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## American Legion Post 365 Commander’s Message

Comrades,

The month of May holds a special place for our Post 365 Family. I would like to call your attention to 2 specific dates, May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual elections to select our new Commander and Officers. I highly encourage you all to come out and vote. We have a great pool of dedicated volunteers putting themselves out there to support you. On May 26<sup>th</sup>, The American Legion observes National Poppy Day. We encourage all Veterans, service members and patriotic citizens to wear or display a poppy to remember our fallen and support the living. Dating back nearly a century, the tradition of wearing a poppy dates back to the aftermath of World War I, when poppies were flourishing across Europe. The American Legion Auxiliary has become known for its work in distributing poppies. This year we ask the entire American Legion Family to expand these efforts by promoting National Poppy Day in the community. Let’s wear them proud and honor the sacrifices made by US troops!

Yours for Veterans  
Chip Dykes  
Commander

### From the Adjutant:

National Headquarters has scheduled to send renewal notices in July ‘17, October ‘17, January ‘18, March ‘18 and May ‘18. Using the renewal schedule, National Headquarters extracts unpaid member records (those not paid by cutoff date), then prints and mails the renewal notices. In order to avoid receiving the renewal notices, it is best to pay online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) and

print your receipt. This is also the fastest method to ensure the post receives credit for renewals. For those without internet access, you dues must be transmitted to Department at least 3 weeks before the cutoff date for proper processing lead time to avoid receiving another notice. (For example to avoid receiving a notice in the month of October, the post should receive and process your mailed or direct post dues before Aug 30, 2017).

Cutoff Date	Renewal Mail out
Sept 20, 2017	Oct. 10, 2017
Oct. 25, 2017	Nov. 17, 2017
Dec. 18, 2017	Jan. 05, 2018
Feb 18, 2018	February 28, 2018
Apr 18, 2018	April 27, 2018

Yours in service,  
Javier Collazo  
Adjutant

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Second round of nomination and Elections of Officers and Executive Committee for Command Year 2017-2018 will be held during the General Meeting on **Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. First round of Nominations for Elected Officers and Executive Committee was held at the April 15<sup>th</sup>. Members must be in good standing and present a current **2017** Legion Membership Card to obtain a ballot. *Per National By-Laws, there is no proxy or online voting.* Ballots will be counted by the Election Committee. Election results will be announced upon completion of Election Committee count.

Yours in service,  
Javier Collazo  
Editor



**Children & Youth Chairman  
Joe Watt**

**Boys State**

As you read this, all the boys from 5 area High Schools have been selected and I must say they are an outstanding group of boys. They and their families will be attending a luncheon at the La Mesa Post 282 on May 13th for an information session on what to expect from their Boys State adventure this year on the campus of California State University Sacramento.

Another bit of good news, Chris Yates, Post 365 member and District 22 1st Vice Commander was proud to introduce a 2012 Boys State'r. We got a great surprise after presenting American Legion Awards to AFROTC Cadets at SDSU on 26 April. Morgan McCune was our Boys State Delegate from Guajome Park Academy in 2012. Morgan is now completing his final year of studies at USD and is a Cadet in the SDSU AFROTC program. Morgan will be commissioned in the United States Air Force and off to flight school within the next year.

As you can see, being a Boys State delegate has some pull when it comes to their future. It has been a pleasure to work with these boys and help them get a good introduction to what Government means to us. I call the week they spend at CSUS a week of "practical government" where they do government on all levels for themselves with supervision from an excellent American Legion/SAL staff.

Joseph Watt  
Post 365 Boys State Chairman



**Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 365 Commander's Msg**

The squadron is very active this year and we are proud to announce that the membership strength is over 100%. We are hosting the Kentucky Derby Horses Races with door prizes on **May 6<sup>th</sup>**. The Squadron will also be holding our elections on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Squadron 365 continues to be actively involved in Post activities and will are and will proudly honor our commitments to the community, District 22, active service members and the charitable organizations we support. We look forward to an exciting 2017!

