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**July
2010**

**American Legion
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**Legion Year
2010-2011**

**ERNIE RODRIGUEZ
Commander**

Hello Comrades:

I want to thank you all for having the confidence and trust in me to lead you for the next year as Commander, I will do my best to promote Post 716 and its members in the community, with your help we will continue to improve the best Post in the 29th District.

Please give all the incoming Officers and each other the support and respect you deserve. One thing we will not be putting up with this year is racial and political tensions.

92nd Department of California Convention

Our 29th District won second place for membership in the state of California, giving Post 716 delegates, including myself the honor of sitting in the front row of the Convention floor, thanks to the dedication of our members by continuing to support us and inviting new veterans to join. Out of the 25 Posts in the

29th District, 22 Posts were represented and our Post had one of the larger delegations and the best "Hospitality" room in the city of Fresno.

Congratulations to Unit 716, for putting our Post on the map at their Convention by winning several awards. They were earned by the hard work and dedication of its members, these ladies were representing their Unit the entire time we were there and spent up to 12 hours a day doing the work of the Auxiliary, I don't know how they can do that and still look so good.

Special thanks to Junior Hannah Janji for being one of the best pages they have ever had. If Amanda would have been here this year, I'm sure we would have the best two..... *Maybe next year, Mama Killen and Junior Amanda.*

I sure missed pushing Commander Killen to the Irish Pub.

4th of July

What a nice fireworks show we saw at the base, it was almost as bright as the smiles we gave the kids by giving them free popcorn, while working

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the Legion booth at the JFTB. Special thanks to our 2nd Vice Commander Brad Warner and his carnival barking skills..... *"We have pizza, we have popcorn, we have ice cold soda, red bull and monsters, if we don't have it, you don't need it. Come over to the Legion booth and sign up"*, also the rest of the volunteers which included one of our Gold Star mother Mary Hargrove, that put in many long hours to make our booth a success.

Extra special thanks to S.A.L. Dale Reid for single handedly producing approximately 400 bags of popcorn. I'm positive his burns will heal soon and will be ready to do it again next year. Good job Son. That's a future Marine and Commander of this Post, right there!!

1-140th Aviation Battalion

25 July, appreciation/departure party. We have several members in this Battalion that will be needing some extra prayers as they will be shoving off for another tour in Iraq.

Barbecue starts at 4 p.m. Come show your appreciation for their service and wish them God-speed.

American Legion Baseball

We are now sponsoring two teams from Los Alamitos High School in the American Legion Baseball league. This is the first time since I have been a member of this Post, we have been able to participate in one of the Legion's most prestigious programs. With your help we are hoping next year we will be able to buy uniforms. Speaking of help Coach Moore has announced a fundraiser "Paper Drive", next 2 pick ups will be 31 July and 28 August. Please bring newspapers and cardboard, neatly bundled to the Post. Friday 16 July at 5p.m. at Los Alamitos High School baseball field Tesero High School will surely meet its doom. Monday 19 July same time and place San Juan Hills High School, will follow suit. Wednesday 21 July will feature a playoff between both American Legion teams, please try to support all of these games. If you would like donate directly to this program, please contact our baseball Commissioner 1st V. Cmdr. Chris Neiffer.

Help Wanted

I need a Post Historian/(PHOTOGRAPHER), this officer will work hand in hand with the Public Relations committee, recording all functions and history of our Post throughout the year.

I need Committee Chairmen for the following:

- Americanism (to promote Patriotism around the Community and the Post)
- Children and Youth (to look for ways of helping the young people of Los Alamitos, especially those of veterans)
- National Security (to organize the Post and assist the community in case of any emergency)
- Public Relations (to promote our Post via all available media)
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (to look for ways of assisting our Veterans in the VA Hospital)
- Uniformed Groups (to organize, train, promote and supervise Post 716 Color Guard and Firing squad)
- Visiting Committee (to give comfort to members and their families when sick or hospitalized and to organize Post hopping events)

We need Committeemen for all of the above, also the Membership Committee under its Chair 1st V. Cmdr. Neiffer.

Sports Editor, this position can be filled by a member of any organization in the Post who is willing to report on all Los Alamitos High School sports and keep us apprised of our Legion Race Car #76 and any other pertinent sports news. Please contact me directly, if you are interested.

Bus trip

Colorado River Run **FUN**-draiser
19-21 September Edgewater Hotel and Casino
Leaving Sunday 10 am and back Tuesday around 6.

Start saving your money now. Details to follow.

VA HOSPITAL

Volunteers needed to go provide the patients with a little food and BINGO fun 17 July

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1830.

Meet at the Post at 1730. Please coordinate with S.A.L. Commander Tom Brown.

