

Host Post 79 Dinner Shows to Welcome and Entertain Delegates

Riverside Post 79, the “Host Post” for the 2009 Department of California Convention, has geared up to provide exceptional entertainment, luncheons, dinners, and comradely good fellowship for all Convention delegates, guests, and families.

“We are looking forward to hosting our Legion comrades during the convention. Working with our Auxiliary, Post 79 has lined up two outstanding ‘Dinner Shows,’ as well as having meals available throughout the convention, and, of course, Legion camaraderie in our clubhouse,” said Ed Stone, Riverside Post 79 Commander.

“We hope to help to make this Convention 2009 one of the best ever,” said Commander Stone. “It is especially meaningful to us as it will be dedicated to the memory of Uncle Bobby Castillo, a member and officer of Post 79 for some fifty-four years.”

Riverside Post 79 is located in Fairmont Park, looking out over beautiful Lake Evans. It is close by the Convention Center, at 2979 Dexter Drive, in Fairmount Park, and easy to find: It is the only structure on the lake front and Dexter Drive with a tank pointed at it. (Phone: 951-788-8635).

Post 79 is an American Legion Post with a long and honorable history. It was founded in 1921, only two years after the founding of The American Legion by World War I GI’s in Paris, France, awaiting repatriation home after winning WWI. Conventioneers who attend the Dinner Shows or visit Post 79 during the Convention will note the large ballroom mirrored globe high in Post 79’s Hall.

Phyllis Jordan, a member of the Post 79 Auxiliary for more than 60 years, explains its creation:

“In World War II, when we had the rationing, the Auxiliary members took the mirrors from their compacts, and we pasted pieces of the mirrors on to make the ballroom globe,” Phyllis Jordan said. “There are many, many memories reflected in the Post 79 Hall,” she said.

Visitors will also find a history in pictures in the Post 79 hallway between the clubhouse and the Hall. “Post 79 has a great history and we hope to contribute to that tradition by our efforts for the 2009 Convention, including our two Dinner Shows – great dinners, great music, great dancing, and “said Commander Stone.

The Post 79 Auxiliary will present a Friday night (June 19) Dinner Show featuring a full dinner and the music of the well-known “Johnson Brothers,” who have packed the Post 79 Hall in prior performances. Tickets for the Dinner Show are only \$12.

Post 79 will present on Saturday night (June 20) the “All Time Greats Celebration Show” of Dan Damon Musical Productions; featuring “Dan Damon and the Dazzling Duo” performing hit songs from the 40’s thru the 80’s. This musical show of Dan Damon, longtime southern California entertainer, and a member of Post 79, drew great praise for its performance at the 2007 Convention in Palm Springs. (See, www.DanDamonMusicalProductions.com). This Dinner Show, too, is only \$12, Commander Stone said.

“We are certain that we will be presenting two outstanding Dinner Shows at the 2009 Convention that will be greatly enjoyed and long remembered. But we hope Legionnaires will get their tickets early as we will be limited to approximately 250 people for each show, and the Hall has been filled in their prior shows,” said Commander Stone. Advance tickets can be had by calling him at 951-781-1386.