

# El Dorado American Legion Family

El Dorado Post 119

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

February 2018

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**Notice** of vacant position on the El Dorado Post 119 Executive Committee.

Members of El Dorado Post 119. Currently there is a vacancy in the Executive Committee of our Post. This vacancy is a result of one officer missing three consecutive meetings and not being excused. To fill this position, we must publish a notice of this vacancy and have a vote to declare one position of the Executive Committee to be vacant. Then we can proceed to fill that position by election. Section 8 of the By-Laws of El Dorado Post 119 outline how to fill vacancies in elective offices.

**Section 8.** That, if any Post Officer or member of the Post Executive Committee shall be absent for three consecutive meetings of the Post or the Executive Committee without being excused by the Post, Commander or Executive Committee, such office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of those present at a regular Post meeting held after a written notice to all members that such vote will be taken. The vacancy so created shall be filled by election or appointment as the same was originally filled.

At the February 7<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting there will be a vote to declare the position vacant. If the vote is in the affirmative, we will then proceed to fill the vacant position by election.

MG Muetz,  
Adjutant El Dorado Post 119.

## Membership

After January 31, 2018 if you have not paid your 2017/2018 dues you will be removed from the Post's membership roll, no matter how many consecutive years you may have. Just as a reminder the American Legion goes on a fiscal year which is July 1st through June 31st. The Post allows a six month grace period for dues.

We are looking to start an Awards Committee, we would like a couple of volunteers who can identify those members who should be recognized.

Joe Rendon  
1st Vice / Membership

Bartender Bob had a dream, not that scary, of a bright and shiny brass bar foot rail for the Post. Well I am happy to announce that the dream is going to come true in the not too distant future. We would like to thank the following for their generous donations to add a bright spot to the Post.

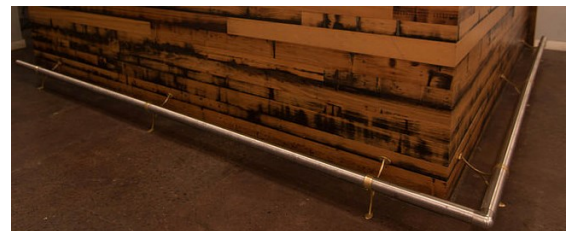
The following made generous donations for the brass foot rail:

Local Laborers Union 185

William K. Weatherly

Richard Atkins

Not forgotten, all those who added to the Bar Cans.



“Real love understands, communicates without fail, forgives without an apology. Try to practice forgiveness in daily basis. Happy Valentine's Day.” – Euginia Herlihy

***Revised El Dorado Post 119 Standing Rules proposed by the Post 119 Executive Committee for approval by the MEMERSHIP at the February 7,2018 membership meeting.***

THE Following Standing Rules of EI Dorado Post 119, Inc. Department of California are as follows:

1. Keys.

- ♥ The Post building manager(s) shall be the "keeper of the keys". They shall make and issue keys, set lock combinations, maintain internet and phone access and manage the alarm codes as is appropriate to the operation of the Post 119 building.

2. Free Meals

- ♥ Free meals shall be offered to:
  - ♥ New members at their first dinner meeting.
  - ♥ Kitchen Workers
  - ♥ Desert Providers
  - ♥ Past Commanders on Past Commanders night
  - ♥ Guests invited by the Commander.
  - ♥ Bartenders.
  - ♥ Christmas Dinner is free to current Post members and their family.

3. Multiple Offices

- ♥ Elected Officers shall not hold more than one elective office at any one time.

4. Flags

- ♥ Public displays of the American Flag on Highway 50 shall occur on the following holidays:
  - Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, September 11 and Veterans Day.
- ♥ The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for flag displays and foul weather cancellations.
- ♥ When flags are posted during meetings, the area between the flags shall be off-limits as that area is then hallowed ground.

5. Caps

- ♥ Whenever official functions call for the wearing of the blue blazer, the fore-n-aft caps shall be the only cap authorized.

6. Member Deaths

- ♥ Upon the death of a member, the Post Chaplain shall:
  1. Donate \$25.00 of post funds to the charity chosen by the family or as directed by the Executive Committee.
  2. Send a sympathy card to the next of kin.
- ♥ The Post Honor guard will assist with ceremonies as requested.

7. 50 - year members:

- ♥ The Adjutant shall pay from post funds the annual dues for members who have been members of the American Legion for 50 consecutive years.

8. When the Post meeting night falls on a holiday the meeting will not take place.

9. The Bar Committee is responsible for the operation of the Post Bar with the consent of the Executive Committee.

10. The Executive Committee shall be notified of changes of meeting dates or times of Post organizations / committees prior to the change taking place.

