

# El Dorado American Legion Family

El Dorado Post 119

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

June 2020

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## Commander Corner

Well it's that time of the month when we come together by communicating. However, It seems that so far it's been a one way street. Not a solitary soul has contacted myself or the Adjutant with any type of feed back at all. It's difficult for me to believe that with the wealth of knowledge and post back ground out there that someone can't or just won't provide some constructive criticism that might assist your post. Am I disappointed you bet, It's difficult for me to accept the sheer lack of willingness on memberships part to step up and help in any way to improve the overall post activities or general Post environment. Our post overall culture won't change by it's self it will take a conscious effort on our part to effect that change. Your post officers need your help please find the willingness to contribute in any way you can. Stay safe and healthy.

## Adjutant Corner

To my fellow Legionnaires,

Here we are again at the beginning of another month of "Stay-At-Home" orders, and safety in "Social-Distancing" here in El Dorado County. I do believe that those orders are being lifted soon so we can get back to a somewhat normal life with fewer restrictions.

As of May 12, 2020 Eldorado County is one of two counties to move fully into Stage 2 of re-opening to start Dining-in Services at Restaurants. In-retail stores can re-open as soon as they have a safety plan reflecting the state guidelines in place.

As far as the Legion goes we are not hosting events or gatherings, as the DOC dictates. On April 25 the DEC convened and an emergency meeting was held via video conferencing approving three actions about the conventions for this year 2020, 2021 to 2023. If interested you can read it on the "Calegion.org" website.

As far as Post 119 goes we are not holding any dinners or meetings of any kind until further notice or until the governor opens up Phase 4 for the California Department Public Health Plan.

## American Legion (AL) Fair Beer Tree

FYI,

I was advised that the ED County Fair is postponed tentatively until the first part of July, therefore the post officers would like to know if any or all of the volunteers that worked the Beer Tree last year (2019) would be interested to volunteer for this year (2020) Beer Tree to work the same shifts as you did last year. We do have the schedule from last year's Beer Tree. If you are interested please contact the Post Commander or the Adjutant from the list of numbers to have your name and contact info added to the Beer Tree List for this year.

We are not saying that the County Fair will happen but we do want to be manned and ready in case the ED County Fair is allowed and approved to have the Event with all safety guidelines set down by the state.

## Post Meeting for June 2020

On the first Wednesday of the month, June 3rd at 5pm (1700 hours). **No dinner will be available.** The purpose of Junes meeting is to confirm Post officers and conduct some needed business. It is expected that the meeting will be held inline with current recommendations by the state and county to keep all who attend safe.

"I am not certain if I can; At least I'll gladly try." For the red, the white and the blue.  
Said **Betsy Ross** to Washington, "Your country's flag behold!"

