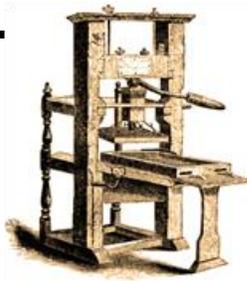




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From the Editor's Desk



Football Season is just a few days from being over. The Post Super Bowl Party on February 3rd should be well attended, considering the black eye the sport took a year or so ago with all the controversies that overshadowed the game and had fans looking for something else to do on Sunday afternoons. I have reinserted the word Chargers into my vocabulary – but only in the hope that Philip Rivers and Antonio Gates could grab the gold ring (*not to be...*). But for Post 365 and Post 7041 Superbowl Sunday should be a great day. There will be some great food and events to keep the contest interesting. Post attendance on Sunday's during the regular season got a little better than it was last year and, as they have for the past several years, the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 365 was here to have a great menu available. Jon, Glenn, and the rest stuck with it during the terrible season last year and took on the job of

that almost every month Jon McDermed, Commander of the SONS would present a check to the Post Commander in support of some program. We thank them for all the hard work they put in during the regular season and the playoffs.

Editor

Commander's Message

Membership renewal. If you have not renewed your 2019 membership, the preferred way to renew is doing it on line. It's easy at the American Legion site and you can print your new membership card from your receipt. But you can also re-up by mail. Please visit our web site for additional information --- membership is a big red button on the website for **very good reason.** Our 2019 membership goal is 588, we currently stand at 424 or 72.11% membership period ends this May. Your membership and participation in your Post is our life blood, please renew!!

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having food available during the afternoon game again this year. They are to be congratulated for their efforts even though there were those days when participation was less than profitable. All the profits from their efforts are used to support the programs and charities they are involved in; and for those of you who attend the Monthly Meetings you will recall



Steve Miller - Commander

North County Stand Down



Hello all, most of us have heard of Veteran's Village of San Diego's annual Stand Down, a one-stop shop for San Diego county's homeless Veterans and their families to be able to receive the items and services that are difficult or impossible for them to get on the street. Did you know North County now has its own annual Stand Down? Located at Green Oak Ranch, Vista, Ca, this is a four-day event that enables

homeless veterans to receive much-needed services in a safe, friendly, drug-free and secure environment. Going on its 3rd year, this year's NC Stand Down will be held Thursday, February 7th through Sunday, February 10th. If you have thought about volunteering in the past but haven't due to mobility issues, unsure what skills you can bring, or the like, this may just be the volunteer event for you. While volunteers with medical, legal, VA, or other expertise are always welcome, many volunteers are assigned the job of Vet buddy. This can entail helping a Vet navigate between various appointments or stations, or simply sitting and visiting with the Vet. Last year my Vet was done with his appointments for the day, so we spent my volunteer time swapping sea stories. He started off very shy and reserved, but within 20 minutes I could see a major change in his demeanor. All it took was a fellow Vet that could relate to his experiences in a safe environment, the comradery that he could not receive on the streets. What a worthy cause, and it only takes a few hours of your time out of the year to have a major impact on your fellow Vet and his/her family. I plan to be there Saturday afternoon after our VFW meeting and Cootie Scratch. Hope to see you there! To learn more about NC Stand Down, register to volunteer, register to attend, or to donate to the cause please visit <https://www.ncstanddown.org/>

Your Seam Squirrel, Lora Wood



ACCOMPLISHMENTS & GOALS

2017 Accomplishments

- ◆ 136 veterans & family members served
- ◆ \$38,000.00 in court fines forgiven
- ◆ VA inducted 17 new veterans



2018 Accomplishments

- ◆ 172 veterans & family members served
- ◆ \$77,000.00 in court fines forgiven
- ◆ 30 veterans placed in housing
- ◆ Over 100 eye exams, 150 pairs of glasses made onsite
- ◆ 2 guests from 1st Stand Down returned as volunteers!



