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American Legion Post 365 Commander’s Message

Comrades,

In the past 20 months as Commander several changes have taken place to better our Legion. We have a group of elected Officers and volunteers who are working well together for the betterment of the Legion. There have been some bumps along the way and there will be more, but as Legionnaires we improvise, adapt and overcome, and we do it together. From time to time erroneous information may start to swirl around the Post, which helps no one in our endeavor to accomplish the mission and more forward. I’m calling upon all of you to be the first line of defense in eradicating this bad information. If you hear something which just doesn’t seem right, ask me, I will give you an honest and forthright answer. If you have a concern about a procedure or rule of the Post, ask me, I will give you the logic behind it, or work with you to get it changed. This is your Post. Take charge of it, and carry out the plan of the day!

Yours for Veterans
Chip Dykes
Commander

From the Editor

Attention all *Vietnam Era Veterans*, next month’s edition will be dedicated to your time in service. As of Jan 19th, we have 203 Vietnam Veterans in

Post 365, roughly 48% of the post membership. If you would like to share any pictures along with a short story or two of your time in Vietnam, please submit them to webmaster@legionpost365.org Our meeting schedule, current events calendar and minutes are posted our website www.legionpost365.org.

Yours in service,
Javier Collazo
Adjutant/Editor

From the Children & Youth Chairman

Our Post 365 Boys State interview committee met Saturday, February 25, 2017 and selected six young men from Rancho Buena Vista HS, Guajome Park Academy and Vista High School, there were 10 boys on hand to be interviewed. Michael Armen and Christopher Toft . from Vista High School were selected as delegate and alternate delegate respectively.

Daniel Fonecello and Dylan Cummins from Guajome Park Academy were selected as delegate and alternate delegate respectively.

Austin Sunseri and Max Gordon from Rancho Buena Vista High School were selected as delegate and alternate delegate respectively.

Please give a "high five" to the interview team of Ray Johnson, Chris Yates, Haywood Bagley and Javier Collazo for a real tough job of interviewing 10 exceptional young men for a trip to Cal State University Sacramento in June of this year to participate in what I call "Practical working

government" which they form from local level to state level government.

Still to be interviewed are boys from Mission Vista HS, San Marcos HS, Mission Hills HS and possible of High Tech High School of San Marcos. These interviews will take place the 2nd week of March at the respective schools with the help of Haywood Bagley and Christopher Meyers, Post members.

It is with great pleasure to announce that our SAL Squadron and members of Post 365 came to the rescue to donate additional funds so that we were able to send six young men this year to Boys State.

Joseph Watt
Post 365 Boys State Co-chairman

Editorial Note: Pictures of our selected candidates are on our website and facebook page.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Auxiliary.

Other upcoming Auxiliary events:
July 1st – Junior Auxiliary Event
August 26th – Summerfest
October 28th – Halloween Party
Our meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00am at the post.

Colleen Collazo
President Unit 365




American Legion Riders
Chapter 365 Presidents Message

Your Legion Riders have been busy representing Post 365 and setting up for our 4th Annual Darryl Malone Memorial Poker Run in honor of our fallen rider *Brian Rineberg* being held on **MARCH 4th** (We will also be raffling off a Mossberg 500 ATI Tactical Shotgun on that day; tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or 13 for \$100). Everyone is welcome to this event, please support your local Legion Riders. Upcoming events at this time include: **April 21-23:** Riders Convention in Hollister, CA. In addition to parades, events, poker runs, we now 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; again motorcycles are not required to participate in any event.

Joe "Crazy Eyes" Kuntz
Riders President




Veterans Of Foreign Wars
Post 7041 Commanders Message

Come to the Post and enjoy good food brought to you by your VFW volunteers. The best wings in Vista on Thursday, awesome dinners on Friday and the most



American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 365 Presidents Message

On Saturday, February 25th we held our 4th annual Veterans ball. The ball was a blast, although participation was low. We were extremely honored to have Haywood Bagley as our Guest of Honor and



Jonathon Marroquin and Berkley as our special guest from Shelter to Soldier.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank the following:

Vista High School Air force JR ROTC for the presentation of colors, Jessica (Our bartender) for her photography, Monica and Kerrie for our wonderful meal, Greg from Absolute Entertainment for the music, The Junior American Legion Auxiliary for serving, Mary Ann for the blessing and The American Legion Auxiliary for putting the event together.

delicious breakfast on Sunday. Check the online calendar for times and menu items.

Our next big event will be our Annual Low Country Boil. It will be held on Saturday, **March 29th 2017** from 4pm to 9pm. You will receive ½ pound of shrimp, ¼ pound of kielbasa, ½ ear of corn, red potatoes and sour dough bread. All this for only \$15.00. If that is not enough, we will have entertainment too.

