American Legion Post 365
Commander’s Message

As we head into the New Year, I would like to personally thank all of you for a job well done. Your efforts throughout the year have ensured that the members of our Post and our community have been supported with the best we can offer. In taking care of each other, as well as taking care of the building and facilities, you have maintained our reputation as one of the top Posts in District 22 and the Department of California. I sincerely hope we all had the opportunity to celebrate the holidays with our families and friends. As we celebrate these times together, consider how truly fortunate we are to serve alongside the men and women who continue to make selfless and courageous sacrifices.

My best wishes to each of you and your families during this holiday season and for continued blessings in the New Year!

Yours for Veterans
Chip Dykes
Commander

Membership Year is from January 1st to December 31st. Beginning January 1st, 2017, all members will have to show your current 2017 membership card at the bar before being served.

Members who have not paid their dues are considered suspended and will not be eligible for American Legion benefits, nor will you be served at the Clubroom.

Please renew now if you have not done so, if your membership is paid before 01 Feb 2017, you will be automatically reinstated. Legionnaires can pay online via credit card or debit card at www.legion.org/renew. You may also pay at the post or by mail.

While on the subject of membership, it is important to the survival of American Legion everywhere. Please make a 2017 New Year’s resolution to bring in a new member to YOUR Post & to do something for your Post, anything. Give the gift of membership to your eligible friend or relative.

Your post needs you and even the little things you do contribute greatly to our over-all cause. That is

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Jan 7- Post Oratorical Contest
Jan 14 – Bear Roots Special Release Party
Jan 15 – MLK Parade San Diego
Jan 27-29 – North County Stand Down
Feb 5 – Four Chaplain’s Ceremony
Feb 5 – Super Bowl Party
Feb 18 – VFW Wines of the World event
Feb 25 – Legion Auxiliary Veterans Ball
Mar 4 – Darryl Malone Memorial Poker Run
Mar 25 – VFW Low Country Boil
why you should make an effort to document the good deeds you do (i.e. driving and mileage, monies spent on food and prep time involved, grounds keeping, labor, and materials acquired, etc.) and submit them at our monthly meetings.

Finally, respect is something we all deserve, even when the conversations are less than pleasant. When you are sharing your thoughts, you will get better results if you bring your ideas, concerns or complaints to the right place to be heard; the meetings. The meeting schedule is posted in this newsletter and our website. If you seriously want your issue addressed, find out the appropriate meeting to raise your concerns. You may also submit your topic in a written format, but a name with your signature must be included to be placed on the agenda.

Yours in service,
Javier Collazo
Adjutant

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From the Children & Youth Chairman

Children and Youth Program is one of the four Pillars of the American Legion. The programs are Boys State, Oratorical, Scholarship and Jr ROTC.

Our mainstay program here at Post 365 is the Boys State program. Each year we send up to six boys from local area schools, the boys are Juniors in High School, to Cal State University Sacramento to do a week's worth practicing Government. (I call it practical Government) The boys depart from the Escondido Post on Friday night after a sendoff dinner in their honor and travel by bus, when they arrive at their destination they are assigned a room in one of the dormitories on campus.

They start to learn the foundations of government, doing what a government does; they elect mayors, councilmen, senators, court judges and a simulated state government with all the officers concerned with the government. They then act out just what a government does. They even have trials for those who have committed offenses. But the most important thing is they learn what the American system of Government is all about.

The two senators they elect here at the state level are then sent to Washington DC for Boys Nation so they may learn firsthand about the Federal Government. This happens in August of each year. The Boys State program started in 1935 and has been very successful since.

Some of the well-known graduates of the Boys State/Nation program are, Pres. Bill Clinton, Astronaut Neil Armstrong and Rock Star Jon Bon Jovi. Since I have been working with program some of the boys have gone on to the U.S. Military academies and also outstanding universities here in California.

It is not all work, they also have fun activities while they are there and when they return home they sure know what our Government is like and what it does at all levels, local, county and state.