C-ya at the Beach Bash

As always, don't forget our volunteers when it comes time to reach in your pocket. Without these exceptional members we wouldn't be able to serve those delicious meals.

Semper Fi
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CHRIS NEIFFER
1st Vice Commander

Greetings one and all!

I'm looking forward to this coming year and to be your 1st Vice Commander. I plan on attending events throughout the area to see if we can bring more Veterans and Family members into our great Post. As I plan these events, I will be sure to let everyone know via the newsletter, web site or by flyers posted at the Post.

I am proud to say that at the end of June, we should be over the 100% mark! If you haven't paid for 2010 yet, please see me as I will be getting in touch with everyone to talk about the 2011 membership! If you want to keep your string of years intact, you need to pay for 2010, if not, you start from year 1 again in 2011.

Hope to see everyone at the Post. Let's make this a great year for all groups!

Respectfully,

Chris Neiffer – 1st Vice
USN(IC1sw) Retired.

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BRAD WARNER
2nd Vice Commander

I would like to start this term as your new second vice by thanking all of the Legionnaires for allowing me this opportunity. Due to Military obligation I will be unavailable for the month of July.

Our champagne brunch will be July 18, Come on out and support the post and have a great time. Brunch includes all you can eat omelets bar, scrambled eggs, chorizo and eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, spam, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, French toast, assorted fresh fruit, and let us not forget our new commanders favorite Menudo. Please remember that it is all you can eat so please do not ask for a to go plate.

The Sons steak night will be July 30, come over and have one of the best steaks that you have ever tasted. Steak (that melt in your mouth), and all the fix'ons.

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BRAD WARNER
President, Legion Riders

During our June meeting, we discussed the success of the dinner put on by Spanky and Steve. They brought in about \$30.00 for the Legion Riders. We also voted in two new members. We went on a beautiful ride to Azusa Canyon. Thank you to everyone who participated in our June events.

Our next meeting is July 18, 2010. However, we are meeting for breakfast and an early ride to Neptune's Net in Malibu. Come support the Legion and go on a great ride!

Our new officer's for 2010-2011 are:

President: Brad Warner
Vice-President: Steve Johnson
Sgt of Arms: Spanky
Secretary: Denise Goy-Warner
Road Captain: Anthony Carrera

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KEN WARNER
Chaplain

Greetings one and all. I trust all is going well with each of you

As we stand before the Lord we become faithful that He will direct our every step. Pray for Salvation, listen, God has a purpose for everything in our lives, but you must get into His Word to hear. When you ask Him to be your Savior His perfect presence will be plain.(you will know).

The scriptural term "Savior", in its highest sense, to Jesus Christ, but in a subordinate manner to human deliverer.

Praise of God is the acknowledging of His perfections, works, and benefits. Salvation is the Eternal Security of the believer. He will touch the hearts of those who should hear the Word. My work is to give it out.

God, we remember the courage and determination of our Military who protect the country for our freedom.

We remember and thank their families and their sacrifices so we can celebrate the 4th of July. Happy Fourth to all.

Those in need of prayer please contact me;

In Him
Ken Warner
preacher38@gmail.com

This newsletter is being publish late this month because of the California Convention held in Fresno at the end of June.

The publication date of this newsletter was July 8, 2010.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

MARY HERNANDEZ Unit 716 President

Happy Summer to all of you!!!

Please help me to welcome all your new Unit officers for this coming year:

Cindy Mayfield-First Vice President
Sharon Starr- 2nd Vice President
Stephanie Janji - Secretary
Deborah Driscoll - Treasurer
Cheryl Neiffer - Sgt at Arms
Sharon Starr-Historian -
Carrie Taylor - Chaplain
Barbara Schrack, Sherry Hamlin. Jackie Johnson -
Executive Board Members.

I am honored that you chose me again to be your President, I will work very hard with their help to try to honor the hard working members that came before us, without all their hard work and sacrifices we wouldn't be as successful as we are.

Congratulations and I look forward to a very productive year. We already have plans for several fun activities for all of you.

I wish to thank everyone that participated and contributed to the Poppy fund this year, the coconuts were falling off the trees. Once again you came through for the Veterans.

Don't forget to send in your release forms for the Beach Bash that will take place July 24th, at the Naval Weapons station.

This function is free to all members and \$10 for guests and everyone always has a great time. See you there.

This year's Convention in Fresno was attended by Cindy, Sharon, Carrie, Stephanie, Cheryl and myself. I will have a more detailed report by next month after the District meeting, but I wanted to congratulate

Sharon Starr our new second vice and Unit historian, her history book for the year 2009-2010 earned her a third place award and her Public Relations book earned her a FIRST PLACE award. All the hard work taking pictures and working with the local newspaper paid off. Thank You Sharon for bringing this honor to our Unit.

