

# *FLASH*



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*“Noisy” 19<sup>th</sup> District  
Department of California  
Volume 85 Number 6*

February 9, 2011

Hollydale Post 723  
11269 Garfield Ave  
South Gate, CA 90280

562-923-6668

Regular Meeting Starts At 7:30 P.M.

## 19<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

OFFICER	POST	NAME	PHONE
Commander	352	William Perry	310-218-7628
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	134	Gilbert Palmer	714-720-1295
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	496	Bill Miller	562-425-3879
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	723	Wade Murdoch	562-413-6348
Adjutant	314	Bert Ladre	310-542-6549
Asst. Adjutant	359	Jim Potter	562-417-3137
Scribe	359	Jim Potter	562-417-3137
Finance Officer	51	Gil Soto	562-692-9783
Asst. Finance Officer			
Chaplain	359	Richard Benninger	562-864-7796
Asst. Chaplain			
Historian	496	Virgil Atkins	562-425-3568
Asst. Historian			
Judge Advocate	270	James T. Higuera	626-445-2582
Asst. Judge Advocate	496	Skip Clark	562-948-2186
Service Officer	314	Johnny T. Brown	310-715-6728
Asst. Service Officer			
Sergeant at Arms	51	Patrick Dowd	562-946-5355
Asst. Sgt. At Arms	51	Robert Sainz	626-336-1861
Asst. Sgt. At Arms			
Hospital Chairman	723	Wade Murdoch	562-413-6348
LACC Vice Commander	51	Art Castro	562-652-5923
LACC Exec. Committee	352	Robert Mitchell	310-625-6096
Flash Editor	314	Wilma Miner	310-618-1198

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## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Randy Parker	411	270, 272, 323, 411	562-254-3992
Eli Espinoza	272	326, 359, 477, 496, 804	323-376-1367
Bert Ladre	314	51, 184, 187, 314	310-542-6549
Robert Mitchell	352	465, 560, 688, 719, 833	310-625-6096
Dennis Radcliffe	134	27, 120, 134, 341	562-900-0094
Robert Boyd	352	170, 287, 352, 723	310-503-9644.

**God Bless All Those Who Serve Our Country**



## 19th District Commander William Perry

Hello Comrades,

To our men and women serving around the world and their families, stay safe and have faith, we pray for your speedy return.

The 19th District is alive and busy with activity. As your Commander, I thank you for each and every one for your commitments and dedication to our veterans and the District.

Come out and enjoy an evening of Dancing and fun at the District's VA&R Dinner Dance on February 19, 2011 at Lakewood Post 496.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION



## 1st Vice Commander Gil Palmer

The new year has begun and membership is down. **I need all E-board committee men to call me**, Gilbert Palmer - cell-562-464-8809 or E-mail [palmer-gibby@gmail.com](mailto:palmer-gibby@gmail.com) and give me a report on every post. So, we as a District can help our Membership goals. I am starting a Membership committee to help us solve this problem.

It's very important to attend this workshop, it will help all of us to reach our goals.

For God and Country



## 2nd Vice Commander Bill Miller

As I mentioned last month, we had several Post-level Oratorical Competitions this past month, followed by the District Competition on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January at Hollydale. Our 4<sup>th</sup> Area Finals will be at Lakewood on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Please pencil in the date on your calendar. If you haven't seen any of these kids in action, make it a point to come out and see what they can do under EXTREME pressure. I think you'll be amazed. Please remember that we have our VA&R Dinner/Dance on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February and a couple of weeks later the DEC on the 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of March (also at Lakewood). If you have extra time on your hands, ask one of our board members if you can help with any of these events.

