

# *FLASH*



*“Noisy” 19<sup>th</sup> District  
Department of California  
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*February 8, 2012*

*Leland A, Cupp Post 341 DINNER  
4909 Durfee Avenue  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660-2417*

*562-695-1558*

*Meeting Starts At 7:00 P.M.*

## 19<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012

OFFICER	POST	NAME	PHONE
Commander	272	Gilbert Palmer	562-464-8809
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	496	Bill Miller	562-425-3879
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	272	Dennis Radcliff	323-237-6064
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander			
Adjutant	359	Jim Potter	562-417-3137
Asst. Adjutant	272	Richard Munoz	213-792-7202
Scribe			
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Asst. Finance Officer		Rudy Moreno	
Chaplain		Joe Gonzales	
Asst. Chaplain			
Historian	496	Virgil Atkins	562-425-3568
Asst. Historian			
Judge Advocate	270	James T. Higuera	626-852-0780
Asst. Judge Advocate	496	Skip Clark	562-948-2186
Service Officer	314	Johnny T. Brown	310-715-6728
Asst. Service Officer	314	Richard Hackenberger	
Sergeant at Arms	496	Steve Valdez	562-929-3504
Asst. Sgt. At Arms	51	Robert Sainz	626-336-1861
Asst. Sgt. At Arms	272	Hollis Hernandez	
Hospital Chairman	352	William Perry	310-218-7628
LACC Vice Commander	352	Robert Mitchell	310-625-6096
LACC Exec. Committee	314	Wilma Miner	310-618-1198
Flash Editor		20930 Doble Ave Torrance, CA 90502 <a href="mailto:flasheditor@earthlink.net">flasheditor@earthlink.net</a>	

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**THANK YOU!**

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Randy Parker	411	120, 270, 272, 341, 411	562-254-3992
Bert Ladre	314	51, 184, 187, 314	310-542-6549
Robert Mitchell	352	465, 496, 719, 833	310-625-6096
Robert Boyd	352	170,287,352,560,723	310-503-9644
Pat Dowd	51	134, 323, 326,688, 359	562-946-5355
Mark A. Gutierrez	272	27, 359, 477, 804	323-353-4079

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



**19th District Commander  
Gil Palmer**

**No Article Submitted By the Commander  
Due to Illness**

**A Change Regarding  
the June 6, 2012 Meeting!**

**The June E-Board meeting has been changed to the  
General Meeting on 6 June at Lakewood Post 496.**

This is to comply with Department Standing Rules and also so that we can get all our reports/delegates, etc in on time. Dinner will be served as usual at this meeting.

Thanks, Bill



**1st Vice Commander  
Bill Miller**

Comrades – we have had quite a year so far haven't we? Good news is that we're plugging along on our way to reaching 100% in membership. Right now the 19<sup>th</sup> District is sitting at 78.95% as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January. Unfortunately, we've dropped back to 23<sup>rd</sup> place out of 30 Districts (we were 21<sup>st</sup> and moving up!). The good news is that we're still within striking distance of several Districts above us and have also remained in a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> place within the Area Category! I really appreciate your efforts to date. Now I know that you all have continued to work your Legion programs and support our Commander as we should – but some of you have gone “above and beyond!” That probably is an understatement for one guy – Dennis “Kamalu” Radcliffe – our District 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.

Santa's **BIG Helper** has been out and about since Thanksgiving (actually way before that but the pace quickened during the holidays!) procuring goods for our needy families and coordinating and delivering those "goods!" If you could have seen the amount of stuff he helped get to our fellow Veterans and their families – and the joy in their hearts and sparkle in their eyes – you would have shed a tear for sure. Not sure there was a dry eye in the bunch when the **BIG GUY** was at his best. We owe him a big **THANK YOU** for doing it right this holiday season. Add in the Christmas morning visit at the VA and you've packed in a pretty good month.

Unfortunately, or fortunately for us, that is a normal month for Kamalu. I don't know where he gets the energy but the effort put forth these past few months will be hard to top. Hats off to a true friend and fellow Veteran that is still "giving back!" Kudos, also to his side-kick from the Auxiliary and my wife, Tammy Sollazzo. What an absolute "team" they make. Some might think I'm bragging – and I am – but I am on the ground floor to see and hear what those two are always thinking and doing. We get to share in the final effort but the amount of planning and coordinating behind the scenes still amazes me. Thanks to President Diana Moreno, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Trish Ladre, Tammy and the rest of the Auxiliary for what they bring to the table...what an absolute great team they have!

As I said last time – and this goes for the Auxiliary, Sons, and Legion – please try to bring just one person into the Legion family in the coming months. I we could all recruit just one new member before the year closes our work will be more than done. We will definitely make goal! I'm counting on your help to pull that off!

