



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



*American Legion Auxiliary*

Thanks to the kitchen staff, we had a very good barbeque chicken dinner.

At the May meeting the membership elected officers for the new year. Officers elected are Janie Bandera, President, Rebecca Marty 1<sup>st</sup> Vice. Carol McLaughlin 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Suzy Bergin, Secretary, Karen Dale Treasurer and Judy Muetz Executive Committee woman.

The Auxiliary will conduct a bake sale at the Riders poker run on July 8. We welcome and need baker contributions. If you are bringing something for the bake sale please contact me at 530 677-4423 or 916 524-5300.

If you are interested in being a chairman for any of our programs please come to the meeting and let me know. We could use your help.

Thank you to everyone who helped us assemble our poppy letters.

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 June:** Jackie Schmidt, Janie Bandera, Sue Coffey, Pat Nerwinski, Joy Krahn, Suzy Bergin, Carol Muller

**Cake List for July:** Rebecca Marty, Rose Mary Lewis, Karen Dale, Betty Butcher, Joyce Reynolds

*American Legion Auxiliary:*

Janie Bandera	President	(530) 677-4423
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Judy Muetz	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	(530) 622-9133
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*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

**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.

# El Dorado Rose Pageant

For more than 30 years, El Dorado County has received not only local, but state and national recognition for the unusual and unique contest for mature women, the El Dorado Rose pageant. The woman chosen to be the Rose has the honor to represent the county at a variety of affairs during her year as Rose. The deadline to submit an application is May 1 and the pageant takes place during the El Dorado County Fair.

Clubs, groups, businesses or individuals are invited to sponsor a candidate to participate in each year's festivities and to honor her for contributions to the community.

Qualifications to be nominated for the 2017 El Dorado Rose are: at least 60 years of age, lived in El Dorado County for at least 10 years and contributed non-career volunteer service to the community.

Each candidate is judged on community service, presentation, personality and her knowledge of local history. Candidates may also receive awards for the best reproduction and most authentic costumes. It is the Rose philosophy that true beauty comes from within.

There is a permanent trophy given to the winning candidate, as well as a large trophy to the sponsor, to be kept and displayed for one year. El Dorado Rose Pageant at El Dorado Fairgrounds during the fair each year.

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The El Dorado Rose and her court serve as ambassadors for El Dorado County and attend and participate in many fun and exciting events.

It is a tradition for the sponsoring group to have a reception for its candidate to introduce her to the community.

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Carol McLaughlin at the Rose Ball

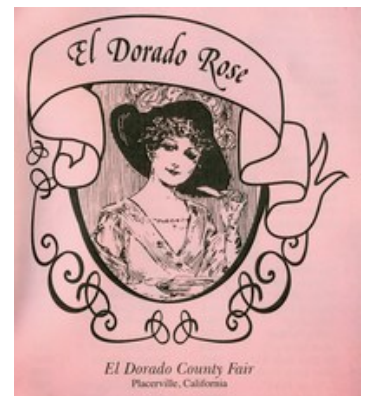
This year our Auxiliary is sponsoring one of their own Carol McLaughlin. Carol will be competing with Roberta Baker who is being sponsored by Hangtown Guild. On May 20th the Rose Pageant put on a fabulous Ball at our Post to present this year's Lady's in the running for the Rose. Many of the Lady's and Gentlemen dressed in period wear with lots of lace for the Lady's and top hats for the Men. The guests were treated with a dance number "Maxixe" by Al & Teddy Wolterbeck. There was also an opening waltz led by the 2016 El Dorado Rose Mary Meader and her escort. The Ball also had music by the Harp's and a wonderful dinner catered by Diane Wilkinson. Be sure to go to the this year's fair on Thursday evening to watch the announcement of the this year's Rose. I have heard it is a fun and entertaining event.



Judy & Mike at the Rose Ball



Summer is not obligatory. We can start an infernally hard jigsaw puzzle in June with the knowledge that, if there are enough rainy days, we may just finish it by Labor Day, but if not, there's no harm, no penalty. We may have better things to do. Nancy Gibbs



# Membership

Membership is our sustaining interest or the back-bone here at Post 119. I have been sending out mailings to 2015 and 2016 members who have not renewed their membership. Along with the mailings I have attached a "Member Data Review" sheet for our members to fill in the missing information that is vital to our post database. There will also be enclosed a "Self-Addressed Return Envelope" for convenience. Please complete and return the member data review sheets.

