

El Dorado American Legion Family



El Dorado Post 119 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY October 2017

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American Legion Auxiliary

Hi Everyone,

At the September meeting we discussed the fact that National raised our per capita dues to them. The membership voted a five dollar raise to our dues. The dues for the next fiscal year will be \$30.00.

We have bad news regarding one of our members. Myrna Harp had a bad accident and it maybe months or a year before she will be well. There is a GoFundMe page for money for her and the family. Myrna is a very dedicated middle school counselor and does not get disability. If you wish to contribute, the web site is gofundme.com.

District 7 is holding a meeting at our hall on March 3. The Auxiliary will be providing lunch on that day. If you wish to help out please call myself or my 1st Vice, Rebecca Marty at 530-677-4423. We could always use your help.

The budget for 2017-2018 was discussed and approved.

The Placerville Elks is hosting a Stand Down on September 30 8:00 Am to 5:00 Pm. The Stand Down will offer services to Veterans in need and homeless Veterans throughout El Dorado County and the surrounding areas. They will provide medical and dental screenings, breakfast, lunch and "to go" goody bags. They are looking for volunteers or donate food, drinks, or other materials. Please call Barbara Dockter at 530-622-8637.

If you are interested in being a chairman for any of our programs please come to the meeting and let me know. We could use your help.

Please remember 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!

Janie Bandera, President

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

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

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." ~ Aesop

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." ~ Nelson Mandela

Service Officer Corner

Days of the week:

Wednesday:

Transport homeless, just released from jail, Veteran to Sacramento.

Thursday:

South Lake Tahoe. Jail. Veterans Court. Gift card for homeless Veteran.

Friday:

Receive call from suicidal Veteran. He's in Modesto.

Saturday:

Finally, Contact recently released incarcerated Veteran. Missed him by moments three days in a row.

Sunday:

Visit Marine in jail. (This is being written on Sunday).

Monday:

Arrestment. Jail. Veterans Court.

Tuesday:

Could this be the day of rest?

Jail Joke

Inmate:

David, do you know the difference between outlaws and in-laws?

David:

Er... Uh... No

Inmate:

Outlaws are WANTED!

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. We will be having bar games for drinks, 1 drink max per winning player. Come on out and have some fun and chat with other members.

Happenings around the Post

We have a couple of things we would like to fund through the general membership. One item is a fund for the Honor Guard. The Post would like all the members in the Honor Guard to dress alike. The fund would provide pants, shirt and tie for each active member. Current estimate is about \$1,000.00. Look for the kitty jar and pop in what you can. Another item we are looking for is music CD's. We have a 300 CD player donated to the Post. If you have any good CD's and would like to donate them please bring them to the Post. All types of music is welcome.

Post 119 Riders Corner

Annual Graeagle Run

The Riders annual Run to Graeagle was a combined ride with the Folsom HOG group. Many members of the Riders unit are also members of the HOG group. In Total we had 22 people on the run. The Riders met at Mel's Diner in Placerville for a nice breakfast before hitting the road. The Riders met the Folsom group at Beans Park in Lincoln. We rode through the scenic Feather River Canyon as a group. We made a lunch stop at Beldentown along the Feather River. After lunch we continued to Graeagle with a stop at a local store for some adult beverages for the coming evening. The evening brought some good cheers among friends and new acquaintances. The next day we all had a nice breakfast at the local eatery. Off we went to Mt Lassen State Park. After a short stop at the visitor station we proceeded to ride through the scenic park. Every turn we experienced a new view of lakes or tall pines and valleys. On the way back to the resort we took a side trip to see Paul Bunyon and Big Blue, this is a favorite stop for many. After the photo op we headed back to the resort. After a long day on the road everyone was in a hurry to get back, over 250 miles for the day. Saturday evening we were eating dinner by Bob's room on the patio. Jim made a pot of chili to share and was heating them up in Bob's room. Both Bob and Jim were sitting by the pool with Lucy enjoying a nice adult beverage when Jim thought he should check on the chili. When the door opened smoke began billowing out. It took quite some time to stop. It seems, as I understand it, Bob thought he turned the heat down but it seems...maybe not! Surprisingly the chili was not too bad, it did have a bit of a smoky flavor. The next day, after another awesome breakfast at the local restaurant we headed back home. The ride down hwy 49 is a riders dream with lots of twisties to navigate. If the twisties wasn't enough, we joined a cattle drive on hwy 49. Needless to say, this slowed us down quite a bit. With all the cows on the road you can only image what we had to look out for as we were basically walking the bikes, lol. It was definitely an experience!! Every one had an awesome time and are looking forward to next years run to Graeagle.



