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- THE CERTIFIED GOLD & SILVER APPRAISER RETURNS AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 IN THE CLUBROOM! Bring in your unused diamonds, gold, silver, watches, serving dishes, mismatched earrings and get paid cash!
- Ladies Night/Potluck in the Clubroom on Saturday, August 13, 2011 @ 6 PM in the Clubroom.
- The Orbitz performs as a new group in the Clubroom on Friday, August 19th @ 7 pm!
- Fabulous 50's Sock Hop / Classic Car Show on Saturday, August 20, 2011 @ 3 PM on the Patio.
- AM Forever performs again in the Clubroom on Friday, August 26th at 7 pm!

## Post Meeting News

The E-Board meeting was held Tuesday, July 12th and Post Meeting held on Tuesday, July 19th. Motions were approved to increase the Clubroom Imprest Fund and to hire Joseph Watt as the Facility Manager.

## Commander, Richard Cross Sr.

We are making progress in all areas of the Post and I'm pleased with our progress. Our 1st Vice Commander, Tod Miller, has vacated his position and the Post is in need of a new member to step up. Please see me if you are so inclined. Just a brief update on our monthly general membership meeting. Did you know that when the E-Board publishes a report and passes it out at the general meeting, that report is just recommendation from the E-Board. It is not law. You, as members, have the right and responsibility to question anything contained in that report. If you, as a member, have a problem with anything contained in that report, again I say, that you have the right to question anything contained in the report with your concerns to the Main Body for clarification. The only question that can't be answered is the question that doesn't get asked. So please, look at the E-Board Report with renewed interest, and if questions exist, bring them up to the body. I want you as Legionnaires to become involved in the operations of your Post. Make it more than just a place to go for cocktails and the like. We will be needing volunteers for the different programs that we sponsor at the Post. Remember our children. Halloween is fast arriving and Christmas is shortly behind that. It's never to "early" to start planning for these events. Also, in the not to distant future, we have Veteran's Day. Are we/will we be ready? And last but not least, please feel free to stop me at any time and ask me questions or voice your concerns. I'm here for you and want your input.

## Chaplain, Harold Olson

This month I am reporting two deaths and one sick call. Member Donald H. Dotson passed and his Funeral was held at St. Mary's on July 11th. Member Kenneth L. Lane's Celebration of Life was held on June 16th at the Post. At the most recent VFW meeting at the Post, Harvey Benne suffered a mild stroke. He is out of the hospital and recuperating at home. I have a small favor to ask of all post members. Please, if you know of a death or a sick call, notify me first thing at either (760) 855-2897 or e-mail at [harold.olson@att.net](mailto:harold.olson@att.net). I ask this because many times I have not found out about death until I read it in the newspaper. In these matters, as the post Chaplain, I should be one of first people contacted, not the last. Now onto this month's devotional. Worship Me Only. Idolatry has always been the downfall of my people. I make no secrets about being a jealous God. Current idols are more subtle than ancient ones, because today's false gods are often outside the field of religion. People, possessions, status, and self-aggrandizement are some of the most popular deities today. Beware of bowing down before these things. False gods never satisfy; instead, they stir us lust for more and more. When you seek me instead of the world's idols, you experience my joy and peace. These intangibles slake the thirst of your soul, providing deep satisfaction. The glitter of the world is tinny and temporal. The light of my presence is brilliant and everlasting. Walk in the light with me. Thus you become a beacon through whom others are drawn to me.



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## Adjutant's Corner, Carl Asher

We are in the midst of a very steep learning curve in the Adjutants Office. Membership is our main concentration at this time. There are between 20 and 30 renewals arriving at the post daily....keep on keeping on Comrades. A few days before the end of previous Legion year, the office sent out information forms for you to fill in and return to the office. We are seeing a few but there are around 1000 members at Post 149, and we really need to get your internal information up to date. Even if you know we have the correct data on you, something may have changed and we may not be aware of it. Your DD-214 or Separation from Active Duty. Comrades I cannot stress enough the need for you to protect that document. There are unscrupulous people out there who will take advantage of veterans. You are not exempt from their underhanded methods of bilking the veterans, you and me. Be aware of unusual requests for a copy or copies of your DD-214. Check each request for validity. If you need help in that area; if you are uncertain, please come by the office and see me, we can discuss your concerns in private. For those with a copy of your DD-214 or Separation on file in the office, those files are secure and under strict control. Dues Update: You should be now receiving your annual dues reminders. Please don't delay, send them in today. I will send you your new 2012 membership card right away and remember, you must renew by November to be eligible for your free Early Bird Dinner here at the Post. Thanks for being a member and thank you for your service to our county.

