

LAKEWOOD AMERICAN LEGION
POST NO. 496
P.O BOX 8009
LONG BEACH, CA 90808

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
LAKEWOOD POST NO. 496
AND
AUXILIARY UNIT NO. 496

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Long Beach, CA 90808
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COMMANDER – BILL CLAPP
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT – LILIA CLAPP
SAL COMMANDER – Pending Election
EDITOR – VIRGIL ATKINS

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2003 & JANUARY 2004

EVENTS

November 1, Auxiliary Dinner
November 3, “Rudy’s Chili” night at the Bar
November 10, Howard and Henrietta Taco Night, 5:30 PM
November 15, “Commander’s Dinner and Karaoke, 5:00 PM
November 16, Sherries Champagne Breakfast
November 24, Ladies Dinner, 5:30 PM
November 27, Thanksgiving Dinner, 1 – 3 PM
December 1, “Rudy’s Chili” night at the Bar
December 8, Howard and Henrietta Taco Night, 5:30 PM
December 13, Adult Christmas Party, Bring an Unwrapped Toy
December 20, “Commander’s Dinner”, 5:00 PM
December 21, Sherries Champagne Breakfast
December 22, Ladies Dinner, 5:30 PM
December 25, Christmas Dinner, 1 – 3 PM
December 31, New Years Eve Party
January 17, Commander’s Dinner
January 18, Sherrie’s Champagne Breakfast
January 25, Super Bowl Sunday...Don’t Miss This
January 26, Ladies Dinner, 5:30 PM
January 31, Garage Sale at Post Hall
February 1, Garage Sale continues

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SUPER BOWL SUNDAY at POST 496
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2004
2:30 – 7:00 PM
LOTS OF FOOD AND FUN

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION....A LUAU IS FORTH COMING. PERHAPS MARCH 2004

December 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Rudy's Chili Bean Night 1	Aux Board Mtg Post Exc Board Mtg 2	3	Post Gen Mtg 4	Post Dinner, 5:30PM, Steak, Chicken, Halibut & Shrimp 5	Entertainment - Karaoke Peter 6
Pearl Harbor Day 7	H & H Taco Night 8	Aux Gen Mtg 9	District Gen Mtg 10	11	Prima Rib Dinner 5:30 PM 12	Adult Christmas Party 13
14	15	Post Exc Board Mtg 16	17	Post Gen Member Mtg 18	Post Dinner, 5:30PM, Steak, Chicken, Halibut & Shrimp 19	"Commander's Dinner", Entertainment Karaoke Shirley 20
Sheries Champagne Breakfast 21	Bev & Deb's Dinner 22	23	Barenders Meeting 24	Christmas Dinner 1 - 3 PM 25	No Dinner 26	Entertainment, Hanley Page 27
28	29	Dark Night 30	New Years Eve Party 31			

January 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Dark Night 1	No Dinner this week 2	Entertainment - Hanley Page 3
	Rudy's Chili Bean Night 4	Aux Board Mtg 5	6	7	Prime Rib Dinner 5:30 PM 8	Entertainment - Karaoke, Peter 9
	H & H Taco Night 10	Executive Board Mtg, Aux Meeting 11	District Gen Mtg 12	General Membership Meeting 13	Post Dinner, 5:30PM, Steak, Chicken, Halibut & Shrimp 14	Commander's Dinner 5 PM, Entertainment, Karaoke Shirley 15
Sheries Champagne Breakfast 16	17	18	19	20	Post Dinner, 5:30PM, Steak, Chicken, Halibut & Shrimp 21	Auxiliary Dinner 22
Super Bowl Sunday 2:30 - 7PM 23	Bev and Deb's Dinner 24	25	Barenders Mtg 26	27	Post Dinner, 5:30PM, Steak, Chicken, Halibut & Shrimp 28	Garage Sale at Post 29
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From The Kitchen Chairpersons: Tom Farrell and Mary Atkins

- November 1, Auxiliary Dinner, 5:30 PM
- November 7, Dinner at the Post, 5:30 PM
- November 14, Prime Rib Dinner, 5:30 PM
- November 21, Post Dinner, 5:30 PM
- December 5, Post Dinner, 5:30 PM
- December 12, Prime Rib Dinner, 5:30 PM
- December 19, Post Dinner, 5:30 PM
- January 9, Prime Rib Dinner
- January 16, Post Dinner, 5:30 PM
- January 23, Post Dinner, 5:30 PM
- January 30, Post Dinner, 5:30 PM

As everyone knows, the cost of food items, especially meat products have increased substantially. Because of these prices increases the cost of our Prime Rib dinners must be increased: \$10.00 for Regular Cut and \$12.00 for Galley Cut. We hope you will understand and will continue to support the Prime Rib dinners.

Thanks

November 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Auxiliary Dinner 1
2	3 Rudy's Chili Bean Night	4 Dark Night For Auxiliary and Post	5	6 Post Gen Member Mtg	7 Post Dinner, 5:30PM, Steak, Chicken,	8 Entertainment in the Club Room - Karaoke Peter
9	10 H & H Taco Night VA Bingo Night	11 Aux Gen Mtg Veterans Day	12 District Gen Mtg	13	14 Prime Rib Dinner 5:30 PM	15 "Commander's Dinner" "Oriental Chicken" - Karaoke
16 Sherries Champagn & Breakfast	17	18 Post Exc Board Mtg	19	20 Post Gen Mtg	21 Post Dinner, 5:30PM, Steak, Chicken,	22 Auxiliary Dinner
23	24 Bev & Deb's Dinner	25	26 Bartenders Meeting	27 Thanksgiving Day Dinner 1 - 3 PM	28 No Dinner	29 Entertainment Harley Page
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If you would like to receive this Newsletter, or other information concerning Post 496 by E mail just send a message to BillSclapp@cs.com.