You can go to Legion.org, point to programs and click on Boys State/Nation for more information.

Joseph Watt
Children & Youth Chairman

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From the Historian

Membership

The other day I was visiting with a friend and mentioned something about one of the upcoming American Legion-VFW events. He said he wished he could attend and I told him that all the events at the post were open to the public. I then asked if he would like to become a member. He said he never served and wasn’t eligible. I asked if his father had served and his reply was yes. After explaining that he was eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion he asked how he could join.
You all know the drill from this point on – the form, the DD-214, etc. The point I wanted to make is that there are so many people out there that know where we are, what we do, but just do not realize that they can be a part of all the events, the charity work and even become a member in one of the units that make their home here at our Post building.

I gave him one of the business cards for the post; it has all the website addresses and phone numbers on it. If we all take just a few minutes to talk about the Legion, VFW, or any of the units that make their home here, we could increase our membership every year.

Raymond K. Johnson
Historian

Special thanks to the outstanding arrangements undertaken by Commander Chip Dykes and to the hard kitchen work by chefs Karen Bowman and Larry Maniscalco. “The food was so good, it was worth leaving home and joining the Corps for,” one of the Marines said.

Next year the Post plans another Thanksgiving Dinner, but with a greater reach-out to active service members and other veterans who could give thanks over some family cooking and friendship on a special afternoon. More to follow on that in 2017.

Questions?
Contact Kevin Leahy at klevahy12@cox.net.
Judge Advocate

From the Judge Advocate

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Legion

A fun time was enjoyed by some young Marines from our adopted Pendleton unit, HMLA-369, last Thanksgiving afternoon. Though the turnout of Marines wasn’t what we had hoped for, each of the Devil Dogs who attended enjoyed a wonderful meal and great camaraderie with the veterans at the Post. They appreciated an afternoon away from the barracks with food, pool, football and friendship.
From the Sgt-At-Arms

Happy New Year to all members of the post. One of the events that I help chair is the Salute To The First Responders in Vista. We have not set a date for the luncheon as of yet, but I noticed that since last year’s event, the Vista Fire Department has been coming in for Sunday breakfasts more often. When we get the date set, please make an attempt to come down and meet some of these great men and women first responders.

And it’s also that time of year again where scammers are trying to take your hard earned money. Please do not allow yourself to be taken by someone calling you and claiming to be the IRS, they never call at all. The second scam is someone pretending to be the Sheriff’s office, saying you missed jury duty and have a warrant for your arrest. The caller then says he can help you make it go away by sending money in bitcoins. Don’t do it.

Please grab a member that does not regularly attend the general membership meeting and bring them with you for the next meeting.

Tom Venable
Sgt-At-Arms

The Auxiliary had their annual Summerfest and Halloween events, which were very successful.

Monday night dinners are going strong, thank you for those who serve. If you are interested in helping out on Monday night, please email me at ctcollazo@gmail.com.

Our Veteran’s Ball this year will be on February 25th. Our very own Haywood Bagley will be the guest of honor. We are also aiming to raise $12,000 to support Shelter to Soldiers.

Shelter to Soldiers saves two lives at a time. They rescue a dog and train it for a veteran in need. The cost from when a dog is rescued to place with a veteran is $12,000.

Meeting: our meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00am at the post.

Colleen Collazo
President Unit 365

Editorial note: For those who do not know, Juniors are members under the age of 18.

American Legion Riders
Chapter 365 Presidents Message

The Auxiliary membership is going strong. Please remember if you have not paid your dues yet, they are due.

What’s going on, past, present & future?

We now have an active Juniors Auxiliary. This summer they had their first event, a Carnival, where they raised $500 for Shelter to Soldiers and the Auxiliary matched with an additional $500.

American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 365 Presidents Message

The Legion Riders have been busy representing Post 365 in varies events throughout the county. Back in November, we distributed 100
Thanksgiving meals to the Marine Families @ MCAS Miramar & MCAS Pendleton.