## Jr. Past Commander, Joe Watt

As Fireworks Chairman, I wish to extend my thanks for all the people who made our 4th of July program a wonderful success this year. The Legion Riders and others helped with the set up and break down, Auxiliary helped in the food booth and selling merchandise, SAL did well with ice cream and Ernie Pyle had his games running well. We received a lot of good feedback about our stage presentation featuring the Boys State delegates and of course, Harvey Benne's "Tattered Old Flag." We turned a nice profit this year which will help in the Post programs. I hope I can count on all of you next year and make it even better. On a sad note, our 1st Vice Commander resigned and also our Post Service Officer also resigned due to health issues. Our Post Commander appointed me to take the Service Officer's duties and I will keep the same schedule that the previous Service Officer kept. Stop by and say hello. maybe I can answer some questions for you. As for the 1st Vice Commander position, we are in need of a good person to fill that job, with the main duties of membership, recruitment and getting out into the public. Please let us know if you can fill this position.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Joe Watt is now your Post Service Officer. Please come by and see him on Wednesdays in the Service Office from 11 AM to 2 PM. As Joe learns more about his new position, he will consider increasing his hours of availability if the need is there.

## Law & Order Chairman, Carl Asher



Our Post 149 Law and Order program is off to a great start. The early "Boosters" are: Bob Hamm; Daleen Moore; Lanny & Leslie Peterson; John Garcia; Richard Cross; Deon Paul; Tim & Kay Cleland; Ralph & Irene Gustafson; Louis & Margaret Miller; Don & Elda Jones. Thank you Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Riders, SAL and friends. Your continued support ensures we continue to have an impressive program. Post 149 received the 1<sup>st</sup> Place award and plaque for large post programs and reporting, from the Department of California. I attended the Law and Order Awards presentations at department convention and escorted the Department Fire Fighter Valor Award winner, Fire Captain John Peters, Escondido Fire Department. John has since retired from the fire department, and is enjoying some well-earned "free time" at his home in Ramona. You can donate to the program at the clubroom. Just let the bartender know and they will take your donation and give you a receipt. 100% of your donations are for the Post Law and Order effort. Please continue your generous financial support.

## Auxiliary 1st Vice, Irene Gustafson

Due to a glitch in the printing of the 2011-2012 Membership auxiliary cards they had to be reprinted. I will not receive my membership packet and Membership cards until August 7 at the District meeting. After that date, I welcome your membership renewal. Dues are still \$20.00. Thanks for your patience and I hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2011, in the Post Hall. *"Thanks for the Memories."*



