

El Dorado American Legion Family
El Dorado Post 119
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY
January 2018

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American Legion Auxiliary

Hi Everyone,

December's dinner was outstanding. I would like to thank the cook crew for a great year of dinners. They never fail in providing a good meal.

Thank you to all who donated to our raffle throughout the year. Our December raffle was a success.

I like to inform you again that District 7 is holding a meeting at our hall on March 3. The Auxiliary will be providing lunch on that day. If you wish to help out please call myself or my 1st Vice, Rebecca Marty at 530-677-4423. We could always use your help.

As I told you in the last newsletter the next American Legion Auxiliary's convention will be held in Sacramento. District 6 will be hosting it but as is customary they are asking for help from the Districts that are in the area. District 6 will meet the last Wednesday of each month. The meetings will be at Post 521 in Rio Lina at 6pm. If you would like to help out please attend and check what you could help with.

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

Cake List for January: Rebecca Marty, RoseMary Lewis, Karen Dale, Betty Butcher, Joyce Reynolds, Janie Bandera

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



When we drink, we get drunk.
When we get drunk, we fall asleep.
When we fall asleep, we commit no sin.
When we commit no sin, we go to heaven.
So, let's all get drunk, and go to heaven!

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.” – Abraham Lincoln

Membership

When you receive your American Legion renewal statement from National, please pay it through Post 119. By doing so, 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 have paid and receive an additional notice from National, check with the post first. The 1st Vice has information on when your membership expires. You can also check your ID card for the year paid.

Below is a breakdown of the \$45 dues that you pay:

\$18.50 — to National
\$15.00 — to CA Headquarters
\$11.50 — to Post 119

To those who have not paid for year 2018, the Post will give you a grace period of one month which will end of January 31, 2018. After that the membership will be dropped.

There has been a change at the National(?) level with regard to the timing of your dues payments.

1. There is no rolling year membership. (I was advised of this recently.)
2. Annual dues membership for 2018 is from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, which corresponds with the American Legion fiscal year for 2018 dues.
3. Annual memberships for 2018 are given a payment grace period of six months. Stated another way, payment for year 2018 is due on July 1, 2017 and the “grace period” ends on December 31, 2017.
4. If your 2018 dues payment is not received by December 31, 2017 you are subject to being dropped.
5. After a membership has been dropped and you rejoin, you can pay the past year’s membership to keep your consecutive years as a member in good standing, otherwise you lose those years and start back at year one.

This not a new rule. It has always been the rule, but some posts have relaxed the rule to keep membership at a false high.



MILT'S SIDE JOB

The posts Sargent at Arms, Milt Bandera, was awarded an honorary membership in the Shriners Legion of Honor. He helps them out with their ceremony for Veterans Day and carries the POW flag for them every year. You might notice a familiar person awarding

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

Another slow day

It was supposed to be another slow day.

Set up payment for recently incarcerated Veteran for Audiology. Also referred him to VA counseling at Sacramento Probation request.

Met very upset, recently incarcerated Veteran, who wants to pound on the sheriff's department. Talked to department. Arrest will go through administrative review. Talked to his landlord at request of County Supervisor.

Phoned Placerville P.D. to assist County Veterans Department with homeless Veteran. He needs conservatorship. The law is in the way. At least the officer was grateful to the Legion for his baseball team.

Attended court with Veteran who missed jury duty while in rehab. All is ok.

Went to jail with County Veteran Service Representative. Got paper work signed for benefits and health care. Will work on helping his homeless significant other with Marine Corps League, MFSG, and Pioneer Bible Church.

Discussed permanent Stand Down budget with Pastor Christine.

Picked up PG&E bill from elderly Guardsman. Paid it.

Signed homeless certificate at County Dept. of V.A. Informed them that another homeless Veteran is having surgery at Travis. We bought them the gas they needed yesterday.

Visited local store where a Veteran had gone on a drunken rampage. They know him, care for him, but this was not ok. Advised them to contact his Probation Officer. Veteran has not been seen for 48 hours.

Saw homeless Veteran on street. Reviewed steps for getting housed with him.

More in the pipeline for tomorrow.

David Zelinsky
Service Officer
American Legion Post 119
530-919-8488

"In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship and never in need."

Count your blessings instead of your crosses.
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes.
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears.
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full times instead of your lean.
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth.
Love your neighbor as much as yourself.

"Follow your passions, believe in karma, and you won't have to chase your dreams; they will come to you." — **Randy Pausch**





Dear American Legion,

I organized the Wreath Across America's placement of Christmas wreaths on the graves of five veterans at the Uppertown Cemetery here in Placerville. We have 20 extra wreaths, and are offering them to anyone who will place them on the grave of a military veteran. Attached is an example, showing one of the graves at Uppertown Cemetery. If anyone wants a wreath to put on the grave of a veteran, they can email me or call me (415.685.1367 I am in Placerville).

Very respectfully yours,
Eric L. Nelson, GySgt USMC (Hon. Disch.)

“One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things.” –John Burroughs

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.” — Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Want to know more about benefits from other federal agencies?

