

El Dorado American Legion Family

El Dorado Post 119

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

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This years Crab feed was a one of the best in years. The event was sold out even with a slight increase in the ticket price. The Post has had great reviews on the new White Chowder and Pasta served at this years event. Given a late start on the event planning the Post pulled this off with no issues at all. A shout out is due to the planners, ticket hawkers, setup crew, tear down crew, bar tenders and last but not least the cook crew. The cooks were very happy with the white chowder, previous to this event the most they have made is 5 gallons. This time they had to make enough for 300 people. The only down side was I didn't get to bring any chowder home.



Coming up this summer we are going to try and setup a day or night at a River Cats Game. We would like to know how many are interested and which would be a better time Day or Night, week day or week end. Drop the Post your thoughts, our 2nd Vice Rodger is going to collect all the inputs and let us know the best day and time. If you haven't been to a River Cats game this ball park doesn't have a bad seat.



Sons of the American Legion Post 119



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14" Custom Knife**

10-22 Automatic



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For more information contact
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The Sons are having a fund raiser that will benefit local Veterans. The Son's are raffling a 10-22 long rifle and a 14" Custom Knife. For Tickets see Rob Flowers 530-417-5802, Bill Bryant 530-409-8414 or Patrick Hodgson 530-622-5153

The Origins of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day celebrates the Roman Catholic feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick died on March 17, 461. But did you know that he wasn't even Irish? **Here are some fun facts about St. Patrick and some activities you can use to teach about his day.**

History:

Patrick's birth name was Maewyn. He was born in Roman Britain. He was kidnapped into slavery and brought to Ireland.

He escaped to a monastery in Gaul (France) and converted to Christianity. He went back to Ireland in 432 as a missionary. While Christianity had already taken hold in the country, tradition has it that Patrick confronted the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites, making Christianity more widespread.

Patrick became a bishop and after his death was named Ireland's patron saint. Celebrations in Ireland were understated though. When the Irish emigrated to the U.S., they created the bigger celebrations and parades known today.

Eighteenth century Irish soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War held the first St. Patrick Day parades. The celebrations became a way for the Irish to connect with their roots after they moved to America.

Fun Facts:

The shamrock: According to legend St. Patrick used the three leaf clover (or shamrock) to explain the Trinity.

Dyeing the river green: The practice of dyeing the river green started in Chicago in 1962, when city officials decided to dye a portion of the Chicago River green.

Corn beef and cabbage: This is an Irish American dish. Irish Americans were so poor they could not afford certain meals. On St. Patrick's Day, the best meal they could afford was beef and cabbage. It became a staple for the holiday.

Service Officer Corner

What a day!

8 a.m. Authorized car repair for at risk Veteran.

Bought food cards and gas cards for Stand Down office.

Delivered them.

Visited two Veterans at jail. One is now ready to plead to Veterans court. The other now knows that no one has been able to pull up his discharge papers.

Met Veteran at risk of homelessness. Paid his PG&E Bill. Talked for about ninety minutes.

Interviewed homeless Veteran at VMB. Crushing spiritual and psychological blows. Connected him to counseling and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Interviewed homeless Veteran at VMB. Thrown out by his business partner. Crushed. Got him some food, bus passes, food card, motel. Operation Good to Go referral.

Paid for car repair. See above.

Filled out reimbursement requests at Episcopal church which administers funds.

Home by 5:00.

Forget something?

Lunch?

David Zelinsky
Service Officer
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Survivors Pension Benefits

Please share with your Post's and/or any veterans spouses you know that might need the assistance.

Mary, the daughter of a Navy Veteran, filed an application for survivors pension for her mother after her father passed away. With help from VA survivors pension benefits, Mary doesn't have to worry as much about her mother's resources.

Pension is a needs-based benefit for eligible wartime Veterans with limited or no income who are age 65 or older, or who have a permanent and non-service-connected disability. As in Mary's case, surviving spouses of deceased wartime Veterans, with qualifying service, may also qualify as well as dependent children.