## Clubroom Manager, Daleen Moore

Hello, everyone. I was hoping not to be too long winded this month, but there are a few important items to bring to your attention this month, so please bear with me. First, the Clubroom Committee passed a new Clubroom Standing Rule. This rule stipulates that no minors are allowed to sit at either the inside or outside bar tops at any time. Though not required by law since we are a private club, the general consensus was that these bar tops are not appropriate areas for minors to be. Secondly, we have posted a “general rule” on motorcycles being left overnight at the Post. This has been a heated issue since I took over as Clubroom Manager, but I stand by my decision to allow a motorcycle rider the option of leaving their bike in the back if they have overindulged on a particular evening. However, this is a courtesy, not a right, and as such, I have modified the rule a bit by requiring that motorcycles must park on the blacktop area only (not under the patio cover) and must be removed by 10 am the next morning or the privilege will be revoked. Third, the National Guard Armory parking lot is being re-paved roughly August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>, so please be patient and understand that parking may be tight around the Post and behind Joselyn Sr. Ctr. as no one will be allowed to park in the lot for a couple weeks. I’m sure it will be well worth the wait once it is completed. Lastly, and most importantly, anyone that has been to a Post Meeting over the last few months is aware that the Clubroom revenue is covering the Post loss. As such, we must be diligent in reviewing expenses that exceed income. The Clubroom has recently contracted with a new consumables vendor in an effort to reduce those costs including orange juice, mixers, napkins, syrup, etc. Even with this cost reduction on the horizon, we find it necessary to raise our prices on wine, import beer (draft and bottled), and high-end liquor in the Clubroom. I know....I know....no one wants to endure a price increase, but we must cover our costs folks or we won’t have a Post. That being said, please note that **prices for domestic draft beer, domestic canned beer and well drinks will remain at their current price, for the time being. As a Post member, you have the right to request our Profit & Loss Statement at any time from the Adjutant and encourage you to do so to ensure you are aware of the financial status of your Post.** On a similar note, my special thanks to our outgoing 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Tod Miller. Tod was aware that our utility costs were skyrocketing and was kind enough to contact SDG&E directly to request a discount since we are a non-profit veterans club. Amazingly, SDG&E agreed to a 20% cut, so I want to thank Tod for his initiative. I’m sad to see him to. Ok, now on to the fun stuff! As you will note on Page 4, we are having a 50’s Sock Hop / Car Show on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you (or a friend) are bringing a classic car down for display, please ask them to park in the National Guard Armory lot. Please come down for this event, enjoy the music by DJ Monkeyman, eat Burgers & Fries prepared by your Clubroom Committee, and join the dance contest! We need your support and anyone bringing a classic car down will receive (2) free beer chips! And finally....we are running a “Beer Bucket” special in the Clubroom during the hours of 4 pm – 7 pm in August, Sunday through Thursday. **You can get (6) domestic cans of beer in a bucket of ice for \$12, so come on in and help us stimulate the economy!**

## Sons of the American Legion Adjutant, Jeff



The Sons meeting in August was well attended and many items were brought forward. We will be working on many fundraisers this year with a goal of \$5,000 dollars for our projects. We will be supporting the Post scholarships, Boys State, Veteran’s hospital, Christmas, Easter, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July programs. We will also be supporting our local youth baseball and Pop Warner football teams. With all these programs to support, we will be actively seeking donations, holding “fun events” like our Poinsettia Bowl tailgate party, and sponsoring meals at the Post throughout the year. Please support your Sons however you can. Also, we would like to congratulate Louis Miller, Ray Bradford and Jeff Flynt for taking positions at the Detachment level this year. I know they will do a great

job and represent the Sons well. Our August meals will be the Wednesday BBQ on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday breakfast on August 14<sup>th</sup>. We will not have Louis, Ray and Jeff at the breakfast due to Department Meetings up north, so please come and support our “short-handed” members as they serve our breakfast this month. Membership cards are ready for all you early. Please see our Adjutant to arrange pick up of your card. We will be offering free laminations for you guys to keep the cards looking great all year long. (760) 803-5080 or [sal149jeff@aol.com](mailto:sal149jeff@aol.com).

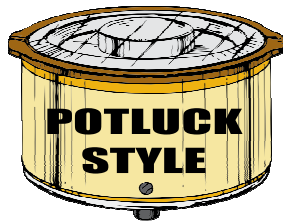


# \*\* Legion Coming Events \*\*

## Girls Night Out

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th**  
**6 PM - Close**

OPEN JUKEBOX!



**\$2.50**

**TEQUILA  
ROSE  
SHOTS!**

**AS ALWAYS....  
\$1 SCHNAPPS  
SHOTS!**



TO OUR AWESOME MEN  
JOINING US FOR LADIES  
NIGHT THIS MONTH,  
PLEASE BRING A GIFT OF  
YOUR CHOICE TO BE  
RAFFLED AMONGST THE  
LADIES!

## FABULOUS 50's SOCK HOP & CAR SHOW

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**3 PM ON THE PATIO**

**DJ Monkeyman Playing  
Your Favorite 50's Music!**

Bring in your classic  
car (or invite a friend  
to bring theirs!) and  
receive (2) free yellow  
drink chips from the  
Clubroom Manager!