2019 Goals

- ◆ Increase outreach to fill 250+ available beds
- ◆ Provide more services
- ◆ Identify & assist at-risk veterans
- ◆ Increase community participation



WHAT IS A STAND DOWN?

During war, exhausted combat units requiring rest and recovery were ordered to, "Stand Down." Troops were sent to a place of relative safety to rest, bathe, wash uniforms, enjoy hot meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends.

North County Veterans Stand Down

is a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to relieve our homeless veterans from their "combat" life on the streets.

Our Mission

To restore our veterans' dignity and empower them to become productive members of our community.

Serving ALL Veterans

Homeless Veterans, Veterans in need, & their family members.

DONATE!

www.ncstanddown.org

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February 7-10, 2019



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Help Wanted



A couple of weeks ago an email was sent out asking for kitchen help – more specifically - a cook to help do the steaks on Tuesday nights. A reply from one of our volunteers who helps out on that night replied

with this: “...*You don’t have to be a “cook”, You only need to be able to cook a steak in your backyard. I think the word cook might scare people away...*”. What we are looking for are a few of you backyard chefs who enjoy cooking and would like to help out *occasionally*. Commander Miller just wants to have a few people he can go to on those occasions when one of the crew is unavailable. This is a great way to pay it forward and help out the post. The Tuesday Steak Night is a Legion event that puts all the proceeds towards the property taxes every quarter. So, think it over, if you can help out just once in a while, your efforts will be appreciated by all. Stop by and put your name on the list, or call or email Steve and speak with him. He can be reached at: Commander@legionpost365.org or (760) 726-0472.

Need a little help here....



This patch was donated to the post. Unfortunately, the donor did not know what Branch of Service or unit the patch represents. Your historian is usually pretty good at figuring out what these things are

(actually I Google the hell out of almost everything I do), but in this particular case, even Google drew a blank. So, if there is someone out there who can solve the mystery, there’s a couple of beers in it for you. To the best of my knowledge it is a WW II Army patch, but that’s about as much as I can come up with. Google and eBay couldn’t give me the answer; have at it and I hope I’ll be buying someone a beer or two in the near future. Send you reply to me at historian@legionpost365.org

Raymond K. Johnson - Historian

House Committee Chairman

Every year we start the new year off a little slow. People are resting up from the holidays and our Events Calendar is pretty slim. But there are a few things coming up this month to keep the membership involved and interested. Post 365 will again sponsor the big Super Bowl LIII party on the 3rd of February. The Mardi Gras-Shrimp Boil event on February 23rd is a combined event for the first time, with VFW Auxiliary Post 7041 and the MOC Pup Tent 40 joining forces for what will be a great time. The Mardi Gras event is a free event, but you can also purchase a \$15 ticket for the shrimp boil. Sign up in the club room by February 17th. Live music by Ron Ebel, Raffle Basket, 50/50 Drawing!! - ***“Let the good times roll”***.

As mentioned in the January Newsletter, the accordion doors have finally been purchased and we should take delivery on them within the next couple of weeks. Hopefully by the time you receive the March newsletter they will be installed, giving us a quiet venue for private events. Special events may be a little slow, but our weekly food service is in full swing. Here is the schedule:

Sunday 8:30-11:30 am – Breakfast
Monday 5:30 – 7 pm – Dinner
Tuesday 5:30-7:30 pm – Steak Night
Thursday 5:30-7:30 pm Wing Night
Friday 5:30-7:30 pm – Dinner
Saturday 12:30-3:00 pm – Burgers & Fries

Action on the new pool table is getting better, come on in and shoot a few games – and remember, on Saturday the pool table is free from 1-3pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Mo Motier

TSA Pre-check

Traveling through airport security can be a hassle. Thankfully, military members are eligible to participate in TSA PreCheck for free. This allows them to bypass the normal security line and avoid the inconvenience of taking off your shoes, belt, and jacket. You can also leave your computer and your toiletries in your carry-on bag. This is a great program that will save you a ton of time and hassle when you travel by air!