## Membership Dues New and Renewing Members

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 2017 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

## Benefits of Online Membership Renewal

Online Membership Renewal provides a number of important benefits to both the member who renews online and the post. Many Legionnaires are not aware they can pay their dues online and online bill payment is becoming more and more common.

### Automatic Online Renewal

Many consider **Automatic Online Membership Renewal** to be a "Best Practice" in the dues payment process. This is simply an online payment that is automatically processed each year during the month of July after the new Legion year begins. It eliminates the need to send dues renewal notices to members and eliminates the need for members to remember to pay their annual dues, the payment takes place automatically. We encourage local posts to make all their members aware of the benefits of Online Membership Renewal and believe it would be a good topic for your post newsletter, web site and other communications with your post members.

### Member Benefits

- Dues payment can be made online any time of the day using a bank debit card or credit card.
  - Online dues payments are recorded immediately. No more notices from the national office asking members to pay the dues they have already paid.
  - Members no longer need to wait for their local post to process their dues payment. Once the local post is notified by national office a member's dues have been paid, a membership card for the current year can be sent to the member.
- Online Membership Renewal gives members the option to automatically pay their annual dues using their bank debit card or credit card.**

Below is a link to a video explaining how the on-line renewals are accomplished.

<http://www.members.legion.org/legion/OnlineRenewals/Members/index.html>. This slideshow was created in 2012, all relevant information is current.

Online Membership Renewal takes about 30 days for the national office to send the local post their portion of the member's dues. Most believe this is acceptable, in light of all the benefits Online Membership Renewal provides both the member and the post.

## THOUGHT FOR June

**"How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon? Dr. Seuss**

# Last Roll Call

Recently we have lost several members from our post, and sadly I have transferred their names to  
**“Post Everlasting.”**

*Robert E. Applebee    Leon Meacham    Mervin R. Rupley*

## June Birthday's

John Brideson	Lowell Decker	Steve Mc Crumb	Warren Rodgers	Charles Sweet
Aldo Brunello	Robert Gatlin	James McNatt	Tony Ruiz	Donald Weiskopf
William Byer	Earle Gutman	Gary Novak	William Schultz	Glen Wiles
Robert Charlton	Charles Impey	Keith Pierce	Larry Schultz	Herman Wilmoth
Brian Creel	Dale Johnson	Stephen Reem	James Silveira	Stell Young
Mario Damico	Carl Lemier	Gilbert Rezentes	Jon Svlich	

## Post Officers Elections & Results

April and May is when we hold our elections for the coming year. Many folks have stepped up again to help run our Post. We do have non-elected positions that YOU could help with. Feeling a need to help just let one of the officers know what you would like to do. In the June meetings all of the officers will be installed for the coming year.

### Elected Post Officers

Commander	Sam Bradley
1st Vice Commander	Joseph Rendon
2nd Vice Commander	Roger Reynolds
Adjutant	Mike Muetz
Finance Officer	Mike Schiavone
Sgt At Arms	Milt Bandera



### Elected Auxiliary Officers

President	Janie Bandera
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Rebecca Marty
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Carol McLaughlin
Secretary	Suzy Bergin,
Treasurer	Karen Dale
Executive Committee	Judy Muetz

### Elected Sons of the American Legion Officers

Commander	Robert Flowers
Finance	Richard Meager
Adjutant	David Zelinsky
Sgt at Arms	Mike Ross



### American Legion Riders Chapter 119 Officers

President:	Rich Bergin
Vice President:	Joe Rendon
Secretary:	Mike Muetz
Treasurer:	Jane Ferguson
Sgt at Arms:	Jim Maxey

There are moments, above all on June evenings, when the lakes that hold our moons are sucked into the earth, and nothing is left but wine and the touch of a hand.

Charles Morgan

" When one is open minded, and does not take for granted the spoken and unspoken 'self - evident truths', and when one does not force by willpower oneself to see, hear, think and feel only things which are 'appropriate' - then one can surf the crazy currents of information in an aware and efficient way. Then one realizes that there is no useless knowledge and no impossible things."

# Service Officer Corner

Another slow day.

It looked like a slow day.

Went to 8 am arraignment. No Veterans. Weird. 8% of our inmates are Veterans. 60 plus folks being arraigned. By rights, should be five Veterans. But zip.

Go to jail. Is A here? Nope, not in custody. B? Nope, not in custody. C? Yes, but he has a visitor. D? Yes, you can visit him.

Gave D some advice on a VA housing program that might help, and some limits that landlords face in accessing background information on him. Agreed to contact his wife, and give her info.

C was now available. Found out he needs bus passes. Homeless. Passed my card to him, with several other referrals written on it.

