



California  
**District 22**

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
 Department of California, 22<sup>nd</sup> District  
 January February 2010 Newsletter

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE NATURALIZATION CEREMONY DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FEBRUARY 24, 2010 AT 10 A.M.**

<b><u>General</u></b> meetings:	February 14, 2010	9:00 am	Post 282
	April 11, 2010	9:00 am	Post 149
	June 6, 2010	9:00 am	Post 282
<b><u>E-Board</u></b> meetings:	March 6, 2010	10:00 am	Post 416
	May 8, 2010	10:00 am	Post 6
<b><u>PCC</u></b> meetings:	January 30, 2010	9:00 am	Post 820
	May 29, 2010	9:00 am	Post 258
	July 31, 2010	9:00 am	Post 460
<b><u>Area 5</u></b> meetings:	March 20-21, 2010	Post 422	Rialto ( <i>updated change</i> )
	June 12-13, 2010	Post 149	Escondido

**SPRING DEC: March 13-14, 2010 at Post 56, Santa Maria**  
**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION: June 24-27, 2010 in Fresno**

**IMPORTANT DATES ON THE HORIZON:**

**February 6, 2010** 1 p.m. – District Oratorical Contest Post 731 Linda Vista  
**February 13, 2010** 11 a.m.-4 p.m.. – Legion Day at VAMC La Jolla  
**February 14, 2010** 9 a.m. - **District 22 Meeting** at La Mesa Post 282  
**February 14, 2010** 1 p.m. – Area 5 Oratorical Contest Perris Post 595  
**February 24, 2010** 10 a.m. – Naturalization Ceremony at Golden Hall, San Diego  
**March 6, 2010** 10 a.m. – **District 22 E Board Meeting** at Post 416 Encinitas  
**March 13, 2010** 1-4 p.m. – District Bingo at VAMC La Jolla  
**March 13 & 14, 2010** – DEC Post 56 Santa Maria  
**March 20 & 21, 2010** – Area 5 meeting, Post 442 Rialto  
**April 10, 2010** 1-4 p.m. – District Bingo at VAMC La Jolla  
**April 11, 2010** 9 a.m. – **District 22 Meeting** at J B Clark Post 149 Escondido  
**May 8, 2010** 10 a.m. – **District 22 E Board Meeting** at Post 6  
**May 8, 2010** 1-4 p.m. – District Bingo at VAMC La Jolla

## **THE COMMANDER'S CORNER**

**Ted Pasnak**

Membership is still our Number One priority and everyone is responsible to help recruit new and old members. First Vice Jim is working membership as hard as he can, but he still needs our help and encouragement. So let us get on the band wagon and recruit, recruit, and recruit.

I congratulate the Posts that achieved the 75% goal and the Posts that made their 100% by 31 December 2009. Well Done!

The E Board members are there to assist and visit their Posts to offer suggestions and ideas, if asked by the Posts they visit. I will be visiting Posts this year to offer help, if needed.

## **NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VISIT**

The National and California Department Commanders visit to District 22 on December 10, 2009 was well attended by members at Post 460, Post 255 and Post 149. The District presented National Commander Hill with a picture of San Diego. He sent me a "thank you" letter which I will read at the District meeting in February. Thank you to the Posts that hosted the party of Legionnaires.

The next District meeting will be at LA MESA POST 282 at 9 a.m. Sunday, 14 February 2010.

**REMEMBER TO FLY YOUR FLAG DAILY FOR ALL THE VETERANS SERVING IN HARM'S WAY.**

## **FIRST VICE COMMANDER**

**Jim Coatney**

Membership activity has slowed down considerably as the 2009 year came to an end. All 2009 memberships have now expired.

Members who have not renewed for 2010 must do so by February 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid delinquency and to keep their Legion insurance in effect.

Some Posts have been doing very well at contacting and transferring in Post 1000 members, other Posts have made little if any effort. It is my intent to review the 1000/DMS information sent to the Posts that are showing "goose eggs" in the P1000/DMS Transfers column and make this information available to the Posts working them.

All Posts are encouraged to check membership cards at their next meeting and at the Club Room (if applicable).

District Membership as of 28 January 2010 stands at 82.57%.

**Post Membership Chairs should send a copy of each of their Department Member Transmittals to me** at the following address: 6460 Convoy Ct., #63, San Diego CA 92117.