**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. We will be having bar games for drinks, 1 drink max per winning player. Come on out and have some fun and chat with other members.

## Service Officer Corner

### Miracle in South Lake Tahoe Veterans Court:

Last time I saw him he was in jail in South Lake Tahoe. Yellow with Hep-C, looking jaundiced. Super alcoholic. Vietnam Veteran. Perfect candidate for Veterans Treatment Court.

Got the word out to all of the appropriate parties. Heard nothing. Figured he was just set loose on the street.

Then a miracle. He was sent to Palo Alto VA residential treatment. How did he get in? Very impacted.

Post sentencing, they let him into Veterans Court. That's not the way it is supposed to work, but, hey...

He looked great. Still a bit yellow, but great, considering.

"Palo Alto is the best hospital in the world!"

Miracle in Placerville Veterans Court:

He had a bench warrant out for his arrest. He had missed his last hearing.

"Your honor, it's our fault! He totally lacks the survival skills needed to survive in the civilian world."

Oh yeah?

He showed up. Had a job. Had a place to go to. Attending PTS(D) classes. No more meth. Dumped his girlfriend who was, as she said, a bad influence.

Would we help pay for some of his classes?

You bet!

### Typical Report by our very own service Officer

As of this date, I have served 491 Veterans, slightly over half of whom, at the time of my service, were either homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

There have been many big achievements. The El Dorado Veterans Resource Center, a Permanent Stand Down, is now open. Both county jails are working beautifully with me, and staff members have expressed their appreciation. Both Veterans Treatment Courts are going well, and appreciating our participation. Military Family Support Group has mobilized dozens of volunteers.

Fund raising is going well. The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Salute to Valor working with Friends of the Monument, the Veterans Commission, the Marine Corps League, and VFW 10165 have all been major sources of funding and collaboration. The Veterans Memorial Building House Council has been very supportive. Snowline Hospice has a wonderful Veteran intern, who is proving to be a significant asset. All of the Veterans organizations have stepped up to help.

The Sierra Club has a program called Military Outdoors that was featured recently in an American Legion article. That gave me a lead, and now looks like it will help us get a new local program going to offer our Veterans.

The El Dorado Arts Council offers several programs to help Veterans. In addition to its well known writing program, a new theater program is starting that can offer another therapeutic option.

So, where does the money go? In the last 24 hours:

A recently housed Veteran, after years of homelessness, had the back window of his car broken. Repair will cost a bit over \$250.

A referral from the County Department of Veteran Affairs, resulted in a \$90 audiology bill.

A referral from Health and Human Services led to a three night stay in a motel for a wife, two kids and two dogs. A couple hundred dollars.

Walking home today, I met a young homeless Marine. It was almost 5 pm. He had not eaten. Gave him my card. At least his phone works. Referred him to the County VA. At least he can get a food card. A bus pass. Help with the VA.

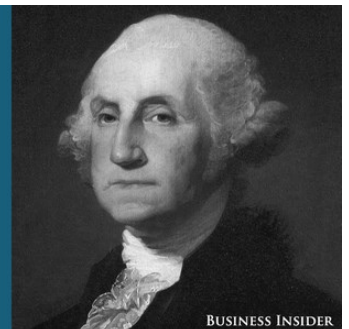
Cost so far? Zero. But he's in the pipeline.

David Zelinsky



Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company."

George Washington (1789-1797)



BUSINESS INSIDER

## Veterans Day 2018 nationwide poster contest seeks talented artists

VIC Program Team The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) is looking for the perfect concept and artist to honor the centennial commemoration of the end of World War I. Since 1978, the VA's Veterans Day National Committee has sponsored a contest to choose and publish a commemorative poster. The artwork is distributed to military installations and VA facilities and is also used as Arlington National Cemetery's official program cover for their Veterans Day observance. Artists, regardless of military background, are encouraged to submit their work for consideration. The origins of Veterans Day stem from Armistice Day, the solemn marking of the close of WWI on November 11, 2018. Worldwide casualties from WWI are estimated between 18 and 20 million, with 21 to 23 million wounded. Of those, more than nine million were military members of all stripes from both sides, including more than 116,000 fallen Americans. This year's theme is "The War to End All Wars," the phrase so often used to describe WWI's carnage and struggle during and after the conflict. Artwork can be submitted electronically or by mail and will be accepted until April 1, 2018. In May, a panel of judges will convene to choose the winning design.