Dear VA Beneficiary,

As we approach Thanksgiving, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your service, and to share with you something we’ve been working on. **Your service to our country makes you eligible for many VA and other federal benefits.** To help you find them, we created a few charts to show you which benefits you may be able to claim based on your eligibility situation.

Have a service connected disability rating from 0-100%? Use the [Service Connected Matrix](#) to find VA benefits that you may be eligible to receive. Search options are also available for Veterans who are [non-service-connected](#), and/or have a [special circumstance](#).

As for other federal benefits for you and your dependents, we created the [Benefits from Other Federal Agencies](#) chart. This chart links to other benefit information in one convenient place! Whether you’re looking to expedite a Social Security disability claim, contracting information from the Small Business Administration, or a Department of Energy training program, we believe there’s something for everyone.

Sincerely,
Veterans Benefits Administration

Note from Building Managers:

Who ever borrowed the 4 plywood 8' tables out of the container please bring them back. We need them for the Crab Feed set up.

“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language And next year’s words await another voice.” -T.S. Eliot



American Legion Post 119

CRAB FEED

Saturday
Feb. 17, 2018

Cocktails
5pm
Dinner
6pm
Raffle
Prizes
& more

Only \$40 per person
Advanced Purchase Only

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



*Happy New Year
From the Riders of Post
119 — Rich*

Winners are not people
who never fail, But people
who never quit.

American Legion El Dorado Family Leadership Team 2017-2018

Post 119 American Legion

Commander	Sam Bradley	(530) 306-1070
1st Vice	Joseph Rendon	(530) 672-1161
2nd Vice	Roger Reynolds	(530) 350-7740
Adjutant	Mike Muetz	(530) 626-3956
Finance	Mike Schiavone	(530) 409-2710
Sgt At Arms	Milt Bandera	(530) 677-4423
Past Commander	Edgar "Bud" Brown	(530) 677-4135
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	Chuck Impey	(530) 672-1338
	Danny Mainwaring	(530) 622-0486
	John Shetler	(530) 672-6805
	Tim Smith	(530) 622-0990

Unit 119 American Legion Auxiliary

President	Janie Bandera	(530) 677-4423
1 st Vice	Rebecca Marty	(530) 677-4423
2 nd Vice	Carol McLaughlin	(530)
Secretary	Suzy Bergin	(530) 644-7806
Treasurer	Karen Dale	(530)
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Sgt At Arms	Joy Krahn	(530) 677-6356
Marshall	Joyce Reynolds	(530) 621-3953
Exe Committee	Judy Muetz	(530) 622-9133

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Adjutant	David Zelinsky	(530) 919-8488
Treasurer	Rich Meagher	(530) 957-1069
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Chaplain	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802

Chapter 119 American Legion Riders

President	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794
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Run Coordin	Sam Fergason	(530) 409-7489
Safety Officer	Curt Tate	(530) 677-8033
Web Master:	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794

January Birthdays

Jeffrey	Barnette	Llary	Johnson
Merlo	Bencken- dorf	Roy	Kilday
Robert	Bigelow	William	Lebeck
Stanley	Bird	Gary	LePire
Eugene	Brunner	Armand	Levy
Manuel	Cerqueira	Daniel	Mathis
Steven	Cutright	Mark	Munoz
Mike	Denton	Harold	Petrie
Kent	Dunn	Ronald	Price
Alfred	Egger	Alex	Revaz
Jane	Fergason	Dean	Sands
James	Francisco	Richard	Schelling
Salvatore	Gigante	James	Therault
Christopher	Globis	David	Tullos
Edward	Gordon	Donald	Weick
Frederick	Hall	Karl	Weiland
Joseph	Henderson	Cristina	Yaldua
John	Henrich	James	Young



**“May you get all your wishes but one, so
that you always have something to strive
for!”**

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Post 119 & Aux Dinner: 6:00Pm Meetings: 8pm	4	5 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	6
7	8 40&8 Voiture 5:30pm	9	10 SAL: 5:30 Riders: 6:30	11	12 No Happy Hour	13
14	15	16	17 Bartenders: 5pm E-Board: 6pm	18	19 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	27
28	29	30	31			

Calendar of Meetings

January 3: Social 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:45 pm

January 10:
Sons 5:45 pm
Riders 6:30 pm

January 20:
Bar Meeting 5:00 pm
Exe Meeting 6:00 pm

All Legion Members welcome.

“Always remember to forget
The troubles that pass away.
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.”

“This jubilant New Year marks a fresh new
start of brighter and more exciting journeys. I
wish you will have the most enjoyable ride ev-
er! Happy New Year to you and your family!
Happy New Year 2018!”

“The proper behavior all through the holiday sea-
son is to be drunk. The drunkenness culminates
on New Year’s Eve, when you get so drunk you
kiss the person you’re married to.” — **P.J.
O’Rourke**

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



“New Year is not about changing the dates but direc-
tion; it’s not about changing the calendar but commit-
ment; it’s not about changing the actions but attitude.
May each and every day of yours is renewed with lots
of happiness and love.”

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“Youth is when you’re allowed to stay up late on New Year’s Eve. Middle age is when you’re forced to.” —
Bill Vaughn

Membership Dues New and Renewing Members

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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

