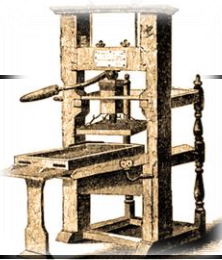


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The newly elected officers for American Legion Post 365

Steve Miller, **Commander**; Joe Kuntz, **1st Vice Commander**; Jason Green, **2nd Vice Commander**; Terry Moxley, **Finance Officer**; Jerry Stephens, **Sergeant-At-Arms**; Alina Diaz, **Asst. Sergeant-At-Arms**; David Plank, **Chaplain**; Raymond K. Johnson, **Historian**; Joe Watt, **Adjutant**; Kevin Leahy, **Judge Advocate**; Bruce Degnan, **Service Officer**; Art Haeussler, **Jr. Past Commander**; **Executive Committee**: Ray Wilkerson, Kevin Leahy, Alina Diaz, Spike Harvey, J. D. Ernst, Dan Canright

President’s Message “Let’s Keep the Momentum!”



Commander Steve Miller Accepts the Gavel from Jr. Past Commander Art Haeussler

What a great opportunity has been granted me to keep up the great work that our Past Commanders have started. Now it’s on us to keep it going.

The Club Room has never look better. Our finances are in fine shape. Our staff is second-to-none. We have been left with reputation at the Area and Department level that other Posts envy.

I look forward to serving you and the Legion in the Vista community in the coming year. Let’s keep the momentum going!

In Comradeship, Steve Miller

The newly elected officers for Post 365 Family Organizations:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 365

Judy Leonardi, President; Martha Baker, 1st Vice; Kathleen McDermed, 2nd Vice; Karen Bowman, Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Ann Maron, Chaplain; Natali Hinton, Sergeant-At-Arms; Margie Ernst, Historian

Sons of The American Legion Squadron 365

Jonathon McDermed, Commander; Gabriel Zamora, 1st Vice Commander; Jack Bohm, 2nd Vice Commander; Glenn Smith, Adjutant/Finance Officer; Tom Foynes, Chaplain; Henry Fictchhorn, Sergeant-At-Arms; Bruce Parker, Historian

American Legion Riders Chapter 365

Michael Stevenson, President; Ray La Bouve, Vice President; Rick Batson, Secretary; Cecelia La Bouve, Treasurer; Aaron Cross, Sergeant-at-Arms; Jerry Stephens, Chaplain; Harry Rafferty, Member-at-Large



Dining Room Renovation

Colors Detail

by Ray Johnson, Historian

Who says the Navy and Marine Corps don't get along? For those of you who might think this, take a look at the photo below. Tom Morton U.S.M.C. and Jerry Moore U. S. Navy get together to raise the colors at American Legion Post 365 in Vista, CA. Tom keeps an eye on the flags outside the post and whenever the colors begin to fade he is there with a new national ensign, or POW/MIA flag, or, in this case, the 100th Anniversary American Legion flag. When the third flag is for the Branch of Service birthday month, Jerry makes sure the proper flag is on display. In case you are interested in the birthday months for each branch of service:

U.S. Army: June 14, 1775; U.S. Coast Guard August 4, 1790; U.S. Air Force September 18, 1947; U.S. Navy October 13, 1775 (Abolished Feb 1781 - Reinstated 7 Sep 1781); U.S. Marine Corps November 10, 1775; National Guard December 16, 1636.



Tom Morton and Jerry Moore

Dine in **COOL!** Air Conditioned comfort

Thanks to Art Haeussler and Mo Motier for the long-anticipated dining room makeover. New chairs and tables, and mini blinds to replace the aged curtains for your dining experience. And with the weather warming up we will have pleasant summer dining where you can spread out a bit and relax



Ironbirds Pizza Party

by Raymond K. Johnson – Baseball Fan

Post 365 supported the Ironbirds Single A baseball team this year in the Vista American Little League. At the conclusion of the season (UNDEFEATED), we held a pizza party for the kids. After showing them a video of their games and practice sessions, the kids, their parents and coaches were treated to a pizza party on the patio. Pizzas, a dozen of them, were supplied by Pizzamaniac. Ben Phillips, the owner, delivered the pizzas and joined in the festivities. The kids, aged 5 to 8 years old, devoured 10 large pizzas in about an hour.