The Transportation Security Agency (TSA) PreCheck passenger screening program was

designed to allow certain individuals to bypass the normal security lines and go through the PreCheck security lines.

And if you are in the military, you should be eligible to participate in this program, free of charge. You may also be eligible to participate for free if you are a Wounded Warrior, or a DoD civilian employee. Let's dive in and look at the TSA PreCheck passenger screening program, who it applies to, and how to use it.

WHAT IS TSA PRECHECK?

TSA PreCheck offers expedited security screening at more than 120 participating U.S. airport checkpoints. Travelers can get through screening stations faster because the lines are typically shorter and move more quickly because travelers are not required to remove their:

Belt, Shoes, Light outerwear/jacket, 3-1-1 compliant bag (toiletries in a zip lock baggie), or laptop from their carry-on.

Who is eligible for TSA PreCheck? TSA PreCheck is available to some individuals that the TSA deems as low-risk travelers. It is also open to *military members*, even when you are traveling for personal reasons.

Eligible military travelers include:

Active Duty, Guard, Reserves, **Wounded Warriors** (please [see link to verify](#) who qualifies).

Service Academy Students are eligible as of November, 2014.

DoD and Coast Guard Civilians are also eligible if they opt-in to the program [through the MilConnect website](#).

This program is not free of charge for all veterans based on their military service, however, you may be eligible for the program through other means (listed below).

For additional information follow this [LINK](#)

Submitted by Tom Morton

From the Land of the Rising Sun



It gives me great pleasure to stay involved with the American Legion while away here in Okinawa. My hope is to share my experiences with you along the way.

The Importance of News Years in Japan: New Year (*shogatsu* or *oshogatsu*) is the most important holiday in Japan. Most businesses shut down from

January 1 to January 3, and families typically gather to spend the days together. Years are traditionally viewed as completely separate, with each New Year providing a fresh start. Consequently, all duties are supposed to be completed by the end of the year, while *bonenkai* parties ("year forgetting parties") are held with the purpose of leaving the old year's worries and troubles behind. Homes and entrance gates are decorated with ornaments made of pine, bamboo and plum trees, and clothes and houses are cleaned.

On New Year's Eve, *toshikoshi* soba (buckwheat noodles), symbolizing longevity, are served. A more recent custom is watching the music show "*kohaku uta gassen*", a highly popular television program featuring many of Japan's most famous J-pop and *enka* singers in spectacular performances.

January 1 is a very auspicious day, best started by viewing the New Year's first sunrise (*hatsu-hinode*), and traditionally believed to be representative for the whole year that has just commenced. Therefore, the day is supposed to be full of joy and free of stress and anger, while everything should be clean and no work should be done.

Upcoming: Spring in Japan can only mean one thing: cherry blossoms.

Sandwiched between the long, bitter winter months and the sweltering humidity of summer, spring is by far the most popular time in Japan.

The atmosphere at this time of year is infectious. The cherry blossom (or *sakura*) "front" sweeps along the length of the country each year, beginning with Okinawa in the far south in February and working its way along Japan to northern Hokkaido in May. A variety of factors can affect when the cherry blossom comes into bloom: a particularly cold winter can mean that the flowers come out late, unseasonably mild weather can usher them out sooner, and heavy rain can mean that the trees drop their petals much quicker than otherwise. For this reason, the forecast is followed avidly throughout the *sakura* season!

Colleen Collazo, Auxiliary 365 Past President



From the Commander's Desk

The Post continues to make improvements

Installation of bi-fold doors, which will improve meeting events with sound proofing while allowing the club room to operate without disruption to various scheduled meetings.

Novation Corp will be installing Dish Network TV **free for three years**, including all equipment, installation, as well as other support to our Post. This is a nationwide event to assist American Legion and VFW Post, we were very fortunate to be selected for this program.

Events Calendar: Volunteers Needed. Can you cook a steak on your home BBQ?? If so, I can use your help to assist our other volunteers on our Tuesday Night Steak Night. We will provide you with training, assistance and whatever else you need, please give me a call if you want to volunteer.

