



Pivot Post



Delfino Marin



Marin-Davis Memorial Building



Lonnie Davis

MAY, JUNE, JULY
2011

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2010-2011

ERNIE RODRIQUEZ Commander

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Hello Comrades, Auxiliary Unit, Sons Squadron, Riders Chapter and Junior Auxiliary Unit Members;

I would like to wish each and everyone of you a; Happy Cinco de Mayo, Mothers Day, a very Solemn Memorial Day, Happy Fathers Day, a Spectacular Independence Day and Special Birthday or Anniversary Wishes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the overwhelming support you have shown me as Commander, by the letters, phone calls, comments, pats on the back, hand shakes and sometimes the swift kicks on the behind. I have learned a lot and will never forget. Thanks again!

As you know the elections are on 12 May, and this year we are very fortunate that we do not have a lack of nominees for Commander like many other Posts do. So please come and nominate someone else if you like and then vote, because every vote counts. As far as I am concerned, I will be happy with whatever the Membership decides. Win or lose, I will always be available and will remain a strong advocate for the best and friendliest Post in the state716 forever!!!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

I will continue to try and motivate the rest you to get involved and help your Post in whatever capacity you can. To those of you volunteers that are already carrying the heavy load for these " less motivated Members" you can be assured of one thing, I can not thank you enough and our Post can not thank you enough, Thanks again, keep

up the good work, without you, our Post would fall apart!

FINANCES

To all the Members / Owners of the Post 716 Family, this bears repeating, we all need to support the Post now more than ever. WE CAN NO LONGER SPEND OR DONATE LIKE WE HAVE BEEN, the cost of everything is going up. If you recall, as of 30 September the Executive Board recommended freezing all donations, eliminating the budget and to stop all unnecessary purchases. Also that the monthly mailing of the newsletter be cut down to (4) per year (saving almost \$4000 per year).

I know this is going to be a hardship for some of you that don't have access to electronic mail at home, however most libraries do, all you have to do is tell the Librarian that you want to go to www.losalamitospost716.org, there you will find our website and be able to download our newsletters. For those of you that do have E-mail **just SEND OUR EDITOR YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.** It's that easy. If you still have a problem please give me a call. We are still asking that we limit the use of the air conditioners and heaters in the hall to special functions only, and that we all conserve as much electricity, gas, water, and paper products (cups, napkins trash bags etc.) as possible in the rest of the Post.....HOWEVER, **PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE AS MUCH TOILET PAPER AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE JOB!** All kidding aside, we have been doing much better with the bills, so far, the electric bill hasn't gone over \$1200 a month...pray for a cool summer.

HALL RENTALS

The Hall is for Rent, please tell your

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friends and neighbors that we have a nice hall for rent that holds up to 232 for dinner and up to 500 for assembly. For rates and availability please call 562-498-8745.

DONATIONS

We are always in need of your tax deductible donations which can be designated to a special program such as Boys and Girls State (almost \$400 for each kid, we normally try to send 4 and 4). Or in Honor of a certain Member, deceased Member, your personal Family Name, the building fund or the general account to any other program. It's your money, you tell us what you want done with it. I know the economy has been bad, however this is not the time to turn our backs on our Post 716 family.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE STEPPED UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

**GET OFF YOUR HANDS, 716.
GET INVOLVED!!**

STILL NEEDED / HELP WANTED

The following, we have been asking for since last year!!!..... which goes to show that not many read this letter or if you do you don't give a sheet anyway.

Post Historian Officer vacant (appointed position)

To be in charge of documenting Post functions and activities by film and other means and to keep track of all donation and man hours spent on Legion programs.

Post Graphic designer vacant (appointed position)

We need a graphic designer to help make the flyers, update website etc. for the different functions around the Post, also to work hand in hand with the public relations Committee of the Post.

Post Service Officer and Assistant Service Officer vacant (appointed positions)

Service and Assistant Service Officer. Please let me know if you can keep me and the Members apprised of the business of the VA and our benefits.

Committee Chairmen and Committee personnel for the following: (ALL APPOINTED POSITIONS except Post Delegates)

Americanism Committee Chairman vacant

(to promote Patriotism around the Post and the community by keeping track of how the flags are displayed around the city and to help with the patriotic decorations around the

Post)

Children and Youth Committee Chairman vacant

(to look for ways of helping the young people of Los Alamitos, (especially those of veterans) work with School and Scouts

Oratorical Contest Committee Chairman vacant

need committee personnel from all Units of the Post to assist in forming the Contest by January next year.