A very special young lady and one of our own Juniors Hannah Janji attended Convention and worked the entire weekend as a page. Pages are a very essential part of Convention, they keep the information flowing, while we are doing the work of the Auxiliary. THANK YOU, HANNAH!!!!

This young lady also pleasantly surprised us by winning the Veronica Spence award with her Americanism essay (please read it in this newsletter), she submitted. Juniors from the entire State compete every year for this award, and we are very proud to have her in our Unit. She is the example of what we are trying to strive for, and she does it from the heart. WE LOVE YOU HANNAH.

Join us for our next meeting Monday, July 12 at 7 p.m., your ideas, questions or comments are always welcome. Help us do the best we can for our Veterans and the Community.

Please mark your calendars:

July 9 - Maxine's Meat Loaf dinner 6 pm
July 12- Meeting 7 pm
July 21- 1st Mar Div meeting
July 25- Pearl Harbor Survivor's luncheon

See the calendar for these and next month's events, if you can help in any way, please call. The more the merrier!!!

Until next time and don't forget to Thank our Veterans.

Mary Hernandez
Unit 716 President
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CYNTHIA MAYFIELD **Unit 716 1st Vice**

Hello Ladies

Its summer time and we are ready for some good times ahead. Lets not forget our beach bash on the 24th of July. This is always fun for us, our own private beach yahoooooooooooo.

Please mark down our yearly event on October 2nd, this will be Oktoberfest. Get ready for some beer and the chicken dance. It was a great success last year and should even be better this year.

Cynthia Mayfield
1st Vice President

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SHARON STARR **Unit 716 2nd Vice**

Well here we go the start of a new year. As your newly elected 2nd Vice I'm ready for the challenge. I have some great menu ideas and a theme for every month to make it fun. The raffle cans will be a part of Auxiliary dinners and the Super 50/50.

I want to make this a fun year raising money for the veterans and their families. Thank you for all those who supported the Happy Hour and Operation Mend. The Auxiliary for all of California raised almost \$50,000.00 for Department President Norma DuVall's project and we were a part of that, congratulate yourselves.

As the Historian and Public Relations Chairman for a second term, you'll still see me with my camera and I'll post pictures on the wall. I also will continue to work with the News Enterprise keeping the public aware of who we are and what we do. I may even try the big city papers this year, and really spread the word.

For those who haven't heard OUR UNIT'S History Photo Book won Third Place and Public Relations Press Book won First Place at

THE American Legion Auxiliary Convention 2010 in Fresno.

Sharon Starr*
2nd Vice

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Hello everyone, I would like to thank everyone for introducing themselves and giving such a warm welcome to my husband Michael and me since transferring in to our new Post here at Los Al. For those of you that don't know, we are from Chino #299. I was past Unit President for 2 years, and have had VA& R and Children and Youth Chairs in the 25th District. I now have the honor of serving with Pat Alvarez out at the LBVA as Deputy for the Dept of California. Volunteers work in all aspects of the hospital, from room visitations, and pushing wheel chair patients to their appointments, to working hand in hand with the Red Cross serving our hospitalized and homeless Veterans. We are looking for donations for a couple of areas in need at the hospital: as always we need t-shirts, undies and toiletries-back packs and writing paper.

We also are looking ahead to the fall/winter season and are wanting to help out the homeless Veterans registered at the LBVA:warm blankets, tents, tarps, sleeping bags, hats, scarves, gloves. We also are looking for donations of "interview" shirts and pants for the homeless Veterans that have gone through the system and are on their way to becoming self sufficient.

If you have any of these items to donate, please bring to the POST, or call/email me and I can come and pick up.

Thank you

Tami Bell

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SON NEWS

Hannah Janji
American Legion Junior Auxiliary Post 716
5th grade- Age 10

TOM BROWN
Son's Commander

MY AMERICAN HERO

I am an American hero they say. I am old, sometimes tattered, but never am I too weak to stand up for freedom, liberty or justice for all. I have fought in every war since 1776.

I have seen people filled with envy and hate for who I am. They have always underestimated my existence. You can spit on me, burn me, curse at me, but you can never get rid of me. It has only made me stronger.

I am a beacon for freedom to all. I have seen so many brave soldiers, policemen, firemen, strangers...Americans fight in my honor. I will never forget those who have given all so that I can be who I am.

When I wave proudly to you in a parade, a sporting event, at school, or even at the Olympics, I understand why you are filled with pride that sometimes makes you cry. It's called love for your country. It is so easy to share that feeling when you are around Americans.

