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Happy 242nd Birthday MARINES!



FROM THE EDITOR:

Comrades, I have the privilege of putting together our monthly newsletters and would like to thank all those who submitted articles for inclusion. You may notice some bias towards the Marines, being our 242nd Birthday and all. But first, some changes were made to this month's newsletter. No more food/events calendar as it is most up to date on our website. The calendar was always subject to change and it makes it kind of difficult to change once it is printed. Second, I owe you all an apology for this editions delay. You see, I got caught up in this very exciting thing that happens around every October; The Fall Classics better known in Major League Baseball as *The World Series*. Many of you may not care for the sport, but this series was exciting and unique. Both teams were equally matched in both offense and defense. However this series made history in many levels. It was the hottest (103F) home opener ever played in a world series, the most combined Home Runs (25) in a series, the most pitching changes (32 Dodgers), and MVP George Springer made history tying Chase Utley and Reggie Jackson with 5 HR. In the end, after 7 games, the final combined score was 34-34. So, that is my story for being late and I'm sticking to it. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE! Semper Fi. -Javier Collazo, Editor

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Ladies, Gentlemen and Our Community,

I hope this finds you in the best of health and spirit. I want to take a minute to give you some insight into our Annual Contribution Campaign for the American Legion Post 365 here in Vista. This year we started a fundraising effort entitled "Raise the Flag".

This campaign is designed to raise funds required to support the dozens of programs designed to help Active Duty Military/Their Families, Veterans and Our Community. Our elected officers also voted to extend our support to more of our local community.

The official kickoff for the 2017-18 "Raise the Flag" campaign commenced at our General Meeting. In just one month, we collected \$4717.00 towards our goal of \$12,850.00! We are counting on your assistance again this year.

If you find it in your heart to assist us with a specific event, please make a notation on your check payable to American Legion Post 365. Your donation will not be used for any purpose other than those specified in the "Raise the Flag" campaign! Our American Legion Post 365 does not pay any administrative fees or salaries, so 100% of your donations go directly to the listed programs of support. If you so request, we will send you our information for your tax deduction purposes as we are a 501c19 organization.

A list of programs we will be supporting during the coming year can be seen in the accompanying graph/poster

Please help us support Our Community!

Thank You for your generosity,

Sincerely,

Arthur Haeussler, Post 365 Commander

FROM THE 1st VICE:

Legion Family eligible for commander's membership pin

American Legion National Commander Denise H. Rohan is now extending her "Family First!" membership incentive pin to the entire American Legion Family. It's her way of supporting her "Family First!" theme and encouraging the American Legion Family to join forces when it comes to increasing membership. Rohan will award her national commander incentive pin to any American Legion Family member who obtains any combination of three eligible new members into the Legion Family (The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary). A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2018 membership year who was not a member of the American Legion Family during the 2017 membership year. To maintain the integrity of the national commander's pin incentive program, only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it. Rohan's incentive program will end June 30, 2018, or when supplies are exhausted. Steve Miller, 1st Vice Commander

FROM THE BOYS STATE CHAIR:

Boys State for Post 365 is progressing forward. I have been informed that there will be a possible reduction of delegates due to the work on one of the dormitories up at Cal State Sacramento in 2018. Also I have been informed that the costs associated with the program is going to be increased for 2018 also.

I would like to ask you if you know anyone or a business that would like to sponsor a delegate for this 2018 year. This is a great opportunity for them to be involved with us in this very worthwhile program of the American legion.

I will know more about allotments and costs after the Department of California Boys State commission meets at the end of October.

Joseph Watt, Post 365 Boys State Chairman

FROM THE HISTORIAN:

“Fire In The Paint Locker!”

In keeping with the theme for this month’s celebration of the 242nd birthday of the United States Navy, the title of this article is a piece of history in itself. Any sailor worth his salt will tell you that the one thing most feared at sea is fire. Hearing someone yell “Fire in the paint locker” brought the entire crew running. The term was also used ashore in times of distress, e. g. - Three or four sailors are drunk in a bar and getting beat up by a single Marine. One of the sailors yells out, “Fire in the paint locker” and all his buddies come-a-running (similar to a circus carry yelling, “Hey Rube!”) If you have tried to turn in old half-used cans of paint to the city you know what a pain it can be. Well, now there is a better way. Last week we emptied out a bunch of junk from the storage locker in the back of the post. There was an assortment of 30 one gallon paint cans that had some really old ugly paint colors that matched nothing that we now have inside or outside the building. After checking around we found that the Sherwin Williams and the Dunn-Edwards paint stores on Hacienda Drive in Vista accept one gallon containers of old paint. There is a limit on how much you can bring in, so give them a call before going. If you have been holding on to that half used can of paint waiting to figure out what to do with it, here is the answer: GET RID OF IT!

Sherwin-Williams Paint Store
2070 Hacienda Dr., Vista, CA 92081
(760) 758-0444

Dunn-Edwards Paints
1970-1972 Hacienda Dr.
(760) 945-1199

Raymond K. Johnson – Historian

FROM THE LEGION AUXILIARY:

On Saturday October 21st, the Juniors Auxiliary held a chili cook where the winner took half of the pot (pun intended). On



Saturday October 28th, Legion Auxiliary 365 held a kids pumpkin painting and costume party. Thanks to all who participated and supported both events.



