



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



From the Adjutant and Building Manager

New Year's Eve at the Post will be a pot luck-bring a main dish for around 8 people, snacks and dessert. Alex will do the karaoke again this year. Cover charge is \$5 per person to help pay Alex for his time, equipment and entertainment. Start time will be around 6pm. There will be RV parking in the parking lot, no hook ups. Come in and park any time on the 31st. There are two really nice stacks of wood next to the fire ring so if the weather permits the fire ring will be going.

At the Christmas dinner we received donations of \$368.00 towards the purchase of an AED for the hall. The Toys for Tots box was filled to overflowing as well.

By popular demand food will again be available on the third Wednesday of the month. Come on by on December 21, Dinner will be served 5pm to 7pm.

A busy year in 2016 and more to come in 2017. Membership renewals keep coming in the mail and online. I try to get the renewal checks deposited within a week so you can keep your books straight. Got one renewal in the mail that looked like it had been left out on the road during a rainstorm. The postal service put it in a plastic envelope and delivered it to us. I only had one message on the Post phone this week regarding a member who was going to quit because National keeps sending him renewal notices. I have no control over National. If you have paid your dues and have a 2017 card you should be able to toss the renewal notice into the trash along with the many other items that you don't want that come in the mail. When I get a check from someone who has already paid I send it back to that person with a note. Thank you Roger Reynolds for helping with the membership processing.

We have made successful investments this year. The solar panels are zeroing out our electric bill. There are many groups who rent our hall and look forward to returning next year. In January we will have our own Post 119 APP that people can get for free. that will have all the info that is on our website. There are new things coming in the new year. Thank you for your support this year. MikeM

American Legion Auxiliary

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

We Need your HELP!!!

Please talk to your Post 119 Officers about contributing to the post Newsletter, or if you have any interesting

Membership

There will be more renewal notices sent out across the Nation. If you have paid your dues please disregard these notices. If you are not sure that you have paid-look at your membership card. A 2017 card means that you are paid up until June 30th 2017. A 2016 card means you need to send in your dues to the Post. Post 119 sends a transmittal to Department about once a week to keep them current on who has renewed their dues. There are about 200 people who have not renewed yet. If they do not renew they will be dropped from the membership rolls.

RENEWAL NOTICE SCHEDULE FOR THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Renewal schedule During each membership year, National Headquarters sends renewal notices in July, October, January, March and May. Sometimes, at a department's request, a special notice may be mailed in February to boost a department's renewals.

The accompanying list is the 2017 membership year renewal schedule for transmitting dues to arrive at National Headquarters by the established dates. This schedule will be followed to remove the names of paid members prior to a specific mailing. Using the renewal schedule, National Headquarters extracts unpaid member records, then prints and mails the renewal notices.

2017 RENEWAL NOTICE SCHEDULE CUTOFF DATES	RENEWAL NOTICE DATES
MAY 16, 2016	JULY 1, 2016
SEPTEMBER 16, 2016	OCTOBER 7, 2016
OCTOBER 28, 2016	NOVEMBER 18, 2016
DECEMBER 16, 2016	JANUARY 6, 2017
FEBRUARY 16, 2017	FEBRUARY 26, 2017
APRIL 18, 2017	APRIL 27, 2017

Transmittals received after this date will not prevent delivery of a subsequent notice at or around the renewal notice date.

Note from Bud Brown

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

The web site is www.metalsofamerica.com, but we have computer challenged members who would like to see the paper edition.

I am happy to share.

pundit or pandit

noun:

1. A learned person.
2. A person who offers commentary or judgments as an expert on a certain topic.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Hindi pandit, from Sanskrit pandita (learned). Earliest documented use: 1661.

USAGE:

"According to a top psychologist, the brain starts working the moment you're born and never stops until you become a TV football pundit.

Service Officer Corner

Prayers answered:

1. He made just enough progress that the judge kept him in Veterans Court. He still has a chance to work off fines and penalties, clean up his record, and receive needed VA services.
2. The Sutter County judge let him out of jail. No bail. February he will have to travel to Missouri, and clean up his warrant. But today is good.

The difference between comedy and tragedy is simply where you end the story.
On Sunday, December 11, 2016, David Zelinsky <zelinsky.david@gmail.com> wrote:

Stress (1):

He had been doing well. Detox had put him into a great frame of mind. He believed he had the tools, and the Meds to lick it.
He started to look, feel and think like the combat Marine that he had been.

Excepting that:

He broke up with her. He could no longer deal with her meth, her living in her car. With her kids.
She instantly hooked up with another meth user.

Per his pattern, the stress of the breakup took its toll.

Pray for him.

Stress (2):

He was doing really well. The VA had put him into a really good program. There were other Veterans his age there. His application to the State of California Veterans Home was complete, and sent off.
Then the letter came. A warrant for his arrest. Out of state. Ten years ago. The law changed, and it wasn't even a felony anymore. Nevertheless.

The stress got to him. He put his fork down. A good eater who could not eat.

Somehow or other he ended up in Sutter County jail, waiting for extradition.

Mather's Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist could not help him. Yuba-Sutter Veterans Stand Down's Chaplain is supposed to go out there. Hopefully, to...

Pray for him.

