



El Dorado Post 119
THE AMERICAN LEGION
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Around the Post

There are always much going on around the post. For example the bar recently bought a new ice machine as one of the old ones broke. The new machine can produce 300 pounds of ice in one day. This is more than enough for most if not all of the events at the post. One of the older machines was sold to help off set the cost. The balance of the cost was paid with the tips that the bar receives from Post events.

An idea that is being considered for the Post is to have members plant and maintain a planter around the building. Some of the planters have water and others do not. In addition the flag poles could use some upgrades around them, plants or bricks? If you are interested in doing one or more of the planters give one of the building managers a call. The Post is asking for a one year commitment.

It is important in any organization to have fast and effective communications. The American Legion is no different. We now have an app on iPhones, Android version will be available soon, that will provide timely updates and information for the Post. You can find the app in iTunes, the Name of the app is American Legion, by Connectu Media. Give it a try and let us know what you think.

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. On March 10th we will have Irish coffees for 5 bucks. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

Irish Saint Patrick's Day Toasts

Saint Patrick was a gentleman, Who through strategy and stealth,
Drove all the snakes from Ireland, Here's a toasting to his health.
But not too many toasting Lest you lose yourself and then
Forget the good Saint Patrick And see all those snakes again.

'Beannachtam na Feile Padraig!'

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way--
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day.

May the leprechauns be near you,
To spread luck along your way.
And may all the Irish angels,
Smile upon you St Patrick's Day.

We Need your HELP!!!

Please talk to your Post 119 Officers about contributing to the post Newsletter, or if you have any interesting news you would like to share send an e-mail to rjb@rjb1.com

Crab Feed

This years Crab Feed was another great success. Everyone had a nice time and plenty to eat. I am sure all are looking forward to next years Crab Feed. For those who are new to the Crab Feed, remember next year to come in Friday evening or Saturday morning to reserve your spot.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped cook, serve and clean at this event. There are too many to name however we should recognize Tim and Shelly for their tireless work on making this event successful. Tim's Manhattan chowder was a hit as always and Shelly's cup cakes were to die for. The main servers were from the Renegade Rugby Club. The tips from the tables were given to the club to help with supplies, equipment and helps some with their costs to participate. The proceeds from the crab feed goes to help the post run and support local Veterans in need. Last but not least is a big thank you to all those who donated to the raffle and those who bought raffle tickets.



Lots of Raffle prizes



Where is the Crab?



Tim the chowder man



Cooks hard at work



More Crab



More Crab



The Servers



Cooks hard at work



Always looking Fantastic

As the sea-crab swimmeth always against the stream, so doth wit always against wisdom. ~Pythagoras

Membership Corner

Our 1st Vice Joe Rendon is now our Membership Officer. Thank you Joe for your hard work and effort in getting our membership up. Currently the Post is at 73 Percent renewal rate. If you have not already renewed your membership get in contact with Joe and see what we can do for you.

New Members

Robert Brickey	Charles Douglas	Gary Eiler	Carlos Navarete	Bruce Turner
James Bundy	Ronald Edmon	Samuel Johnston		Herman Williams

March Birthday's

William, Gyorgy
Warren, Parker
Harlan, Dobyns
Edwin, Apps
Leo, Springer
Eugene, Pori
John, Kelly

Larry, Williams
Perry, Williams
Peter, Bandera
Gary, Eiler
Henry, Phillips
Charles, Todd
Cordilia, Cullom

Henry, Barbachano
Harvey, Andrews
Donald, Jackson
Les, Linson
Mark, Prentiss
Alexander, Reynosa
Thomas, Murphy
Daniel, Boals

Last Roll Call

Lloyd August Smith Max E. Dodson

Message from Membership

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

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>

May you live as long as you want, And never want as long as you live.

Service Officer Corner

Excerpts from a sermon I preached on Sunday, February 12:

First story:

A young Veteran contacted us. He was depressed, and looking for help. Several of us surrounded him with resources and options. Seemed like a good intake. The highlight was when I took him to In and Out burger, and he taught me about “Animal style”. In and out aficionados are aware of this, but not the uninitiated. He was thrilled. He had not had In and Out for years. His dad had been very hard on him. For just a moment, I got to be a good dad to him.

Unfortunately, soon after the intake, he started spiraling down hill. The family that rented a room to him, became quite concerned. He was staying in his room. Not eating. Blew all of his rent money at Redhawk when he did venture out. He texted me, asking me to stop sending the sheriffs out on wellness checks. It seemed like he was hunkering down to die.

Then a miracle happened. He was about to become a father. The family of his child’s mother contacted him. “Join us. Become part of our family. We want you to be here to raise your child.” He came to life, moved to Red Bluff, and joined her family.

For the sake of his child, he chose life.

Second story:

A Marine, recently retired as a Deputy Sheriff, told me about saving the life of a woman who attempted suicide. He was frustrated because a year later, she improved her technique, and succeeded in killing herself. He felt like it was as if his good deed had been completely undone.