## **SECOND VICE COMMANDER**

**Bob Juers**

At the last District Meeting on 13 December I distributed 765 tickets for the VA&R fundraiser drawing. Seven Posts had no representative at the meeting, so I mailed tickets to them. By Christmas I had received \$200 in checks which I have given to the Finance Officer. I have cash from my own Post amounting to \$210. I hope to sell some tickets at the 5<sup>th</sup> Area chili-cookoff on the weekend of 16-17 January.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Roxanne Jones, 5<sup>th</sup> Area Commissioner**

I received a request from Robin Williamson who is a Military School Liaison for Children and Youth Services in Metro San Diego. A school was requesting to purchase books

about the military family life and military heroes but funds had been cut. They were requesting 17 books that cost \$192 (free shipping).

I made personal presentation appeals at Posts 6 and 451, and a report at the Area 5 meeting in Brawley where they voted to donate also. Thanks to their generosity I collected a total of \$225.

On Monday, 25 January, I met with Ms Williamson and Theresa Williams, Bayview Terrace Librarian, and presented the check on behalf of The American Legion for \$225 during the school's morning assembly. The children were very excited to hear they would be getting new books for the library. I also presented a dozen Legion comic books about veterans to be added to the library.

## **VA&R Frank Manthei**

District 22 sponsors **BINGO** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) in La Jolla. BINGO starts at 1 p.m. and is over by 4 p.m. Post, Auxiliary and SAL volunteers are always needed. The next BINGO events are February 13<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Come and Celebrate the 36<sup>th</sup> annual "American Legion Day" at the VA Medical Center La Jolla on Saturday February 13th at 11:00 a.m.**, sponsored by The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of Districts 22 & 30, and celebrating Hospitalized Veterans' Week. Entertainment will be provided by the Mariachi Juvenile de San Diego. Patient visitations, bingo and refreshments will be the order of the day. For more information contact Frank Manthei at (619) 233-1838 or Phyllis Holmborg at (858) 675-1155.

Here is the **schedule of events:**

**10 a.m. – 11 a.m.:** Entertainment by the *Mariachi Juvenil de San Diego* in the various wards and clinics.

**11 a.m. - noon:** Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members and guests will assemble in the Multipurpose Room. Ward assignments will be made at this time for patient visitations and handing out Valentines with coupon books. There will be refreshments and entertainment at this time.

**Noon - 1 p.m.:** Patients visitations and distribution of Valentines. Invite them down to the Multipurpose Room for Bingo and refreshments.

**1 p.m. - 2 p.m.:** Introduction of dignitaries, Legion and Auxiliary officers. Presentations for the VA will be presented to Lorelei Winn, Director of Voluntary Resources Management Services.

**2 p.m. – 3 p.m.:** Bingo with special prizes for all in-patients. Door prize drawings. Bingo to crew to the Penthouse.

**3 p.m. – 4 p.m.:** Luncheon to be served to all patients and guests, courtesy of the American Legion Auxiliary.

**4 p.m.:** Assist patients in returning to their wards.

## **NATIONAL COMMANDER'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 28, 2009:**

Dear District Commander Pasnak:

It was nice to be in your company during my official visit to the Department of California. I enjoyed the fine hospitality and especially appreciated everyone taking time from busy schedules to fellowship at the special events hosted in honor of my visit.

I wanted to thank you for the framed picture of San Diego. It was very thoughtful of you to remember my visit in this special way.

I appreciate your dedicated efforts to meet T.H.E. (The Hardest Easy) Job Challenge for membership, service to our veterans, and for our nation. It keeps us strong.

Sincerely,

CLARENCE E. HILL  
National Commander

**American Legion Day 2010 at the VA Medical Center  
La Jolla - Saturday, February 13, 2009 starting at 11 am**

**ENTERTAINMENT - FOOD - PRIZES - BINGO**

Sponsored by The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of Districts 22 & 30, and celebrating Hospitalized Veterans' Week. We need the Legion family to be there to hand out Valentines and gifts to our in-patient veterans. The program will run until 4 p.m. *See the schedule inside on Page 3.*

**DISTRICT 22 SPONSORING NATURALIZATION CEREMONY AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010 AT GOLDEN HALL. THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED FOR FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>. DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIR MAGGIE MUDD REQUESTS MEMBERS OF THE LEGION FAMILY ATTEND TO GREET AMERICA'S NEWEST CITIZENS AND PASS OUT AMERICANISM LITERATURE.**

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