**BURGERS, DOGS & FRIES**  
FOR \$7 PER PERSON  
SERVED AT 4 PM  
'TIL GONE!@

**BEST DANCE COUPLE  
WINS \$40 CASH**

**BEST DRESSED  
INDIVIDUAL  
WINS  
\$25 CASH**

**Disclaimer: All Judging  
Times, Judges and Awards  
To Be Determined at Sole  
Discretion of the  
Clubroom Manager**



**Bubblegum  
Blowing  
Contest!**

Friday, August 19th  
7—11 pm in the Clubroom!

**The Orbitz**

*\$5 Cover Charge for non-members & Guests*



Back by Popular Demand!  
Friday, August 26th  
7—10 pm in the Clubroom!



*\$5 Cover Charge for non-members & Guests*

Food serving times are approximate — Call 745-1159 and use auto menu for updates

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Breakfast in the Main Hall 8 - 11 AM <b>OPEN POOL TABLE IN CLUBROOM</b>	<b>FOOD SERVED IN CLUBROOM FOR DONATION</b> Noon 'til Gone	<b>FOOD SERVED IN CLUBROOM FOR DONATION</b> Noon 'til Gone	<b>Patio BBQ</b> 5:30-6:30 PM	<b>FOOD SERVED IN CLUBROOM</b> Noon 'til Gone Line Dancing 6—8 PM	<b>Dinner Served</b> 5:30 PM—7 PM Live Music if Noted	<b>Special Events Day</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
Jul 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6
Past Commanders Breakfast Ham, Steak, Eggs	<b>3:30—6:30 PM</b> <b>6 PM Allied Vets in Conf Rm</b> Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	4:30 PM Teamsters in HALL 7 PM VFW 1513 in HALL	SAL BBQ Burgers & Dogs Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	6—8 PM Line Dancing in Hall	Dinner by Boy Scouts Baked Chicken <b>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM</b> 7—11 PM <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>	8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL <b>10 AM Clubroom Committee Mtg on Patio</b>
Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13
Riders Polish Sausage Breakfast <b>9 AM DISTRICT 22 MEETING IN HALL</b>	<b>3:30—6:30 PM</b> Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	<b>6 PM Post E-Board Mtg</b> 6 PM DAY Mtg in Hall	Post Officers BBQ Burgers & Dogs Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	6—8 PM Line Dancing in Hall	Dinner by OG Jr. ROTC BBQ Ribs <b>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM</b> 7—11 PM <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>	8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA HALL 9 AM Blue Star Moms on Patio <b>3 PM GOLD/SILVER BUYER IN CLUBROOM!</b> <b>LADIES NIGHT IN CLUBROOM @ 6 PM</b>
Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20
SAL Breakfast Buffet 5—9 PM Palomar Square Dancers in Hall	<b>3:30—6:30 PM</b> Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	<b>5 PM SAL Mtg in Conf Rm</b> <b>6 PM General Post Mtg in Hall</b>	Riders BBQ Chicken, Burgers & Dogs <b>7 PM Riders Mtg on Patio</b> Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	6—8 pm Line Dancing in Hall	Dinner by Job's Daughters Cook-Your-Own-Steak <b>THE ORBITZ IN CLUBRM</b> 7—10 PM <b>\$5 COVER CHARGE</b>	8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL <b>3 PM 50s SOCK HOP / CLASSIC CAR SHOW ON PATIO</b>
Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27
Post Officer's Breakfast 10 AM Combat Vets on Patio 2—6 PM Ballroom Dancers in Hall	<b>3:30—6:30 PM</b> Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	5 PM—CLOSE Vietnam Veterans 1031 in Hall	Clubroom BBQ Burgers & Dogs 5:30—6:30 PM Zumba Hall 7 PM Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg in Hall	7 PM USSV Scamp Base Mtg in Hall 6—8 pm Line Dancing in Clubroom	Dinner by Clubroom Wives Homemade Enchiladas <b>AM FOREVER IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM</b> <b>\$5 COVER CHARGE</b>	8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL <b>PRIVATE RENTAL HALL</b> <b>4 PM—10 PM</b>
Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3
40 et 8 Steak & Eggs Breakfast 11 AM 40 et 8 Meeting in Hall	<b>3:30—6:30 PM</b> Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM		40 et 8 BBQ Burgers & Dogs Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	6—8 pm Line Dancing in Clubroom	Dinner by <b>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM</b> 7—11 PM <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>	8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL <b>10 AM Clubroom Committee Mtg on Patio</b>

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