

El Dorado American Legion Family

El Dorado Post 119

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

May 2018

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American Legion Auxiliary

Hi Everyone,

At our May meeting the membership will be nominating new Officers. We will also be conducting our voting for next year.

Coming up in May the Auxiliary will be conducting our Poppy fundraiser. Look for your letters in the mail. Please consider donating to the Auxiliary. These funds help us donate to veterans.

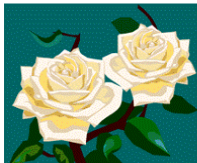
I am looking for a volunteer Treasurer to handle the Auxiliary's funds. The Treasurer must be able to operate the computer program Excel.

Thank you!

Janie Bandera, President

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

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



El Dorado Rose Ball 2018

Date: Saturday May 19th, 2018

Time: 6pm to 9:30 pm Doors open at 5:30 pm

Location: American Legion Post 119
4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

El Dorado Rose Ball

The Community is invited to the 2018 El Dorado Rose Ball. The Ball is a celebration of the El Dorado Rose Program which recognizes exemplary community service by women in El Dorado County. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Advance ticket sales are available by contacting: Carole

Burnley at 530-626-4949

The 2017 Ball was a sellout. Get your tickets early!!

Highlights

- Music
- Catered Meal
- Elegant evening
- Dancing



Questions? Please contact:
Carole Burnley, or email
eldoradopost119@att.net

The American Legion Post 119 is located one mile south of Highway 50 at 4561 Greenstone Road

A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

Happenings around the Post

- ♥ Post Service Officer has served over 554 Veterans in El Dorado County.
- ♥ Post is preparing for the up coming El Dorado County Fair. Since 1939 the American Legion Post 119 have operated the beer tree at the county fair. Sign up at the General meeting to pull beer at the Beer Tree this coming fair. If you haven't worked the Beer Tree before it is a ton of fun. You get to know your fellow Post members, serve your friends and make new friends.
- ♥ Current Post membership is at 518 members, our Post has a goal of 609 member, if you know a veteran get them to join our Post. A few statistics on our membership; year to date 101 members have been dropped for non-payment of dues, 44 members went to Post Everlasting, we have had 44 new members year to date and 51 members that have transferred in from Post 1000. 341 members receive their Newsletter by email, 171 members do not have an email account. Note if you have an email account you will receive the newsletter sooner than by snail mail, in addition you can always see the Newsletter on the Post's Web site. <http://www.legionpost119.org>
- ♥ Boys State update; District 7 is sending 46 delegates to Boys State this year. District 7 has raised over \$16,000 towards a budget of \$385,000.
- ♥ Beer Tree sign ups, see Barb at the general meeting for the signup sheets.
- ♥ Post Officer Nominations first round was in April, the nominated Officers for the next year are:
- ♥ First Nominations for Post elected officers and Executive Committee. Results:
 - ♥ Commander: Roger Reynolds, First Vice: Joe Rendon, 2nd Vice: Josh Clark, Finance Officer: Michael Schiavone, Sgt. At Arms: Milt Bandera.
 - ♥ Executive Committee: Seth Reeb, Diane Beastro, Chuck Brasiel, Rich Bergin, Jim Ayers, Bob Russell.
 - ♥ 2nd Nominations will be made May 2nd and elections will be conducted.
- ♥ Second round and voting will take place at the next General meeting in May. Stay for the meeting and lend your voice and support for the next Post Board.
- ♥ Had a very great reception party for our Post's candidate for El Dorado Rose, Diane Lehr. Music, food, and about 125 attendee's. The El Dorado Rose Ball will take place May 19, 2018 at our Post. Tickets are very reasonably priced. Come support our candidate.
- ♥ Riders Unit is looking for some help with their fundraiser this year. We are looking for donations of Cash, Booze and a red wagon to transport the Booze. Wagon can be gently used and will be given with the Booze. The Cash, Booze and wagon are Grand prizes for the fundraiser event which will be held on July 14th. Even if you don't donate you can come out for the event. We will have a poker walk, raffle prizes and food for your enjoyment. Let us not forget some great live music. For more information contact Rich Bergin.

River Cats Game Night

Lets go to the ball game on May 26th. This will be a evening game with fireworks. Cost will be \$16.00 for each ticket. If you haven't been to a River Cats game there is not a bad seat in the house. See our 2nd Vice Rodger for more information and to sign up.

Errands & More Senior Concierge Services Welcomes You!

Errands & More Senior Concierge Services is an organization of caring professionals who step in and assist your senior loved ones non-medical needs when you can't be there. Like friends and neighbors of decades past, our philosophy is that it takes more than one person to support our seniors.

We currently serve El Dorado County so your loved one is truly our neighbor. We bring an entire community of resources to help our El Dorado County senior neighbors "fill in the gaps" by providing assistance with daily tasks.

Although we are here to serve our senior community first, we are a support system for the entire family. If you are a caregiver and need assistance with your daily tasks, or simply need a break, just ask. We are here for you too. We are honored to manage our clients' most precious asset, their time.

Allow us to make the life of your loved one FABULOUS!!