In addition to basic pension, Mary's mother also qualified for an increased monthly pension, which helps those who require the aid of another person in performing personal functions required in everyday living.

Mary's mother used all of her savings and the children were helping out quite a bit before the pension benefit money started coming in. "This is really helpful for us as well. It takes a lot of financial pressure off the entire family," says Mary.

Visit [Explore.VA.gov](https://www.va.gov/Explore/VA.gov) or click the button below to find out if you or a loved one may qualify for VA pension benefits.

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.

Audie Murphy, the kid from Farmersville, Texas, was only 46 years old when he died in a helicopter crash into the Virginia Mts. He was bothered all his life when he came back from the War and it really affected his life. He never got the medical help he should have gotten.

Not many young people know who Audie Murphy was or how big a war hero he was. Two or three of the medals he earned would make most service men proud, but to have earned his decorations in battle is truly unbelievable.

List of Decorations for Audie Murphy:

- Medal of Honor
 - Distinguished Service Cross
 - Silver Star (with oak leaf cluster)
 - Legion of Merit
 - Bronze Star (with oak leaf cluster and Valor Device)
 - Purple Heart (with two oak leaf clusters)
 - U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal
 - U.S. Army Good Conduct Medal
 - Presidential Unit Citation (with First Oak Leaf Cluster)
 - American Campaign Medal
 - European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with One Silver Star, Four Bronze Service Stars (representing nine Campaigns) and one Bronze Arrowhead (representing assault landing at Sicily and Southern France)
 - World War II Victory Medal
 - Army of Occupation Medal (with Germany Clasp)
 - Armed Forces Reserve Medal
 - French Fourrage in Colors of the Croix de Guerre
 - French Legion of Honor - Grade of Chevalier
 - French Croix de guerre (with Silver Star)
 - French Croix de guerre (with Palm)
 - Medal of Liberated France
 - Belgian Croix de guerre (with 1940 Palm)
- Additionally, Murphy was awarded:
The Combat Infantry Marksman badge with Rifle Bar,
Expert Badge with Bayonet Bar.



The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recently announced changes to state driver licenses in adherence with federal mandates. Starting Jan. 22, the DMV will roll out a new REAL ID compliant driver license, which not only sports a new look, but also can be used by travelers at airport security. Your current California driver license can be used at airport security through October 1, 2020, but after that, passengers will need to use a REAL ID compliant card or two forms of identification to pass through security.

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” – **Leo Buscaglia**

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” – **Author Unknown**

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” –**Anne Frank**

Audie Murphy's Wife

Isn't it sad the media can tell us all about the BAD that goes on, but ignores the GOOD people? If a movie Star or politician stubs his toe we have to hear about it for Days!!!

From the Los Angeles Times on April 15, 2010

Pamela Murphy, widow of WWII hero and actor, Audie Murphy, died peacefully at her home on April 8, 2010. She was the widow of the most decorated WWII hero and actor, Audie Murphy, and established her own distinctive 35 year career working as a patient liaison at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration hospital, treating every veteran who visited the facility as if he was a VIP.

Any soldier or Marine who came into the hospital got the same special treatment from her. She would walk the hallways with her clipboard in hand making sure her boys got to see the specialist they needed. If they didn't, watch out

Her boys weren't Medal of Honor recipients or movie stars like Audie, but that didn't matter to Pam. They had served their Country. That was good enough for her. She never called a veteran by his first name. It was always "Mister." Respect came with the job.

"Nobody could cut through VA red tape faster than Mrs. Murphy," said veteran Stephen Sherman, speaking for thousands of veterans she befriended over the years. "Many times I watched her march a veteran who had been waiting more than an hour right into the doctor's office.

She was even reprimanded a few times, but it didn't matter to Mrs. Murphy. "Only her boys mattered She was our angel."

Audie Murphy died broke in a plane crash in 1971, squandering millions of dollars on gambling, bad investments, and yes, other women. "Even with the adultery and desertion at the end, he always remained my hero," Pam told me.