Jon McDermed  
SONS Commander

*Editorial note: Congratulations to the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 365 in achieving over 100% of membership goals.*



**American Legion Riders  
Chapter 365 Presidents Message**

Keep an eye out for upcoming events as we plan for them. Just a reminder that we hold our monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday @ 7:30pm. We also have a chapter ride the last Saturday of every month. 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

*Editorial note: Congratulations to The American Legion Riders in achieving over 100% of membership goals.*



**American Legion Auxiliary  
Unit 365 Presidents Message**

Happy Spring! The Auxiliary is over 100% in membership, thank you ladies. The nominations for

positions are as follows for the upcoming 2017-2018 year.

President – Colleen Collazo

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Judy Leonardi

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Marissa Conrad

Secretary/Treasurer – Karen Bowman

Chaplain – Mary Ann Maron

Sgt. At Arms – Natali Hinton

Historian – Margie Ernst

Our final nominations and voting will be on Saturday, May 20th at 10am.

As May is Poppy month, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be doing our annual Poppy Mail out, watch for your poppy in the mail. Remember your donations go to helping our veterans programs.

The next event for the Auxiliary is the Junior’s event on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, the District Installation. There will be food, music, raffle baskets, and more. All proceeds will go to North County Supports Shelter to Soldier. Please come out and support the Junior’s.

Colleen Collazo

President

*Editorial note: I would like to say Congratulations to the Legion Auxiliary in achieving over 100% of membership goals.*

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### The Vista Press Vol. 1 No. 1

*Raymond K. Johnson – Post Historian*

Anyone doing history research on the City of Vista has two options to find what they are looking for. The first is to log on to the website of The Vista Historical Society and click on the tab labeled **Home Of The Vista Press**. The second is to **GO** to the Vista Historical Society and meet a gentleman named Jack Larimer. Jack is the Executive Director of the society. That is an understatement – Jack Larimer is a living history of all things Vista. My story begins....

Last February Tom Foynes, a member of the Sons Of The American Legion, left a box with my name on it in the Post 365 office. I took it home and opened it to find a two volume edition of “Forward-March A Photographic

Record of The World War and Its Aftermath”. An inscription on the inside cover read, “*Donated to American Legion Post 365 by W. J. Hatton*”. My first thought was that this could be an excellent source for a future historical presentation. Then I began to leaf through the first volume and found an old newspaper inserted between two pages of the book.



I opened the newspaper and looked at the Masthead. It read:

**The Vista Press**

**Vol. 1 September 24, 1926 No. 1**

I immediately logged on to the Vista Historical Society webpage and clicked on the **Home Of The Vista Press** tab. This is what I found: *The first issue of the Vista Press was dated Sept. 24, 1926. It was printed in San Diego and then distributed from Remsburg’s office at the Vista Inn before moving into the Press building on North Indiana in November of that same year.*

At this point I contacted Jack Larimer at The Vista Historical Society

**Ray:** Do you have an original Vista Press Volume 1, No. 1 dated September 24, 1926? There is nothing in the Vista Press Archive.

**Jack:** The first paper was lost from the official records. We had a copy and it was reproduced for our opening day but all I can find now are some photos that are not that readable.

**Ray:** Well, well, Jack old friend. Looks like we have something to talk about. What would you say if I told you I have a copy – actually not a copy but the real thing?????

**Jack:** What do you want to let us scan it?



I then told Jack that I wanted to donate it to The Historical Society. It was the least I could do. Elected to the position of Post 365 Historian in 2011, I had spent many hours on line researching the origins of Alvin Myo Dunn American Legion Post 365. As my search progressed, I met Jack Larimer at the Historical Society Building at Rancho Minerva. We had long discussions (there are no other kind with Jack) and as a result, I was given copies of the first known photo of the original members of the post. Along with that he found the first known photograph of the Post 365 Ladies Auxiliary. Eventually I was able to compile enough information, and photographs provided by Jack, to trace Post 365 back to its first day – January 10, 1930 – and follow the founding fathers around the little city of Vista to the places they held their meetings and events until the first post was built in 1948. None of this would have been possible without the help of The Vista Historical Society and Jack Larimer. The information was used to publish a special edition of our newsletter, The Press, in January 2013, detailing the early years of American Legion Post 365.