Ray Johnson, Dominic Camacho, Ben Phillips

Not Getting Your Weekly Email?

by Ray Johnson, Email Manager

Some of our members who receive post event notifications via email have asked why they are not getting some of the email. Well, there are a few reasons and probably the easiest way to explain it follows. If you are a Gmail user you are probably familiar with the folders (Primary, Social, Promotions, Update, and Forums) Most of the time your incoming email arrives in the Primary Folder. BUT, sometimes Gmail has a way of re-directing incoming email to one of these other folders based on the Subject line on the email, the number of graphics attached, or the message text itself. It is way too complicated to explain here, so there are a few things we can do to help get emails to the proper folder. Firstly, from my end of the email: I am going to change the Subject Line in future emails in an attempt to make Gmail put the email in the Primary Folder. This may take a few tries, so bear with me while we experiment. Secondly, from your end, go to the settings in Gmail and click on the Inbox tab. Select all the folders and then scroll down and click on SAVE CHANGES. When you return to your Gmail there should be all 5 Folders at the top of the page. Email that has been identified as "Promotional" or "Update" will appear in those folders. Hopefully with this change you will be able to find those messages that have been "hidden" in the

past. Not being familiar with other mail programs, I will rely upon you to let me know if these tips might be applicable to those email handlers as well.

Full Metal Jacket

In the picture that follows, SgtMaj Bruce A. Mackamul, and Major General Jan C. Huly pinned Gunnery Sergeant chevrons on R. Lee Emery's collar in an honorary promotion ceremony at MCRD San Diego, May 17, 2002.

Immediately after that picture was completed, Erme y went to work on another Vietnam War movie: "The Boys in Company C." He snagged a feature role and was named the film's lead technical adviser. His part in that flick was old hat. He played a drill instructor. His performance as both an adviser and actor in the two popular movies gained him attention. Several years later he was again asked to don a drill hat for another role, this time in a movie by another legendary filmmaker, Stanley Kubrick.

When Erme y headed to Europe to film the movie "Full Metal Jacket," a starring role for the Marine veteran may have been what Erme y had in mind, but the thought had not yet occurred to Kubrick. "I was hired as technical adviser, but I thought it would get my foot in the door," Erme y said. "I certainly didn't go to England just to do technical advising. It was to capture the role of Gunnery Sergeant Hartman. I felt there was no one who could do it as well as Erme y."

Locked in a room with the former drill instructor, Kubrick realized the asset he had in Erme y. Kubrick and I locked ourselves up in the office. We would discuss a scene, and then I'd stand up and go off like a drill instructor would. I would go until I'd run out of gas completely. He would punch a little button on his tape recorder and get it all on tape. We would discuss it some more, and I would stand up and do it again.

Sometimes we would do a scene three or four times. Then we'd send the tape down to the production secretary. She would transcribe everything on the tape and send it back up to us. Then we would incorporate just the catchiest, most colorful, off-the-wall lines into the existing scene." Shortly after

filming began, injury once again felled Erme y. With a dream role in his grasp, an automobile accident left him with six broken ribs, a fractured collarbone and a dislocated hip.

With Erme y's opportunity hanging in the balance, Kubrick elected to delay production until Erme y healed enough to return. More than four months later Erme y resumed, finishing the picture.

The movie contains some scenes in which he never uses his arms because of the injuries. Erme y's portrayal of GySgt Hartman earned him a Golden Globe nomination for Best Supporting Actor and a place in Marine Corps lore. Memorable quotes, such as "You're so ugly you could be a modern art masterpiece!" are still uttered by active-duty Marines more than 30 years after the movie debuted on the big screen. "I am very happy with how the show turned out in the end. I would be hard-pressed to improve it,"



SgtMaj Mackamul, MGen Huly, R. Lee Emery

Service Officer Report
by Bruce Degnan – Service Officer

Thousands of veterans previously denied disability benefits for pain issues related to their military service may now be eligible for that assistance, thanks to a federal court ruling. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit overturned a 19-year-old precedent used in more than 11,000 VA claims denials that stated veterans had to have a clear medical diagnosis connected to their pain in order to be eligible for those disability payouts.

Advocates said the ruling could be life-changing for individuals who are unable to work because of service-connected injuries but excluded from veteran's assistance because of medical technicalities. Veterans still need to show a clear connection between their pain and their military service to be eligible but would no longer have to have a specific medical reason for the pain to apply for benefits. VA officials can appeal the decision, although it's unclear if they will do so. Veterans who have previously been rejected for disability benefits — or who have avoided applying in the past because they assumed they would not be eligible — should now reapply to see if the new ruling will allow them to qualify. For more information contact your Service Officer or your local VA Office.

From the New Editor
by Kevin Leahy



It's with true regret that we see Javier and Colleen Collazo leave us for Okinawa this month. They will be sorely missed by the entire Post Family. There is a void that will be tough, if not impossible to fill at 1234 So. Santa Fe.

When I agreed to take over this newsletter from Javy, I admit that I didn't know what I was getting into. So here is the first issue that I've put together. Be gentle, good readers...

And to my mentor in this project, the ever-active Ray Johnson, I threaten to reach out to him when help is needed in putting it together.

Finally, input to the newsletter is always needed from the officers and members. If you have a good article or nifty picture, launch it to me at keahy12@gmail.com.

Looking forward to keeping Javier and Ray's award-winning newsletter going!

In comradeship,
Kevin Leahy
