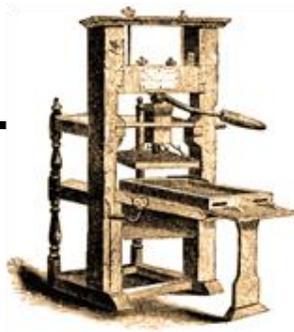


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### Commanders Message

This 2018/2019 Legion year is in full swing, with the Legion reviewing and rewriting new Post Bi-Laws. These Bi-Laws were presented to two General Membership meetings as required and were approved in our last General Meeting.

This new Legion 2018-19 also continued with reviewing and reenergizing our fundraising effort "Raise the Flag".

This exceptional campaign is designed to raise funds required to support the dozens of programs designed to help Active Duty Military/Their

membership. Additionally, the First Vice is actively pursuing 2019 membership, while he's awaiting our membership goals from our District headquarters. To date we have renewed 106 members, 33 by renewing on line and the remainder sending in renewal applications.

Tremendous start.

**Steve Miller  
Commander**

\$1.00 	\$3.00 	\$3.25 	\$3.25 
\$3.50 	\$4.00 	\$5.00 	
\$5.50 	\$6.50 		
<i>Please Drink Responsibly</i>			
<b>Sorry, No Cash Back</b>			
→ Old Chips Will Expire On Labor Day ←			
Chips Will Not Be Discounted During Happy Hour			

Families, Veterans and Our Community. This years recommended originations to receive donations will be presented to the Executive Board on 1 August and brought to the General Membership at our scheduled meeting on 18 August for approval. Upon approval, our fund-raising effort Kickoff will immediately commence. This will be an exciting and challenging year for all of our new leadership and post

## Historian's Message



### DESERT SHIELD – DESERT STORM

*August 2, 1990*

The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait amid claims that Kuwait threatened Iraq's economic existence by overproducing oil and driving prices down on the world market.

An Iraqi military government was then installed in Kuwait which was annexed by Iraq on the claim that Kuwait was historically part of Iraq



*August 7, 1990*

Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered **Desert Shield**, which was a military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances. and later the 100-hour war against Iraq in February 1991, referred to as **Desert Storm**.



General Norman  
Schwarzkopf

**Raymond K. Johnson**  
Historian

## Service Officer's Message

### DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION INCREASES FOR 2018



Revenue and Taxation Code section 205.5 provides that the exemption amounts and the household income limit for the disabled veterans' exemption shall be compounded annually by an inflation factor.

Specifically, subdivisions (g) and (h) of section 205.5 provide that, for each assessment year, the inflation factor shall be the annual percentage change, measured from February to February of the two previous assessment years, rounded to the nearest one-thousandth of 1 percent, in the California Consumer Price Index (CCPI) for all items, as

determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Information from the Department of Industrial Relations shows that the CCPI increased from 252.649 in February 2016 to 260.111 in February 2017.

Rounded to the nearest one-thousandth of 1 percent, this is an increase of 2.954 percent (factor of 1.02954). Applying this factor to the 2017 exemption amounts of \$130,841 and \$196,262 results in 2018 exemption amounts of \$134,706 for the basic exemption and \$202,060 for the low-income exemption. Applying this factor to the 2017 household income limit of \$58,754 results in a 2018 household income limit of \$60,490 for those claiming the low-income exemption.

### Disabled Veterans' Exemption

#### EXEMPTION AMOUNTS AND HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS FOR CURRENT AND PRIOR YEARS

Lien Date	Factor	Exemption		Income Limit
		Basic	Low-Income	
2018	1.02954	\$134,706	\$202,060	\$60,490
2017	1.02612	\$130,841	\$196,262	\$58,754
2016	1.00894	\$127,510	\$191,266	\$57,258
2015	1.01159	\$126,380	\$189,571	\$56,751
2014	1.02296	\$124,932	\$187,399	\$56,101
2013	1.02383	\$122,128	\$183,193	\$54,842
2012	1.02088	\$119,285	\$178,929	\$53,566
2011	1.01551	\$116,845	\$175,269	\$52,470
2010	1.00372	\$115,060	\$172,592	\$51,669
2009	1.03000	\$114,634	\$171,952	\$51,478
2008	1.03422	\$111,296	\$166,944	\$49,979
2007	1.04370	\$107,613	\$161,420	\$48,325
2006	1.03107	\$103,107	\$154,661	\$46,302
2005	1.01365	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$44,907
2004	1.03476	---	---	\$44,302
2003	1.02392	---	---	\$42,814
2002	1.04535	---	---	\$41,814
2001	---	---	---	\$40,000

For your information, the exemption amounts and household income limits for prior years are enclosed. The disabled veterans' exemption forms (BOE-261-G and BOE-261-GNT) have been updated and will be mailed with the other Board-prescribed forms. Please call our County-Assessed Properties Division at 916-274-3350 if you have any questions regarding this exemption.

**Bruce Degnan**  
Veteran Service Officer

## WHAT IS HELMETS FOR HEROES?

For those of you seeing the flyers for the Helmets for Heroes, this is what it is all about. We need your help and your pocket change. CALVAR (California American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation) maintains an extensive network of 21



professionally accredited Veteran Service Officers (VSO's) who are officially recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide representation and assistance to veterans and their dependents. dependents.

Their services are offered free of charge, regardless of whether a veteran belongs to the American Legion. VSO's are located in most counties in the District of California.

At the California Department level, we experienced a shortfall in our budget this past year in the Hundreds of Thousands of dollars. Helmets for heroes takes your pocket change to pay for these Veterans Service Officers.