The identity of W. J. Hatton, the gentleman who folded that newspaper, then folded it again and slipped it into a book eventually donated to Post 365 is lost to the ages. But through a stroke of good fortune the book was discovered by Tom Foynes during the move from the old post building at 321 South Santa Fe Avenue to the new building in September of 2010. Tom is a printer by trade

and his expertise in the field must have told him there was something of value in holding on to it. Little did he know at the time that secreted inside was a piece of history that had sat in silence for more than ninety-one years.

So, here we are on Wednesday April 26, 2017. American Legion Post Historian Raymond K. Johnson hands to Jack Larimer, Executive Director of The Vista Historical Society – **The Vista Press Vol. 1 September 24, 1926 No. 1.**

Thank you W. J. Hatton and Tom Foynes. Jack Larimer is a very happy guy.



**NORTH COUNTY SUPPORTS  
SHELTER TO SOLDIER UPDATE:**

We currently have raised approximately \$14,000 of our goal of \$20,000. If we reach our goal by September 1<sup>st</sup>, the following people will be shaving their heads and

faces:

- Joe Kuntz – American Legion Rider
- Alina Diaz – American Legion E-board
- Daniel – VFW
- Jake – Legionnaire
- Leslie – American Legion Auxiliary

If you would like to support the cause, please send in your donations to:  
NCSSTS  
1234 S. Santa Fe Avenue  
Vista, CA

Colleen Collazo, Co-Chair

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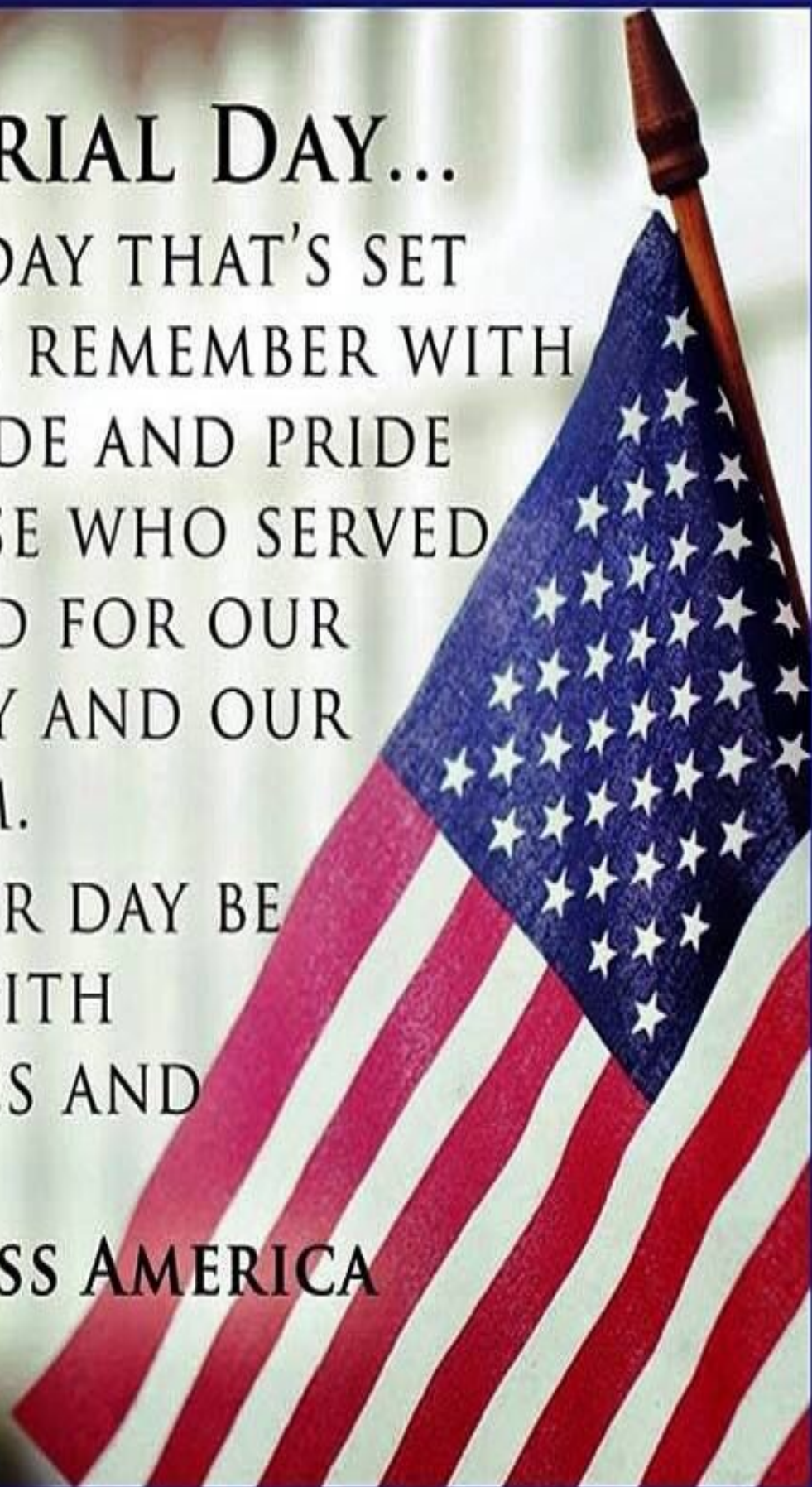
# MEMORIAL DAY...