<p>Post 119 Officers  Commander, Al Stone 916/690-2835  Adjutant, Joe Rendon 530/672-1161  1st Vice - OPEN  2nd Vice -James Leadbetter 916/ 254-7529  Finance - OPEN  Sgt. At Arms, Milt Bandera 530/677-4423  Chaplain, Edgar “Bud” Brown 530/677-4135  Judge Advocate — OPEN  Veterans Services, David Zelinsky 530/919-8488  Membership, Joe Rendon 530-672-1161  Historian, Mike Raffety 530/626-8020  Bar Manager, John Muir 530/409-5689  Building Manager, James Leadbetter 916/ 254-7529</p>	<p>Chapter 119 American Legion Riders  President, Joe Rendon 530-672-1161  Vice President, Carlos Navarette 916/204-6038  Secretary, Gary Coverdale 707/339-2362  Treasurer, Jane Fergason 530/409-7487  Sgt. At Arms, Mike Ross 916/747-7637  Membership, Critter Springer-Maxey 530/622-1961  Chaplain, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802  Run Coordinator, Sam Fergason 530/409-7489  Safety Officer - OPEN  Historian — OPEN  Legion Riders meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>40 &amp; 8  Chef de Gare, John Krahn 530/677-6356  Commissaire Intendant, Al Rawlin 530/903-6768  Correspondent, Bud Brown 530/677-4135  Conducteur, Bob Russell 530/676-5533  Garde de LaPorte, Leo Cooper 530/306-3969  Chef de Train, Milt Bandera 530/677-4423  Lampiste - Open  40 &amp; 8 meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Executive Committee  (1) Jim Ayers 916/739-9421  (2) Bud Brown 530/677-4135  (3) Sam Bradley 530/626-3956  (4) John Krahn 530/677-6356  (5) Bob Russell 530/626-5533  (6) OPEN</p>	<p>Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion  Commander, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802  1st Vice, Bill Bryant 530/409-8414  Adjutant, Bill Bryant  Treasurer, Bill Bryant  Membership, Bill Bryant  Sgt. At Arms, Mike Ross 916/747-7637  Historian — OPEN  Chaplain, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802  Squadron meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Unit 119 American Legion Auxiliary  President, Janie Bandera 530/677-4423  1st Vice, Rebecca Marty 530/677-4423  2nd Vice, Carol McLaughlin 530/642-2153  Secretary, Carol Mueller 530/622-0674  Treasurer, Judy Muetz 530/622-9133  Chaplain, Dolores Wadsworth 530/677-1255  Sgt. At Arms, Joy Krahn 530/677-6356  Marshall, Joyce Reynolds 530/350-7740  Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>American Legion Post 119 meets the first Wednesday of each month.  Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.  Dinner: 7:00 p.m.  Meetings: 8:00 p.m</p>	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.legionpost119.org/">http://www.legionpost119.org/</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:eldoradopost119@att.net">eldoradopost119@att.net</a>  Telephone: 530/626-3956  Newsletter Editor: Dick Bergin  Email: <a href="mailto:rjb@rjb1.com">rjb@rjb1.com</a>  Tel: 530/409-8794</p>	<p>When Freedom from her mountain height  Unfurled her standard to the air,  She tore the azure robe of night,  And set the stars of glory there.  ~Joseph Rodman Drake, <i>The American Flag</i></p>

## American Legion Auxiliary

Hi All,

I would like to make a plea for volunteers for our programs. Auxiliary has quite a few programs that need chairman to develop the programs.

All conventions are cancelled. Not much happening with the Auxiliary.

El Dorado County fair was rescheduled for July 9 – 12. Not sure who is handling sign-ups for the Beer Tree. Maybe if someone knows please let us know.

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Hopefully we can have a meeting in June.

Thank you!  
Janie Bandera, President  
(530) 677-4423

### American Legion Riders (ALR) Corner

The ALR President Ray Ruiz has tentatively announced that we may have the ALR Convention in Hollywood around October, but remember that is tentative. As president of our Chapter 119, I cannot remind you enough that we do need to ride but also need to be in compliance with the state safety guidelines. So with that said be safe and stay your distance in small groups like 4 or 7 people or bikes. Just to update you on the chapter’s reports, the only report still pending is the Chapter Bylaws that has not been completed and turned in.

## Service Officer Corner

During this Covid 19 time, I have changed what I am doing.  
I am staying busy on the phone, texts and emails. I have eliminated face to face trips, contacts, meetings, etc.  
Historically, I was willing to take chances for my safety. This time is different.  
If I bring this virus home to my wife...  
Let's just say she is part of the vulnerable population.  
So, at the moment my thought is to continue to serve, remotely, until my wife and I get vaccinated, presumably a year from now.  
If someone else wants to get down and dirty, and take over the job, I will do what I can to train them.  
Until then, you will have a Service Officer who is limiting his exposure for the duration.  
With regrets, but also seeing the blessings in disguise,  
David Zelinsky  
530-919-8488

I am hoping that someone will take the bull by the horns, and fill this out for the Legion. It is "only" \$3500, although there could be a second grant cycle if the county tourist trade picks up again.  
My thought is that we are hurting. No fund raisers. No rentals. No donations.  
We serve the community, Veterans, but also Boys State, law enforcement, gun safety, etc.  
If \$3500 can help keep us afloat, then we should go for it.  
Let me know if someone is going to step up to the plate.  
Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

