

El Dorado American Legion Family

El Dorado Post 119

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

June 2021

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“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

This is my last Newsletter for Post 119. The final Newsletter by me only includes what the Post has provided to me by end of day on Wednesday May 26, 2021. I wish the Post and it’s members the best. This also ends my involvement with the American Legion, I have no plans to continue with the American Legion at this time. A big hand for Joe Rendon and David Zelinsky for their articles every month during these difficult times.

Best Regards
Richard

Parting is such sweet sorrow

Adjutant Corner

To my fellow Legionnaires,

The Magic Date is June 15th 2021 We are open for Happy Hour on Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and prior to business meetings. **For the June 5th Post Happy Hour** the Post Riders will put on a \$5.00 dinner – a hamburger with three sides to choose from -- chips, beans or potato salad. This is a one-time only event, just to see if we can continue for Happy Hour Only.

Business meetings are as follows:

Membership Meeting – 1st Wednesday;
Legion Riders and Sons – 2nd Wednesday; and
Executive Board – 3rd Wednesday.

All meetings start at 6:00 p.m.

As far as scheduling the Wednesday Dinners and Large Events, the Post is still not sure as to what the State and Local Health Board ruling will be until they make the announcement on June 15th.

At the May 5th membership meeting we had only 17 members in attendance. The nominations and election for New Post Officers was held and the elected Post Officers are:

Post Commander: Mike Raffety

1st Vice: Sam Bradley

2nd Vice: James Leadbetter

Finance Officer: Mike Schiavone

Appointed Officers: Stayed the same until further notice.

Exec. Committee: Stayed the same adding one new member: William Comstock

Membership Corner

Not much to say on membership except that as of June 30, 2021 I will be dropping those who have not paid their membership dues for the past 2 years, which amounts to 37 members. The other 70 members will be on suspension subject to being DROPPED. Please look at your membership card to see the date on the top of the card. If it has a date other than 2021, then you need to bring your membership current. Mr. Kent Dunn has reached the magic number of 50 continuous years. After that the post pays for his membership. Currently there are quite a few members who are close to that number but they are going to be dropped if they don’t bring their membership current.

Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was established on May 30, 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation declaring the national Flag Birthday to be on June 14.

Service Officer Corner

Car warranty

Today was a good day.

The only phone call I got on my service phone was a warning that my car warranty had expired.

So easy to just delete.

One of the joys of driving a salvage vehicle is not caring about warranties.

And salvage is so appropriate for driving homeless Veterans.

Like the time the parole agent arrested my passenger, and pulled a baggy of white powder out of his rear pants pocket. Same rear that had been sitting in my passenger seat.

Or the time my homeless Veteran flunked her drug test, and had to go to a residential recovery program instead. Leaving most of her possessions in the trunk of my car.

Fortunately, the sheriff's deputy was very professional in removing all the contraband from my trunk.

No one got in trouble. And who knew marijuana could look like a green brick?

I love my salvage car.

Paying it forward

Navy was planning to check out that day. Fortunately, instead he accepted a ride to Victory Village. Now he is staff.

Sarah Whitley, Mather Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist for both Amador and Sacramento county was calling everyone she could think of.

Alcohol detox is a big deal. It has to be medically supervised. Otherwise, it could lead to death. The good news was, the Veteran was a little bit drunk, so fatal withdrawal was not going to happen. The other good news, he was ready to go into residential recovery.

Only he had to be driven from Ione to Mather E.R. first.

Tim Whalen beat me to it.

Navy accepted the call, and hauled the Ione Veteran to detox, thus saving his life.

One of the counselors working at the D&A detox is Army. A great soldier. First guy through the door, per his squad leader.

Horrific civilian. Lots of jail, drugs, homelessness.

Weirdly, Sacramento Superior Court ordered he be released to me. Took him to River City Recovery in South Sacramento county.

This time it worked.

The most credible leader in the world will be there to guide Ione and all the rest towards sobriety.

Paying it forward.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer

American Legion Post 119

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"Our flag is not just one of many political points of view. Rather, the flag is a symbol of our national unity." - *Adrian Cronauer*

American Legion Auxiliary

Hi All,

The American Legion Auxiliary resumed regular meetings. Until further notice our meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. At our meeting in May we had seven members attend.

Delegates for the convention were elected. The only officers that was nominated was myself as President and Carol Muller as Secretary. Currently the officers that are needed are 1st and 2nd Vice, and Treasurer. Officers can still be nominated at our June meeting. The election will be held then.

If you are interested in attending the Convention it is being held virtually in June. Please let me know, I will get you the information.

The Auxiliary is still in need of help in all duties of the programs. Anyone interested will need to review the program and endeavor to complete as much of the program as possible. You would be required to complete a form to report to district twice a year. Please dig deep and help out.

Thank you!

Janie Bandera, President

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American Legion Riders (ALR) Corner

This past weekend two of our Riders represented ALR Chapter 119 at C&E Indian Motorcycle Dealer in Auburn, who sponsored the book signing event for Lcdr. Lou Conter USN (Ret.). The Lou Conter Story, by Louis A. Conter. He is one of two surviving sailors left from the USS Arizona, and a member of Pearl Harbor Survivor Association.

