

FLASH



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*Paramount Post 134 (DINNER?)
7550 Somerset Blvd.
Paramount, CA 90723-4004
562-634-1122*

Meeting Starts At 7:30 P.M.

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Asst. Chaplain			
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Asst. Service Officer	314	Richard Hackenberger	
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Asst. Sgt. At Arms	51	Robert Sainz	626-336-1861
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Please contact Wilma Miner at
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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Robert Boyd	352	170, 287, 352, 560, 723,	310-503-9644
Pat Dowd	51	134, 323, 326, 688, 359	562-946-5355
Johnny Amador	411	27, 359, 477, 804	562-777-4458

God Bless All Those Who Serve Our Country



19th District Commander Gil Palmer

American Legion Family,

The American Legion was founded on these four Pillars. Veteran Affairs, Rehabilitation, National Security, and Children and Youth.

Each of these Pillars encompasses a variety of programs, that benefits us and our Country, service members family's, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. So remember just recruit one person to our membership and what a difference it would make.

The next three membership meetings will have nominations for the 3rd Vice Commander.

Any questions? Please call 562-464-8809 email at palmergibby@gmail.com

For God and Country



1st Vice Commander Bill Miller

Hello everyone – hope you all had a great summer. We certainly had a lot going on the first few months of the Legion Year and it doesn't look like the pace is going to let up anytime soon. Please make it a point to come out to our general meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and watch the Flash for updates so you can keep up with everything going on.

Speaking of goings-on – let's give a big pat on the back to our District 2nd Vice and his crew for the recent Wine tasting event at Pico/Post 411. What a great job they did. We had a lot of help from the 411 Auxiliary (an understatement!) – but a special thanks has to go out to Cynthia Lopez and Susie Hogan for sure! Thank you ladies for helping pull that together – and for continuing to do what you do! Thanks to everyone that came out to help the Auxiliary at the VA on Labor Day as well. What a great way to spend the holiday – serving our veterans. They really appreciated the 19th District family showing up in force.

As far as my "official" duties, I finally got our Department membership goals last month at the DEC. It was a nice surprise; our magic number for 2011-12 is 3858. That is not nearly as aggressive as in years past but that doesn't mean we just sit back and hope the numbers pile up. Continue to beat the bushes and let's get to 100% before we even have to think about it OK? I know we can do it. For your info, at the end of August, the 19th District was well over 50% and we were well on our way to another successful year. Keep it up! Until next time,

God Bless you and God Bless America - r/Mildew



2nd Vice Commander Dennis Radcliff

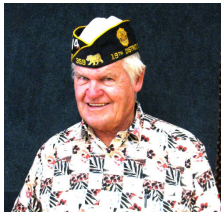
Aloha Comrades,

Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the "1ST Annual 19TH District Wine Tasting." If you were unable to attend this event, you missed out. It was a huge success and, hopefully, the first of many to come. A special "Thank You!" to the ladies of the #411 Auxiliary Unit and especially Cynthia Perry. You folks went above and beyond my expectations supporting the 19TH District for this event.

You'll notice there is a flyer in the Flash for a bus trip to convention next year in Redding. **First off, I changed the date of departure to Wednesday June 20, 2012 so people can be in Redding for events on Thursday morning.** We only have one bus for 60 people, first come first serve. Get a hold me or your Executive Committee member to sign up. A \$20 deposit ensures you have a seat.

Look forward to seeing you out and about.

For God and Country,
Semper Fil!



Adjutant James Potter

I have asked the editor to include the 'Guide to Yearly Documents' for the 19th District in this issue. Post Adjutants, post this near your work area as a reminder. If you need the forms, tell our Executive Committeeman assigned to your Post, you will find his number on page 2. Chances are he will have some blank forms when he comes to visit your post meeting.

My mailing address is: Adjutant, 11986 Front St, Norwalk CA 90650 for Legion business.

As soon as I can figure out how to work Excel, I will publish the bars and no bars.

Thanks, and in comradeship, Jim 'JP' Potter



19th District Auxiliary President Diana Moreno



Good morning, American Legion Family members,

Ride 2 Recovery's "Golden State Challenge" begins in San Francisco on Sunday, October 2nd and **ends Saturday, October 8th at the Santa Monica Pier**. The veterans will ride 450 miles on bicycles along Pacific Coast Highway escorted by the American Legion Riders the entire way. Let's give these R2R* riders a huge American Legion Family welcome home complete with cheering crowds and hundreds of waving flags!

Plan to be at the Santa Monica Pier by 12:00 noon to welcome the R2R riders. The group will be arriving around 2pm but could be earlier, so plan to be there by noon so you don't miss hearing the roar of those motorcycles escorting the heroic R2R cyclists to the end of their 450-mile ride at the Santa Monica Pier.

Directions: Take the 10 Freeway West to Exit 1A for 4th/5th Street, turn right on 4th, left on Colorado and follow signs for parking.

