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American Legion Post 365

Commander's Message

I would like to begin by Thanking Our Membership for placing their trust in our newly elected officers. Immediately after installation we also voted on the appointments of Bruce Mackamul as the House Chair and Joe Watt as our New Adjutant. Both members bring with them many years of legion skills and experience. Our Post was also blessed with the opportunity to repair our failing heating and air conditioning system. Old ducting and roof leaks had continued to deteriorate over the years. Our Member Terry Moxley sprang into action. Terry has been repairing the system and a plan to reduce the roof leaks has begun. His efforts will be fully realized with two weeks. This project has been on the dream list for many years. So please when you see Terry Moxley, please thank him! We have also received notice that the City has approved our request for a Proclamation of American Legion Day on Sep 16, 2017. This coincides with our September Membership Meeting and we will have a small social celebration after the meeting! Please bring a guest with you for the upcoming meeting. We have many more projects on the horizon and our Annual Raise The Flag Campaign was just released. This campaign was fully discussed and unanimously approved by the executive board. This new campaign extends our support out to more of the Vista Community. But with all of this, we continue to need your assistance! This is everyone's post and we need everyone's help. Thank you to all those members which continue to provide hands on support of our post! Art Haeussler, Commander ***



Commander Art Haeussler presents 100% THE LEGION FAMILY Streamers for Unit Flags to SON Detachment 365 Commander Zane Marion, Legion Auxiliary Unit 365 President Colleen Collazo, Legion Riders Chapter 365 President Joe Koontz, and Post 365 1st Vice Commander Steve Miller for 2016-2017 Membership Drive.

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 365 Presidents Message

Happy Summer! We reached 109% on our membership for 2017, well done. Please be on the look out to renew your membership for 2018 year. Come on out and support the American Legion Auxiliary Events; Monday night Dinner are hosted by the Auxiliary from 5:30pm to 7:00pm September 2nd, 2017 – Sadie Hawkins event Labor Day – American Legion Auxiliary Chili & Dogs We hope to see you. Colleen Collazo, President

***American Legion Riders Chapter 365
President Joe "Crazy Eyes" Kuntz Vice
Pres Scott "Tin Can" Newell
Secretary Colleen "2Packs" Collazo***

On August 3rd, your Legion Riders celebrated their fourth anniversary with cake in the clubroom. This month we welcomed our 43rd member, Norman "Hogwash" Murray! In addition to supporting Post activities this month we will be riding down to National City to support Post 255 and to Indio for our annual State Rally. At our August meeting we donated \$500 to The Wingman Foundation which supports the families of Marine and Naval Aviators who have been injured or killed in aircraft mishaps. Also at the August meeting Scott Newell was elected Vice President of Chapter 365 and Colleen Collazo was elected Secretary. We hold our meetings the third Friday of each month on the back patio at 1930. Our meetings are always open to the public and everybody is welcome to attend. We also hold our monthly chapter ride on the last Sunday at 1000. Everybody is welcome to join us either on a motorcycle or in a car "cage!" As always, we are Legionnaires first, members of Post 365 second and Riders third!

Scott Newell, Chapter Vice President

***Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 365 Commanders Message***



Zane Marion, Commander of SONS Squadron 365, poses with Ryan Jubela, owner of Masters Kitchen & Cocktail in Oceanside. The restaurant has joined up with the Sons of the American Legion with an annual \$50 donation for both the Super Bowl and Derby Day events. The restaurant is housed in the old Masters Automotive and Machine Shop. In the 1950's it became Drag Masters Auto. The Jubela family purchased the building in the 1970's, and around 2014 Ryan and his brother began working on the conversion to a restaurant. As to the inspiration of the restaurant's name, Ryan says, "the building has always been named "Masters" and I felt it should stay that way. It pays homage to guys who worked for years and years in the building, and it contributes to the history of Oceanside." Drop in for a visit and some great food and craft beers. 208 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054 Zane Marion – Commander SONS Squadron 365

From the Adjutant - Just a short note from Post 365 Adjutant, if you want to have the Post meeting minutes e-mailed to you prior to the monthly meeting then please contact me and I will put you on our e-mail list. Also you can go to the Post website alpost365.org, click on resources/meeting minutes and read the preliminary minutes there which will be posted prior to our monthly meeting. The minutes will contain all info that is being discussed at our Post. Reminder that membership dues are now being accepted at the Post or you can go on-line to members.legion.org/renewal and renew your membership that way, print out a temporary membership card which you can bring into the Post for the official 2018 membership card. Post 365 Adjutant Joseph Watt dist22boysstate@gmail.com 760-717-1426

From the Children & Youth Chairman

Boys State is ramping up for another successful year and we are planning on sending 6 HS Juniors for the 6 area High Schools. We have allotted the funds from our "Raise the Flag" campaign to cover all the costs. We always would like to have volunteers to help sponsor a boy this year also, it is a very worthwhile program. After the first of the year we will be asking for volunteers to help with the interviews of the boys for the area schools which will take place here at the Post and at the schools also.