There was a good turn out from Placer County Sheriff, CHP, and the California National Guard with restored WWII Jeeps. Also in attendance were other ALR Chapters, 383, 521 and a couple of others, plus Folsom HOG and other club members.

While talking to a few of the people in the crowd I had the feeling that most of the people there had some kind of a connection with the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Navy as I did.

When Lcdr. Lou Conter arrived there was a major flag line, a young girl led the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the Star Spangled Banner was sung by another young girl, and a hand salute was given to Lou Conter before the book signing.

One last word let me reiterate, get out and ride, and stay safe. **Your health and life is in your hands. Also get vaccinated when your number is called, the COVID-19 is no joke...**

Palou drives American Legion car to 3rd-place finish in Indy



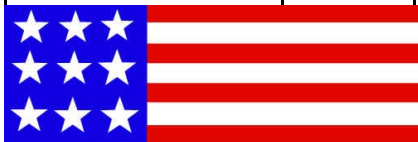
"We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth, peace, security, liberty, our family, our friends, our home... but when we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it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

- Calvin Coolidge

June Birthdays

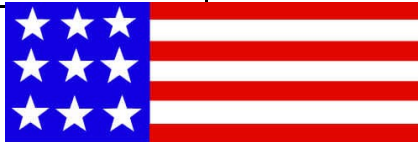
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Charles Impey	USAF	Vietnam
William Benevides	USA	UKN
Richard Sales	USAF	Persian Gulf
Leo Cooper	USA	Vietnam
Gary Burnius	USN	Vietnam
Aaron Paxton	USA	Vietnam
Douglas Stevenson	USA	Korea
John Carnahan	USA	Persian Gulf
Willim Byer	USAF	Korea
Ronnie Fullerton	USN	Vietnam
Marvin Kelley	USN	Vietnam
Aldo Brunello	USA	Korea
William Schultz	USN	Korea
Anthony Ruiz	USN	Vietnam
Steve McCrumb	USA	Vietnam
Stella Young	USA	Korea
Lee Ghilarducci	USAF	Korea
Dawn Nolan	USA	Persian Gulf
Loren Arnold	USN	Vietnam
Carl Lemier	USAF	Vietnam
William Nelson	USA	Persian Gulf
Robert Farley	USN	Korea
Earle Gutman	USN	Vietnam

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Era</u>
Kenneth Harrison	USAF	Vietnam
Gilbert Gutenberger	USA	Vietnam
Clyde Myers	USA	Lebanon/Grenada
Meerle Buchanan	USAF	Korea
Glen Willes	USA	Korea
Larry Schultz	USA	Vietnam
Carl Funk	USA	Vietnam
Keith Pierce	USA	Persian Gulf
Larry Metsker	USN	Vietnam
James Silveira	USN	Vietnam
Charles Sweet	USN	Vietnam
Richard Atkin	USMC	Korrea
Stephen Reem	USN	Vietnam
David Foster	USA	Vietnam
Herman Wilmoth	USA	Korea
Dennis Skinner	USA	Vietnam
Harold Parker	USAF	Korea
Howard Rosen	USN	Vietnam
Warren Rodgers	USAF	Vietnam
Gary Novak	USN	Vietnam
William Comstock	USA	Lebanon/Grenada
Elmer Hamlett	USA	Vietnam



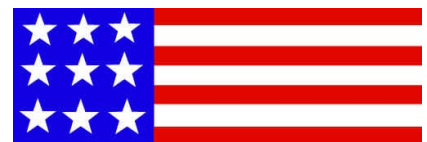
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WHITE AND STARRY
BLUE IS FREEDOM'S
SHIELD AND HOPE."