I'm sure that the "point person" for each of these can use anyone and everyone's help. As soon as we turn the corner on these events, I'll start looking forward to our Convention Hospitality Room. I'm asking each Post to provide some "stock" or "seed money" to help us get the ball rolling. Many of you have stepped up in the past and I'm hoping that you will again. I don't want to keep relying on the same people/Posts so please put this on your "things to do list" now. Talk it up amongst yourselves and your fellow members and help in any way you can. Whatever you decide, let me know what you can bring to the table to help out. The more we have going in – the easier it is to keep things rolling while we are there. We definitely want to be able to provide more than "just a bar!" Thanks for your help. As I continue to say to each of you, I am proud to be a Legionnaire and I look forward to working with you all during the rest of the Legion year. The more we work together – the less hassles we will have. I like to use the old "pulling guard" analogy in football. If I have my blocker in front of me at 270-300 pounds – I'm pretty confident on the end-around that I'll get by the 175 pound safety. I'm pretty sure you get the idea. Let's all continue to follow that "pulling guard" and keep moving forward as a team. Until next time, please keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

For God and Country – Mildew

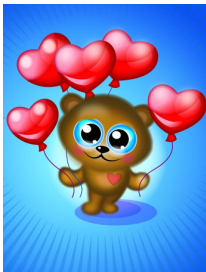


## 3rd Vice Commander Wade Murdoch

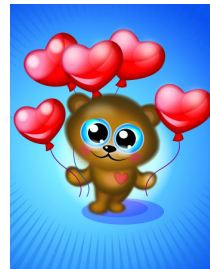
### BINGO DATES FOR 2011

February 2011 Bingo Dates

February 12 - Open - Needs a Post  
February 26 - Open - Needs a Post



**Happy  
Valentine's Day!**  
**From the Editor**



**Documents  
Received**

# Bars 'N No Bars

2010-2011 Legion Year	Post	Cert. Of	Post	District	Per	Dis- trict	C.C.	C.C.
<b>Updated on 1-09-11</b>	#	Officers	Audit	Dele- gates	Capita	Dues	Dues	Dele- gates
ARTHUR L. PETERSON	27							
WHITTIER	51							
BELL MAYWOOD	120							
CITY OF PARAMOUNT	134							
BERT S. CROSSLAND	170							
SOUTH BAY	184							
GARDENA VALLEY	187							
DOWNEY	270							
MONTEBELLO	272							
WILMINGTON	287							
HAWTHORNE	314							
ALBERT F. MAZZIE	323							
SAMUEL THOMAS	326							
LELAND A CUPP	341							
GILBERT LINDSAY	352							
NORWALK	359							
RIVERA	411							
CLYDE F. HAGER	465							
SUNSHINE ACRES	477							
LAKEWOOD	496							
HOUGHTON PARK	560							
MAYON	688							
SGT. WALTER TUCKER	719							
HOLLYDALE	723							
EUGENE A, OBREGON	804							
LINCOLN VILLAGE	833							

**If you do not show documentation, please present a duplicate copy to the Adjutant.**

**PLEASE GET ORIGINALS OR COPIES TO THE ADJUTANT ASAP  
THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DOCUMENTATION**

**Please be advised, if your Post does not have everything turned in, they will not  
be allowed to vote at State Convention in Ontario!**

**District Dues: \$5.00 LACC Dues: \$15.00 Per Capita 50 cents per member**



**American Legion  
Department of California  
5th Area Meeting  
January 28 - 30, 2011**

Hosted by Fort Yuma, Post 802  
at the Newly Built Quechan Casino & Resort  
525 Algodones Road, Winterhaven, CA 92283  
(877) 783-2426 Fax (760) 572-2004

**Scheduled of Events**

**Saturday**

0700	Buffet Breakfast
0800 - 1200	5th Area Chili Cook-off
1400 - 1500	40 & 8 - Fitz Brown Room
1500 - 1600	Past Commander Club - Fitz Brown Room
1600 - 1700	Hospitality Hour by the Lazy River
1600	Buffet Dinner
1700	Dinner at the Ironwood Steak House

**Sunday**

0900 - 1200	5th Area Meeting - Pipa Event Center
1200 - 1300	SAL 5th Area Meeting - Pipa Event Center

Hotel rooms are available at the Quechan Casino & Resort for 89.95+ Tax  
Call (877) 783-2426 for Reservations

I hope you enjoyed the Hospitality of post 802, the Quechan Tribal Council and the Staff of the Quechan Casino & Resort

Please Drive Careful on your way home and come back Soon!!!





