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Official Newsletter of The American Legion Sutter Post No. 705
P.O. Box 744, Yuba City, CA 95992-0744
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May - 2008

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

By: William D. "Don" Cochran, Post Commander



Commander Don Cochran

As the 2007-2008 legion year comes to an end I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your commitment to ideals and goals of The American Legion.

While we didn't achieve 100% membership renewal this

year, I can't say that I was surprised considering the state of the economy and the increase in annual dues put in place last year. We will exceed 90% of our goal and I am sure this next year will be a good year to grow our membership again.

The year saw us continue to participate in a number of community events including the Veteran's Day parade, Memorial Day ceremonies followed by the 1st 21 Gun Salute rendered by the Post at the Sutter County Veteran's Memorial.

The year also saw our partnership with Phantom Fireworks which resulted in our initial effort to raise

funds through the sale of fireworks.

Our fireworks booth was able to generate enough funds that we were not required to hold any other fundraising events during the entire year.

Our cub scout pack has also done extremely well and now has nearly 20 members.

It has been an honor to serve as your Post Commander over the past year and I want to thank all of the officers, directors and members who have contributed to another excellent year for Sutter Post 705 of The American Legion.

MEMORIAL DAY - 2008:

The Post has a full day planned for Memorial Day 2008.

First will be our annual Memorial Day ceremony held at Sutter Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 26, 2008. The ceremonies will begin precisely at 10:00 a.m. and our keynote speaker this year is state Assemblyman Doug LaMalfa.

Immediately following Memorial Day ceremonies at Sutter Cemetery

we will meet at Post to perform a 21 gun salute and return the national ensign to full staff at the Sutter County Veterans Memorial beginning at 11:45 a.m.

And finally, all members, family and guests are invited to join us for an afternoon picnic full of food, fun and games.

Those of you wishing to participate in the honor guard at the

cemetery should wear black trousers, a white shirt, your legion cap and your medal bar.





We need your help!

The American Legion will again sell fireworks as our single major fundraising effort for the 2008-09 fiscal year. This revenue source has been sufficient to fund post operations for the entire year without having to constantly ask for money or manpower to generate operating revenues throughout the year. However, this is a labor intense effort. The booth will be open from 10:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., Saturday, June 28, 2008 through Friday July 4th, 2008

In a perfect world we would need 12 people per day to man the booth. That would provide coverage for four three hour shifts with 3 people per shift.

Shifts are scheduled from 10:00 am. to 1:00 p.m., from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day.

The 10:00 a.m. shift sets up the booth each day and the 7:00 p.m. shift tears it down each night. The busiest shifts will be the on Thursday and Friday July 3rd and 4th.

If you are interested in helping in any way with this event, please contact this years Chairman Steve Brammer at 320-3212 He will be happy to place you in your choice of slots on a first come first placed basis.

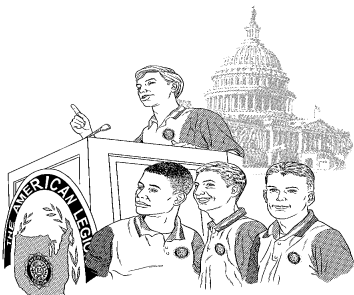
Also, Phantom Fireworks will be holding a training session for all Phantom Fireworks booths in the Yuba-Sutter area on Tuesday, May 27, 2007 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Yuba City.

This event will begin at 6:30 in the evening. Pizza and soft drinks will be available.

Phantom representatives will be on hand to discuss fireworks sales and the fire department will discuss safety issues.

Following the presentations Phantom representatives will provide a demonstration of new products and best sellers. If you think you may be interested in selling this year you are encouraged to attend this event so you will have first hand knowledge of what products look like and what products you can recommend to customers.

Those members who work in the booth will be entitled to purchase discounts for their personal purchases.



Michael T. Lowden of Yuba City High School, **Bo C. Leung** of River Valley High School and **Casey E. Foster** of Sutter Union High School have been selected as delegates to the **California Golden Boys State** program by a panel of American Legion leaders based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and school participation.

The American Legion in California has conducted **Boys State** since 1937 in an ongoing effort to help America's future leaders understand the complexities of our form of government.

While at **California State University – Sacramento**, citizens of **Boys State** will form their own political parties, meet various government leaders and participate in a variety of sport programs.

As the weeklong endeavor progresses, delegates will conduct elections for city, county and state offices culminating with the election of a governor on June 27th.

The highlight of the post-election day will find delegates visiting the state capitol where they will have an opportunity to meet with their Senators and Assemblymen.