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA



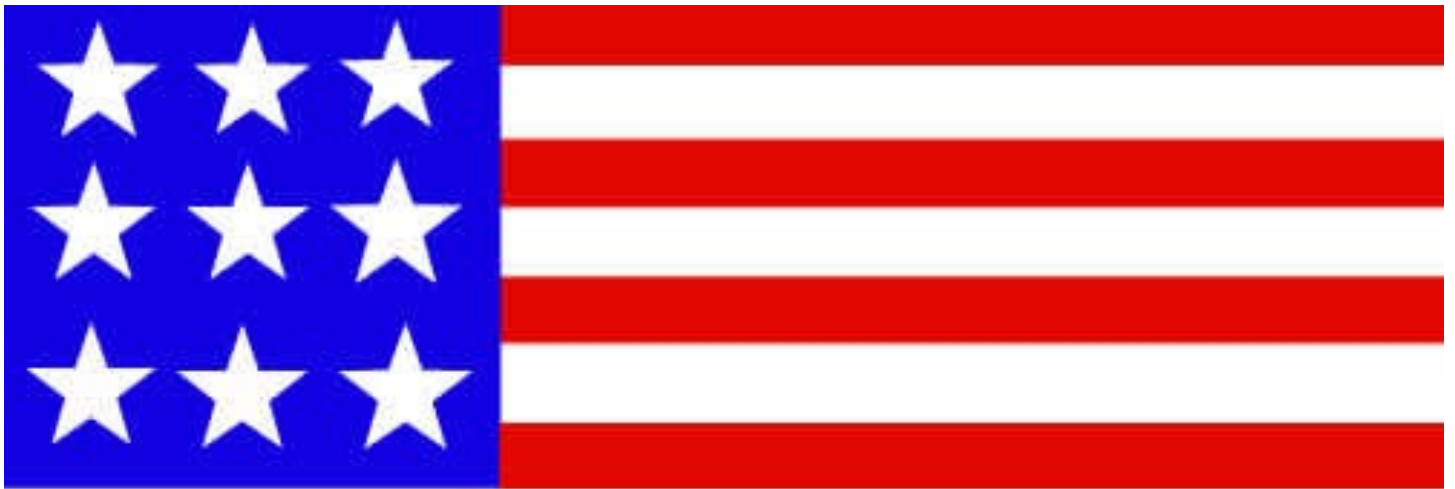
"WE TAKE THE STARS FROM
HEAVEN, THE RED FROM OUR
MOTHER COUNTRY,
SEPARATING IT BY WHITE
STRIPES, THUS SHOWING
THAT WE HAVE SEPARATED
FROM HER, AND THE WHITE
STRIPES SHALL GO DOWN TO
POSTERITY, REPRESENTING
OUR LIBERTY."

GEORGE WASHINGTON



"THAT PIECE OF RED, WHITE
AND BLUE BUNTING MEANS
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OF AGES OF FIGHTING FOR
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PLANT OF HUMAN HOPE IN
BLOOM."

ALVIN OWSLEY



"LET IT BE BORNE ON
THE FLAG UNDER
WHICH WE RALLY IN
EVERY EXIGENCY,
THAT WE HAVE ONE
COUNTRY, ONE
CONSTITUTION, ONE
DESTINY."

DANIEL WEBSTER

Post 119 Leadership

<p><u>Post 119 Officers</u> <i>Commander, Sam Bradley 530/626-3956</i> Adjutant, Joe Rendon 530/672-1161 1st Vice - Michael Raffety 530/626-8020 2nd Vice -James Leadbetter 916/ 254-7529 Finance - Mike Schiavone 530/409-2710 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 — OPEN</p> <p>Bar Manager, Barbara Schiavone 530/409-7746 Building Manager, James Leadbetter 916/ 254-7529</p>	<p><u>Chapter 119 American Legion Riders</u> <i>President, Joe Rendon 530-672-1161</i> Vice President, Carlos Navarette 916/204-6038 Secretary, Gary Coverdale 707/339-2362 Treasurer, Jane Fergason 530/409-7487 Acting Sgt. At Arms, James Leadbetter Membership, Critter Springer-Maxey 530/622-1961 Chaplain, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802 Run Coordinator, Sam Fergason 530/409-7489 Safety Officer - Jim Ayers Historian — Bob Russell</p> <p>Legion Riders meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Executive Committee</u> (1) Jim Ayers 916/739-9421 (2) Bud Brown 530/677-4135 (3) John Krahn 530/677-6356 (4) Bob Russell 530/626-5533 (5) Lauralee Flannery 530/903-1965 (6) OPEN</p> <p><u>Unit 119 American Legion Auxiliary</u> <i>President, Janie Bandera 530/677-4423</i> 1st Vice, Rebecca Marty 530/677-4423 2nd Vice, Carol McLaughlin 530/642-2153 Secretary, Carol Mueller 530/622-0674 Treasurer — OPEN Chaplain, Dolores Wadsworth 530/677-1255 Sgt. At Arms, Joy Krahn 530/677-6356 Marshall, Joyce Reynolds 530/350-7740</p> <p>Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion</u> <i>Commander, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802</i> 1st Vice, Bill Bryant 530/409-8414 Adjutant, Bill Bryant Treasurer, Bill Bryant Membership, Bill Bryant Sgt. At Arms — OPEN Historian — OPEN Chaplain, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802</p> <p>Squadron meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>40 & 8</u> 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 Banders 530/677-4423 Lampiste - Open</p> <p>40 & 8 meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>American Legion Post 119 meets the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings: 6:00 p.m</p> <p>"I am not the flag: not at all. I am but its shadow." - <i>Franklin Knight Lane</i></p>	<p>Website: http://www.legionpost119.org/ Email: eldoradopost119@att.net Telephone: 530/626-3956</p> <p>Newsletter Editor: OPEN Email:</p>

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Post, Aux Unit, Social, Dinner	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 19 Sons, Legion Riders 5:30 pm	10	11 Post 119 Happy Hour 5 PM	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Bartenders, E- board 5pm	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Note: At time of publishing this Newsletter the online Calendar was not fully updated. You should check the website events page.

"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

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.”

All Meetings At:

American Legion El Dorado Post 119

4561 Greenstone Rd, Placerville CA 95667

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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).