**The American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of CA  
'FUN'raiser to Laughlin, NV  
February 13 – 15, 2011**



To reserve your room, please fill out this form **COMPLETELY** return it to **Jean Cooley-Desmeules Ways & Means, Chairman, 20600 S. Main Street #40, Carson, CA 90745-1108.** Include your check in the amount of \$88.00 per person, payable to **Department of CA – ALA,/Memo: 'FUN'raiser.**

HOTEL: River Palms Resort & Casino, Laughlin, NV

Transportation - Perry Transportation Buses

Pick-up Locations – Hawthorne, Camarillo and two other locations

TBA

Cost: \$88.00 per person – includes transportation & room - One King or Two Full beds

One Plated Breakfast & One Buffet Dinner per person

Reservation Cut-off - January 28, 2011

**PERSONAL INFORMATION** (Please print neatly or type)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Unit/

Sqd \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOM SELECTIONS** (Check all that apply)

One Bed (King) \_\_\_\_\_ Two Beds (Full) \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSES LEAVING LOCATIONS: 8:00 AM**

**BUSES LEAVING HOTEL: 12:30 PM**

**Check-in Time: 3:00 pm**

**Check-out Time: 12:00 Noon**

**DO NOT** call hotel to make reservations, changes or cancellations – these must go through the Ways & Means Chairman. **96-HOUR CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION REQUIRED – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 28, 2011**

**2011 Ontario Convention**  
**June 23-26, 2011**  
**Best Western Ontario Airport**  
**Brian Franklin, Convention Housing Chairman/Convention Corporation President**  
[befranklin@mactec.com](mailto:befranklin@mactec.com) | [befranklin@gmail.com](mailto:befranklin@gmail.com) | 562-277-2497

Happy 2011, Comrades!

By the time you read this, I hope all of you will have had a great Christmas, New Years, and will be rooting for the New York Jets in the Super Bowl (I'm crossing my fingers now...). It's been a little while since you heard from me. I've been busy on the home, work, and Legion fronts! In 2010, I married a great, supportive woman, Karen, who I love very much (most of you have met her by now); I took a promotion with more responsibilities at work (insanity is setting in...); and I and several folks from our Noisy 19<sup>th</sup> District started a convention corporation. I'll talk a more about the last item later in this article.

**Convention is a few short months away but it's never too early to start planning to attend.**

For 2011, Department Convention will be in Ontario – close but still a little bit of a schlep. Our hotel is the Best Western – directly across the street from the Department Headquarters hotel and about a block and a half from the convention center. Maps will be put out at the June District meetings for the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons.

**FAST FACTS:**

Deposit amount: **\$92.00** (**\$100.00 after April 22, 2011**)

Check or Money Order (*NO CASH*) payable to:

**19<sup>th</sup> District Convention Corp.**

**Cut-off for Reservations: Friday, April 22, 2011**

**Mail payments/forms to: Brian Franklin  
4530 Montair Ave. #E-28,  
Long Beach, CA 90808**

**Hotel: Best Western (across the street from Dept. HQ Hotel)  
209 N. Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, CA**

**Cancellations: 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival date  
10% cancellation fee if cancellation occurs  
after June 10, 2011**

**The Best Western has offered us an excellent deal, and is going out of their way to work with our needs.**

***Room reservations have already started to come in at a quick pace – please reserve yours soon so you get the room type you want.***

**Hotel info:**

Hotel is two stories, no elevators. However, over 70 rooms are on the first floor and all rooms on the hotel property have gone through an extensive renovation (including ADA upgrades).