National Security Committee Chairman vacant

(to organize the Post for disaster preparedness and assist the community in case of any emergency)

Public Relations Committee Chairman vacant

(to promote our Post via all available media)

VA and R Committee Chairman vacant

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (to look for ways of assisting our Veterans in and out of the VA Hospital)

Uniformed Groups Committee Chairman vacant

(to organize, train, promote and supervise the Post 716 Color / Honor Guard)

Visiting Committee Chairman vacant

To assist the Chaplain (to give comfort to members and their families when sick or hospitalized and to organize Post hopping events)

Membership Committee

Chairman: 1st Vice Cmdr. Chris Neiffer.
Develop ways to retain and increase Membership.

Sports Editor, vacant

This position can be filled by a member of any organization in the Post who is willing to report on all Los Alamitos School sports, keep us apprised of our Legion Race Car #76 and any other pertinent sports news. Jimmy George has already volunteered to be the roving reporter.

Cooking Committee

Chairman: Mike Driscoll
Need Committee personnel from the Quad Council to look into optimizing the food gathering process and to coordinate the Volunteers to prepare meals more efficiently

Post Delegates

To be nominated in May

To represent Post 716 at District, Area and Department meetings

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CHRIS NEIFFER
1st Vice Commander
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MANY OTHER APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

Please contact me directly if you are interested in any of these opportunities to do something for your Post. 562-743-2630 11AM-8PM

PAST COMMANDERS PICTURES

We are still missing a lot of Cmdr's on the wall of Honor, please help us with pictures or information about any Cmdr's you may know.

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HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY,
PLEASE SEND YOUR E-MAIL
ADDRESS TO
POST716NEWSLETTER@VERIZON.NET
Do it RIGHT NOW SO YOU
CAN RECEIVE YOUR NEWS-
LETTERS AND ALERTS IN
COLOR AND THE MINUTE
THEY ARE RELEASED.**

As always, please remember our Volunteers....drop a little something in the tip jar, give them a pat on the back or better yet volunteer yourself and give them a break, I'm sure they would like to sit down and relax too.

Any suggestions or moans and groans can be addressed to me or any other Officer.

Simper Fi

Ernie Rodriguez

Post 716 Commander

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Greetings Members of Post 716 and friends of our Families!

At our last meeting which was held on 14 April, 2011, we had 7 of the 9 officers for a quorum (Finance and one E-Board Officer absent were excused). We also had 22 members present.

This past membership year has really gone quickly, and for some, too quickly! We are currently sitting at 88.70% as of 04/24 with only 267 members paid up to date. Our goal at the beginning of the year was to reach 100%, (In previous years, it was last years membership '+' one.) National has changed the quota that would allow us to get to 100%, and has told us we need 10% more members than we had last year.... which would put us at a goal of 301 members. We are currently only 34 members short of that goal. So, if you have not renewed yet, now is the time as you don't want to be left out if you plan on attending the final meeting to vote for Officers!

Most of the time when a Post has not reached it's goal, it's because they haven't been able to get the new members too join, for us, that has not been a problem this year as we have had over **50 NEW MEMBERS with 10 Transferees into our great Post!** This not because of what I've done, but because members have gone out and told everyone they know how good this Post really is! The problem we have right now is that current members have either decided not to renew their membership, or simply have forgotten to send in their payment or have moved away or are broke and have not notified us. In late February, I sent out our reminders to those members that have not renewed yet, but I've only heard back from a few of those members. Please, let us know one way or the other so we don't keep bothering you at home!

We would like to see more of our members attending the Meetings as you are the ones that actually vote on the items that are being brought in-front of the members! If your not there and something is passed and you don't like it, you do not have any arguments as you were not there to voice your opinion. Let's see if we can get more members to show up at our **next meeting, on the 2nd Thursday of the month May 12th at 7pm.**

Again we are getting close to the end of the year and we still have not heard from all of our members on renewal! If you're not sure you've paid for this year, call or write the Post and ask me, or send me (chrislvsbb@yahoo.com) an e-mail to check your status. I would like to see us get to 100% before we have to send in our reports or our Delegates List in, prior to Convention. Let's get this done. Let's show the rest of District 29 why so many members from other Posts come to ours to have a good time! Hopefully by next meeting I will have a better idea how close we are to achieving our goal.