American Legion Baseball. Our Post will be sponsoring the San Marcos High School this year, the cost for this sponsoring is being covered, and will not be a cost to our Post. This should be exciting times for all of us, please come out and support our team.

Steve Miller

ALRiders365

Someone said summer is coming but we know that summer is always here. Unlike back east where it is snowing under the latest blizzard, we are sitting on our motorcycles or in our cars ready to take off and wondering how hot it's going to get today. Even if we have weather that is great year-round or at least 300 days' worth of good weather, we all need to understand that accidents can happen in a flash even in front of our houses.

So many are on the road not paying attention it has become the norm for a lot of drivers. Being on the phone, texting, eating and the best one yet is putting on makeup. I always think to myself, is she running late and skipped taking a shower today and that's why makeup goes on now, yuck! There are several other distractions I didn't list that are major causes of people losing their lives.

I don't want to be sitting at a light enjoying the scenic route and have a distracted driver come up and run me over. I don't want to be cruising home from a hard day's work and have someone on the phone cut me off. You don't want to be heading to pick up your kids from school and have someone look down

at the French fry that they dropped in their lap and BANG.

Look and listen to the news on how many accidents are classified as a hit and run. I would say they are because the driver was distracted, now scared and he/she is off and running. He/she may not even have a license or insurance. Leaving you damaged, hurt or even worse not with us anymore.

Bottom line is we do have wonderful weather and I want to enjoy it with every one of you. So be alert and watch out for that person not paying attention. Drive defensively every foot of the way because summer is coming, plan on enjoying it.

Take up this challenge; On your next drive count the number of distracted drivers you see.

Mike Stevenson - President

Information Links

Clicking on any of the Icons below will take you to the organizational page that contains much timely and useful information.



SAN DIEGO AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 22
"VETERANS SUPPORTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES"



In the January edition of The Press the editor posted an article about a newsletter from Post 7041 that he received back in 1985. It has been quite some time since that newsletter, and I'm really not sure when we stopped publishing one. But in any event, it's good to be a part of a newsletter once again. Sometimes the things we do are in conjunction with Legion events, and maybe with our input it will be easier to tell the difference as to who gets the credit (*or the blame...*). Most of our fundraisers, both VFW and Cootie, generate funds that go once a year to the three charities we support: The Chula Vista Veterans Home, The La Jolla Veterans Hospital, and the Semper Fi Fund at Camp Pendleton. Recently we made our annual donations to those three organizations. With the help of all the membership of both organizations and their guests who attended events throughout the year we were able to present a check for \$2,500.00 to each organization. We want to thank all of you for your continued support. At our next General Meeting (2nd Saturday of the month) we will be discussing events for this year. If you have any ideas for an event, please attend the meeting and let us know your thoughts.

Membership An article on page 1 of this newsletter from Legion Commander Steve Miller talks about membership and the fact that they are a little behind in attaining their 100% goal. We here at Post 7041 can help to some extent. If you are one of the many who have dual membership in both organizations – **PLEASE** – check your cards and get your membership renewed. The VFW membership renewal process is a little different, and a little more complicated for the Quartermaster to keep track of those who have/have not renewed. This is because our renewal schedule isn't on annual schedule, membership renewal is based on the birth month of the member. So, if your card has a 2018 on it and your birthdate is a couple of months ago or in the future, start thinking about getting a new card. Click on the Icon below to start the renewal process.



Post 7041 Adjutant & Quartermaster

Raffle Baskets



Most of you are aware of the raffle baskets that we have on a continuing basis at the Post. The basket sponsorship rotates

between the various organizations that are a part of both the Legion and the VFW. The proceeds from ticket sales go towards their operating expenses and to the charities these organizations support. The House Committee got together with all the participants and came up with the schedule for the 2019 Raffle Basket drawings (see below). In addition, the units have increased the number of and quality of the items in each basket. The money from your ticket purchase goes to good use – and in return you get some really good stuff. Check out the baskets behind the bar and buy some tickets.