Winner of the adult Halloween costume contest was “Beetle Juice”. Brian Howes



FROM THE LEGION RIDERS:



On Saturday October 28th, ALR Chapter 365 held their annual Halloween Costume ride to the Chula Vista Veterans Home providing cheer to the residents of the home.

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RIDES FOR VETERANS AND SENIORS

FACT is a dial-a ride service that operates in ALL 18 cities in San Diego County and serves residents 60+ years of age and people with disabilities. Until December 31, **FACT** will be offering veterans and a companion *one free round trip per week, for any purpose*, anywhere within urban or suburban San Diego.

For those who are not veterans, **FACT** offers affordable rides: one-way fares begin at \$2.50 for travel up to five (5) miles. Currently, the first companion is free for all trips. Transportation is available from 7AM to 8PM daily. Reservations may be requested one (1) to seven (7) days in advance, between 9AM and 4PM weekdays by calling **760-754-1252** or **888-924-3228**.

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Your post has a website www.alpost365.org The title of this article is the address to get there. Starting in early May, we got the new website up and running in an effort to bring you a more comprehensive site that includes a complete Calendar of Events, Clubroom information, a section that has all the enrollment forms for all the units in our post. There is also a place that has all the General Meeting and E Board minutes, Enrollment forms, Rental agreement forms, all the Post By-laws, and many other informative pages. As with all new things, we have had to make a few changes and at this point we feel the website is an excellent place to get all the latest information on what is happening at the post – and in the district.

Now we are asking you for your help. Please, visit the website, take a look around and if you see something you like, or something you would like to see that isn't there let us know. We will make every effort to keep the website current and include things that you want to see.

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Leaving a "Tip" For Servers. It's actually an acronym, first coined in the British taverns during the 17th Century. If you worried that you wouldn't get your booze or food in a timely manner, you'd slip the barkeep a T.I.P., short for "**To Insure Promptitude.**" The practice is now so common that we debate the percentage of a tip, not whether to give one at all. And gone are the days when you'd fork over some bills in advance, to inspire your waiter or waitress to hurry up and get you another round.

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STORY TIME

I joined the Marine Corps in March of 1959. I went to the recruiting office to join the Air Force a couple of days after receiving my draft notice. I didn't want to "Go Army". The Air Force recruiter was across the street getting coffee so I sat in his office for a few minutes and all of a sudden there was a Marine Gunnery Sergeant standing in the doorway – smiling at me. He asked if I would like to walk across the hallway for a few minutes while I waited. Thirty minutes later I was signing paperwork. I remember the Gunnery Sergeant and the Air Force recruiter having a



spirited conversation as I was leaving the recruiting office. I reported to Hartford for induction a couple of weeks later, in the United States Marine Corps. That evening 70 of us boarded the train for the trip to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Late the next afternoon we got off the train in Yemassee, S.C. Three Drill Instructors got us all lined up next to the train tracks and started yelling. It was the first time I ever heard the word “MAGGOT” applied to a person.

Raymond K. Johnson

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Master Sergeant Thomas J. Moore enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 1993 and is still on active duty. He was designated CH-46E Helicopter Crew Chief. Deployments included multiple Marine Expeditionary Unit, Timor Leste, Somalia, Okinawa Japan, Operation Southern Watch in the Persian Gulf and Operation Stabilize in East Timor, Operation Iraqi Freedom, He served in numerous billets such as Division Chief, Quality Assurance Representative, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, Faculty advisor, Uniformed Victim Advocate, and Maintenance Controller. Thomas is currently serving as the Assistance Maintenance Chief of Marines Logistics Squadron 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Miramar, CA. His awards include the Air Medal with Bronze Arabic Numeral “6”, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He has a B. S. in Aviation Maintenance Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Magna Cum Laude. Thomas is married to the former Lynzie Carter from Niles, MI. They have one son, Samuel. Mr. Moore has one

son TJ, from a previous marriage and is a member of Post 365.

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Staff Sergeant Javier Collazo (Retired); Joined the Marines September, 1991, retired Sept 30, 2011. Enlisted as an aircraft mechanic, he worked on four H-1 type model helicopters; attack model AH-1W “SuperCobra”, its replacement AH-1Z “Viper”, UH-1N “Huey” and its replacement the UH-1Y “Venom” helicopters. Designated a UH-1N Naval Air Crewman and qualified as a door gunner on the 7.62 caliber, M240 machine gun and GAU-16/A .50 Caliber Machine guns. His deployments included Okinawa, Japan, Special Marine Air Ground Task Force 95 in Mogadishu, Somalia, Multiple Marine Expeditionary Units, Timor Leste, Operation Southern Watch in the Persian Gulf, multiple multi-national exercises, Joint Task Forces mission in CONUS and abroad. On his last deployment he participated with Multinational Combined Task Force 151-Counter Piracy mission in the Gulf of Aden. Last major Command served, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, Marine Air Group 39, 3rd Marine Air Wing out of Camp Pendleton, CA. He served through the chairs of Post 365 and recently served as Post 365 Adjutant. He is a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Legionnaire, currently serving as 1st Vice Commander for District 22, Dept of California.



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CWO3 Chip Dykes enlisted in the Marines Corps in 1982. He served in billets as an Administrative Chief, Drill Instructor, Water Survival Instructor, Battery Gunnery Sergeant and Personnel Officer. He retired in 2002 at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. He is a PUFL member and past Post Commander of Post 365.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES

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