Can you believe I will be turning 234 years old on July 4th? Have you guessed who I am? I am the flag of the United States of America. An American hero who is never afraid to show its true colors; red, white, and blue.

May God Bless America.

I hope all the dads enjoyed their FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST I know I did. It was very nice to see other people rise to the cause. It felt very nice just to sit down and relax and have my meal without jumping up and making someone Else's breakfast. (I might get used to that..NAAAAA LOL)

July is here and we are gearing up for the BEACH BASH ON THE 24TH 12:00 TO 7:00PM on the Naval Weapons Station. Please make sure you sign your release forms by the 12Th that is the deadline. If you can help us put this event on, come on in the Post and sign up.

The SONS meeting is on Wednesday the.14 at 6:00pm . Please come on down and say what we can do better....Friday the 30th is SONS STEAK NIGHT FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 PM. COME ON DOWN AND KEEP US GOING..

A big shout out to the men in the kitchen on TACO TUESDAY they are doing a great job at keeping hungry members and their guests coming back for more. WAY TO GO JEFF, DEMETRI AND MIKE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Do not forget this is your Post to so come on down and enjoy every thing we have to offer. As always if you have a problem come see me and we will try to help.

P.S. THE NEW CARDS FOR 2011 ARE IN PLEASE RENEW BEFORE NOV. SO YOU CAN GET THE EARLY BIRD DINNER.....

SONS COMMANDER
TOM BROWN
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	3 FREE POOL - ALL DAY ON TABLE 1
 <p>COME AND CELEBRATE JULY 4TH AT YOUR POST. THERE WILL BE A BBQ AT 2 pm</p> <p>Volunteers are also needed at the JFTB to man the food booth for the Fireworks Show</p>							
4 BBQ AT THE POST starting at 2pm Food Booth at JFTB -- Volunteers needed to help at JFTB for the Fireworks show	5	6 TACO TUESDAY 5PM-8PM Pool League 7:30PM Come Cheer On Our Team	7	8 POST MEETING 7PM All Members In Attendance - Buy 1 Get 1 FREE	9 AUXILIARY DINNER 6PM-8PM (PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION) AT (562) 430-6033 Menu: Meat Loaf	10 FREE POOL - ALL DAY ON TABLE 1	
11	12 AUXILIARY UNIT MEETING 7PM All Members In Attendance - Buy 1 Get 1 FREE	13 TACO TUESDAY 5PM-8PM Pool League 7:30PM Come Cheer On Our Team	14 SON'S MEETING 6PM All Members In Attendance - Buy 1 Get 1 FREE	15	16	17 Bingo at Long Beach VA -- Volunteers needed FREE POOL - ALL DAY ON TABLE 1	
18 CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST 9AM-Noon Legion Riders Meeting 8AM	19	20 TACO TUESDAY 5PM-8PM Pool League 7:30PM Come Cheer On Our Team	21 151 MARINE DIV. ASSN. MEETING 7:30PM - Serving SOS from 6PM	22	23	24 Barney's Beach Bash -- Seal Beach FREE POOL - ALL DAY ON TABLE 1	
25 Pearl Harbor Survivors Meeting	26	27 TACO TUESDAY 5PM-8PM Pool League 7:30PM Come Cheer On Our Team	28	29 E-Board Meeting 6:00PM	30 SON'S STEAK DINNER w/ SALAD BAR 6PM-8PM with Karaoke	31 Battleground Pro Wrestling 8PM FREE POOL - ALL DAY ON TABLE 1	



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**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
FOREST LAWN CEMETARY, CYPRESS**

Every year on Memorial Day, Forest Lawn Cemetery in Cypress, holds a Memorial service honoring those who have served in the military and for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Our Post joins in this Memorial service each year. Here are some pictures from the Memorial service.



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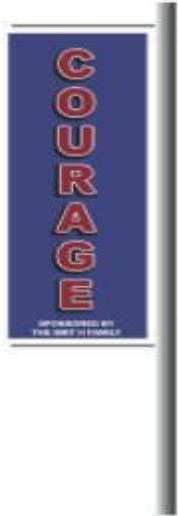


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**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DINNER BUFFET
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EVENTS

- July 9 — Auxiliary Dinner
- July 17 — Bingo LB VA Hospital
- July 18 — Champaign Breakfast
- July 24 — Beach Bash
- July 30 — Son’s Steak Dinner
- July 31 — Wrestling

- August 13 — Auxiliary Dinner
- August 15 — Champagne Breakfast
- August 20 - Junior Auxiliary Dinner
- August 27 — Son’s Steak Dinner



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Post Auxiliary Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.
Post Sons Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m.
Legion Riders: 3rd Sunday of the month @ 8:00am

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