...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET  
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH  
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE  
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED  
AND DIED FOR OUR  
COUNTRY AND OUR  
FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE  
FILLED WITH  
MEMORIES AND  
PEACE.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

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## American Legion Post 365 - Events Calendar for May 2017 - VFW Post 7041



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 7 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am <u>Machaca</u> \$7	1 Legion Auxiliary Dinner@5pm Pasta Fagioli \$5	2 Welcome Home Vietnam Era Veterans Dinner 5:30pm Bass Club 7pm	3 Junior Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 6:30pm	4 Thursday Wings 5:30pm – 7:30pm House Committee Meeting 6pm	5 Friday Dinner 5:30pm Chili & Clam Chowder \$7 <b>No Regular Menu</b>	6 - Karaoke 6pm <b>Derby Day</b> 2:00pm Horse Races Raffle Wings!! 	
7 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am <u>Machaca</u> \$7	8 Legion Auxiliary Dinner@5pm Larry's Beef Stew \$5 5:00 PM	9 Steak Night 5:30pm	10 MOPA 1pm SDG&E 4pm SAL Meeting 6:30pm	11 Thursday Wings 5:30pm – 7:30pm	12 Friday Dinner 5:30pm Chicken Fajitas \$8	13 VFW 7041/VFW Auxiliary General Meeting 10am Cootie Scratch 11am <u>NO Karaoke</u> Low Country Boil 4:00pm	
14 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am <b>Mother's Day            Special</b> Lobster Benedict \$11 Plus Full Menu	15 Dinner@5pm Lumpia & Pancit \$5	16 Steak Night 5:30pm Bass Club Meeting 7:30pm	17 Forgotten Sons MC Bike Night 6:00pm	18 Thursday Wings 5:30pm – 7:30pm	19 Friday Dinner 5:30pm Regular Menu Legion Riders General Meeting 7:30pm	20 American Legion General Meetings 10am  Medieval Fun Fair 5:00pm Karaoke 6pm	
21 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am Mike's French Toast \$4.50	22 Legion Auxiliary Dinner@5pm Sausage, Peppers & Onions \$5	23 Steak Night 5:30pm SMST 7pm	24 Civitan Dinner Meeting 6pm	25 Thursday Wings 5:30pm – 7:30pm Scamp Base 7pm	26 Friday Dinner 5:30pm Regular Menu	27 Karaoke 6pm	
28 Sunday Breakfast 8:30am Chicken Fried Steak \$9	29 <b>Memorial Day            Ceremony</b> <b>10am Civic Center</b> <b>1130-1230 Happy Hour</b> <b>1230 3:30 SONS</b> <b>Party-\$10</b> <b>Band "Barnwell            Shift"</b>	30 Steak Night 5:30pm	31 <b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b> <b>2 May – Vietnam Vets Dinner</b> <b>6 May – Kentucky Derby Party</b> <b>13 May – Lo-Country Shrimp Boil</b> <b>14 May – Mother's Day Breakfast</b> <b>20 May – Medieval Fun Fair</b> <b>29 May – Memorial Day Ceremony &amp; Post Party</b> <u>Regularly Scheduled Events</u> <b>Every Thursday – Line Dancing 10:00 AM</b> <b>Every Saturday @ 2pm – Pool Tournament</b>				