From The Commander: Bill Clapp

Hello once again. Time is really going by this year and the holiday season is once again upon us. For some of us this will be a very trying time, with last minute shopping and family gatherings. Let us not forget to give thanks to the many men and women now serving in our Armed Forces who will not be home this year.

I want to express my thanks to the many members who have helped with the various functions so far this year. There are so many that I can't put all the names down. I would like to encourage everyone to please attend the functions being hosted at the Post. On Monday evenings we have dinners, please check out the calendar for those dates. Our Commander's Dinner on the 3rd Saturday of each month has been a great success. Thanks to all who have attended.

This year we will be hosting our annual New Years Eve Party. There will be great music, food and entertainment. The cost will be the same, \$30. per person. This year however, we are limiting the number of drinks per ticket to five (5). Your safety is important to us. Please watch for ticket sales and purchase your tickets early.

In Comradeship, Bill

From The First Vice Commander: Jim Larson

Just a reminder to all of you who haven't paid you dues, that the end of the year is Coming up real fast. Get your dues in so that you won't become Delinquent and lose your accumulated years.

If you move, "Please" let us know you new address. When we get your Newsletter back, it costs the Post full postage and then we have to send it out again.

In Comradeship, Jim Larson

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2003
\$30.00 PER PERSON, INCLUDES:
DINNER, DANCING, FIVE (5) DRINKS PER PERSON,
CHAMPAGNE AT MIDNIGHT AND PARTY FAVORS.
Tickets on Sale at Post Bar Beginning Thanksgiving Day
November 27th, 2003
All Persons Must Have Their Ticket To Enter**

Post Everlasting

Edwin Boles, 06/01/03; Ronald Lorenzen, 08-01/02; Myron Richardson, Jr., 08/17/03; Ralph Van Lien, 06/18/03; Roy Wallace, 09/01/03

Jenny Allison, Chaplain

From The Second Vice Commander:

Howdy, Howdy...Karon Allison here. I'm trying to get back to having entertainment on the first three Saturdays of each month. We're not there yet, but we're getting close. We fell out of touch with some of our entertainers (they gotta work also), so they booked prior engagements. Maybe by February, March, April we'll be back on schedule. For the price we pay for entertainment its more like begging than booking! They rely heavily on the tips (which have been good. Thank You very much). It makes my job so much easier.

I have three Entertainers booked each month, Karaoke Shirley, Hanley Page and Karaoke Peter. Please support these activities. Check the Newsletter Calendars for specific dates.

Fraternally Yours, Karon Allison

From The Auxiliary President:

By the time this article comes out we would have had our Craft Fair. It was a great success. We have many great ladies working together to make the Auxiliary a success. I thank you one and all for your support and hard work. Don't forget the Adult Christmas Party on December 13th. Please bring an unwrapped toy, valued at \$5.00 or more. These toys are donated to the local Fire and Police Departments and they appreciate our support.

On January 13th, 2004, Sue Quinteros, District Auxiliary President will visit Unit 496. Please plan to attend this meeting and met Sue and her officers. Our annual Rummage Sale will take place on January 31 and February 1, 2004. Save your good items and bring them to the sale. Many events are happening at the Post. Please review the "Events" list in the Newsletter. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season. Please remember our troops stationed overseas and who will not be home again this Holiday Season.

Lilia Clapp, Auxiliary President

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 13th, 6:30 PM

Pot Luck Dinner and Entertainment

Cost: One Unwrapped Toy, Value of \$5.00 or More per each Adult or Guests

From The Auxiliary First Vice:

Ooooooh Ladies, sure hope your dues are paid. Early Birds is over on Veterans

Day, November 11th. So get your dues in. I'm ready for **The Big Push!** We Need your Support. It takes all our members, so get the pen in hand, write the Check for \$18.00 and send it to me now. I need the work.

Please check your Newsletter Calendar. November, December and January are very busy. A lot of events both you and your family will Enjoy. Better yet, why not come in to the Post, see old friends and enjoy. In closing, have a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season. Enjoy your family and please, don't forget our Veterans and their families. Fly your flag, support your country and our troops. God Bless all of you. Happy New Year.

Thank You. Patti Gawlik

From The Auxiliary Second Vice: Sandra Hester

Hello ladies, its newsletter time once again and I would like to remind you of the upcoming events being sponsored by the Auxiliary.

Please review the Post calendars inside the newsletter and note those days the Auxiliary will be having dinners. The Auxiliary dinners are a source of funds for the Auxiliary so please plan on attending.

January 31 and February 1, the Auxiliary will be having its annual Garage Sale. Please plan on bringing in your sale items the week before the sale. Please do not bring items in to the Post sooner as storage space is very limited.

Sons of The American Legion Officers

Commander To Be Determined

Finance Officer Mickey Hall

(562) 634-6307

Advisor To Be Determined

SAL Due: 1 - 21 years - \$7.00 / 21 Years 8 Up - \$15.00

DO YOU NEED SPACE FOR A PARTY, OR SPECIAL EVENT, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES...The Post Hall is for Rent. It seats 200 people and has Bar facilities. If you know of someone, or yourself, please have them contact Glenn Grigsby at (714) 816-0665, or Bill Clapp at (562) 421-6148