RAFFLE BASKET SCHEDULE FOR 2019

Jan-Feb: VFW Auxiliary
(Saturday, Feb 23 Mardi Gras/Shrimp Boil)

Mar-Apr: S.A.L.
(Saturday May 4 – Kentucky Derby)

May-Jun: Post 365
(July 4th)

July-Aug: S.A.L.
(Labor Day)

Sep-Oct: Post 365 Auxiliary
(Halloween)

Nov-Dec: Post 365
(Sunday Before Christmas)

Upcoming Events



MARDI GRAS
Saturday February 23, 2019

Shrimp Boil
Live Jazz Music by Ron Ebel
Voting for King & Queen

Shrimp Boil
Shrimp, Sausage, Red Beans, Potatoes, Corn on the cob

Live Jazz Music
April - Tom by Ron Ebel

Pre-paid event
Purchase tickets at bar by Sunday February 17th

\$15

VFW Auxiliary Post 7041 & Military Order of the Coedle Pop Tent at 1234 & Santa Fe Ave Vista, CA. For more information call (760) 534-6471



ALR 365 6TH ANNUAL DARRYL MALONE POKER RUN
Saturday March 2nd
American Legion Post 365 1234 South Santa Fe Ave. Vista, CA

Registration 0930-2000
Last Sign-out 1100
\$25.00 Entry - \$200.00 Prizes
\$6. Additional Hand
Includes Lunch
ALL NEW EXCITING ROUTE AND STOPS
Raffle and 50-50
Drawings Begin at 2:00
VENDORS

PRIZES FOR BEST AND WORST HANDS EXTRA CARDS EACH STOP
All MC's/Groups/Bikes/Cages Welcome
Same day Pistol Raffle and Drawing at End of Day

all proceeds go to Veterans Charities American Legion Bldg 345, 1234 So Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA



American Legion Post 365 Events Calendar – February 2019 VFW Post 7041



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Special Events for February 2 February – Celebration of Life for Frank Fundak 3 February – Super Bowl LIII 7 – 10 February North County Stand Down 23 February - Mardi Gras & Shrimp Boil						
3 Breakfast 8:30-11:30 am Country Breakfast Super Bowl LIII Party!!! 3:00 pm	4 Monday Special 5:30-7 pm Sausage & Peppers	5 Tuesday Steak Night 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	6 Cribbage Club 5 pm	7 North County Stand Down Four-day event <i>For more info</i> (855) 535- 2038 Line Dancing 10 am Thursday Wings 5:30 pm-7:30 pm	8 North County Stand Down Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm Sicilian Style Lasagna No Regular Menu	9 North County Stand Down General Meetings VFW 7041-Aux 7041 10 am Pup Tent 40 11 am Saturday Burgers \$6 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm Retirement Party 5 pm – 10 pm Karaoke Night 6 pm
10 North County Stand Down Breakfast 8:30-11:30 am Machaca Grill	11 Monday Special 5:30-7 pm Beef Stew House Committee 5:30 pm	12 Tuesday Steak Night 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Riders 365 E-Board 6:30 pm	13 SDG&E 4 pm EBoard 6 pm SON's 6:30 pm	14 Line Dancing 10 am Thursday Wings 5:30 pm-7:30 pm	15 Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm Legion Riders Meeting 7:00 pm	16 General Meetings – Legion Post 365 Aux Unit 365 10 am Saturday Burgers \$6 12:30 pm – 3 pm Birthday Party-Foster 1 pm – 7 pm Karaoke Night 6 pm
17 Breakfast 8:30-11:30 am Mike's French Toast	18 Monday Special 5:30-7 pm Lumpia & Pancit	19 Tuesday Steak Night 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	20 Civitan Dinner Meeting 6 pm	21 Line Dancing 10 am Thursday Wings 5:30 pm-7:30 pm	22 Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm	23 Saturday Burgers \$6 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm Mardi Gras & Shrimp Boil Party 4 pm – 7 pm No Karaoke Tonight
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