Post 365 Boys State Chairman Joseph Watt

From the Clubroom The Clubroom continues to provide all our members and guests with the best food and drinks, new drink specials every month and new craft beers are also available. With the addition of a hot dog machine – donated to the post by Fred Costa – visitors can have a dog with their brew. Look at the advertisement in this issue for times. Also, the Thursday Night Wing Night crew is going to add a few new items to the already fantastic assortment of wings and fries - and with Thursday Night Football on the horizon, you better get here early for a seat in front of one of our 6 big screen TV's. Starting on Sunday September 10th the SONS will have a food menu available for the afternoon NFL game from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. A great place to spend a couple of hours. Join us. -Bruce MacKamul

From the Judge Advocate - WHAT ARE BY-LAWS? Your Judge Advocate Hard at Work A by-law is a rule or law established by an organization to regulate itself, as allowed or provided for by some higher authority. Boy, that's a mouthful. For Post 365, they're rules that apply to our Alvin Myo Dunn Post 365 and which are in full compliance with the National Constitution of the American Legion, the Articles of Incorporation of the Department of California, and our District guidelines. All documents are available on our website. So what? Our by-laws guide us in our local activities. They are an adjunct to the Constitution and other higher directives that govern us. Example: the National Constitution doesn't indicate what a quorum would be for a Post 365 meeting, or when we'd meet. Of course not. That is what the local by-laws are meant for. Ditto on local finance and procedures. The by-laws were passed at two General Meetings and fully vetted at the local and District level. They are available at the Postwebsite:

<http://alpost365.org/wpcontent/uploads/2017/08/Bylaws365-17KL.pdf>. Along with them are the senior documents mentioned above. Questions? Call Kevin Leahy, Judge Advocate at 760470-4301.

From the Historian The Vietnam War Commemoration's History and Legacy Branch has been conducting video-recorded oral history interviews to capture the memories of Vietnam veterans. The mission – to provide the American public with a clearer understanding of and appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans, and to tell the story about their service during that period of our nation's history. I am doing some research as to exactly what is required from individuals and the Post in order to participate in this program and will report on my

findings at the General Meeting in September. For more information please follow this link to the National Website. <https://www.loc.gov/vets/>



Ruth Carrier was the first Lady Commander of Alvin Myo Dunn American Legion Post 365. She was elected to office for the 1982-83 term, but before that, in 1978, she assumed the position of Commander upon the passing of Leo Yetzer (late husband of Mary Ann Maron). Last week the Post had a visit from Ruth's daughter, Debbie (pictured above) who spent some time reminiscing on her Mom's love for the United States Marine Corps and the American Legion. Welcome to the post, Debbie. Note: for you history buffs, Ruth graduated from the Women's Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island, S.C. in 1953. She was followed by three more ladies as Post Commander – Monica Irvin (1990-91), Marion Landis (1994-95), and Lynn Gomez (2001-02). Raymond K. Johnson

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 7041 Message

The Vista VFW MOC Pup Tent 40 is having a Charity Golf Tournament on September 9, 2017 at Emerald Isle Golf Course in Oceanside. Any and all players are welcome. The tournament is a 4-man scramble format; check in time is 9:30 am – 11:30 am. "Shotgun" start at

12:00 PM. The \$50.00 entry fee covers greens fees, range balls, entry for hole-in-one and closest to the pin contests. Post Tournament meal will be provided for all players. All proceeds go to the Chula Vista Veterans Home, La Jolla Veterans Hospital, and the Semper Fi Fund at Camp Pendleton. Entry Deadline Date is September 7. Entry forms can be picked up at Emerald Isle Golf Course or at the American Legion at 1234 South Santa Fe Avenue in Vista. For further information contact Emerald Isle Golf Course at (760) 721-4700.

Historic Moment in The American Legion!



August 24, 2017. During the 99th National Convention of the American Legion, Denise Rohan was elected as the first female National Commander. It also created the very first "First Gentleman" of The American Legion, her husband Mike Rohan. Her theme as National Commander is "Family First". District 22 will be hosting National Commander Rohan's visit during the second week in December.



We currently have a goal of \$20,000. As of our goal of \$20,000, the following people will be shaving their heads and faces (if they have hair on their face) on September 2nd, at 3pm. Come on in to win the opportunity to do the honors with the clippers.

Joe Kuntz – American Legion Rider President Alina Diaz – American Legion E-board Daniel Humann– VFW Jake Jucenas– Legionnaire Please help us reach the goal. Remember Shelter to Soldier saves lives, two at a time. One life is a dog about to be euthanized, and the other a Veteran. 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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

At the American Legion's annual convention in Reno, Nevada, President Trump praised the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 that he said would enable veterans "to get decisions in a fraction of the time." According to the White House, more than 470,000 veterans currently are awaiting appeals decisions on their disability ratings as they seek improved benefits. Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. David Shulkin, who stood next to Trump as he signed the bill on stage, has said that some appeals cases can take as long as six years to process. Following the signing, Trump handed the pen to Charles E. Schmidt, national commander of the 2.2 million-member American Legion. Trump congratulated American Legion members and their leaders who "pressed so hard for that legislation." He also praised their lobbying skills -- "they have a lot of power, a lot of power, and they use it well," he said. "No longer will veterans be kept waiting for years to get an answer to their appeals," Trump said in Reno. "They will receive timely updates and they will get decisions much more quickly in a fraction of the time." The reforms in the bill would apply almost entirely to newly-filed appeals, and not the existing backlog, according to the VA. Advocates for the bill said it would give veterans more options on how to appeal benefits decisions they think are unfair and do not compensate them adequately. The bill creates three "lanes" or paths for veterans to appeal their claims: "Board Lane"; Take their appeal directly to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. "Local Higher Level Review Lane"; Request a higher-level VA adjudicator to decide the case. "New Evidence Lane"; Appeal, with new information, to the same adjudicator who denied their claim. In addition to the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and AMVETS supported and advocated for the passage of the legislation.