At the May 2nd General there will be a short presentation by this company to the General membership.

Service Officer Corner

Life on a Shoestring

Jack wanted a ride to Mather. He is a very impulsive, homeless Veteran. Those impulses could be either life saving, or life threatening. It all depends.

"But you got to give a ride to Cody, too."

"Cody! I'm supposed to find him, and take him to Sacramento Veterans Resource Center [SVRC]."

"I know right where he is. Let's get him."

He was right near Shoestrings on Broadway.

"Hey!", Jack said. "It's homeless Monday!"

Turns out every other Monday, an anonymous donor pays Shoestrings to feed the homeless.

Jack explained to the proprietor that I was driving them to Sacramento. I qualified for a free hamburger and coke too.

They were good.

Dropped off Jack at Mather, and hauled Cody to SVRC.

Good thing I did too. Cody had a heart attack while he was at SVRC. Because he was not on the street, but receiving services, his life was saved.

That's life on a Shoestring.

You never know.

Two miracles:

South Lake Tahoe.

She was in tears. Another felony. Violation of probation. Homeless.

Service connected trauma is the key to Veterans court.

Sexual harassment. T-boned when someone ran a stop sign on Post. While she was pregnant.

Judge pulled her out of jail just long enough to observe Veterans Court. Her public defender sat with her, and gave her quality time.

I am thinking she will be good to go for next Veterans Court. Out of jail. Into recovery. Get rid of some felonies.

Get her life back.

Placerville.

A few years ago I saw him in Lumsden Park. A homeless woman had been beaten up. He was homeless too.

Ready to pound the guy if he could find him.

Asked if either one served. He showed me his VA card.

Fast forward a few years. Saw his name on the arrest list.

Visited him in jail. He was beside himself. Charged with a felony. Sure he was going to state prison.

Service connected trauma is the key to Veterans Court.

In training someone's gun jammed. People all around him died.

This Monday he should get into Veterans Court. Out of custody and into Recovery.

A chance to have the life he never had, but surely deserved.

Two failures.

The difference between comedy and tragedy is where you end the story.

Last time I dealt with them, it was Veterans Court, a few years ago.

Then they both flunked out. Too many violations of probation, I would guess.

Fast forward to the present.

In spite of homelessness and drug use, they both are pretty nice people. Issues, but they have their positive aspects.

One completed another sentence for violating probation. Off to River City Recovery.

Tuesday, the other one will be released to River City Recovery from incarceration.

Where there is life, there is hope.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2018 occurs on Monday, May 28. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

EARLY OBSERVANCES OF MEMORIAL DAY

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

DECORATION DAY

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I.

HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday. Memorial Day 2017 occurs on May 29; Memorial Day 2018 falls on May 28.

MEMORIAL DAY TRADITIONS

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because it unofficially marks the beginning of summer

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.

Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time

American Legion Riders Post 119

Riding season is upon us. Motorcycle riders are already out in large numbers. We need to be aware of every one on the roads but most important are those who are enjoying a day on their motor bikes. Be careful this summer on the road and watch out for your Post members.

On July 14th the Riders Unit will be having their annual fundraiser/Poker Run. All members are encouraged to participate even if you don't own a motorcycle. You can drive the route through Ice house to Georgetown and back to the Post. You can just come to the Post, enjoy a nice chicken lunch for \$10.00, buy some raffle tickets for a chance to win a nice prize. We will have two Raffles, one is the general Raffle with nice prizes and the other is a Grand Prize drawing for a bundle of Booze or a Big Bag of Cash. In addition you can come and enjoy a cool drink while listening to The Fabulous Liars. If you would like to do a poker hand but not drive or ride you can just do a walk around the Post Poker Hand. Know of a vendor who would like to show off their goods have them give us a call for a spot.

**Come Join Us for a Beautiful
Ride through Gold Country**

American Legion Riders Chapter 119

July 14th 2018

9th Annual Poker Run

Rock and Roll by 'The Fabulous Liars'

50/50



High/Low hands



**Raffle +
Special Grand
Prize drawing
Bundle of Booze
&
Mystery Bag of Cash**

**Poker
Walk**

ALL VEHICLES WELCOME!!

Vendors and food (served from 12-2:00 Raffle 2:00)
Registration 9-11:00 \$25/\$35 2-up includes lunch
Biscuit & Gravy \$5.00 while it lasts



Post 119 American Legion Hall
4561 Greenstone Rd. Placerville, CA.
More Info: Post phone number



**9th Annual ALR 119
Poker Run Grand Prizes**

Must be 21 for Alcohol



Drawing July 14, 2018
Chance to win large bundle of
Alcohol
Or
Big Bag of cash!
Need not be present to win

In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. Martin Luther King, Jr.