We are going to have our Web Master post a list of those members that have not paid yet on the Web, and we are

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also going to publish a list around the Post, so if your not sure, check the Web Page or come in and look at the wall in Killen's Pub for your name! Doing this might jog someone's memory that they have not paid yet, or, get a buddy to remind their friend if they've re-newed or not, besides myself calling or asking the members all the time.

Lately I've been asked questions about the PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE MEMBERSHIP (PUFL). Here is a little information about this program. If after reading this, you would like to participate in the PUFL program, please let me know either in person, mail or e-mail. OK, here's information that you need to know.

1. You must be a current member in good standing order. In other words, you must have the current years membership paid.
2. You must submit a copy of your DD214 or current active duty military ID. along with the 1st months (or full) payment. Payment can be made by check, money order or credit card (no cash).
3. PUFL can be paid in 36 monthly payments (with the first one going with the application) or in Full. If monthly payments are paid, you may choice to pay more than the required payment to shorten the pay period.
4. Once paid, the permanent (plastic) PUFL Membership card will be issued by National.
5. Amount of payment will depend on your age. Listed below is what the age groups are broken down into for a full payment. If you wish to pay monthly payments, simply divide the total by 36.

Age 24 or younger = \$1,464.84

Age 25 -20 = \$1,406.16

Age 30-34 = \$1,343.16

Age 35-39 = \$1,275.12

Age 40-44 = \$1,200.96

Age 45-49 = \$1,121.04

Age 50-54 = \$91,032.84

Age 55-59 = \$937.08

Age 60-64 = \$839.16

Age 65-69 = \$740.16

Age 70-74 = \$644.04

Age 75-79 = \$550.08

Age 80-84 = \$465.12

Age 85 or older = \$406.08

Again, if you wish to participate, please let me know and I will work with you to get the paperwork filled out.

One last thing I wish to remind you of, and that is we will be taking 2nd nominations this coming meeting with the Voting by the members the same night. The one thing I would like to make clear to everyone is that for the **May's meeting, you MUST have a current Membership Card** (or receipt that you've paid your dues) **to even come into the meeting.** If you are not current, you will not be participating in the elections to elect the incoming Officers! So, don't hesitate and don't procrastinate any longer. Stop by or send in your dues!

Hope to see everyone at the Post, and please take time to say HI if we haven't talk in a long time. Take care and enjoy your time at the Post. See you there!

Respectfully
Chris Neiffer
1st Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN

Dear Comrades,

A recent phone contact with 716 Son, Jeff Furlong reveals Al Kress's phone does not answer, he indicated another friend also tried but to no avail. His e-mail doesn't work (it seems like they just fade away) please pray for former 716 Commander Kress, as the word is, he is not well, from what I don't know. **AI if you see this please call the Commander, he is worried sick about you.... I don't want to have to start praying for him too!**

In reference to Paul Burrier, friend of 716 Executive Lucas; I called his home 4/6/11, Paul gets home on the 7th, I sent a card to his home address with the Post's "get well" greetings.... this just in all's well at the Burrier residence, except for some back pain.

Joe Summers is gravelly ill from a fall. As April 27th he is still in the Kaiser Hospital Downey room 6305, prayers requested.

This just in: Joe has been transferred to Post Everlasting...
Semper Fi, Marine

That's all Folks,
In His Grace
Ken Warner
Chaplain

FREEDOM FLIGHT SGT. JASON SWEAVER 14 MARCH 2011 JFTB LOS ALAMITOS



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BRAD WARNER SECOND VICE

As our terms in office comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone that helped make my term as Second Vice go as smoothly as it has. I would also like to give a special “THANK YOU” to all of you that have volunteered your time to make events like the monthly breakfast, the New Years Eve party, the Christmas event, etc... , as time is something we never have enough of, so again a big thanks and I hope you will give as much support to whoever takes my place as you have to me.

American Legion Racing

After a few races at New Smyrna Speedway in Florida, our car is starting the new season. The schedule for the next few races is:

April 28 at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, VA

May 21 at Iowa Speedway in Newton, IA

June 15 at Gresham Motorsports Park in Jefferson, GA

July 15 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH

Look for the races on Speedvision. If you would like more info on the American Legion Racing you can go to <http://www.legion.org/racing>.