**ALL rooms have a fridge and a microwave!!!**

LOTS of parking.

Great pool/Jacuzzi area.

On-site laundry.

A restaurant/bar is on the hotel property.

A limited number of rooms can accommodate a mobility cart.

The hotel offers limited shuttle service (with advanced notification).

Help me help the Best Western...let's pack this hotel for our convention!!

Individuals AND Posts/Units doing group reservations need to plan now on reserving. We lose any unsold rooms after April 22 and, if any are still available for sale, the deposit price will be \$100.00 for rooms reserved after April 22.

[Remember that you DO NOT have to be elected as a delegate to reserve a room – likewise, unless your By-Laws are specific about the date for elections of delegates, posts, units, and squadrons you DO NOT have to hold elections of delegates in May.](#)

As in 2010, the 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Districts have teamed up to get a better deal when reserving our block. This team worked successfully for Fresno and will again for Ontario.

A reservation form was recently distributed via email; forms will also be available at the District meetings.

Rooms are on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. Please reserve early!

**Convention Corporation**. Finally, I and several members recently incorporated a district convention corporation and it's taken a little while to get all the pieces in place in order to begin selling rooms. A few members have raised concern as to why this was necessary. Well, in recent years, contracting with hotels for our convention rooms has brought up many legal issues which, under certain circumstances, could cause financial hardship for our district. This corporation was formed to protect the 19<sup>th</sup> District and its posts when contracting for lodging for Department Conventions, whether we host a convention again or not. Two benefits the 19<sup>th</sup> District gets is: 1) protection from liabilities or losses associated with the convention, and 2) convention housing will no longer be the significant drain on the district's general fund as we are every year. This will allow the other major programs that the district supports (Boys State and American Legion Baseball, in particular) to be able to have sufficient capital to operate successfully.

The corporation held its first regular meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>; our next regular meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in June. Notice will be put in the June Flash. Special thanks to Bill Clapp, Wade Murdoch, Skip Clark, Lula Gooden, Anita Watts, Art Castro, Rudy Moreno, George Newell, Carroll MacClannahan, and Hank Gissell for help in the formation of this corporation.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Call or email if you have questions or if I can be of assistance at:  
[befranklin@mactec.com](mailto:befranklin@mactec.com) | [befofranklin@gmail.com](mailto:befofranklin@gmail.com) | 562-277-2497

**TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT  
@ LAKEWOOD AMERICAN LEGION POST 496  
ON APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2011 @ 2:00P.M.  
HOSTED BY: 19<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SON'S  
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**



**5938 PARKCREST ST.  
LONG BEACH, CA 90808  
CONTACT MIKE LOSOYA @ 562.714.9176**

The 19<sup>th</sup> District Son's of the American Legion will be holding a Texas Hold-Em Tournament for members and non-members alike – with an initial buy-in of \$40.00. After March 26, 2011, the entry fee will increase to \$50.00 per entry – so get your entry in NOW! All tournament rules will apply and the last 10 players (final table) will receive prize money. The amount of prize money will depend on the number of players who participate in the tournament.

We will have professional dealers, tables, chips, etc., so come on down and join in the fun. To register for this event, all you have to do is complete the following information and submit your \$40.00 (initial buy-in fee) to Mike Losoya @ 562.714.9176 or Steve Westerfield @ 562.746.6580.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ POST # \_\_\_\_\_

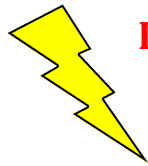
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**I CERTIFY THAT I AM AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.  
MY \$40 ENTRY FEE IS ALSO INCLUDED!**