My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. John F. Kennedy

There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured with what is right in America. William J. Clinton

Memorial Day isn't just about honoring veterans, its honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it. Pete Hegseth

137 years later, Memorial Day remains one of America's most cherished patriotic observances. The spirit of this day has not changed - it remains a day to honor those who died defending our freedom and democracy. Doc Hastings
"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."
Franklin D. Roosevelt

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy

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

American Legion El Dorado Family Leadership Team 2017-2018

Post 119 American Legion

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| Commander | Sam Bradley | (530) 306-1070 |
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| Adjutant | Mike Muetz | (530) 626-3956 |
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| Past Commander | Edgar "Bud" Brown | (530) 677-4135 |
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Unit 119 American Legion Auxiliary

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| President | Janie Bandera | (530) 677-4423 |
| 1 st Vice | Rebecca Marty | (530) 677-4423 |
| 2 nd Vice | Carol McLaughlin | (530) |
| Secretary | Suzy Bergin | (530) 644-7806 |
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| Sgt At Arms | Joy Krahn | (530) 677-6356 |
| Marshall | Joyce Reynolds | (530) 621-3953 |
| Exe Committee | Judy Muetz | (530) 622-9133 |

Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion

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Chapter 119 American Legion Riders

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| President | Rich Bergin | (530) 409-8794 |
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| Safety Officer | Curt Tate | (530) 677-8033 |
| Web Master: | Rich Bergin | (530) 409-8794 |

May Birthdays

| | | | |
|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| Mike | Gregor | Jerry | Snyder |
| George | Langland | Robert | Primicerio |
| David | Delrio | Edwin | Woodard |
| Donald | Wythe | Walter | Graves Jr. |
| Norm | Mahalich | Terrell | Zarneke |
| Vernon | Bickford | Ruth | Tausta |
| Warren | Wynant | Steven | Ahern |
| William | Weatherly | Robert | Dorr |
| Matt | Waller | Ralph | Eshe |
| Clyde | Phillips | Harvey | Hartman |
| Gary | Vorce | Brian | Sweet |
| Michael | Babcock | Dennis | Haas |
| Earl | Purington | Thomas | Keating |
| Bruce | Loving | Edward | Hagen |
| Robert | Martinelli | Lowell | Teach |
| Alfred | Kent | Raymond | Valencia |
| John | Deryck | Ernest | Hillman |

New Members

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| John Barrentine | Diane Beastrom |
| Howard Brewster | Royce Carr |
| Richard Cox | Walter Driggs |
| Lawrence Ellswo | Thomas Ennenga |
| Ralph Eshe | Jamie Gulley |
| Jeffery Hale | Harvey Hartman |
| Allan Inholz | Thomas Keating |
| Melvin Kelley | Coleman King |
| Thomas Krygier | Samuel Longwell |
| William Pyne | John Smith |
| Lowell Teach | Richard Weston |

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it. **Mark Twain**

Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism. **George Washington**

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

May 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|--|---|
| | | 1 | 2 Dinner Aux Meeting Post Meeting | 3 | 4 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo | 5 |
| 6 | 7 40&8 Voiture 1119 5:30pm | 8 | 9 SAL: 5:30 Riders: 6:30 | 10 | 11 Happy Hour Reception For Rose Candidates | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Bartenders: 5pm E-Board: 6pm | 17 | 18 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo | 19 El Dorado Rose Ball - Annual: 5:30 PM |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

Calendar of Meetings

| | | |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| May 2: | Dinner | 6:00 pm |
| | Aux Meeting | 8:00 pm |
| May 7: | 40&8 | 5:30 pm |
| May 9: | Sons Riders | 5:45 pm 6:30 pm |
| May 16: | Bar Meeting Exe Meeting | 5:00 pm 6:00 pm |

All Legion Members welcome.

Determine Your Benefits Eligibility With the Service-Connected Matrix

Do you have questions about your service-connected disability benefits? We've got answers. Check out the Service-Connected Benefits Eligibility Matrix to discover the benefits you're eligible for. Simply scroll down the table until you find your rating, then look at the corresponding benefits column.

Read More —> <https://www.va.gov/>

If you do not have a Service Connected diagnosed disability and feel you should, please contact your nearest Veterans Service Office.

You Served, You Earned

George W. Smith—ALRDOC Service Officer

- El Dorado County Fair began in 1859 without a fairground, moving each year.
- In 1938, the Fair was held October 14–16, still without a permanent home.
- In 1939, the Fair moved to its current location, finally finding a permanent Home.
- 1939–1941: The Fair was held the third weekend in August for three years.
- 1942–1945: The Fair closed during WWII.
- 1950–1954: The Fair was held the second weekend in September for five years.
- 1955–1968: The Fair was held the third weekend in August for 14 years.
- 1971–1976: The Fair was held in mid-July for six years.
- 1981–1983: The Fair was held the last weekend in July three years in a row.
- 1984–1985: The Fair was the first weekend in August for two years.
- 1986–1987: The Fair was held the last weekend in July for two years.
- 1988–1990: The Fair was held the first weekend in August for three years.
- 1991–1996: The Fair was held the last weekend of July for six years.
- 1997–present: The Fair has been held on Fathers Day weekend, the third week of June since 1997—longer than any other timeframe.

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

* Happy hour subject to prior rental.

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EL DORADO POST 119
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The World's Largest Veterans Organization

El Dorado Post 119

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4561 Greenstone Rd, Placerville CA 95667
(530) 626-3956

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. 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