American Legion Baseball

Upcoming games are as follows:

5/30	12:00 pm	Riverton Raiders vs. Jackson, Post 42, Jackson Giants	Legion Field - Riverton, WY
5/7	9:00 am	Rock Springs Mustangs vs. Jackson, Post 42, Jackson Giants	Legion Field - Rock Springs, WY
5/8	9:00 am	Rock Springs Mustangs vs. Jackson, Post 42, Jackson Giants	Legion Field - Rock Springs, WY
5/8	1:00 pm	Laurel, Post 635, East Marshall vs. Marion Post 298	East Marshall Baseball Field - Gilman, IA
5/14	9:00 am	Green River Knights vs. Jackson, Post 42, Jackson Giants	Legion Field - Green River, WY
5/15	1:00 pm	Gering Post 36 Platte Valley Companies vs. Rapid City Post 320	Oregon Trail Park - Gering, NE
5/15	3:00 pm	Gering Post 36 Platte Valley Companies vs. Rapid City Post 320	Oregon Trail Park - Gering, NE
5/16	6:00 pm	Charleroi Magicians vs. Farmington	Charleroi Legion Field - Charleroi, PA
5/17	6:00 pm	Central Spartans vs. FZW	C&H - St. Peters, MO
5/18	6:00 pm	Waynesburg vs. Charleroi Magicians	Old Waynesburg University Field - Waynesburg, PA
5/18	6:00 pm	Daniel Boone vs. Central Spartans	C&H - St. Peters, MO
5/20	6:00 pm	Uniontown vs. Charleroi Magicians	Hutchinson Field Complex - Hopwood, PA
5/21	10:30 am	Creedmoor vs. WF Heritage	South Granville High School - Creedmoor, NC
5/21	11:00 am	Jackson, Post 42, Jackson Giants vs. Southwest Series	Giants Field - Jackson, WY
5/21	12:00 pm	JOHNSON IMPERIAL HOMES vs. HICKMAN/NORRIS	DUNCAN - HASTINGS, NE
5/21	12:00 pm	Ft. Morgan vs. Gering Post 36 Platte Valley Companies	Ft.Morgan Legion Park - Ft. Morgan, CO
5/21	12:00 pm	Riverview vs. Penn Hills Legion	Riverview High School - Oakmaont, PA
5/21	12:00 pm	Toledo vs. Piatt County Senior Legion Team	Toledo Field - Toledo, IL
5/21	12:30 pm	Creedmoor vs. WF Heritage	South Granville High School - Creedmoor, NC

If you happen to be in any of these areas come out and see a game.

Brad Warner
2nd Vice

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don:

As a recruiter for the California State Military Reserve, I meet many Vets of all age groups and I always try to steer them to join the American legion. I have noticed a reluctance of the younger generation of Vets to join, and I wanted to share with you the comments and perceptions that are out there with the younger folks.

I have heard many comments that the Legion is for "WWII Vets" and that the current Vets are not welcome.

One young man who recently returned from a deployment in the Middle East pointed out to me, for example, that the Newsletter of your Post shows two WW II era soldiers (Delfino Marin & Lonnie Davis) and that the Post seems to be defined by the WWII affiliation.

Just a suggestion: Try to reach out to the new generation of Veterans because, one day, they will be all that is left. Remember, perception is everything. By the way, who are Marin & Davis and what is the origin of the name "Pivot Post?" It would make a good article for the next newsletter.

Thanks.

FYI.

Jerry L. Shultz

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RESPONSE BY:

COMMANDER ERNIE RODRIGUEZ

Comrade Shultz;

Thank you for your very inquisitive letter. I will try to address all of your concerns, and give you the ammo you need to send us some new younger Members.

Jerry, please explain to your recruits that the reason for the pictures of Delfino Marin USMC and Lonnie Davis USA are on our Newsletter and website is that the Members of Post 716 in the early days (the 1940's) decided to make a Memorial out of our building and name it after the first two servicemen to get killed in action in WWII from the city of Los Alamitos, therefore we have the **Marin-Davis Memorial Building** that we so dearly love and call our home.

As far as the Newsletter and the Post being named the "**Pivot Post**", it was explained to me by some former Commanders that again, in the early days, because most of our members at the time were from the then "Naval Air Station Los Alamitos" now JFTB Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos, it seemed to the old Members that our Post was being used as a pivot. For the Active Duty Members, it seemed to them that no sooner they would get a new Members to join, then they would get orders to shove off and eventually wind up transferring to another Post. So the "Pivot Post" stuck. Nowadays, there is not that much "pivoting" going on, except for those that fall in love with our Post and "PIVOT" IN. Our Post is still known worldwide, and we are all proud to follow in the old Member's footsteps and keep it's history alive!