After lunch, went to meeting at Veterans Memorial Building. Before it gets started, met with long time client, a homeless Veteran, who does not want to spend winter outdoors again. He already turned down the State Veterans Home in Redding, a couple years ago, but maybe this time...

A lady wants to know if some Veterans have been invited to a shindig. Yes, they have, and I gave the names to TAG.

The meeting was cancelled. Only we met for two hours anyway. Setting up a full time Stand Down. Progress is being made.

Oh yes, VFW 10165 is on track for getting a wheelchair and bedside commode to a Veteran.

"Can someone connect me to the Food Trucks for a fundraiser?" Found it.

A sheriff's deputy calls. Isolated alcoholic Veteran. Can I help?

Offered five times to take him to detox. But now, not later, in the dark, down dirt roads that I don't know. "Thanks, but no thanks. I'll tough it out." Medically his choice was very dangerous. But I could not force him to go with me.

There was probably other stuff.

Good night.

David Zelinsky  
Service Officer  
American Legion Post 119  
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"The things that will destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first and love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

— [Theodore Roosevelt](#)

# American Legion Riders Corner



Our own Milt Bandera was the only POW at the convention. He was given a special token from the California President Mick Sobczak. A Viennese lady, Cameron Truong McClure, gave a moving talk about her experience leaving her country when she was 7 years old. You can listen on UTUBE here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43wFZa1WA-I&feature=youtu.be>

It was asked if the Chapter was dis-banded today would anyone in the community know? I think the answer is no. It is our intention to try and change that to a yes. We have been in contact with Only Kindness and Military Family Support Group. These two groups are going to advertise to their lists and possibly come and help at the event, still working on this. For our yearly fund raiser we will be having your normal poker run, BBQ, Music and Raffle. However, we are going to add a poker walk for those who do not ride. We will also be selling a very delicious BBQ lunch for those who would just like to come and support the local Veterans. We are expecting to have an awesome raffle this year with many prizes from local merchants. If you know of any business owners or are just going out to ask for a donation we can always use more. Only Kindness and Military Family Support Group will be the recipients of this years raffle proceeds.



If you are looking for someone to sew patches onto your leather vest give Jeanettes a call. They are very reasonable and reliable. Most prices for patches are \$3 and \$5 a patch.

**JEANETTES SEWING and Design**  
**530-363-6957**

" If you find yourself fortunate enough to be traveling down the right path in life, don't forget to take time to remember those that cut the path for you to follow."

" Results limit your success, a positive attitude doesn't. It's your positive attitude that pulls you through your negative phase. Fate may seal, positive attitude will teach you to deal with the seal."

# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <b>Happy Hour</b> 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	3
4	5 40&8 Voiture 5:30pm	6 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	7 <b>Social 6pm</b> Dinner 7pm Installations 8pm	8	9 <b>Happy Hour</b> 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	10
11	12	13 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	14 <b>Taco Night 5pm</b> <b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:30PM</b>	15 Beer Tree at the fair: 12am	16 Beer Tree at the fair: 12am <b>NO HAPPY HOUR</b>	17 Beer Tree at the fair: 12am
18 Beer Tree at the fair: 12am	19	20 Jr Shooters 6:00PM	21 <b>Taco Night</b> Bar Mtg: 5pm E-Board: 6pm SOAL: 6pm	22	23 <b>Happy Hour</b> 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <b>Happy Hour</b> 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	

## Calendar of Meetings

**June 07:** Social 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm,  
**June 14:** **Post 119 Riders** 6:30 pm  
**June 21:** **Executive Board**  
**Sons Squadron 119** 6:00 pm  
 Bar Tenders Meeting 5:00 pm  
 Executive Meeting at 6:00 pm  
 All Legion Members welcome.  
 Taco's for dinner

## Happy Hour dinners by Leo

**June 02** Brisket  
**June 09** Pull Pork  
**June 23** Ribs  
**June 30** Tri Tip  
 All meals served with Chef's choice salad and dessert. All Meals are \$5.00

## Sons of the American Legion

### 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>

### Post 119 Riders

President:	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794
Vice President:	Joe Rendon	(530) 672-1161
Secretary:	Open	(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's at American Legion Post 119, 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville, CA 95667

\* Happy hour subject to prior rental.

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**2016—2017**

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Roger Reynolds	2nd Vice Commander	(530) 350-7740
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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
James Campini	Judge Advocate	(530) 622-0751
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Mike Muetz	Building Manager	(530) 919-7866
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