system designed to:

"(1) Combat all anti-American tendencies, activities and propaganda;

"(2) Work for the education of immigrants, prospective American citizens and alien residents in the principles of Americanism;

"(3) Inculcate the ideal of Americanism in the citizen population, particularly the basic American principle that the interests of all the people are above those of any special interest or any so-called class or section of the people;

"(4) Spread throughout the people of the nation the information as to the real nature and principles of American government;

"(5) Foster the teachings of Americanism in all schools."

Principles of Americanism

The characteristic that distinguishes our form of government from others is the recognition of the truth that the inherent and fundamental rights of men are derived from God and not from governments, dictators, or majorities. The unalienable rights, which are the gifts of man from his Creator are: freedom of worship; freedom of speech and press; freedom of assemblage; freedom to work in such occupation as the experience, training and qualifications of man may enable him to secure and hold; freedom to enjoy the fruits of his work, which means the protection of property rights; and the right to pursue his happiness so long as he does not harm others in the pursuit of this happiness. Upon these basic principles, the structure of our form of government was established.

Americanism Defined

Americanism is love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity, and happiness; and the willingness to defend our country and flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic. It is a vital, active, living force. Americanism means peace, strength, the will and the courage to live as free men in a free land. It means a friendly hand to people everywhere who respect our institutions and our thinking. It is not a word; it is a cause, a way of life – the best way of life ever known – a challenge and a hope in this world. Americanism is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States, and a fathomless love for the principles that led our forefathers to found this country. It is complete and unqualified loyalty to the ideals of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to, duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty for our nation and for our posterity.



The American Legion Department of Wisconsin was awarded the William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy during the 92nd National Convention of The American Legion at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Shown from left for the presentation are: Department NEC-man David L. Gough, National Commander Clarence E. Hill, Department Adjutant David A. Kurtz, Department Commander Robert S. Batty, Immediate Past Department Commander Leo A. Endres, and Portia Young of WISN-TV12, Milwaukee, representing the Hearst Corporation

The William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy is awarded annually to a department at the National Convention. The winner is determined by the compiled information taken from the department's total number of Consolidated Post Report forms. The Post Americanism Chairman should assist the Post Adjutant in reporting their Americanism activities and encourage the filing of the Consolidated Post Report to ensure proper credit to each department's overall Americanism program.

Definition of AMERICANISM

- 1: a characteristic feature of American English especially as contrasted with British English
- 2: attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of the U.S.
- 3: a custom or trait peculiar to America : the political principles and practices essential to American culture

“We must scrupulously guard the civil rights and civil liberties of all our citizens, whatever their background. We must remember that any oppression, any injustice, any hatred, is a wedge designed to attack our civilization.” ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt -

February Birthday's

Brooks, Donald
Bushey, Roger
Cannon, Kenneth
Clark, Jean
Crocker, Walter
DeRose, Cherokee

Fowler, Charles
Gatchet, Steve
Kuehn, Michael
McKindley, Lester
Morley, Fred
Pearson, Tore

Raffetto, Kurt
Rizzato, Kenneth
Ryan, Orville
Varvel, Lon
Villalobos, Robert
Wegard, Norman

Last Roll Call

George W. Fisher El Lampp

Birthday listings are based on the current American Legion Post 119 roster. At this time I do not have the birthday's for the AUX or the SONS. In addition many of our members do not have their birthday listed in the roster. If I missed you just send me an email or leave a note at the post and I will have the roster updated with your birthday.

Riders Corner

With all the rain and snow we had recently not many of us have been able to ride. We are all looking forward to nicer weather so we can go for a ride. We are looking to fill a couple of positions in the unit. If you are a Rider and would like to help that would be great. Have to say the pay is way below minimum wage though there is ample opportunity for advancement. If you are not a member of our unit and you ride a motorcycle come on over and check out our little group.

We are starting to plan for this years Poker Run to raise funds for the Chapter. The date for this years Poker Run will be on July 8th. We are thinking of a new, shorter route so the folks can get home earlier. In addition we are considering bikers games such as, slow ride, hot dog catch or? If you have an idea for route, games or something else just let us know. We are asking for help with raffles this year. If you have something you would like to donate it would be appreciated. We have one big raffle prize donated my Jim And Ellen Maxey, thank you from all of us in the unit.

Rich Bergin
President

Happy Hour at the Post

Don't forget Friday happy hour. Food by Leo and a nice adult beverage and the best part is spend 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. On March 10th we will have Irish coffees for 5 bucks. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

Sons of the American Legion

Squadron
Commander: Bill Bryant (530) 409-8414
First Vice: Robert Flowers (530) 417-5802
Adjutant: Gary Coverdale (707) 339-2362
Treasurer: Patrick Hodgson
Sgt at Arms: Mike Edlunds
Historian: Don Leddy (530) 644-3581

Sons of the American Legion

Contact Bill Bryant for tickets for a gun raffle.

Links for the Sons.

October issue of the Adventure Magazine, highlight of the sons. <http://www.sonsadventure.com>
Sons website: <http://salcalifornia.com>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/saldetachmentca>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Membership 6PM	2	3 *Happy Hour at the Post 119 Bar 5PM	4
5	6 40&8 Voiture 5:30pm	7 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	8 Legion Riders 6PM	9	10 *Happy Hour at the Post 119 Bar 5PM	11
12	13	14 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	15 Taco Night Bar Mtg: 1700 E-Board: 1800 SOAL: 1800	16	17 *Happy Hour at the Post 119 Bar 5PM	18
19	20	21 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	22	23	24 *Happy Hour at the Post 119 Bar 5PM	25
26	27	28 Jr Shooters 6:00PM				

February 1: General Membership

Social 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm,

February 8: Post 119 Riders

6:00 pm

February 15: Executive Board

Bar Tenders Meeting 5:00 pm

Executive Meeting at 6:00 pm

All Legion Members welcome.

Taco's for dinner

February 15: Sons Squadron 119

Meeting 6:00 pm

Happy Hour dinners by Leo

February 03 Brisket

February 10 Pull Pork

February 17 Ribs

February 24 Tri Tip

All meals served with Chiefs choice salad and dessert.

All Meals are \$5.00

American Legion Auxiliary:

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Rebecca Marty	1 st Vice	(530) 677-4423
Judy Muetz	2 nd Vice	(530) 622-9133
Suzy Bergin	Secretary	(530) 644-7806
Marybea Varvel	Treasurer	(530) 903-7319
Dolores Wadsworth	Chaplain	(530) 677-1255
Joy Krahn	Sgt At Arms	(530) 677-6356
Joyce Trumbly	Marshall	(530) 621-3953

Post 119 Riders

President:	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794
Vice President:	Joe Rendon	(530) 672-1161
Secretary:	Open, Critter	(530) 622-1961
Treasurer:	Jane Fergason	(530) 409-7487
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Chaplain:	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802
Run Coordinator:	Sam Fergason	(530) 409-7489
Safety Officer:	Curt Tate	(530)
Web Master:	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794



**MEMBERS' SPOUSES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
AT OUR DINNERS ON MEETING NIGHT.**

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

* Happy hour subject to prior rental.

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