The VA has published a list of guidelines and rules [that can be found here](#), <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/43744/calling-artists-2018-national-veterans-day-poster-contest-now-way/> along with [a gallery of past winners](#). <https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp>



American Legion Post 119  
**CRAB FEED**  
Saturday  
Feb. 17, 2018



Cocktails  
5pm  
Dinner  
6pm  
Raffle  
Prizes  
& more

Only \$40 per person  
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For Tickets or Info call 530-626-3956  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 119**  
4561 Greenstone Road  
Placerville  
Exit 41 Off of Highway 50, 1 mile So. of Highway 50



If you would like one of these t-shirts please contact Bill Bryant.



"There is something inherently wrong, something out of accord with the ideals of representative democracy, when one portion of our citizenship turns its activities to private gain amid defensive war while another is fighting, sacrificing, or dying for national preservation."  
Warren G. Harding (1921-1923)

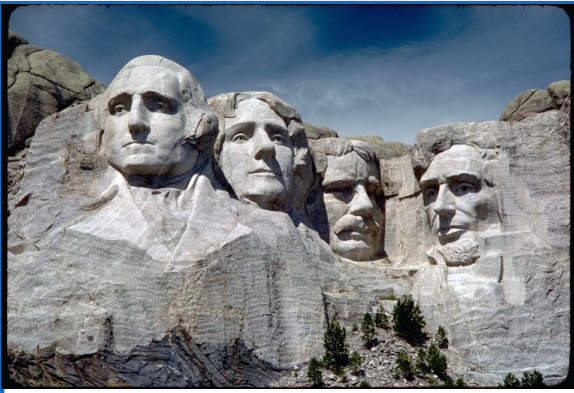
"The truth is that all men having power ought to be mistrusted." - James Madison

"If it were not for the reporters, I would tell you the truth" - Chester A. Arthur

"If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity." - John F. Kennedy

"America is too great for small dreams." - Ronald Reagan

# Mount Rushmore



## History of Mount Rushmore National Park

Mount Rushmore National Park was the brainchild of Doane Robinson, known as the “Father of Mount Rushmore.” His goal was to create an attraction that would draw people from all over the country to his state.

Robinson contacted Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor who was working on the monument at Stone Mountain, Georgia. Borglum met with Robinson during 1924 and 1925. He was the one who identified Mount Rushmore as a perfect location for a grand monument. This was due to the cliff's height above the surrounding area and the fact that it faced southeast to take advantage of the rising sun each day.

Robinson worked with John Boland, President [Calvin Coolidge](#), Congressman William Williamson, and Senator Peter Norbeck to gain support in Congress and the funding to proceed. Congress agreed to match up to \$250,000 of funding for the project and created the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Commission. Work began on the project. By 1933, the Mount Rushmore project became part of the National Park Service. Borglum did not like having the NPS oversee the construction. However, he continued to work on the project until his death in 1941.

The monument was deemed complete and ready for dedication on October 31, 1941.

## Why Each of the Four Presidents Was Chosen

Borglum made the decision about which presidents to include on the mountain. Following are the main reasons according to the National Park Service why each was chosen for the sculpture:

[George Washington](#) - He was the first president and represented the foundation of American democracy.

[Thomas Jefferson](#) - With the Louisiana Purchase, he greatly expanded the nation. He was also the author of the hugely influential Declaration of Independence.

[Theodore Roosevelt](#) - He not only represented the industrial development of the nation, but was also widely known for conservation efforts.

[Abraham Lincoln](#) - As the president during the US Civil War, he represents the preservation of the nation above all costs.

**Presidents' Day** is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called “Washington’s Birthday” by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington’s actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents’ Day after it was moved as part of 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation’s workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents’ Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

“But I do have an unyielding belief that all people yearn for certain things: the ability to speak your mind and have a say in how you are governed; confidence in the rule of law and the equal administration of justice; government that is transparent and doesn’t steal from the people; the freedom to live as you choose. Those are not just American ideas, they are human rights, and that is why we will support them everywhere.” – Barack Obama (2009-2017)

“We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter. But our common humanity matters more” - Bill Clinton

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power” - Abraham Lincoln

“It is by a thorough knowledge of the whole subject that [people] are enabled to judge correctly of the past and to give a proper direction to the future.” - James Monroe

“May the boldest fear and the wisest tremble when incurring responsibilities on which may depend our country’s peace and prosperity, and in some degree the hopes and happiness of the whole human family.” - James Polk

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” - John Quincy Adams

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

### Post 119 American Legion

Commander	Sam Bradley	(530) 306-1070
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	John Shetler	(530) 672-6805
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Carol McLaughlin	(530)
Secretary	Suzy Bergin	(530) 644-7806
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Treasurer	Rich Meagher	(530) 957-1069
Sgt at Arms	Mike Ross	(530)
Historian	Don Leddy	(530) 644-3581
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Chaplain	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802
Run Coordin	Sam Ferguson	(530) 409-7489
Safety Officer	Curt Tate	(530) 677-8033
Web Master:	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794