Post 119 Riders had a great time

“We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend.” Scottish writer **Robert Louis Stevenson**

Post 119 Riders Corner



Joe our VP and First Vice of the Post lead a ride to meet up with the Riders from Post 587 for an afternoon get acquainted ride. More to come.

Video on lane splitting

Interesting video on lane splitting copy the below URL, or look on our face book page for the link.

[https://www.revzilla.com/common-tread/video-breakdown-what-does-this-crash-say-about-lane-splitting?](https://www.revzilla.com/common-tread/video-breakdown-what-does-this-crash-say-about-lane-splitting?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=9/09/2017%20-%20CT&utm_term=Common%20Tread%20%7C%20Combined)

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The Riders have a bone head award for those who do something that others may find hilarious as long as no one gets hurt. Last month Joe was the lucky holder of the noose. He was lucky enough to take a wrong turn and ended up in Ely Nv.. As you recall from the short story on the Graeagle Run some ones room was filled with smoke. Now you may think it was Jims doing as he was the chili man. But it was Bob's room and Jim was not at the meeting. So Bob is the lucky guy this month. Enjoy it is an honor.



Very moving.....

I love this story. Lay down whatever is bothering you, breathe in the fresh air and LISTEN to this story. Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost, and being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left, and they were eating lunch. I felt bad, and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down, and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost ... it's a man thing.

When you have stopped laughing, be sure to forward this on to others who would enjoy a good story.

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in one pretty and well preserved piece, but to skid across the line broadside, thoroughly used up, worn out, leaking oil, shouting GERONIMO!

This is a very early request to "Save the Date". Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 5th from 4pm to 8pm at the American Legion Hall in Placerville on Greenstone Drive near the corner of Mother Lode. Please remember this is our new location and we hope to make it a huge success. The building is new, beautiful and very large with GREAT Parking!!**

We are looking for anyone who would like to volunteer or donate a raffle prize or be a sponsor, please send me a quick reply. Thank you again for supporting our efforts!
Please forward this on to all your local contacts.

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**PLEASE
 REMEMBER
 OUR NEW
 LOCATION!!**



OCTOBER 5TH, 2017 4:00 – 8:00PM

THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

LOCATED JUST OFF MOTHERLODE DRIVE
4561 GREENSTONE ROAD, PLACERVILLE

ADULTS - \$10.00

CHILDREN - \$5.00

FULL BAR

(PROCEEDS FROM THE BAR SUPPORT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL)

CALL CYNDI ROMANO AT 916-207-4194 FOR TICKET LOCATIONS
 OR PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

"DRIVE-THRU" SPAGHETTI DINNERS AVAILABLE

**Or stay for the Live Entertainment by Carole Perusse
 & Raffle Drawings**

ALL PROCEEDS FUND THE CARE PACKAGES SENT TO THE SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONES WHO ARE FROM EL DORADO COUNTY OR HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS IN EL DORADO COUNTY. THE CARE PACKAGES ARE SENT THREE TIMES A YEAR. WE ALSO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RETURNING MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS WITH THE SAME CRITERIA AND WE NOW OFFER VA & ACTIVE MILITARY HOME BUYER SCHOLARSHIPS.

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Current Membership

Percent Membership Paid 94.77 %

	Year- To-Date	This Period
New Members	33	5
Transfer IN	52	1
Transfer OUT	2	0
Resigned	1	0
Dropped	7	4
Post Everlasting	35	0
Net Change	40	2

Members with Email 452 76.22%

Missing Data

No Current Address	1	0.2%
No DOB	136	22.9%
No Current Phone	141	23.8 %
No Service	0	0.0%
No Email	141	23.8 %
No Era	0	0.0%

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

- Benjamin Franklin, Historical Review of Pennsylvania, 1759

Major-General J. Pershing appointed to command United States Expeditionary Force, May 10 1917. Major-General Pershing, Commanding United States Army in France, promoted to General, October 6, 1917. One of U.S. General John J. Pershing's first duties as commander of the American Expeditionary Force was to set up training camps in France and establish communication and supply networks. Four months later, on October 21, the first Americans entered combat when units from the U.S. Army's First Division were assigned to Allied trenches in the Luneville sector near Nancy, France. Each American unit was attached to a corresponding French unit. Two days later, Corporal Robert Bralet of the Sixth Artillery became the first U.S. soldier to fire a shot in the war when he discharged a French 75mm gun into a German trench a half mile away. On November 2, Corporal James Gresham and privates Thomas Enright and Merle Hay of the 16th Infantry became the first American soldiers to die when Germans raided their trenches near Bathelemont, France.