This is an exceptional learning experience that these students will always remember," said **William D. Cochran**, Commander of **American Legion Post No. 705** in Yuba City.

American Legion **Boys State** program is currently conducted in 49 states. Content and method of procedure may vary, but each **Boys State** program adheres to the basic concept of the program – that of teaching government from city to the state level.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA REHABILITATION FUND DRIVE - 2008

Have you helped a fellow veteran lately? The **Rehab fund Drive** ends May 31, 2008 and your donation is needed to help make it a success! WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need a contribution from every member to make our goal this year. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE! EVERY DOLLAR DONATED TO THE REHAB FUND DRIVE IS APPLIED TO REHAB. IT DOES NOT GO IN THE DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND!

Send all contributions to **The American Legion**, Department of California, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 117, San Francisco, CA 94102-4587. Envelopes should be marked "Rehab Fund Drive".

Questions regarding this important program can be directed to any member of the Department Ways & Means Commission or by contacting Department Service Officer Terry Tracy at (3100 473-6534.



William "Smoky" Davis
Commander, 4th District – Dept. of CA.

FOURTH DISTRICT COMMANDER WILLIAM "Smoky" DAVIS HOME COMING

Sunday, June 1, 2007 at **Linda Post No. 807**,
5477 Feather River Blvd., Olivehurst, CA 95961

The Post will provide coffee and donuts starting at 9:00 a.m. with meeting beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch will be available for a \$5.00 donation. The menu is; chicken fettuccini, garden salad, toasted garlic bread and dessert.

PICNIC AT THE POST:

Join us on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008 at 12:00 noon at the The American Legion meeting room, Veteran's Memorial Hall, 1425 Veterans Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA for an afternoon bar-b-que.

The post will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and all the trimmings. There will be volleyball, and horseshoes along with a good dose of family fun.

We hope to see you there.



The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Phone) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Date) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #) _____

(E-mail) _____ (Dues) _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2, 1990 – cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1949 – Jan. 31, 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1962 – July 31, 1964	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1947 – May 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1948	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 8/15/45 (only eligibility)
<input type="checkbox"/> April 8, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918	

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of applicant

Name of recruiter

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____

\$ _____ by 20 _____ Post # _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

If you know of someone who would be interested in becoming a member of The American Legion, please have them complete and mail the above "Membership Application" along with a check in the amount of \$35.00 for annual dues to Sutter Post No. 705, The American Legion, P. O. Box 744, Yuba City, CA 95992-09744

NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS



Sutter Post No. 705 has been accepting nominations for post officers and directors for the coming year. An election of new officers and directors will be held at our regular meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2008 and our installation is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2008

Nominations currently submitted are: Don **Cochran** – Commander, Maria **Heredia** – 1st Vice Commander, Steve Jordan – 2nd Vice Commander and Steve **Brammer** – Finance Officer. Jim **Sharp** has been nominated to a three year term as a Director.



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**Strength in
numbers!**

MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first
Thursday of each month at
7:00 PM at

Veteran's Memorial Hall
1425 Veteran's Memorial Circle
Yuba City, CA 95993

May – 2008

- 26th Memorial Day Ceremonies – Sutter Cemetery
10:00 A.M. – Assemblyman Doug LaMalfa guest speaker
- 26th Sutter County Veteran's Memorial – 21 Gun Salute
Return the National Ensign to full staff
- 26th Memorial Day picnic
Veteran's Memorial Hall –Yuba City – 12:00 noon
- 27th Phantom Fireworks training & new product demonstration
Veteran's Memorial Hall – 6:30 PM

June – 2008

- 1st District 4 Regular Meeting – Linda Post 807
- 5th. Regular Post Meeting – Veteran's Memorial Hall – 7:00 PM
- 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st Fireworks sales – 10:00 am to 10:00 pm daily

July – 2008

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th – Fireworks sales – 10:00 am to 10 pm daily

No regular meeting in July

MEMBERSHIP

As of May 6, 2008,
Sutter Post 705 is in fifth
place in the District in
membership with 91.0% of
our annual goal.

The Post has 153
regular paid members, 28
Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL)
and 11 transfer members
for a total of 192 toward
our goal of 211.

As of this date the post
qualifies to be
represented by 6
delegates at the State
convention which is
currently scheduled for
June 19-22, 2008 in
Bakersfield, CA.

I have inserted a
blank membership
application in the post

news letter in the event
you know someone who
might qualify and be
interested in membership
in the worlds largest
veterans organization.

If you do, simply have
them complete the
application and mail it,
along with a check for
\$35.00, to P. O. Box 744,
Yuba City, CA 95992.

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