

**NEWSLETTER
WEST VALLEY MEMORY
POST 99
Of THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GROUND FLOOR - Earle Wigham

Karaoke in the Lounge - Friday Jan 11 & Friday Jan 25.

For February dates call the lounge.

Movers & Shakers: Contribute \$25 per year to directly support the publication of this newsletter. A special THANK YOU to all that help make this newsletter possible: Jean Isbell, Larry Lynch, Earl Wigham, Toni Wigham, Bill Barber, Paul Bacosa, G Hanson, Don Buechel, Ed & Marla Fernandes, John Pletsch, D Foote, W Croteau, K Herrera, R Steiner, D Gustafson, J Augis

Sunday Breakfast starting at 9am: Breakfast of eggs and bacon, sausage/ham and potatoes including orange juice or mimosa and coffee will cost only \$7.00, steak slightly higher.

OUR HALL IS FOR RENT: If you know of anyone who is planning an event for up to 200 people, our hall is the place for it. The hall is 1600 square feet of hardwood floor, heat or cool air conditioning and adjacent to the Post Lounge. The hall is equipped with a sound system and there is a portable bar. There are ten six-foot diameter round tables, several six-foot long banquet tables and more than one hundred padded chairs and several folding chairs. In addition, we have a commercial grade kitchen and a small conference room. In short, all the makings for the perfect party.

Notice: Please, if you move or have moved recently, stop by the post or call and leave your new address. If you expect a flag for your family on your demise be sure that a copy of your DD214 is in the Post files.

Notice: If you have not paid your dues for 2008, you are now delinquent. This will be the last newsletter you will receive until your dues are paid.

Flag Lowering - West Valley Memory Post 99 is scheduled to perform the flag lowering ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Sunday January 27 at 2:30pm. Oak Hill is located on Curtner AV between Highway 85 and Monterey RD

The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it. - Moliere

Just remember, if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.

You've Got a Date; Keep open Saturday Feb 2, 2008 at 10:00 PM for the Four Chaplains Memorial Service at St Francis Cabrini Church, 15333 Woodard RD, in San Jose. This service will memorialize the Four Chaplains who gave up their life preservers to four young GI's when the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed in the North Atlantic On Feb. 3, 1945.

COMMANDERS CORNER - Ernest A. Glave

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL - A New Year and we really have a very big job ahead of us. - SAVE THE BUILDING. What you as members can do is easy. Come to our meetings, we need help, voice your opinion - from an idea an idea comes. - If you cannot drive at night call our office and we will get you a ride. We need you here. It is your Post building, save it. - God Love You

Happy Holidays! - January is a good time to take a moment to anticipate the new year, and reflect on the old year....Let's look forward to a fantastic Happy New Year! -- *Lee Turcotte, Adjutant, Post 99*

AUXILIARY - Diana Lane

"Happy New Year to All". I hope your holidays went well. NOTE: The Membership Meeting has been moved to Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 7:30pm. ALSO, we are still here; would you like to know how this has happened? Then come to the next Membership Meeting.

Thank You to all who took the opportunity to put food into the Second Harvest Barrels in the lounge and hall, and to those who donated clothes for the Hospitalized Veterans. We also donated 5, \$100.00 dollar, "Lucky" gift cards to 5, Veteran families at Moffat Field. Thank you to all who made that possible.

We are planning a Formal Valentine's Dance for Friday, February 22, 2008, at 7:30pm. Cost: \$45.00 per person, \$90.00 per couple. Eighty tickets will be pre-sold to offset the costs for, catering food, dishes, and music. For tickets or information contact Dee Marseguerra, 408 379-6420 or go to the Post 99 Office between 10:00am and 2:00pm. This year we are committed to support the USO. There have been coupons worth minutes of telephone time donated to the USO at San Jose Airport. If you have money, coupons for time, or Phone Cards that you would like to donate please give them to Dee in the office. Don't forget that the Mid Year Convention for the Aux. is coming this January, 2008. Please see me if you are interested. If you need help or are going through tough times; please call and let us help; even if it's just in thought.

Our 1st Vice, Daniele Lane, has requested a leave of absents from her post. On December 14, 2007, she had emergency surgery on her spinal cord. She had a Staff infection slip into her spinal cord and it took up shop. She is at this time paralyzed from the abdomen down. She has feeling, pain and pressure, so she should walk again in the future. At this time the family is not taking phone calls. Please go on the internet under, "getwelldanielle.blogspot.com", for daily updated information. Also, please add Daniele and her family to your prayer list and/or thoughts. Our Auxiliary won't be the same without her.

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MEETINGS

Building Company:	Each Thur	7:30 pm
Executive Board:	Thur Jan 3 & Feb 7	7:30 pm
Membership:	Thur Jan 10 & Feb 14	7:30 pm
Auxiliary Ex Board:	Mon Feb 4	7:00 pm
Aux Membership:	Thur Feb 7	7:30 pm
SAL Ex Board:	Thur Jan 3 & Feb 7	7:30 pm
SAL Membership:	Thur Jan 10 & Feb 14	7:30 pm

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DEPARTMENT MEETING 7:30 PM Tuesday Mar 25, 2008 at West Valley Memory Post 99, 1344 Dell AV Campbell, CA 95008

The Post received a letter of thanks from the **Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation** for the \$1500.00 donation made by the Post toward the Campbell Veterans Memorial.

GROUNDBREAKING-Campbell Veterans Memorial - Mike Glazzy

On Nov 11 a cool breeze and partly cloudy sky greeted the veterans from all service branches, military organizations, VIPs and the citizenry from Campbell and surrounding areas. Campbell Mayor Dan Furtado welcomed the overflow crowd with the presentation of colors, the pledge of allegiance and the introduction of dignitaries and guests in remembrance of those veterans who served in defense of our country and flag. George DePold, American Legion Chaplain - West Valley Memory Post 99, joined five other selected guests in spading the Orchard City Green earth designated as the official site for the memorial, the first of its kind within the City of Campbell. A very special thank you to the membership of Post 99 for their generous donation to the Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation and for the eventual dedication of the memorial.

Chaplains Report, Jan 2008

On Dec 9 Chuck Berls and I conducted a Post Everlasting ceremony in memory of Dan Cook. The stirring ceremony included symbolic transmittal of the honoree's service records to the Adjutant of Post Everlasting, The lowering o lights and the sounding of taps and the presentation of a folded flag to the next of kin.

Legionnaires should remember that a Post Everlasting ceremony is available to all Legionnaires at his/her death if so requested by the next of kin.

Please let me know of any Post 99 Legionnaire's illness or demise. I can be reached at 408/377-0591.

Ralph Borrego, Post 99 Service Officer, is suffering with hip trouble. Keep him in your prayers so that he might be back to our meeting. He is at 408/369-1561.

A prayer for the New Year: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of this past year and all the blessings You have given us within it. In the year to come, teach us to order our days aright, in the light of eternity and Your steadfast love and mercy. Amen. -- Happy New Year – George DePold, Chaplain, Post 99