## February Birthdays

Donald	Brooks	Michael	Kuehn
Roger	Bushey	Phillip	Lee
Kenneth	Cannon	Bill	McDavid
Pete	Chavez	Lester	McKindley
Jean	Clark	Fred	Morley
Charles	Clements	Tore	Pearson
Walter	Crocker	Kurt	Raffetto
Andrew	Dachtler	Jonathan	Revolinsky
William	Davenport	Kenneth	Rizzato
Cherokee	De Rose	Orville	Ryan
Gregory	Desy	Dennis	Schaible
Steve	Gatchet	Lon	Varvel
Danny	Howard	Robert	Villalobos
Gary	King	Carl	Warfield
		Norman	Wegard

“Although in our country the Chief Magistrate must almost of necessity be chosen by a party and stand pledged to its principles and measures, yet in his official action he should not be the President of a part only, but of the whole people of the United States.”

James K. Polk (1845-1849)

“I can imagine no greater disservice to the country than to establish a system of censorship that would deny to the people of a free republic like our own their indisputable right to criticize their own public officials.”

Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)

“I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be in love with liberty.” – Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)

“We the people tell the government what to do, it doesn't tell us.” – Ronald Reagan (1981-1989)

“A president's hardest task is not to do what is right, but to know what is right.” – Lyndon B. Johnson (1963-1969)

“No government is perfect. One of the chief virtues of a democracy, however, is that its defects are always visible and under democratic processes can be pointed out and corrected.” – Harry S. Truman (1945-1953)

A brave man is a man who dares to look the Devil in the face and tell him he is a Devil. – James A. Garfield

Things do not happen. Things are made to happen. – John F. Kennedy

Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth. – John F. Kennedy

Facts are stubborn things. – Ronald Reagan

# February 2018

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

				1	2 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	3 Lifeline Screen- ing: 08:30 AM
4	5 40&8 Voiture 1119 5:30pm	6	7 Post 119 & Aux Dinner: 6:00Pm Meetings: 8pm	8	9 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	10
11	12	13	14 SAL: 5:30 Riders: 6:30	15	16 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	17 Post 119 Crab Feed 5:00 PM
18	19	20 Junior Shooters: 6:00 PM	21 Bartenders: 5pm E-Board: 6pm	22	23 <b>No Happy Hour</b>	24
25	26	27 Junior Shooters: 6:00 PM	28			

### Calendar of Meetings

**February 7:** Social      6:00 pm  
Dinner      6:45 pm

**February 14:**  
Sons      5:45 pm  
Riders      6:30 pm

**February 21:**  
Bar Meeting      5:00 pm  
Exe Meeting      6:00 pm

**All Legion Members welcome.**

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



"As government expands, liberty contracts."  
- Ronald Reagan



"We all declare for liberty; but in using the same word we do not all mean the same thing... it follows that each of the things is, by the respective parties, called by two different and incompatible names — liberty and tyranny." — Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865)

"If national pride is ever justifiable or excusable it is when it springs, not from power or riches, grandeur or glory, but from conviction of national innocence, information, and benevolence." — John Adams (1797-1801)

"But should the people of America once become capable of that deep simulation towards one another, and towards foreign nations, which assumes the language of justice and moderation, while it is practicing iniquity and extravagance, and displays in the most captivating manner the charming pictures of candor, frankness, and sincerity, while it is rioting in rapine and insolence, this country will be the most miserable habitation in the world." — John Adams (1797-1801)

"When one side only of a story is heard and often repeated, the human mind becomes impressed with it insensibly." — George Washington (1789-1797)

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

\* Happy hour subject to prior rental.

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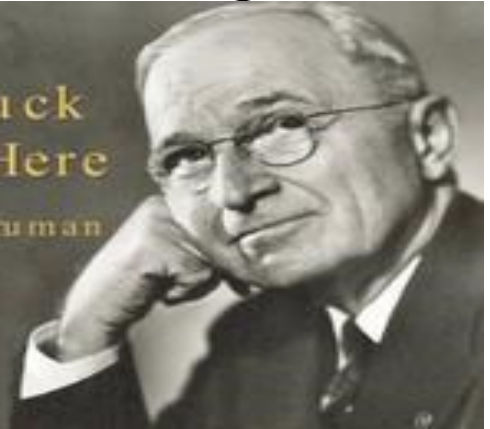
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**Membership Dues New and Renewing  
Members**

The Buck  
Stops Here  
Harry S. Truman



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