As for us reaching out to the younger generation of Veterans and active duty service men and women, I challenge you to find a friendlier Post that has a modern digital Bose system juke box that plays anything (very loudly if needed) from the good old days to the latest releases that they call "music". Not to mention the (6) HDTV's, (3) golden tee golf games (2) pool tables, (2) dart boards along with other assorted arcade games and table games. And if that isn't enough ...we have (8) beer taps, (30+) bottled beers and a bar full of wine and fine spirits. Then, after partaking in all that libation, **we also have the best looking women in the state!** All kidding aside, our wonderful Ladies and Junior Ladies Auxiliary Units love our younger Veterans and active duty members too. They spend countless hours baking cookies and sending packages to our Troops. However, we must also pay homage to our Veterans from the other great wars and conflicts, because if it wasn't for them we might be speaking German or some other language. Also, the younger Veterans would not be able to be welcomed home properly by people that know what they've been through and have someone that they can see eye to eye with.

With all that being said, I am certain that we can always do more to make our Vets and Active Duty personnel feel even more special. So if you have any ideas, don't hesitate, come on over. We are always open from 1100-2300+ 365 days a year, myself or any of the other Post Officers would be happy to talk with you.

Thanks again and good hunting

Ernie Rodriguez
Commander

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AUXILIARY NEWS

**MARY HERNANDEZ
Unit President**



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May is POPPY MONTH!!!!!!

This Memorial Day we honor the Veterans that gave their all, once again we are participating in the yearly ceremony at Forest Lawn in Cypress. The Los Alamitos Legion family will be well represented by the Chaplains on this very special day.

With Memorial day approaching we also kick off our annual Poppy drive, with this newsletter you will be receiving your donation form. Please give as much as you are able to, every penny we collect goes back to the Veterans.

The ladies of the Junior Auxiliary have a very special event planned in celebration of Poppy month. The mystery dinner theater lavish production of "WHO KILLED MISS POPPY?" is set for opening day on Friday the 6th of May. It promises to be the social event of this summer. They have an elegant meal planned for all of you, please come out and support this wonderful and hard working group of young ladies.

We are also celebration Mother's Day with a special breakfast for all the Moms of this Unit and Post. Come out and be pampered by the Post members as they prepare a wonderful meal for all of you.

Please join me in welcoming back our Juniors Amy Armstrong, Hannah Janji and Samantha Garcia from Junior Conference that took place in this April in Forest Falls. Congratulations to Hannah for being elected honorary Department VA & R chairman and Samantha Garcia honorary Department Historian, we are very proud of you.

My sincere appreciation goes to all the ladies that have been working very hard to keep this Unit going strong and working hard to make sure we have the resources to help as many members, military veterans and the community as possible. But the only way we are able to achieve this is by fundraising .Our main fundraiser is the monthly dinner on the second Friday of every month. We have been working very hard to try to prepare the best meals possible, this is why it is very disappointing when we spend days shopping, cooking and are here to serve you and only a handful of members are here to enjoy that meal. I am asking for your help, ideas or comments on what we can do to make these dinners a success. Any comment good or bad will be taken into consideration, please drop me a line, call me or e-mail me.

Remember our meetings are always the second Monday of every month. At the May meeting on the 9th, we will be holding elections for 2011-2012 Auxiliary year. It is very important that we all participate in choosing the right members for the various Offices. I hope to see you all there.

Until next time
Don't forget to thank a veteran,

Mary Hernandez
Unit President



AUXILIARY NEWS

JUNIORS

Girls State

We are happy to sponsor 4 young ladies from the following high schools to attend California's Girls state program this year. From Los Alamitos High school, is Amy Armstrong (one of our own Auxiliary's juniors). She has proven to be a fantastic young lady who has worked & volunteered not only in the auxiliary programs but also has proven leadership in her high school & community. From Rosary high school is Amanda Leon, from Pacifica high school is Emiko Shwab, & from Western high school is Hazel Mangalinban.