Finally, don't forget about this month's **Oratorical Competition**. The Area Finals will be at Lakewood on 12 Feb and the Department Finals will be at the Lakewood City Council Chambers on 26 Feb. Both will begin at 1 PM. Please plan on attending if you're in town. You'll be amazed at the level of effort these kids put forth.

Until next time, remember to take care of yourself, your family, and our fellow Veterans and their loved ones.

God Bless you all. Respectfully – Mildew



## 2nd Vice Commander Dennis Radcliff

Aloha Comrades,

**It's not too late. February 25th at Post #496 is the VA&R Hootenanny.** Tickets will be on sale at the door, we will have raffle prizes, 50/50, and a live auctioneer. Hope to see you there.

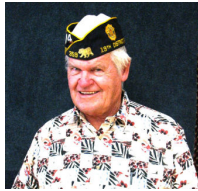
This year, due to the distance we are traveling for convention, we are asking for cash donations for the hospitality room in lieu of liquor. We will be able to buy all supplies needed up there and it will be so much easier to transport. I'll be making my rounds to visit your Posts here in the next month or so. So feel free to hand me a check made out to the 19th District. Or, you can hand it to Gil Soto our Finance Officer or your Executive Committee member when he makes his rounds.

Looking forward to seeing you all February 25th at 6:00 p.m.

For God and Country, Semper Fi!

### 19TH DISTRICT L-1 BINGO SCHEDULE JANUARY-JUNE 2012

DATE	POST	DATE	POST
14 JAN	411	14 APR	170 ?
28 JAN	51	28 APR	OPEN
11 FEB	352	12 MAY	OPEN
25 FEB	OPEN	26 MAY	OPEN
10 MAR	272	9 JUN	OPEN
24 MAR	352	30 JUN	OPEN
31 MAR	272		



## Adjutant James Potter

**NO BARS N NO BARS SUBMITTED**



### **Past Commanders Club Outpost 19**

Norwalk Post 359  
11986 Front Street  
Norwalk, CA 90650-2911  
562-864-9021

Dinner 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Meeting to follow

PCC members show your current PCC membership card for a discount.

**Meetings are every fourth (4th) Friday of the month at 8:00 pm.**



## 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.

**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.** 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.

Contact 2nd Vice Commander Dennis Radcliffe 323-237-6064 or email me at [Kamalu1964@yahoo.com](mailto:Kamalu1964@yahoo.com)

Thank you!



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

THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

AMERICAN LEGION

WANTS  
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"YOU" TO COME TO A GOOD  
FASHIONED



FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> . 2012

# HOOTENANNY!

\*GET YOUR COWBOY BOOTS ON AND THROW ON YOUR COWBOY HAT!

\*GET READY TO GET YOUR GRUB ON - SERVING RACKS OF RIBS, PULLED  
PORK SANDWICHES, COLE SLAW, CORN ON THE COB, BAKED BEANS, AND

DESSERT!



\*DANCE TO THE SOUNDS OF "NOTCH" - ALL YOUR FAVORITE  
COUNTRY SONGS!

\*TICKETS ARE \$20 PER PERSON

\*GRUB TIME: 6P.M. - 8P.M.

\*HOST POST: AMERICAN LEGION LAKEWOOD #496 5938 PARKCREST ST.,  
LONG BEACH, CA 90808

"ALL PROCEEDS GO TO 19<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT VA&R"

RAFFLES



DOOR PRIZE



**TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT**  
**@ LAKEWOOD AMERICAN LEGION**  
**POST 496**  
**ON APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M.**  
**HOSTED BY: 19<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SON'S**  
**OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**"ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SON'S BOYS STATE & SON'S GENERAL FUND"**

5938 PARKCREST ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90808

**CONTACT MIKE LOSOYA @ 562-714-9176 OR STEVE WESTERFIELD**

**@562-746-6580 FOR ANY QUESTIONS.**

**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 DONATION OF \$40.00. AFTER MARCH 26, 2012, THE DONATION WILL INCREASE TO \$50.00--SO GET YOUR DONATION IN NOW! ALL TOURNAMENT RULES WILL APPLY. THE TOURNAMENT WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE LAST 10 PLAYERS PLAYING AT THE FINAL TABLE. WE WILL HAVE PROFESSIONAL DEALERS, TABLES, CHIPS, ETCETERA, 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.**

**THERE WILL BE FOOD SERVED DURING THE TOURNAMENT AND A WAITRESS TO SERVE YOU FOR YOUR BEVERAGE NEEDS.**

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

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

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

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

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

**I CERTIFY THAT I AM AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD! MY \$40 DONATION IS INCLUDED!**

**2012 Convention Housing Update**  
**June 21 – 24, 2012**  
**Oxford Suites**  
**Redding, CA**

Here it is the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, it's beautiful 80 degrees, and one-third of our block 40 rooms have been reserved. Let's keep up the good work. The earlier reserved, the better the chance you will get what you want.

