

TERRIFIC TWELFTH NEWSLETTER

MEETING NOTICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2004
AMERICAN LEGION POST 74
1001 SOUTH SANTA CRUZ AVE. MODESTO

POST OFFICERS WORKSHOP 8:30 AM

All Commanders, First Vice, 2nd Vice, Adjutants

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB 9:30

DISTRICT MEETING BEGINS 10:00 AM

COMMANDERS REPORT; Richard Edgecomb, Esq.

Hello Comrade Legionnaires, I want to thank Ceres Post 491 for hosting our last 12th District meeting and for the Ladies for making a nice lunch. Our next meeting in Modesto we will have another workshop with year-end report forms to work on. Consolidated reports, New Officer reporting form, Insurance, Delegates to Convention and all Commission reports, Americanism, Children & Youth, Leadership (Legionnaire of the year), etc. All Posts start the process of selecting your officers for the coming year time is running short.

The days are slipping by pretty fast and it's time to start thinking about new Officers for "THE TERRIFIC TWELFTH" for next year. This will be the first nomination of officers with the final nomination and elections to be held in Twain Harte, Sunday, May 16. The following offices will be elected; Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Third Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Service Officer and Sgt. At Arms. Incoming Commander will appoint all other officers.

Finance Officer Cynthia Nolen has sent 12 room deposits into the Convention Committee in Redding and turning in 8 rooms not being used for a \$632.00 refund. The 12th District has 19 Legionnaires going to convention, some sharing rooms and others staying at Convention Headquarters Hotel. Anyone wishing to attend and have not signed up, please call as soon as possible, we will try to get you a room.

12th District Oratorical Contest was held at Turlock Post 88, won by a girl from Johansen High School of Modesto. The Third Area Contest was held at the City Hall Chambers in Modesto. Out of 5 contestants, the 12th District girl from Johansen HS won again and on to Dept. competition in San Mateo Feb. 22.

Golf Tournament and Caucus will be held in Twain Harte or Sonora; we must debate pros and cons of the two areas and golf courses at our next meeting in Modesto. We need golf prizes from the Posts in the 12th District, if just a dozen golf ball or all the way up to a trip to Hawaii, just something from each Post.

REMINDER: Commanders bring your Honor Guard to the 3rd Area meeting, April 3 in Modesto for a little competition to see which team represents the Area at Dept. Convention in Redding. If unable to field a team, we could make an all-star unit from the 3rd Area.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT; First Vice Commander Walter L. Butler; Scranton & Qualle Post 872 Hughson is still leading the pace with 121.15% of membership followed by Dos Palos Post 86, 108.97%; Stevinson Post 91, 106%, Chowchilla Post 148, 103.14%; Los Banos Post 166, 103.13%, Ceres Post 491, 102%, reporting period dated 2/10/04. The 12th District membership stands with 4,134 members out of 4568 for 90.58%. There are 6 Posts with 90% or better, so close. Go after Post 1000, DMS's and Legionnaires hanging on the fence bring them home.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM: Chairman John Wolfshormdl. Your Boys State program should be in full swing with your High School contact setting up interview dates and getting your teams ready with the proper questions to ask the boys. The cost has gone up, \$260.00 per boy with about \$40 bus fee, (San Diego slightly higher).

POST EVERLASTING:

Sonora Post 58	William Hoefler, Larry Kowalski, Wes Pearson
Modesto Post 74	Anthony Cannizzaro, George McKnight, Toxie Hatton, Melvin Brush, Donald Kingsford, Don Caselas, Ray Crawford.
Merced Post 83	Gerald Prior, Ysidro Rojas, Joseph Culotta, Denis McAuliffe
Dos Palos Post 86	Annibale S Bandomi, Joe Frucoli, Tony B Machado, Mitchel J. Tatarakis
Los Banos Post 166	Marian Accardo, Dewain Arnold, Clarence Baldwin
Gustine Post 240	Leo Simmons
Ceres Post 491	Paul Olneck
Mariposa Post 567	E. O. Lewis
Twain Harte 681	George Flavin
Hughson 872	Donald Ward, Gilman W. Oliver

POST ACTIVITIES:

Sonora Post 58	Monthly Pancake Breakfast, first Sunday of Month; 6 ea. \$500scholarships to graduating High School Seniors; 4 boys to Boys State; 1 girl to Girls State; Oratorical Contest; Law-and-Order night; sponsor U.S. Naval Sea Cadets; B team American Legion baseball; rifle raffle spring 2004;
Modesto Post 74	Omelet breakfast Feb. 29; Hosting 3 rd Area Oratorical; sponsor 7 boys to Boy State; Donate to Sea Cadets, American Legion Baseball, soccer league, Boy Scouts; Active Funeral Detail and Honor Guard, local and national cemeteries.
Merced Post 83	Fundraiser for new PA system approx. \$2800.; gave \$1000 as prizes at free New Years Eve Dinner party; Assisted in adding two new names WWII memorial; Active Funeral Detail and Honor Guard, local and national cemeteries.
Dos Palos Post 86	Active Boys State, 4 th of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day parade and flags.
Los Banos Post 166	Vietnam moving wall in Los Banos; Flag raising, putting out flags and march in Memorial, July 4 and Veterans day activities; Active Funeral Detail & Honor Guard, local and national cemeteries.
Gustine Post 240	Honor Guard Participate SJVN Cemetery Memorial Day; Boys State, Girls State; school metal awards; Active Funeral and Honor Guard, local and national cemeteries.
Ceres Post 491	Law & Order program; Veterans booth, Ceres street fair and Wal-Mart; Boys State; Boy Scout Troop; support Sea Scouts of Turlock; Active Funeral detail and Honor Guard, local and national cemeteries.
Mariposa Post 567	Monthly waffle breakfast second Saturday; dinner meeting first Wednesday; Bingo 3 times month; Boys State, Girls State, Support Little League.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 22	Dept. Oratorical Contest, San Mateo Post 82, 130 South Blvd. San Mateo. Starts 1PM sharp. Our 12 th District winner will be competing for the State Title.
March 7	12 th District Meeting, Modesto Post 74-1001 South Santa Cruz Ave. Modesto. First Nomination of officers for coming year.
March 20-21	DEC Meeting. Lakewood Post 496, 5938 Parkcrest St, Long Beach, H.Q., Marriott Hotel Long Beach. \$89 per night, 1-800-228-9290, reserve before March 5.
March 23	Legislative Day in Sacramento, 8:30 AM, meet at Capital Bldg.
April 3 & 5	3 rd Area Meeting, Modesto Post 74, 1001 So. Santa Cruz Ave. PCC 11 AM, Area 1 PM (Note) 40/8 Voiture 653 Promenade Friday Night (7:00 PM), all Voyageurs are welcome to Attend. \$5.00 Dinner following Promenade. No host bar open 5:30 PM
May 15	Golf Tournament, Twain Harte CC, Dinner and awards following golf.
May 16	12 th District Caucus and Elections, PCC 9 AM, Dist. 10 AM
June 24 -27	Dept. Convention, Redding, H.Q. Doubletree Hotel, 1830 Hilltop Dr.; 12 th Dist. HQ, Comfort Inn, 2059 Hilltop Inn

(Date change from last newsletter)

See you all in Modesto

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