*R2R is Department President Linda Fercho's *Special Project*, a remarkable program of physical and mental recovery and rehabilitation for wounded veterans through spinning and cycling. Additional information available at ride2recovery.com.

For God and Country





BUS TRIP TO CONVENTION

LAKWOOD TO REDDING

The 19TH District will have a bus going to Redding for the Department of California Convention June 20 - 24, 2012. There is only space for 60 people, first come, first serve. The cost is \$100 per person for round trip, there is a \$20 deposit due when you sign up and you have until January 31, 2012 to pay the balance. You can make payments, or pay in full. December 01, 2011 space remaining will open up to the 4th Area for any seat not taken by the 19th District.

Bus leaves Post #496 Lakewood CA at 0600 on the 20JUN12. It will leave Redding 1000 on 24JUN12 returning approx. 8:00 to Lakewood.

2nd Vice Commander Dennis Radcliffe 323-237-6064 or email me at Kamalu1964@yahoo.com



**WANT TO GO TO CONVENTION
BUT DON'T WANT THE FACE THE TRAFFIC?
TAKE OUR BUS AND LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!**



**The Hawthorne 314 - American Legion Family
Bus Trip to Laughlin, NV - January 27-29, 2012**

To reserve your room, please fill out this form **COMPLETELY** return it to Jean Cooley-Desmeules, Chairman, 20600 S. Main Street #40, Carson, CA 90745-1108. Include your check in the amount of \$110.00 per person, **payable to Squadron 314 Hawthorne/ Memo: Laughlin Trip.**

HOTEL: Edgewater Hotel & Casino, Laughlin, NV
Transportation - Perry Transportation Buses
Pick-up Locations – Hawthorne, Carson and Pacific Palisades

Cost: \$110.00 per person – includes transportation & room - One King or two Double beds, One Breakfast OR Dinner Buffet ticket per person which can be used at either the Edgewater or Colorado Bell Casino's. Reservation Cut-off - **DECEMBER 17, 2011 BYOB – Bring Your Own Booze or Beverage – Water & Snacks will be provided on Bus.**

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: TBA BUSES LEAVING HOTEL: 12:30 pm

Check-in Time: 3:00 PM Check-out Time: 11:00 AM

DO NOT call hotel to make reservations, changes or cancellations – these must go through the Chairman.

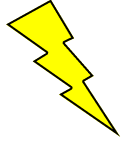
96-HOUR CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION REQUIRED – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! Chairman can be reached either by phone (310) 871-9375 or email: turtle380@juno.com please put in subject line: Laughlin, NV Trip.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 17, 2011

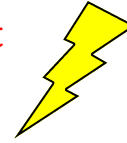
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Legion Family Calender

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



October	1	Deep Pit BBQ - Norwalk Post 359	11am - 6 pm
	8	Ride2Recovery at Santa Monica Pier	12:00 Noon
December	17	Deadline for reservations for the Laughlin, NV Bus Trip	
	31	Deadline for Lakewood to Redding Bus Trip to Convention	
January	27-29	Bus Trip To Laughlin, NV (see flyer for details)	

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

**Inviting Post, Auxiliary and SAL members to your
functions means better attendance and more
money raised for your organization**

**Want to invite your American Legion "Family"
to your special events?**

**Once the Commander has ok'd your flyer
he will notify the editor and she will put it in the Flash.**

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

**Please sign up to receive the Flash
by email if you have it.**

Please contact Wilma Miner for details at flasheditor@earthlink.net

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 or call 310-618-1198.

All articles for the November Issue e-mail or hand delivered to:
20930 Doble Avenue
Torrance, CA 90502-1758
no later than 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 7, 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.

FUTURE FLASH DEADLINES

The article you write in October is for events of November - December 2011

November	4	For	December Issue
December	9	For	January 2012 Issue
January	6	For	February Issue
February	3	For	March Issue
March	9	For	April Issue
April	6	For	May Issue
May	4	For	June Issue

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

Thank You!
Wilma Miner, Editor

Scheduled Meeting Dates & Locations for the 19th District

**SORRY
NO
PHOTO**

October 12, 2011

Paramount Post 134
7550 Somerset Blvd.
Paramount, CA 90723-4004
562-634-1122

November 9, 2011

Hawthorne Post 314
14124 S. Prairie Avenue
Hawthorne, CA 90250
310-675-1313

December 14, 2011

Norwalk Post 359
11986 Front Street
Norwalk, CA 90650-2911
562-868-1692

January 11, 2012

Hollydale Post 723
11269 Garfield Avenue
Hollydale, CA 90280-7515
562-923-6668

February 8 2012

Leland A, Cupp Post 342
4909 Durfee Avenue
Pico Rivera, CA 90660-2417

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 Paramount Post 134 on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Please call Paramount Post 134 at **562-634-1122** to make dinner reservations at for the **October 12, 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	William Perry	2011
*Guy F. Millburn	1969		
*Clifford R. Bell	1970		
*Deceased			