In December we participated in 40/8 Shoes and Socks Campaign in Escondido, the annual Vista Christmas Parade, and Wreaths Across America. We look forward to participating in the upcoming events listed below:

January 15th: Martin Luther King Day Parade in downtown San Diego
Jan 27th-29th: The Inaugural North County Veterans Stand Down at Green Oak Ranch, Vista CA
Feb 11th: The ALR 149 Smoke Memorial Poker Run
March 4th: Our 4th Annual Darryl Malone Memorial Poker Run in honor of Brian Rineberg. We will also be raffling off a Tactical Shotgun on this day.

In addition to parades, events, poker runs, we have a chapter ride the last Saturday of every month. We have our monthly meeting on the 3rd Friday @ 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you at our events; motorcycles are not required to participate.

Joe “Crazy Eyes” Kuntz Riders President

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MN American Legion tells ballplayers: Respect flag during anthem or you're banned

By Paul Walsh Star Tribune

The committee overseeing American Legion baseball in Minnesota has adopted a no-tolerance policy when it comes to athletes' behavior during
the national anthem before games: Anything other than "proper respect" will mean outright banishment.

During its annual fall meeting last month in North St. Paul, the state’s legion baseball committee took a cue from higher-ups and embraced the resolution passed earlier by the legion's National Executive Committee, State Director Mike Perry said Thursday.

When that national resolution was passed, the American Legion noted in a statement posted on its website that the edict "comes in light of recent actions by professional athletes, and now that of several youth sports teams, who are kneeling during the national anthem out of protest."

That movement gained steam after San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began kneeling during "The Star-Spangled Banner." He has explained that he's expressing his concern about how blacks were being treated in the United States by law enforcement.

The national resolution makes two references to "proper respect" and declared that "any participant [who] cannot or will not live up to this expectation, the individual will be removed from the program and not be allowed further participation."

There is no definition of "proper respect" in the resolution, but Perry explained that it means that high-school age athletes must be "standing, facing the flag, cap off."

As for what is not allowed, Perry said, "kneeling down, back to the flag, stuff like that."

Perry said notifications of the national anthem requirements passed unanimously among the state's 14 committee members and were sent to all 325 teams in Minnesota, where the participation level is as high as anywhere in the country during the summertime competition.

The American Legion, as a military veterans support group, "is teaching youth in any program, including baseball, about American values and what the legion stands for."

Gail Kalata, who heads the American Legion district that covers Ramsey County strongly endorsed the no-tolerance policy because of the Legion's mission "helping to instill in youth proper respect for our country and those things that represent our country."


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TAPS!

We bid farewell to our fallen comrades who accepted orders to Post Everlasting during 2016:

Paul Janes        Patrick F Crimmins
John Perales      Robert T. Edwards
Charles R Babcock Bruce Vandenberg
Brian K. Rineberg Norbert R. Kubiak
Robert J Labouve Darryl Thorbeby
Bernard F Homberg Donald Godfrey

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This is our first newsletter in many months. Inputs for the newsletter are due on January 23rd for February edition.

Should you have any inputs for the newsletter, include a brief article and pictures if you have them. Email them with the subject line NEWSLETTER INPUTS to webmaster@legionpost365.org

Remember, this is OUR newsletter and it will only be as good as the submissions you provide. Thank you- Adjutant
# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Post 365 - Events Calendar January 2017 - Post 7041

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In addition to the “SPECIAL” on Sunday there is a full menu available. Menus can change.....

If you have any questions, call the Club Room at (760) 726-0472

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**American Legion Ladies Auxiliary - All Branches Veteran’s Ball**

**February 25, 2017**

1234 South Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, CA

Ticket Price: $25.00 per person - (Tickets available for purchase in the Club Room)

Cocktail Hour 1700 - 1800 --- Ceremony 1800 - 1900

Guest of Honor - Haywood Bagley Jr. Post Commander - Vista Citizen of the Year

Dinner 1900 - 2000 --- Stuffed Chicken --- Dancing 2000 - 2200

Dress: Formal Attire encouraged

Proceeds will go to the General Fund