She went from a comfortable ranch-style home in Van Nuys where she raised two sons to a small apartment - taking a clerk's job at the nearby VA to support herself and start paying off her faded movie star husband's debts. At first, no one knew who she was. Soon, though, word spread through the VA that the nice woman with the clipboard was Audie Murphy's widow. It was like saying General Patton had just walked in the front door.. Men with tears in their eyes walked up to her and gave her a Hug.

"Thank you," they said, over and over.

The first couple of years, I think the hugs were more for Audie's memory as a war hero. The last 30 years, they were for Pam.

One year I asked her to be the focus of a Veteran's Day column for all the work she had done. Pam just shook her head no. "Honor them, not me," she said, pointing to a group of veterans down the hallway. "They're the ones who deserve it."

The vets disagreed. Mrs. Murphy deserved the accolades, they said. Incredibly, in 2002, Pam's job was going to be eliminated in budget cuts. She was considered "excess staff." "I don't think helping cut down on veterans' complaints and showing them the respect they deserve should be considered excess staff," she told me.

Neither did the veterans. They went ballistic, holding a rally for her outside the VA gates. Pretty soon, word came down from the top of the VA. Pam Murphy was no longer considered "excess staff."

She remained working full time at the VA until 2007 when she was 87.

"The last time she was here was a couple of years ago for the conference we had for homeless veterans," said Becky James, coordinator of the VA's Veterans History Project. Pam wanted to see if there was anything she could do to help some more of her boys. Pam Murphy was 90 when she died. What a lady.

by Dennis McCarthy,

Los Angeles Times on April 15, 2010

Thank you David Zelinsky for sharing this story.

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.” – **Erma Bombeck**

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” – **Dr. Seuss**

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March Birthdays

Charles	Todd	Harlan	Dobyns
Lester	Linson	Perry	Williams
Henry	Barbachano	Harry	Sugg
John	Bedford	Eugene	Pori
Donald	Jackson	John	Kelly
Harvey	Andrews	Leo	Springer
Lerry	Van BusKirk	Alexander	Reynosa
James	Ayers	Michael	Dennis
Warren	Parker	Mark	Prentiss
Donald	Rawlin	Daniel	Boals
Gary	Eiler	Larry	Williams
Jesse	Juarez	William	Gyorgy
Ludwig	Heier	Roger	Mercer
Cordilia	Cullom	Peter	Bandera
Cornel	Christian	Barry	Lindner
Donald	Bray	Hollis	Henderson



Bartenders Bob's Dream has come true. As you can see Jim Ayers worked so hard he had to take a break. Next time you are at the Post take a look at our new Brass Foot Rail. Well done Bob and Jim.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	3
4	5 40&8 Voiture 1119 5:30pm	6 Junior Shooters: 6:00 PM	7 Peace Officer Night 2018	8	9 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	10
11	12	13	14 SAL: 5:30 Riders: 6:30	15	16 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	17
18	19	20 Junior Shooters: 6:00 PM	21 Bartenders: 5pm E-Board: 6pm	22	23 No Happy Hour	24
25	26	27 Junior Shooters: 6:00 PM	28	29	30 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	31

Calendar of Meetings

March 7: Peace Officer 6:00 pm

March 14: Sons 5:45 pm

Riders 6:30 pm

March 21: Bar Meeting 5:00 pm

Exe Meeting 6:00 pm

All Legion Members welcome.

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

American Legion Auxiliary

Hi Everyone,

February's dinner was wonderful. Thank the cook crew for a great dinner.

In one of our meetings the membership voted to donate money to the Quilts of Valor. In our last meeting we discussed the lunch that we will be providing for our District 7 meeting being held at our Post on March 3rd.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting at 10 am for the Auxiliary and Post.

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 Linda at 6pm. If you would like to help out please attend and check what you could help with.

Our March dinner there will be no meeting or raffle. However, please remember next month, April there will be a raffle 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!

Rebecca Marty, 1st Vice President

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

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

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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 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