I have had some practice reframing these things. I said to him, “Imagine you and your buddy are out on patrol. You sense danger, and pull him out, just in the nick of time. You saved his life, right? Next week, you are out on patrol again. This time your buddy gets blasted away. It still counts that you saved his life. You did not waste your time.”

This time, he got it. His epiphany was, her kids had her for one more year. Every time you save someone’s life, it is just for the moment. We all die eventually any way. Save lives anyway.

David Zelinsky

American Legion Auxiliary

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

A THOUGHT FOR March:

“May the Good Lord take a liking to you, ... but not too soon!

Service Officer Corner Cont..

Yes Men

Roger Reynolds:

Roger, will you please be an Officer?

Yes.

Will you please apply to be a Veterans Commissioner?

Yes.

Will you please represent the Post at House Council?

Yes.

Mark Anthony Munoz:

Mark Anthony, will you please help at jail?

Yes.

Will you please help at Court?

Yes.

Will you please help at Marshall ER?

Yes.

Thank you to both Roger and Mark Anthony.

By the way, there is an excellent volunteer out there who helped me with an intake, did a great job, and wanted more.

Here's the deal. I am getting old and distracted and can't remember your name!

Please call or write if you want to help again.

Thank you.

David Zelinsky

Mortgage help ad..

Looking to buy a home? Or maybe you know another Veteran who is looking to buy a new home. Have questions on VA home loans or need some help. Amber Jaurequi from Envoy Mortgage will be holding a workshop that will cover the following:

How to qualify for a VA Loan

Benefits of a VA Loan

How much savings do you need to purchase a home using your VA

Facts vs Myths of your VA Eligibility

Adding first time homebuyer programs and incentives to your VA purchase for added benefits

Reduction in fees and cost with Envoy and VA loans

Renting vs Owning (The security that comes with owning as a Veteran)

Current programs for existing homeowners such as...

*VA streamline refinance *VA Cash out refinance *Reverse mortgage

And much more information!

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light,
May good luck pursue you each morning and night.
~Irish Blessing

Riders Corner

About the Riders

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, Veterans homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

History

In Garden City, Mich., in 1993, Chuck "Tramp" Dare and Bill "Polka" Kaledas, commander of American Legion Post 396, shared an idea to start a motorcycle enthusiasts association within the organization. The two longtime riders wanted an environment where Legion family members could come together to share a common love for motorcycles.

Dare and Kaledas wrote a letter to Michigan Department Adjutant Hubert Hess, sharing their idea. Hess replied that he liked the concept and wanted to pursue it. Later, he gave Kaledas and Dare instructions for managing the program at the post level. He also explained how they could be approved to use the American Legion emblem, and how to gain Membership's support and recognition. At a regular meeting, Post 396 members passed a resolution for a new program to be known as the "American Legion Riders."

Joined by 19 other founding members from their post, Dare and Kaledas were flooded with requests for information about their organization. They agreed to establish a central source for the Riders to ensure that chapters formed not as motorcycle clubs or gangs, but as Legionnaires and Auxiliary and SAL members joining to ride

Legion Riders today

Currently, 106,000 American Legion Riders meet in over a thousand chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries. Riders in Iowa have formed an honor guard called The Five Star Freedom Riders, and Riders in Mulvane, Kan., founded the Patriot Guard to protect the sanctity of military funerals from protesters. Riders in all states have escorted military units returning home from combat tours overseas, conducted massive cross-country fundraising events for wounded warriors from all services, and have raised millions of dollars for countless local, state and national charities.

True to the Legion's grassroots tradition, each chapter manages its programs at the post level, where the best ideas are born. The Riders are part of many projects and events, including:

- Rolling Thunder, the annual POW/MIA rally in Washington on Memorial Day weekend.
- Annual regional rides such as Operation Wounded Warrior, sponsored by Riders in Nevada, Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, California and other Western states.
- Local charity events in support of The American Legion and local communities.
- Raising money for VA hospitals, women and children centers, children and youth centers, schools and other facilities.
- Sponsoring or participating in motorcycle runs to benefit numerous charities.
- Local memorial ceremonies and community parades.
- The American Legion Legacy Run, an annual cross-country fundraising ride from National Headquarters in Indianapolis to the national convention city.
- Riding to honor fallen military men and women, and to protect the sanctity of their funerals from those who would dishonor their memory.
- Escorting military units to departure airfields and airports for combat tours overseas, and welcoming them home upon their return.

March 2017

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

March 1: Peace Officer Night

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

March 8: Post 119 Riders

6:00 pm

March 15: Executive Board

Bar Tenders Meeting 5:00 pm

Executive Meeting at 6:00 pm

All Legion Members welcome.

Taco's for dinner

March 15: Sons Squadron 119

Meeting 6:00 pm

Happy Hour dinners by Leo

March 03 Brisket

March 10 Pull Pork

March 17 Ribs

March 24 Tri Tip

March 31 Chef's choice

All meals served with Chef's choice salad and dessert.

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
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Secretary:	Open	(530) 622-1961
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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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