All of these young ladies have proven to be worthy to attend the Auxiliary's Girls State program through their scholastic achievements, community involvements, and sports activities. When we interview, we always have a difficult decision since all of the young ladies being interviewed (five from each school were selected by their teachers & counselors). I've had some members who have helped in the interviewing tell me, "don't ever ask me to do that again -- its too hard!" . One cannot know how difficult it is to choose only one out of five over-qualified young ladies. We will ask these four Girls State "citizens" to attend a function at which they will describe their activities at Girls State. I hope you will be able to attend.

For God & Country

Joan Claytor

Girls State chairman

Before we get to the big dinner announcement, let me get you up-to-date with our recent and current activities – our girls have been busy.

Hannah Janji recently competed in a big Sea Scout skills competition at the JFTB Los Alamitos. I know many of you attended the festivities to support her – she was very gratified. I haven't heard of the results yet, but then, she is not around this weekend, as she is attending Junior Conference with Any Armstrong and Samantha Garcia. Also attending Junior Conference is Stephanie Janji, roped in last minute as a mom chaperone – we wish her the best of luck.

Amy Armstrong has been selected as a Girls State delegate – we are all very pleased for her. Amy has an eye towards college, and with her last year as a Junior looming, it is both heartening and sad to see her prepare to bridge towards the Senior Auxiliary. Still, we get to have her with us one more year – keep an eye on both of these young ladies, as they will surely continue to star.

It's time for Penny Wars again – this time the different branches of service will be competing to see who can raise the most money for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Start saving your change – rules and collection containers will be available in the bar.

Okay – we know you have all been 'dying' to know about the dinner and theatre extravaganza planned for May 6th. To welcome Poppy month, the Junior Auxiliary Players will be performing the thrilling masterpiece "Who Killed Miss Poppy?" Preceding this will be another Jeff and Deborah dinner competition. Any of you foodies out there who watch "Chopped" know the idea of the contest is to create a dish from ingredients unknown to the chef. Since we must modify the idea due to budget, bulk, and average flavor palate, Jeff and I will be using the same cut of meat, but the Juniors will each choose a vegetable, condiment and spice that we must use in creating our dish. We will not know what these ingredients are until the night of the dinner. Our dinner guests will vote on their favorite preparation, just like in the meatloaf competition.

Keep in mind that this dinner is a service meal, served sit-down style, as we have entertainment to be conducted at the same time. After the conclusion of the girls' performance, the Legion plans to make its annual Police Officer of the Year Presentation, followed by the announcement of the winner in the Penny Wars Contest, and the winner of the dinner competition. Please be sure to make your reservations no later than Thursday, May 5th – please join us not only to support the Juniors, but to just have some fun – I can't guarantee it will all turn out as planned, but I can guarantee the fun.

'Till next time,

Deborah Driscoll

Junior Activities Chairman





TOM BROWN
Squadron Commander

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Let me start off by saying THANKS to everyone who stepped up and helped while I was away. I had some personal problems that needed to be addressed at once. Now that I am back in the saddle, it's good to be here where I do my best work, helping others. A GREAT BIG SHOUT OUT TO 1ST VICE COMMANDER JEFF P. FOR TAKING THE OVER AND DOING A GREAT JOB. You know it takes alot of manpower and dedication to put on events such as TACO TUESDAY and SONS STEAK NIGHT, and without all of those who helped we would not pull it off. The next time you are here for a meal please take time and say THANKS to the people working hard, so you don't have to. MOVING ON.....

Welcome to MAY... A VERY HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL.....

Everyone better take the time out of their busy program and take MOM out and show her how much you love her on this day. Not to say you don't do it as part of your regular day. A phone call or a card or candy and flowers always finds a nice spot in mom's heart. If she is no longer with us, just have great day remembering her. Don't forget to wish all Mothers a very happy day.

Also this month is Memorial Day..... On this day we take the time to honor all of the men and women in the armed forces who gave their life for our freedom. Without these brave soldiers going into combat against some pretty bad people and KICKING SOME BUTT.. I do not know where our country would be...We as Sons are very proud to take part in the MEMORIAL DAY services at FOREST LAWN AND PAY TRIBUTE to our WAR-RIORS. There will be a BBQ at the post that afternoon. See signs for details.

It is time again for NOMINATIONS for SONS OFFICERS for the coming year which is starting in July. First nominations were in April and are posted on the Sons board in the hallway outside the bar. Second NOMINATIONS will be held on WED. MAY 11th during the Sons meeting. Start time is 6:00 pm. Please make it a point to be here so you know who is running and have some input to the new officers.

