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189 Paid Members

135 % Of our membership goal, Keep up the good work, 1st in the 12th district, 2nd in the 3rd Area and 5th in Dept. CA Excellent !!!!

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Commander's Corner

By Roy Santiago, CO Post 872



As we enter into April we anticipate the upcoming Post Election of New Officer's for 2008. This Election will take place after the last round of Nomination 4/12/07. Thanks to all those who accepted their nominations and every one who served during the current year. You all make it happen. April 24th is Legislation day in Sacramento, It's an hour & 30 minute drive & at least 5 hours there, but very much necessary with the austere funding in this state. A great opportunity to meet your State Senator/Assemblyman. Let me know if you can go or need a ride as there may be a bus going out of Modesto if we can get 2 even better. Post Caps are in order for this event. Fruit & Nut Festival is May 19/20, Memorial Day May 28th at Lakewood. All hands are needed to make both events a success. We need volunteer for the Booth & to assist in place Flags just prior to the event at Lakewood. Kudos to Mike Peterson For getting Troop #27 to Participate. If anyone is interested in Ham Radio Please contact me as we need some one to represent us in this endeavor as well. We are always willing to accept your donations to make our programs successful, specifically the "Rehab" Fund, Legacy Scholarships, Emergency funds just to name a few. Don't know about em "Ask Me" about em.



Taking aim on the needs of Veterans

Godspeed, Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Santiago

Commander Post 872

District 2nd Vice

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Chaplain's Corner

For God and Country

Our prayers go out to Melvin Hunter, who recently had surgery and is now recuperating. To all those ailing or sick, we want you to know that you are in our hearts and prayers. Just get well. And as always, to all of our brother and sisters who go into harms way, May God keep you safe and bring you home as soon as possible. Tony "Papa" Inzana

Veteran Services

Gerald (Gary) Kinney, 1st Vice / Veteran Services Officer

Comrades,



I was just reminded of (which I should have known) a website by the state Dept. of Vet. Affairs. It is: www.cdva.ca.gov there is a lot of good and useful information in it. Maybe one of the most interesting links is to the Vehicle license link. When a veteran purchases a special plate the extra proceeds from the plate go back into the CDVA for programs in your county. Check it out you will be surprised, I certainly was, up to now all I did was deal with the American Legion Dept of Ca. or with the National, now I have another source of information at my disposal. I hope I can make a lot of use of this site. Hope to see any and all at our next meeting

Remember: We still serve those who serve.

Gary Kinney
1st Vice Commander
Post 872 Service Officer
12th Dist. Service Officer

Legion Riders

Today across America many thousands of American Legion Riders get on their bikes to ride for Americanism, children and youth programs in virtually every state in the nation, and more are organizing each month. One of the fastest growing and most highly visible of the many programs offered by The American Legion. The American Legion Riders are a very diverse group and so are the programs that they support.

American Legion Riders from all parts of the United States plan to ride to raise money and awareness for the American Legacy Scholarship Fund. National Commander Paul A. Morin will travel with Riders over 2,100 miles from Indianapolis to Reno, Nevada in August 2007. Go to www.americanlegionriders.net to find out more about The American Legion Riders.

On March 10th a contingent of Patriot Guard Riders (mostly American Legion Riders) , at the request of the family, rode to honor a fallen hero. Spc. Bobby "Doc" Turner, age 51, contacted cancer while serving in Iraq and subsequently succumbed to it March 5, 2007. Spc Bobby Turner was laid to rest in Lakewood Memorial Park in Hughson. The Patriot Guard Riders were formed to shield grieving families of fallen hero's from members of the Westboro Baptist Church who attended funerals of fallen hero's to heckle the grieving families.

*An act so
honorable, this
will make you
remember the
pride of wearing
that uniform*

Post Elections

Nominations of Post 872 Officers for the year 2007-2008



Aiming high for Veterans Rights

Post By-Laws, Article V----Officers, Section 2 provides guidance for the nomination of Post Officers. Nominations for Post Officers is a two-round evolution.

1st Round of Nominations was held at the March 8th meeting those following were nominated for listed positions:

- Post Commander-----John Taylor
- Post Adjutant-----Vern Wegner
- 1st Vice-----Gerald Kenney
Roy Santiago
- 2nd Vice----- John Caine
- 3rd Vice-----Al McCarty
- Sgt of Arms-----Tom Sheppard

The second round of Post nominations will be held at the Post meeting, Thursday, April 12th. Social hour is 6-7 pm and the meeting will start at 7 pm. If you wish to be considered for a Post Officer's position come to the meeting and let your intentions be known. At the conclusion of nominations, voting for 2007-2008 Post Officer's will be held.

Current Events

- April 12 Post 872 Meeting in Hughson at the Odd Fellows hall
- April 24 Legislative Day at Sacramento Capital
- May 10 Post 872 Meeting in Hughson at the Odd Fellows hall
- May 19 / 20 Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival

Ongoing:

- Blood Drive at Delta Blood Bank. We continue to support the Delta Blood Bank through our account 140. Thanks to Sara Kinney & Theodore Anthony Sr. We now have over 10.5 units available and counting
- Membership Drive Get out there and get the Veterans into the legion.

I can't push this enough

By John Caine 3rd vice

When I first heard about the "Patriot Guard" I thought to myself now that seems like a hell of a thing to do. But the more I thought about it, the madder I got. How unbelievably callused can a person be to heckle the family of a fallen service member AT THEIR FUNERAL? And then to top it off I found out the leaders of these hecklers are a church group. I was stunned. By what incredible sense of rationalization can someone who claims to follow the word of God perform such a callus act? I can only imagine the sense of pride that these Patriot Guard riders must feel while performing this service. I hope that the Legion Riders program will continue to grow as rapidly as possible and that they will continue to be involved in



the Patriot Guard activities.

It's one thing to be against the war, this is America, you are free to speak out against it, If you don't like the way the government is doing things, again, fine, speak your mind. But does it make you feel better to take someone who has just lost a loved one FOR WHATEVER reason and make them feel even worse? Will this sway them to your side? Will it slow down or stop the war? If you think so, then you are delusional. It will only make them your enemy. Surely someone who follows the word of God would be making every effort to assist the grieving families, not add to their plight. What are they guilty of? Raising a son or daughter who answered the call to serve and lost their life in doing so? This is a crime, this is immoral? The very idea of this makes me almost livid with anger. Come hell or high water I'm going to find a way to get involved with this organization. It may be the only way to get rid of this anger that has built up inside me regarding this issue. If you want more information regarding the Legion Riders, the Patriot Guard and getting involved go to <http://www.patriotguard.org/> or contact Allen McCarty

Get on Board: Contact us



Please help us stay in touch, update your contact info whenever you change addresses or phone numbers. Additionally, many of our members are connected on the internet. If you have an email address please contact the Adjutant or any other officer with your email address.

We can be contacted via mail at :

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We are also in process of developing a web site complete with email addresses available. Contact the 3rd vice for more info.

www.americlegiononline.org

Americanlegiononline email address are **now available** to any legionnaire who requests one.

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