David Zelinsky
Service Officer
American Legion Post 119

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there. -L.P. Hartley, writer (30 Dec 1895-1972)

American Legion Post Service Officer/Department Service Officer

Post Service Officer (PSO) is a volunteer position within an individual post. A PSO serves as a link between the veteran or dependent and a representative holding American Legion accreditation. An effective PSO understands benefits afforded to veterans and dependents; however, the PSO is not authorized to file any claims on behalf of the claimant.

American Legion Department Service Officer's (DSO's) are accredited by Veteran's Administration Inspector General. The American Legion Department Service Office assisted California's veterans in filing claims with the federal government which resulted in a minimum in payments of **\$987,000,000.00** in benefit awards to the California economy during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

The Department of California (DOC) is allocated 10 DSO's, 4 in Oakland for Northern California, 3 in Los Angeles (Fresno to LA) and 3 in San Diego for everyone from Oceanside to the Mexican border. Currently staffing is 2 in Oakland, 2 in LA and 3 in San Diego. Scott McKee, VSO LA feels he'll be able to fill the 1 opening in Oakland just after the first of the year (January 2017) and the LA opening shortly after that. There are also accredited American Legion Department Service Offices in Martinez, Palo Alto, Sacramento, Fresno, & San Diego. The American Legion Los Angeles County Council administers Accredited Service Officers at the West LA VA, Long Beach VA, and Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Facility.

The American Legion DSO's work with the approximately 120 cross accredited County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) to help meet our veteran's needs. It's very important to remember, if you use a CVSO ask to be represented by an American Legion DSO if you have to file an appeal on an existing claim. Veterans claims are adjudicated at a VA regional office (VARO); these offices are located throughout the nation. The American Legion has DSOs located at each VARO dedicated to effectively advocating for veterans and their family members. To provide greater assistance to veterans, it is incumbent upon the PSO to develop a strong working relationship with the DSO to ensure the highest quality service.

- ◆ Veteran Benefits
- ◆ Disability Benefits
 - ◆ Direct Service Connection
 - ◆ Secondary Service Connection
 - ◆ Aggravated Service Connection
 - ◆ Presumptive Service Connection
 - ◆ Condition Caused by VA Treatment
- ◆ Pension Benefits
- ◆ Surviving Spouse Benefits

If you have any questions pertaining to benefits, please contact your PSO, DSO or CVSO for information on how to proceed.

“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 -

January Birthday's

Eldean	Punteney	William	Lebeck	Kent	Dunn
Carl	Lotz	Frederick	Hall	Mike	Denton
Salvatore	Gigante	Armand	Levy	Ronald	Price
Gerald	Martin	Edward	Gordon	Richard	Villa
Edio	DelFino	Robert	Bigelow	Gary	LePire
Alex	Revaz	Daniel	Mathis	Eugene	Brunner
				James	Therault

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

The Post's Riders ended the year with a nice Christmas dinner served up by our own Leo, no body left hungry. Everyone had a great time with some Christmas music to dance by and awesome drinks served up by Annie and Lee. Our VP Joe came in his special neck tie (what a sport). We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to a new year with lots of safe rides.



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
Chaplain:	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802



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>



Message from Membership

We have three past Commanders that do not have their photographs on the Past Commanders wall. If you can help us find a photo please let the Post Adjutant know.

1. Robert Combellack 1949-1950
2. John Weidman 1960-61
3. Timothy Abby 1976-1977

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.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY New Year	2 40&8 Voiture 5:30pm	3 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	4 General Membership 6PM	5	6 *Happy Hour at the Post 119 Bar 5PM	7
8	9	10 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	11 Legion Riders 6PM	12	13 *Happy Hour at the Post 119 Bar 5PM	14
15	16	17 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	18 Taco Night Bar Mtg: 1700 E-Board: 1800 SOAL: 1800	19	20 *Happy Hour at the Post 119 Bar 5PM	21
22	23	24 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	25	26	27 *Happy Hour at the Post 119 Bar 5PM	28
29	30	31 Jr Shooters 6:00PM				

January 4: General Membership

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

January 11: Post 119 Riders

6:00 pm

January 18: Executive Board

Bar Tenders Meeting 5:00 pm

Executive Meeting at 6:00 pm

All Legion Members welcome.

Taco's for dinner

January 18: Sons Squadron 119

Meeting 6:00 pm

Happy Hour dinners by Leo

January 6 Brisket

January 13 Pull Pork

January 20 Ribs

January 27 Tri Tip

All meals served with Chiefs choice salad and desert.

All Meals are \$5.00

American Legion Auxiliary:

Janie Bandera	President	(530) 677-4423
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
Sgt at Arms:	Jim Maxey	(530) 622-1961
Membership:	Janie Bandera	(530) 677-4423
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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Mike Schiavone	Finance Officer	(530) 409-2710
Milt Bandera	Sgt At Arms	(530) 677-4423
Edgar "Bud" Brown	Past Commander	(530) 677-4135
Robert Flowers	Chaplain	(530) 417-5802
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Bill Bryant	Asst. Building Manager	(530) 409-8414
David Zelinsky	Veterans Service	(530) 919-8488
Open Position	Membership	(530) 626-3956
Mike Raffety	Historian	(530) 626-8020

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tim Smith	(530) 622-0990
Danny Mainwaring	(530) 622-0486
John Shetler	(530) 672-6805
Jim Campini	(530) 622-0751
Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794
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All Meetings At:

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POST DUES : \$45.00