**Looking for a night out that won't cost  
an arm and a leg? Look no further!  
Good Food, Good Fun, Good Times!**



**Save**

**Legion Family Calender**

**Save**

**2011**

January	28-30	Department of California	5th Area Meeting (0700 Hours)
January	30	Oratorical Competition	TBA
February	5	Hawthorne Post 314	Chinese Auction Auxiliary 2:00 p.m. buy tickets 3:00 p.m. Drawing Begins
February	19	Lakewood Post 496	VA&R Dinner/Dance
February	20	Lakewood Post 496	Oratorical 4th Area Finals
March	11-13	Lakewood Post 496	DEC
April	2	Norwalk Post 359	Special Rehab Bazaar (Auxiliary) 2:00 p.m.
		Lakewood Post 496	SON's Texas Hold-Em 2:00 p.m.
June	23-26	Ontario, CA	2011 Convention

**Save \$\$\$ by supporting each other's functions/events**

**Inviting Posts, Auxiliarys and SALs to your functions means  
Better Attendance and More Money Raised  
for your organization**

**Want to invite your American Legion "Family"  
to your special events?  
Call Wilma Miner at 310-618-1198  
and leave your info on my answering machine.**

**REQUEST MUST BE FOLLOWED UP  
WITH A WRITTEN FLYER**

**Info needed on the Flyer: Date, Post, Unit,  
or Squadron #, the Name of the Event and Time**

# Sawthorne 314 Auxiliary Annual Chinese Auction

**When?** Saturday, February 5, 2011  
**Where?** Hawthorne Post 314  
14124 S. Prairie Avenue  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
310-675-1313  
**Time?** 2:00 p.m.  
Drawing Begins 3:00 p.m. SHARP

30 chances for a \$3.50 donation  
90 chances for only a \$10.00 donation.  
180 chances for only a \$20.00 donation  
and receive 30 chances **FREE**

Proceeds to aid Veterans and their families

## 19th District Annual Special Rehab Bazaar

**When?** Saturday, April 2, 2011  
**Where?** Norwalk Unit 359  
**Time?** 10:00 a.m.  
**Lunch?** 12:00 Noon  
**Drawings?** 1:20 p.m. Let the FUN Begin

Come out and browse our Bake Sale; Books, Videos, DVD table; Chinese Auction; Fishing Pond; Jewelry Table; Raffle table; and our Silent Auction.

Some of the items donated for the Raffle Table are:

Royal Almond Jafra Basket	Value \$114.00
Royal Almond Jafra Basket	Value 58.00
Cooking Club of America	Value 230.00
9 pc Deluxe Stainless Steel Cookware Set	
Jafra Family Sun Care Set	Value 48.00

**Tickets will NOT be sold for the AFTER 1:15 p.m.**

# FLASH DEADLINE

Any officer or member of the 19th District who would like to have their Post's events announced in the FLASH, please contact me by email:

[flasheditor@earthlink.net](mailto:flasheditor@earthlink.net) or call 310-618-1198.

**All articles for the March Flash MUST be at my house**

either by email, snail-mail or hand delivered to:

20930 Doble Avenue  
Torrance, CA 90502-1758)

**no later than 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2011**

**The deadlines for the Flash will be enforced.**

Enforcing deadlines is the only way to assure the members of the Noisy 19th that the Flash will be mailed in a timely manner.

**Sorry, I only type and edit the articles, I do not write them.**

I'm sorry, but any articles, flyer etc.  
received **AFTER** the due date **WILL NOT**  
be included in that month's issue.

## FUTURE FLASH DEADLINES

**The article you write in February  
is for events of March - June**

<b>March</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>For April Issue</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>For May Issue</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>For June Issue</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>For July Issue</b>

Thank You! Wilma Miner, Editor

## Scheduled Meeting Dates & Locations for the 19th District



**February 9, 2011**

Hollydale Post 723  
11269 Garfield Ave  
South Gate, CA 90280

562-923-6668

**March 9, 2011**

Norwalk Post 359  
11986 Front Street  
Norwalk, CA 90560  
562- 864-9021

**April 13, 2011**

Montebello Post 272  
616 W. Cleveland  
Montebello, CA 90640-4806  
323-721-4878

**May 11, 2011**

Walter Tucker Post 719  
V.F.W. Center  
303 E. Palmer Street  
Compton, CA  
310-538-8848

**June 8, 2011**

Lakewood Post 469  
5938 Parkcrest Street  
Long Beach, CA 90808

**When your Post makes the reservations - Your Post pays for the meals.**

All meetings will be on the **2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.**  
Dinners are at 6:30 p.m. if offered. **Reservations are a MUST for dinner.**

Include your post number and the amount of dinners to be served to your post.