**American Legion El Dorado Family
Leadership Team 2017-2018**

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Commander	Sam Bradley	(530) 306-1070
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Chaplain	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802
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Sgt at Arms:	Mike Ross	(530)
Historian:	Don Leddy	(530) 644-3581
Chaplain:	Robert Flowers	(530) 417-5802

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Web Master:	Rich Bergin	(530) 409-8794

October Birthdays

Arnold Christopher David	OShields Manley Medvec	Osvaldo Michael Robert	Scariot Signor Ashworth
George William	Arthur Blaylock	Richard Jody	White Phillips
Daniel James	Crumpley Stephens	David Larry	Campbell Berger
Michael Michael	Burroughs Raffety	Robert William	Allen DellaPenna
Ronald Thomas	Edmon Henrich	Edwin Edwin	Hawkins Lewandowski
Homer Eugene	Corvin Strobel	Harry Ellen	Allen Springer-Maxey
Frank John	Clark Plassmeyer	James Douglas	Gundelach Lindroos
Rufus David	Crow Morena	Stephanie Bradford	Carlson Crozier
Lawrence Jernon	Priddin Thiessen	Myron Carl	Harrison Visman
Robert Richard	Lose Mackendricz	Jon Michael	Rupley Romiez
Lance	Poinsett	Jon	Jones

**ON THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS
Benjamin Franklin**

While free from Force the Press remains,
Virtue and Freedom cheer our Plains,
And Learning Largesses bestows,
And keeps unlicens'd open House.
We to the Nation's publick Mart
Our Works of Wit, and Schemes of Art,
And philosophic Goods, this Way,
Like Water carriage, cheap convey.
This Tree which Knowledge so affords,
Inquisitors with flaming swords
From Lay-Approach with Zeal defend,
Lest their own Paradise should end.

The Press from her fecundous Womb
Brought forth the Arts of Greece and Rome;
Her offspring, skill'd in Logic War,
Truth's Banner wav'd in open Air;
The Monster Superstition fled,
And hid in Shades in Gorgon Head;
And awless Pow'r, the long kept Field,
By Reason quell'd, was forc'd to yield.

This Nurse of Arts, and Freedom's Fence,
To chain, is Treason against Sense:
And Liberty, thy thousand Tongues
None silence who design no Wrongs;
For those who use the Gag's Restraint,
First Rob, before they stop Complaint.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 40&8 Voiture 5:30pm	3 Jr Shooters Program: 6:00pm	4 Social 6pm Dinner 7pm Gen Meet 8pm	5	6 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	7
8	9	10 Jr Shooters Program: 6:00pm	11 SOAL - 5:30pm Riders - 6:30pm	12	13 No Happy Hour	14
15	16	17 Jr Shooters Program: 6:00pm	18 Taco Night Bar Mtg: 5pm E-Board: 6pm	19	20 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Happy Hour 5pm-9pm Chow by Leo	28
29	30	31 Jr Shooters Program: 6:00pm				

Calendar of Meetings

October 2:	40&8	5:30pm
October 3:	Social	6:00 pm
	Dinner	7:00 pm
	Meeting	8:00 pm
October 11:		
	Sons	5:45 pm
	Riders	6:30 pm
October 18:		
	Bar Meeting	5:00 pm
	Exe Meeting	6:00 pm

All Legion Members welcome.

Happy Hour dinners by Leo

All meals served with Chef's choice, entree, salad and dessert. All Meals are \$5.00.

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

Great leaders inspire. They maintain a hopeful attitude, even in the face of discouraging setbacks, constant criticism and abundant opposition. People don't follow discouraged leaders. They follow those who persist with hope. Rick Warren 2008

Thank you John Shetler and Mike Schiavone for the new flags on the flagpole at the top of the driveway.
Thank you Larry Johnson for the new paint that is appearing inside the building.

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson, *Commonplace Book* (quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria), 1774-1776

"To disarm the people...[i]s the most effectual way to enslave them."

- George Mason

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

* Happy hour subject to prior rental.

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**No Happy Hour
on Friday the
13th due to the
NRA dinner**

Friends of the NRA are having their annual fundraising dinner at the Post. I have heard this is a great event with many good raffle prizes.
Date: Friday October 13
Time: starts at 5pm.
Contact For ticket info call Rich at 530-363-0671.

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

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."
- Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Constitution, Draft 1, 1776

"A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined..."
- George Washington, First Annual Address, to both House of Congress, January 8, 1790