To: El Dorado County nonprofits  
On behalf of the County of El Dorado Veterans' Affairs Commission, El Dorado Community Foundation is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for nonprofits that support El Dorado County Veterans. Grant applications of up to \$3,500 will be accepted through May 31, 2020.  
Funding may be requested for a broad range of services that span the spectrum of veteran needs. Please click here to apply. Grant recipients will be notified and receive funding in August 2020.  
If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or call the Foundation at (530) 622-5621.  
Sincerely,  
Kathy Haven

## Happy Mother's Day

Ever the dutiful son, I had a nice long chat with my mom, trying to amuse her and annoy her, as only her eldest can do. I did ask her to go down Memory Lane, and a chestnut showed up, that I had no idea existed.  
My father's father was an invalid, and died when I was about 6. I knew him as someone always in bed. It was strange when one day I came to visit, and the bed was empty.  
Today, I learned more about him.  
My mom and I were naturally talking about Covid 19, and were looking forward to a vaccine.  
"I am not going to take the first round when it shows up. I want it to be about out there for awhile. That's how your grandfather got Parkinson's you know."  
I did not know.  
Turns out he was in the Army.  
I did not know that.  
During World War I.  
I did not know that.  
During the Spanish flu epidemic.  
I did not know that.  
They injected experimental vaccines into members of the Army.  
I did not know that.  
That is how he became an invalid.  
I did not know that.  
The Army knew they harmed him, and gave him a service connected disability pension for life.  
I did not know that.  
If you still have a mom on this planet, you might give her a call.  
You might learn something.  
David Zelinsky

## Flag Day

*People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.*

### Is Flag Day a Public Holiday?

Flag Day is not a public holiday. It falls on Sunday, June 14, 2020 and most businesses follow regular Sunday opening hours in the United States.

### What Do People Do?

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event and keeping the flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor America. During this period, people hold public gatherings and activities to celebrate and honor the nation.

### Public Life

Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a public holiday in many parts of the United States. It is a legal holiday in a few areas in the USA, such as Montour County in Pennsylvania.

### Background

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to: call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

### Symbols

The American flag, also nicknamed as "Old Glory" or "star-spangled banner", has changed designs over the centuries. It consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars. Each of the 50 stars represents one of the 50 states in the United States and the 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies that became the first states in the Union.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/flag-day>

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." — Elmer Davis  
"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." — John F. Kennedy  
"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it." — Mark Twain

## Membership Corner

Congratulations, we are at 106% in our membership for our district. Our goal was to get 547 paying memberships and we are at 584 paid members. Sadly to say that we still have 72 members that cannot seem to bring themselves to stay a sustaining member and keep their membership current.

Even though this COVID-19 has us locked in place somewhat we can call our friends and/or neighbors who you know are members of our local American Legion and do a “Buddy Check” or a “Welfare Check” or just to see how they are faring during this time.

### Post 119 Transferees to Post Ever-lasting Report

Saddened to say we have transferred three faithful members in April:

**Mr. William Bergmeister**

**Mr. George Hooper**

**Mr. Louis Krushar**

### JUNE Birthdays

Charles Impey	Larry Metsker
Richard Salas	James Silveria
Leo Cooper	Charles Sweet
Douglas Stevenson	Richard Akin
John Carnahan	Stephen Reem
William Byer	David Foster
Melvin Kelley	Herman Wilmoth
Aldo Brunrillo	Dennis Skinner
Anthony Ruiz	Harold Parker
Steve McCrumb	Daniel Jones
Stell Young	Howard Rosen
Dawn Nolan	Warren Rodgers
Loren Arnold	Gary Novak
Carl Lemier	William Comstock
William Wilson	Elmer Hamlett
Earle Gutman	Keith Pierce
Kenneth Harrison	Carl Funk
Gilbert Gutenberger	Brian Creel
Merle Buchanan	Aaron Paxton
Glen Wiles	Larry Schultz