**Please make your reservations early so the host Post will know how many meals to prepare.**

**All Executive Board meetings will be held at the Norwalk Post 359 first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.**

Please call Hollydale Post 723 regarding dinner reservations at **562-923-6668** for the February 9, 2011 meeting.

All dinner reservations must be made **at least one week in advance** when dinner is being served at the meetings.

## NINETEENTH DISTRICT PAST COMMANDERS

*A. B. Waddingham	1927	*Casper C. Rea	1971
*Charles C. McGonegal	1928-29	*Robert A. Okeson	1971
*Lawrence Klinker	1930-31	*Floyd W. Schultz	1972
*Ray Hoskins	1932	Daniel M. Castillo	1973
*Art Bliley	1933	* John Hudak	1974
*Stephen M. Cope	1934	*Thomas G. Jaurez	1975
*Lawrence M. Windle	1935	Elbert W. Ralston	1976
*Arthur Longnecker	1936	J. W. McCormick	1977
*John C. Dunn	1937	*Donald R. Carter	1978
*Charles F. Walter	1938	*John E. Mummert, Sr.	1979
*Charles S. Warren	1939	*Robert R. Hart	1980
*Tracy C. Hicks	1940	*Raymond F. Borucki	1981
*Richard J. Myerscough	1941	*Patrick M. Reese	1982
*Ray F. Tucker	1942	*Lauro J. Jaime, Jr.	1983
*Raymond E. Jones	1943	Werner E. Wolf	1984
*Walter E. Mueller	1943	*Thomas Vincent	1985
*Merl W. Horn	1944	Fernando Soto	1986
*J. E. Child	1945	Louis R. Gomez	1987
*R. Y. O'Shaughnessy	1946	Gary McCracken	1988
*Robert L. Rossier	1947	*Frances F. Borucki	1989
*Joseph F. McCann	1948	*Carl F. Shasha	1990
*Emerson C. Miller	1949	*Malcolm A. Jeffris	1991
*Ralph E. Smith	1950	*James W. Wysong	1992
*Henry S. Wilson	1951	Ray Curry	1993
*Al Kaiser, Jr.	1952	*Albert B. Clugston	1994
*W. Devore Walden	1953	James T. Higuera	1995
*Leonard G. Cross	1954	Ralph W. Shipley	1996
*H. Ed Hissey	1955	LeRoy "Lee" Spann	1997
*J. Vincent Walker	1956	John H. Holloway	1998
*Ray Kimberlin	1957	Rudy Moreno	1999
*Albert F. Mazzie	1958	Johnny T. Brown	2000
*Fredrick J. Pelletier	1959	James Potter	2001
*Thomas Pope	1960	Brian Franklin	2002
*William H. Gilmore	1961	*James Drew	2003
*Nathan Sommer	1962	Richard Benninger	2003
*Christian A. Akeo	1963	*Henry Pacheco	2004
*Maynard E. Norquist	1963	Joe Gonzales	2005
*H. Gordon Gregson	1964	Bill Musser	2006
Kenneth L. Van Sant	1964	Frank Duddleston	2007
Marvin Jones	1965	Robert Mitchell	2008
*J. U. MacCartney	1966	Gil Soto	2009
*Raymond R. Pfluger	1967	Art Castro	2010
*Roy W. Grimwood	1968		
*Guy F. Millburn	1969		
*Clifford R. Bell	1970		

\*Deceased