



American Legion



District 15

Post 26 News Letter

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Bob Mahaffey

Comments from the Commander:

Greetings Legionnaires,

As we approach the end of my year as 2010 – 2011 Post 26 Commander I must acknowledge all of you for your continued service and commitment to our post during a year that was filled with many challenges. During it all we were able to overcome many obstacles involving both staff and finances and through it all Post 26 Legion Family has pulled together and are again moving forward and seeing positive results.

When we were in need of Administrative help in the office Dee Ann Graham and Pamela McCarthy stepped up, For that I want to recognize all of their hard work and efforts. I want to thank Welby Cramer, David Graham and Phil MyGatt for fulfilling the role as adjutant during the year, “Thank You Comrades”. I want to thank the Executive Board for their financial support, diligent service and leadership during this difficult year of challenges.

We need to celebrate our accomplishments and continue to work hard next year always remaining focused on membership.

Thank You All, Yours in Service,
Bobby O. Mahaffey
Commander Post 26

Comments from the Editor:

My topic for this News Letter concerns the new “Missing Man Table.” It took several weeks to gather all the suggested items, looking for the right pieces at a price that fit our budget was a challenge. I’d like to thank John Heath for his generous donation of the bible and Dee Graham & Phil MyGatt for their assistance with the table. As the “Table” has no permanent home, we will be setting it up for each appropriate event. If you have an event that you would like to display the “Table” at please let me know and I’ll do everything in my power to ensure it is available to you. The photo really does not do the table justice, but I think that we, as a Post can improve it. Give it character, personalize it. The plates, silverware, vase, table cloth & napkins, the napkin ring, the glasses are all nice but have no character, no meaning. If you have an item that you would like to donate to improve the “Table” please contact me at GunnerBill0306@aol.com. Maybe you have an old military plate, an old ship’s coffee cup & saucer, perhaps a vase or napkin ring with military origins. Perhaps something vintage, maybe a crystal vase or a china plate. I’m sure you catch my meaning. We also need a container to safely store the “Table” items when they are not in use. Maybe a wooden ammo crate or small trunk, again, something with a military origin. Or perhaps there is a Wood Worker out there that would like to donate something special. Thank you so much for your continued support in the News Letter and the “Missing Man Table.”

“Gunner Bill” Holland
Post 26 Editor





Meeting Attendance

1st Thursday General Meeting, 2 June 2011:

Officers: na
Members: na
Guests: na

2nd Thursday Executive Meeting, 9 June 2011:

Executives na
Members: na
Guests: na

3rd Thursday General Meeting, 16 June 2011:

Officers: na
Members: na
Guests: na

Note: This section will start with the July issue.

Memorial Day Photos

Did you take photos at the events around Bakersfield? If you did the News Letter would like to share those with everyone. Please send electronic copies to the editor at GunnerBill0306@aol.com.

Information concerning other meetings may be submitted to the News Letter Editor for publishing.

Post Elections:

On 19 May 2011 Post 26 conducted elections for 2011-2012 Officers, Executive Committee, and Convention Delegates.

Your new Post Officers are

(Installation: 4 June 2011)

Commander: Chuck Moore
1st Vice Commander: Bob Montgomery
2nd Vice Commander: Bill Holland
Finance Officer: Glen Cannon
Service Officer: Richard Smith
Chaplain: Chuck Huston
Sergeant at Arms: Don Deveron
Historian: To be Announced
Judge Advocate: To be Announced

Executive Committee

Tom Maddy Donald Daverin
Bobby Mahaffey Anitra Pierson
John Heath Loy Callison
Frank Thompson Bob Montgomery
Michael Cruz

Board of Trustees

Samuel Barnes Paul Lara
Ken Vetter Richard Smith
Ronald Bender Raymond Mish
E.G. Leapley Thomas Curran

Around the Legion; did you know...?

Legion Foundation Grants

Week of May 23, 2011

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) is accepting grant applications for 2012. CWF grants provide nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across the nation. For more information, visit the [American Legion website](#) and the [American Legion Child Welfare Foundation website](#).



Mark your Calendars

Meetings

General Assembly: 7:00pm
1st & 3rd Thursday

SAL: 1st Monday

Rider Ex: 7:00 1st Tuesday

Auxiliary: 6:30 1st Thursday

Riders: 7:00pm 2nd Wednesday

AL Ex: 7:00pm 2nd Thursday

Meals & Socials

1st & 3rd Friday Night Dinner Tickets
at 5:30pm and Dinner at 6:00pm

Every Thursday Dine in or Take out
Dinners 5:30-7:00pm

Other Events

4 June: Installation of new Officers
for AL & AUX.

23-26 June: Convention



Department of California 93rd Annual State Convention

June 23-26, 2011 ~ Ontario, CA

Link: [California American Legion Convention](#)

Convention Delegates

Charles Moore
Bob Montgomery
Bill Holland
Don Deveron
Brian Vega

Glen Cannon
John Heath
Richard Smith
Joel Parks
Tom Maddy

Bobby Mahaffey
Philip Mygatt
Mike Cruz
David Graham
Pete Callison

Rob Miller
John Lundsford

What we did in May

(Or what did you miss out on?)