### Transferred in & New Members List From Date 03/29/2020 through 05/01/2020

Brett Perkins	Theodore Epperson
Bernell ZBowse	James Palsrok
Tommy McCann	Sheryl Palsrok
Howard Lampson	James Turner
Paul Williams	Bill Claypool
Thomas Burns	Michael Davis
Kevin Nicholson	

"We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth, peace, security, liberty, our family, our friends, our home... But when we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it is the result of duty done." — Calvin Coolidge

### **New York Family treats first responders to free meals By Robert Stronach, Department of New York**

American Legion Department of New York Commander Michael McDermott and the Cortland County Legion Family turned out to provide spaghetti and meatball dinners to first responders from throughout the county on May 5.

“It was fantastic,” McDermott said. “We served 235 dinners and had lots of help. We really worked as a team.”

The Legion Family arranged for fire, police and ambulance services from the county, including state troopers, to safely pick up the dinners. After they drove up, Legion Family members wearing masks would load their vehicles and then the first responders departed, McDermott explained.

In addition, Legion Family members delivered 15 dinners to the Emergency Department staff at Guthrie Cortland Medical Center in Cortland.

McDermott said the Legion wanted to show appreciation for the people on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic, especially since many are military veterans.

The response exceeded his expectations. “I can’t believe how big this has gotten,” he said.

"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."— Adlai Stevenson



From a story on The American Legion Web Site <https://www.legion.org/>

### **California**

- ◆ American Legion Post 9 organized a drive-by birthday celebration for Teresa Conley's 100th birthday that included firefighters, police and veterans on motorcycles. Conley was a World War II Navy veteran.
- ◆ In Palmdale, American Legion Post 348 and Auxiliary Unit 348 have partnered with the city and SAVES (South Antelope Valley Emergency Services) to coordinate a vehicle parade on Armed Forces Day for food delivery to veterans in need. "We will be delivering boxes of food to low income, disabled, needy veterans in Palmdale," Auxiliary Unit 348 President Linda Hayes told the Antelope Valley Press. "SAVES will provide the boxes of food and the addresses for us to deliver the food as we parade through Palmdale. We want to thank first responders and essential workers. We want to help our veterans who need our help. We need to be doing it in a manner that uplifts others who feel down and out, as well as uplifting ourselves in spirit and pride."

### **Arizona**

- ◆ In Tucson, McCulloch-Wagner American Legion Post 109's Legion Family served free meals to the community "to share with our community partners that we are in this together and we are here for them," Post 109 member

### **Illinois**

- ◆ Longtime Mount Prospect American Legion Post 525 Legionnaire Nick Nicholas passed away recently at age 92. His fellow post members provided a socially distanced wake ceremony at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights, wearing their uniforms, offering prayers, playing taps and presenting a U.S. flag to Nicholas' wife.

### **Wisconsin**

- ◆ In Milwaukee, members of American Legion Post 479 provided a socially-distant salute to honor longtime Milwaukee community advocate George Matthews Jr., who died April 21 from complications related to the coronavirus.

### **Utah**

- ◆ American Legion Auxiliary members throughout the state are sewing and donating 1,000 face masks for service members stationed on the USS Ronald Reagan. Auxiliary members that are not able to sew masks are also donating funds for shipping and supplies.

### **Texas**

- ◆ In Troy, World War II U.S. Navy veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor J.C. Alston was given a surprise 100-vehicle parade that included American Legion Post 133 members, the local fire department and other members of the community. Post 133 Commander John Potts and Texas Rep. Hugh Shine rode in the front of the parade and stopped to present Alston with several honors. Potts presented Alston a certificate of appreciation from the post and a U.S. flag.