Did you know that many Legion members are also eligible to join the VFW? Many of our members are also member of Post 365. Bring in your DD214 and we can let you know if you are eligible for membership. Remember “it is cool to be dual”.

Bruce Mackamul
Commander, VFW Post 7041



On February 24th, Carolyn Nauman, a Legion Auxiliary member and a teacher at Madison Middle School in Vista Unified School District presented **The Presidential Service Award** to 13 student volunteers. Carolyn coordinates student volunteers for our Tuesday night dinner along with Martha and Don.

These student volunteers have served between 50 to over 100 hours of service to American Legion Post 365 and VFW 7041 in 2016.

The students awarded are as follows:

GOLD: 100 hours or more; Reace Pudvah, Claire Nauman, Bowen Fan, Kaito Garcia, Jayson Rodriguez, Grace Ehm

SILVER: 75-99 hours; Ryan Nagano, Matthew Nguyen

BRONZE: 50-74 hours; Ramon Verduzco, Abby Nagano, Ebin Pudvah, Helen Wade, Katie Behem

A special congrats to the kids on a job well done!



All,

On average 20 Veterans and 1 active duty military commits suicide every day. At the same time, over 3200 dogs are euthanized nationally on a daily basis. Shelter To Soldier is an organization that rescues dogs

from Kill Shelters and they train that animal to be a Service Dog for PTSD and TBI victims. Their motto is "Saving Lives, Two at a Time". They give the fully trained dog to the Veteran free of charge. It costs roughly \$12,000 a year for Shelter to Soldier to train and care for these dogs and their only source of revenue for these dogs are through donations. Their motto is "Saving Lives Two at a Time".

So, we are attempting to raise money to support a dog for a Veteran in need. We are doing this by organizing several events this year. One of the events is a Dog Walk on March 12th during the Vista St. Patrick's Day celebration. We are going to walk through the village and then go back to the American Legion Post 365 for an appreciation dinner.

How can you help?

- 1) Sign up to participate in our event on March 12th (if you can't afford the entry fee, please ask family and friends to sponsor you.)
- 2) If you can't walk, don't want to walk - please consider making a donation (any amount helps and is greatly appreciated)
- 3) If you can't walk and don't want to donate - please consider sending to family and friends (posting on social media sites) and ask them if they are interested in participating or donating

100% of the proceeds go to North County Supports Shelter To Soldier! Attached is our flyer for the dog walk.

Thank you for your consideration,
Tim Herington



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American Legion Post 365 - March 2017 - VFW Post 7041

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Events						
March 12 th - St. Patrick's Day Dog Walk March 13 th - Larry & Mo Mac 'n Cheese Challenge IV March 17 th - St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner March 24 th - Comedy Night II						
5 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am-11:30am Country Breakfast	6 Legion Auxiliary Monday Dinner BBQ Pulled Pork 5:30pm-7:00pm	7 Steak Night 5:30pm-7:30pm Bass Club Meeting 7:30 PM	8 MOPA Meeting 1pm SDG&E Meeting 4pm SAL General Meeting 6:30 PM	9 Wings&Fries 5:30pm-7:30pm	10 Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Kansas Tacos NO REGULAR MENU	11 VFW 7041 & AUX General Meeting 10am Cootie Scratch 11AM Monica's 60 th Birthday Party 5:00 PM
12 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am-11:30am Machaca Vista St. Patrick's Day Parade Dog Walk after Event! 4:00 PM	13 Legion Auxiliary Monday Dinner 5:30pm-7:00pm Larry & Mo Challenge IV MAC 'N CHEESE	14 Steak Night 5:30pm-7:30pm	15 Bike Night 6:00 PM	16 Wings&Fries 5:30pm-7:30pm	17 Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Corned Beef and Cabbage NO REGULAR MENU Legion Riders General Meeting 7:30pm	18 American Legion Post/Auxiliary General Meetings 10:00 AM
19 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am-11:30am Mikes French Toast	20 Legion Auxiliary Monday Dinner Lumpia and Pancit 5:30pm-7:00pm	21 Steak Night 5:30pm-7:30pm Bass Club Meeting 7:30 PM	22 Civitan Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM	23 Scamp Base Meeting 7:00 PM Wings&Fries 5:30pm-7:30pm	24 Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm County Pork Ribs & Sauerkraut NO REGULAR MENU Comedy Night II	25 Wines of the World! 5:00 PM NO KARAOKE
26 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am-11:30am Chicken Fried Steak	27 Legion Auxiliary Monday Dinner Hot Italian Sausage with peppers and onions 5:30pm-7:00pm	28 Steak Night 5:30pm-7:30pm SMST Meeting 7:00 PM	29	30 Wings&Fries 5:30pm-7:30pm	31 Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Regular Menu	

**Regularly Scheduled Events: Line Dancing every Thursday @ 10:00 AM
Every Saturday Pool Tournament @ 2PM; Karaoke @ 6PM unless noted**