So, help our Veterans by donating your change in our helmets. Since our Post has a clubroom, we ask our staff to ask customers to donate their "coin change" to CALVAR. But do not forget to tip your server! If you know of a business that would let us place a helmet, then let our Post Commander know.

We are here for our Veterans and we need to make sure that they are able to access their benefits through a Veterans Service Officer. For more information about helmets for heroes, please visit <https://www.calvar.us/about-us/mission-statement/>



Legion Riders invites  
all members of Post  
365 to

## Return to BOOTCAMP



On Friday October 12th we will be heading to MCRD, San Diego to tour the base and also watch Mike Co, 3rd Battalion graduate. So put your feet on the yellow footprints and join us. We will depart from the Post at 0800 and meet our escort at gate 5, Washington and Pacific Hwy. Graduation for the new Marines is at 1000. There will be a briefing for all at the post at 0730. Riders must have all normal safety equipment. Sorry you can not have lunch in the messhall but they have the Bay View which has great food.

This event is open to all members of Post 365 however you will have to provide your own transportation. Because of base regulations I must ask everyone to sign up for this event prior to August 30th. There is NO Charge for this event. Sign up sheet on clipboard at the bar.

*If I see your Drill Instructor I will tell him he did a good job.*





**GENE BERBAUM 1935 - 2018**

**Marine and Veteran Leader**

# AUGUST CALENDAR – CURRENT AS OF 31 JULY 2018

For latest Version Check our Website  
<https://alpost365.org/calendar>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>« 2017 &lt; JUL</p> <p><b>AUGUST 2018</b> SEP &gt; 2019 »</p>	<p>Month ▾</p>					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday Breakfast – Country Breakfast \$4 8:30 am	Monday Night Special- Stuffed Cabbage-\$7 5:30 pm	Steak Night @ The Legion 5:30 pm Bass Club Meeting 7:30 pm	MOPH Meeting 1:00 pm SDG&E Meeting 4:00 pm SON's of the American Legion Meeting 6:30 pm	Line Dancing 10:00 am Thursday Wings 5:30 pm	Friday Night Dinner- Baked Fish – \$9 5:30 pm	VFW 7041 General Meeting   Auxiliary 7041 General Meeting   Cootie Pup Tent 40 Scratch 10:00 am Karaoke Night 6:00 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday Breakfast – Machaca Grill \$7 8:30 am	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Monday Night Special- Pulled Pork Sandwich-\$7 5:30 pm	Civitan Route 78 Meeting 5:30 pm Steak Night @ The Legion 5:30 pm	Bike Night 6:00 pm	Line Dancing 10:00 am Thursday Wings 5:30 pm	Dinner @ The Legion 5:30 pm Legion Riders Meeting 7:30 pm	Post 365/Auxiliary Unit 365 General Meetings 10:00 am Karaoke Night 6:00 pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday Breakfast – Mike's French Toast \$4.50 8:30 am Marine Riders SD Chapter Breakfast Meeting 11:00 am	Monday Night Special- Pancit & Lumpia \$7 5:30 pm	Steak Night @ The Legion 5:30 pm BASS Club Meeting 7:30 pm	Civitan Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm	Line Dancing 10:00 am Thursday Wings 5:30 pm	Dinner @ The Legion 5:30 pm	Food 4 Warriors Food Distribution 8:00 am Karaoke Night 6:00 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sunday Breakfast – Chicken Fried Steak \$8 8:30 am Celebration of Life- Gene Berbaum 2:00 pm	Monday Night Special- Meatloaf Sandwich-\$7 5:30 pm	Steak Night @ The Legion 5:30 pm Saddle Tramps Meeting 7:00 pm		Line Dancing 10:00 am Thursday Wings 5:30 pm	Dinner @ The Legion 5:30 pm	
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## Farewell Colleen and Javier

*The Collazo's Are Off for Exotic Island  
Living in Japan*



Our dear friends, Post leaders and true supporters of Post 365 and the Auxiliary were hosted to a Going Away party on July 14. The Hall was packed with their friends and admirers.

District Commander Chris Yates provided a well-deserved testimonial to both Javier and Colleen for their hard work supporting the Legion.

Though they will be missed, we're sure that they'll enjoy their travels in foreign lands. And we can hardly wait for their safe return!

## VHS AIR FORCE JROTC WINS AT COUNTY FAIR

• *originally published in the Union Tribune*

Vista High School's Air Force JROTC team won first place and Best in Class in the Student Showcase at the San Diego County Fair for building a Redbird TD2, FAA-approved flight simulator for use in a high school setting. The project began in 2016 when AFJROTC Squadron CA-953 acquired a salvaged Cessna 182 airplane.

A cross-disciplinary team of students and teachers from AF JROTC, auto shop and photography worked with volunteers to design, build and begin operating the flight simulator. Students removed all mechanical, electrical and hydraulic components and did sheet metal fabrication and other repairs to prepare the fuselage for the purchased flight simulator. Starting this Fall, Vista High School will offer Introduction to Aviation and Small Unmanned Aerial Systems, which

will include flight ground school and state-of-the-art drones.

Volunteers and donors on the project included the U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol and Fallbrook Squadron 87, **American Legion Post 365**, U.S. Army, and the Air Force Association.

### From Another Foreign Correspondent



365 Auxiliary Member Lyn Leahy presents one of our license plates to Commander Chris Schrauben (left) and Adjutant Will Adams (right) at the Legion Post 4 on Magsaysay Drive in Olongapo, The Philippines. More than a few of us have fond memories of that area!



### Hard Working Student Volunteers

Claire is teaching Helen on the Cash Register, and Ricky and Helen are washing back in the scullery. These young kids all work hard. Thank them when you see them!