Besides the regularly scheduled meetings and dinners;

- American Legion Elections
- Past Commander's / Past President's Dinner
- Karaoke Night (Fridays)
- Auxiliary Memorial Day Luncheon (on Sunday)
- Memorial Day Services (on Monday)



Social and Event Information

- Meetings of the General Assembly will be conducted on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. Assembly along with the “Warning Bell” by the Sergeant at Arms will be announced at 1855 (6:55pm) followed by the Commander bringing the Meeting to Order at 1900 (7:00pm).
- 1st & 3rd Friday Dinners will be held in the Main Hall with overflow available in the Post Bar. Meal tickets will be available starting at 1730 (5:30pm) with serving starting at about 1830 (6:30pm). Although the Post does **Not** reserve tables, any member dining can save their own place by “setting” that place and/or writing their name on the table at that place. Save as many places as you need.
- Thursday Night Dinner will be held every Thursday Night unless otherwise noted. Meal menus will vary and will be announced via reminder e-mails & the Post FaceBook Page, and posted at the Bar, usually on Monday or Tuesday.
 - Dine in - \$7.00
 - Take out - \$8.00
 - Family Pack take out - \$25.00.
 - Non-members add \$2.00
 - Time: 1730-1900 (5:30-7:00pm) or when it runs out.
 - To ensure your plate, call ahead is available at 324-9453.

For Your Information

- ✓ Be sure to check the Post and ALR FaceBook pages daily. Lots of good information is being distributed. Also be sure to leave a comment or mark something as “Like” so they can see you’ve been there and are sharing in the information. **Are there other FaceBook Pages we should be promoting? Let us know and we’ll get them in the next edition of the Post 26 News Letter.*
- ✓ Help us distribute the word about Electronic News Letters. Electronic communication is not some newfangled flash in the pan; it’s the way we communicate. If you’re not communicating then you’ll be left in the dust.
- ✓ Lemoore Commissary in Bakersfield at the Army National Guard located on 2800 Gateway Blvd. Friday, 3 June and Saturday 4 June from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. All authorized Commissary shoppers are invited. Customers Must show Military ID with Commissary Privileges.
- ✓ Send corrections to me at GunnerBill0306@aol.com.



Post 26 Membership Information



2011 Legionnaire Membership

As of: 19 May 2011

2011 Paid Goal:	865 +10%
2011 Paid:	667
PUFL's:	56
Transfers:	10
Current Standing:	733



2011 Auxiliary Membership

As of: 19 May 2011

2011 Paid Goal:	119
SRS:	106
PUFL's:	3
JRS:	12
Current Standing:	121



2011 Riders Membership

As of: 19 May 2011

No information was available or provided. Look for this in the July edition.



2011 SAL Membership

As of: 19 May 2011

No information was available or provided. Look for this in the July edition.

As of 1 June 2011 **67** members and supporters are signed up for e-mail. That means that less than 8% of our Total members are receiving this information.

15th District Meeting Schedule

16 July	Installation at East Bakersfield Post 682 1700 (5:00pm) No Host Bar 1800 (6:00pm) Installation 1900 (7:00pm) Dinner
18 Sept	Bakersfield Post 26
20 Nov	Terra Bella Post 779
TBA Jan	Delano Post 124
18 Mar	Exeter Post 94
20 May	East Bakersfield Post 682 District Memorial Service



This Month in History

June 14 1775: United States Army, Happy Birthday!!

The U.S. Army was founded on June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of Riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year.

June 9, 1919: The National Executive Committee of The American Legion adopts the Legion Emblem.

June 15, 1923: The first "Flag Code" is drafted during a conference called by The American Legion in Washington, D.C. The code eventually was adopted by Congress in 1942. Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to gain a constitutional amendment to protect the American flag from physical desecration.

June 6, 1944: D-Day: The **Invasion of Normandy** was the invasion and establishment of Allied forces in Normandy, France, during Operation Overlord in World War II. The invasion was the largest amphibious operation in history.

June 25 1950: Korean War began.

Marine Corps History

06 June 1917: 5th Marine Regiment sails for France.

01 June 1918: "Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5th Marine Regiment in France.

06 June 1918: Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns. Germans claim they fight like "*Teufel Hunden*" (Dogs from Hell), and the Marines gain another nicknamed "*Devil Dogs*."

25 June 1971: Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam.

Do you have an article you'd like placed in the News Letter? Do you have a suggestion on how to improve the News Letter? Is there information you'd like to see included? Would you like to submit pictures of an event?

E-Mail Bill Holland at GunnerBill0306@aol.com.

All articles and pictures will be screened for content. Submissions must American Legion appropriate and be of a standard equal to or greater than the standards of the American Legion. All submissions that are of a questionable nature will be forwarded to competent authority of the Post for approval or disapproval. Any articles not approved will be returned with an explanation as to the reason.