For 2012, Department Convention will be in Redding – about 540 miles away in Northern California. Our hotel is the Oxford Suites – across the street from the Department Headquarters hotel and about 2 miles the convention center.

**FAST FACTS:**

Deposit amount: \$109.00

Check or Money Order (**NO CASH**) payable to: 19<sup>th</sup>

District Convention Corp.

DROP DEAD Cut-off for Reservations: Friday, April 20, 2012

Mail payments/forms to: Brian Franklin

68693 Hermosillo Road

Cathedral City, CA 92234-3846

Hotel: Oxford Suites (across from Dept. HQ Hotel)

1967 Hilltop Drive, Redding, CA 96002

Cancellation Refunds: 96 hours prior to scheduled arrival date 10% cancellation fee if cancellation occurs after June 10, 2012

The Oxford Suites has offered us an excellent deal, and is going out of their way to work with our needs. Hotel is a multi-story hotel, WITH an elevator, and has recently undergone a renovation. Plenty of parking. Nice pool/Jacuzzi area. A BBQ area. A Fitness center. A bar/lounge is also on the hotel property. Spacious meeting room facilities. A limited number of rooms can accommodate a mobility cart. Maps will be released at the June meetings.

***Special thanks to Bill Clapp and Rudy Moreno for making the schlep to Redding to secure our accommodations and hospitality needs.***

Individuals AND posts/units that do group reservations need to plan now on reserving. We lose any unsold rooms after April 20<sup>th</sup> and, if any are still available for sale, the price will likely go up for rooms reserved after April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**GROUP BLOCKS who pay for their members rooms are responsible for ensuring I have the correct names, AND that their folks check in/out of the hotel.**

Also, for posts, units, squadrons that do group reservations, I will need an individual form for each reservation. Unlike in the past, this hotel is requiring the guests names at the time the room is reserved.

Rooms are on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. If you have a special need, please get your reservation in NOW. Wheelchair accessibility and special needs will be accommodated if at all possible, but hotels cannot guarantee these items.

Finally, for those who do not want to drive, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander has chartered a bus. The bus will be departing for Redding on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, so if you are taking the bus, please make sure your reservations factor in the extra day. Details on the bus can be found on page 7.in this publication.

Until next time, see you at the meetings or in the funny papers.

Brian Franklin  
Convention Corporation President  
[befofranklin@gmail.com](mailto:befofranklin@gmail.com)  
562.277.2497

**DON'T WAIT TO MAKE  
YOUR RESERVATIONS  
FOR CONVENTION,  
MAKE THEM TODAY!**



## Legion Family Calendar



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

### 2012

January	27-29	Bus Trip To Laughlin, NV (GET READY TO WIN, WIN, WIN)
	27	Past Commanders Club-PCC meeting Norwalk Post 8:00 pm
February	12	Oratorical Contest Area Finals Lakewood Post 496 @ 1:00
	25	Hootenanny Host Lakewood Post 496 6:00-8:00 p.m.
	25	Past Commanders Club-PCC meeting Norwalk Post 8:00 pm
	26	Oratorical Contest Dept. Finals Lakewood City Council Chambers @ 1:00 Let's have a good showing from District 19
April	07	TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT Lakewood Post 496
June	06	<b>E-Board meeting AND General meeting to be held at Lakewood Post 496 at 7:30 p.m. Dinner served as usual!</b>
	20-24	Bus Trip to Redding, CA to Convention (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**

# 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 Commander Gil Palmer by email at [palmergibby@gmail.com](mailto:palmergibby@gmail.com) or by phone at 562-464-8809 for approval.

**All articles for the March Issue** e-mail or hand delivered to:  
20930 Doble Avenue  
Torrance, CA 90502-1758  
**no later than 8:00 p.m. Friday February 3, 2012**

**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 2012**

<b>March</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>For April Issue</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>For May Issue</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>For June Issue</b>

**Thank You! Wilma Miner, Editor**

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

**SORRY  
NO  
PHOTO**

**February 8 2012**

Leland A, Cupp Post 341  
4909 Durfee Avenue  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660-2417  
562-695-1558

**March 14, 2012**

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

**April 11, 2012**

Eugene Obregon Post 804  
4613-4615 Cesar Chavez  
Los Angeles, CA 90022

**May 9, 2012**

**Open**

**June 13, 2012**

**Open**

**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 Lakewood Post 496 on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.**

**Please call to make dinner reservations for the February 8, 2012 to Leland A, Cupp Post 341 at 562-695-1558 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			