### **New York**

- ◆ In Watertown, members of American Legion Post 61 donated and delivered 50 spaghetti and meatball lunches to healthcare workers at Samaritan Medical Center. "The veterans of the community appreciate the work, professional work that the hospital is doing right now," Post 61 Vice Commander Rocco Crescenzi [told WWNY](#). "The doctors, the nurses, the staff, are seeing less and less of their family and we just thought we would like to show our appreciation."

### **Virginia**

- ◆ In Virginia Beach, American Legion Princess Anne Post 113 took part in the Bickford Senior Living Window Wishes Parade on May 3. Post members wore their masks and practiced social distancing.

It is the American flag. Just that and nothing more. No other adjective is ever prefixed to that word. It stands for the history of the United States and the traditions of our people... It is the flag just as much of the man who was naturalized yesterday as of the man whose people have been here generations... It means freedom of speech and freedom of thought... Look close upon it and you will see a great procession of men who have given all that life holds dearest that that flag might stand... They sacrificed everything that no star should be removed or diminished...

They flag may call upon us again for protection, and when it does, the response will be the same; but bear in mind, that if the citizens protect the flag, the flag must protect the citizens. Wherever any American goes legally and observing the law, there the flag goes with him, and there it must ever go. We cannot afford as a nation to allow the humblest citizen among us to suffer in any way wrong or injustice...

The flag stands for all that we hold dear, freedom, democracy, government of the people, by the people, and for the people. These are the great principles for which the flag stands... ~Henry Cabot Lodge, "What the Flag Means," in *The World Court: A Magazine of International Progress*, October 1915

# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Meeting to ap- point officers 5pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b><u>ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID-10 RESTRICTIONS</u></b>						
14 Baby Shower 1pm	15	16 Young At Heart 9:00am	17 Bartenders: 5pm E-Board: 6pm	18 El Dorado Min- eral & Gem So- ciety 6pm,	19	20
21	22	23 Young At Heart 9:00am	24	25	26 Happy Hour 5pm	27 National Wild Turkey Federa- tion 5:30pm
28	29	30 Young At Heart 9:00am				

“The things that the flag stands for were created by the experiences of a great people. Everything that it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history.” — Woodrow Wilson.

That piece of red, white and blue bunting means five thousand years of struggle upward. It is the full-blown flower of ages of fighting for liberty. It is the century plant of human hope in bloom. Your flag stands for humanity, for an equal opportunity to all the sons of men. Of course, we haven't arrived yet at that goal; there are many injustices yet among us, but the only hope of righting the wrongs of men lies in the feeling produced in our bosoms by the sight of that flag. It stands for no race... It stands for men, men of any blood who will come and live with us under its protection. Other flags mean a glorious past, this flag a glorious future. Its power and influence mean that in due time, slowly and by force of law, the last ancient fraud shall be smitten, the last unearned privilege removed, the last man shall have a place to work and a living wage, the last woman shall have all her rights of person and of citizenship... The flag of the United States of America, which has never stood for the narrowness of race nor the pride of blood, but always and only for human rights... ~Frank Crane, c.1915



The red and white and starry blue Is freedom's shield and hope.  
~John Philip Sousa

I pledge allegiance to my Flag  
and the Republic for which it  
stands, one nation, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for  
all. ~Francis Bellamy, *The  
Youth's Companion*, 8 September  
1892



## 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. Come on out and have some fun and chat with other members.

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

\* Happy hour subject to prior rental.

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

The office at the Post will have someone present between 9am and 11am, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. (Closed on Monday Holidays).

**Membership Dues New and Renewing Members**

When you receive your renewal statement from National for American Legion Dues, please pay it through Post 119 Dues for fiscal year 2020/2021 are \$45. If you receive a second notice from National, The Membership Director has information on when your membership expires.

Our flag means all that our fathers meant in the Revolutionary War. It means all that the Declaration of Independence meant. It means justice. It means liberty. It means happiness.... Every color means liberty. Every thread means liberty. Every star and stripe means liberty. ~Henry Ward Beecher

You're the emblem of  
The land I love.  
The home of the free and the brave.  
~George M. Cohan