The Post puts on several meals during the month, including the Legion Riders Breakfast the first Sunday of every month, the Auxiliary dinner the second Friday of every month, the Champagne Brunch the third Sunday of every month, and of course the Sons Taco Tuesday every Tuesday evening, and our famous Sons Steak Night the last Friday of the month.

Just for the this month, our samurai chef, Jeff Puhl, has been issued a challenge by Junior co-chairman Deborah Driscoll. This month, they are going head to head in a "CHOPPED" competition. If you are a Food Network fan, you

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know what this is. If you don't, here is the premise. The chefs will be creating a meal with ingredients they will not know about until they start.

They will have a certain amount of time to create their dish, and the public will be the judges. This happens on May 6th. Dinner will be served at 6 pm.

Right after dinner, the Junior Auxiliary will be performing a murder mystery dinner play, "Who Killed Miss Poppy?" It's sure to be a great night for all.

GO JEFF GO!

As always, if you have anything that needs to be brought to my attention, or that can make the Sons a better squadron, please come see me.

For God & Country,

Tom Brown-Commander

FIRST VICE

Hello fellow Sons members, Taco Tuesday is still in full swing despite the difficulties we endured this month. Thank you all for making it a successful event, and for keeping it together during this challenging time. As most of you know, I was acting Commander in Tom Brown's absence, who took a leave for personal reasons. We wish him the very best for a speedy return. During that time, I proudly steered the ship for (and with) you all. I would like the give a big thanks to former commander Chris Nieffer for helping me get most of your membership information sent in. Believe me, it was not an easy task. Thank you for your patience and support. Almost lastly, IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR NOMINATIONS ! So, start thinking of which position you might like to run for, or whom you would like to nominate. Yes, your vote really counts. Last year, I won the 1st vice position by just one tie-breaking vote. So mark your calendars and please try to be here for the meeting on April 6 so you can nominate and later cast a vote. Lastly, as much fun as we do have here at our post, it does not come without a lot of work from our members and volunteers. If you have just a small amount of time, please consider getting involved with our dinners and events. Before you roll your eyes up, remember, we are suppose to exercise a devotion to mutual helpfulness. Every little bit helps to make the post the best that it can be. O.K. that's it for now, see you all soon.

GOOD TIMES ALWAYS

1st vice and acting commander
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NOTICE

This month we will be having election for
every branch of the Legion Family

2 May – Junior Auxiliary 7pm

9 May- Ladies Auxiliary 7pm

11 May - Sons of the
American Legion 6pm

12 May - Post 7 pm

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Dear Members and Friends of Post 716:

POPPY TIME is here !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!, and we are appealing to your hearts and generosity.

Many thanks for your generous response to our Poppy letter last year'.

This year's theme is "M.U.S.I.C". Members United in Service Ideals and Commitment. Your donation of \$5 or more will earn you a memorial "Musical Note" on our special Wall of Honor.

Your name or (in memory of) will appear on the Sheet to celebrate our yearly Poppy drive. We are attempting to exceed our goal and raise \$2500. Make sure to stop by the Post to check out your personalized Musical note.

Throughout the year, our disabled and hospitalized veterans make the official American Legion Poppies by hand. Working with their hands provides physical and psychological therapy, as well as a small income for these veterans.

Your donation will benefit the Auxiliary Rehabilitation program while helping to make the lives of our disabled and hospitalized veterans more enjoyable. We're asking you to remember them with a donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Your contribution may be sent in the enclosed envelope. Your Poppy donation is tax deductible.

Remember to wear your Poppy with pride the week of May 15th-21st and especially on Memorial Day weekend.

The Los Alamitos Auxiliary Unit 716, sincerely Thanks You for your support!!!!!!

NAME:
IN MEMORY OF:
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**AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!!
TO KICK OFF POPPY MONTH, THE JUNIOR
AUXILIARY IS PRESENTING**

**JEFF AND DEBORAH'S "CHOPPED"
DINNER COMPETITION**

**TO BE FOLLOWED BY
MURDER MYSTERY THEATRE!**

**"WHO KILLED MISS POPPY?"
WRITTEN, DIRECTED AND PERFORMED BY THE
UNIT 716 JUNIOR AUXILIARY PLAYERS**



FRIDAY MAY 6TH, 2011

**DINNER TO BE
SERVED PROMPTLY
AT 6 PM !!**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, CHAPTER 716

Still Serving America & Riding with Pride

Please join us for a delicious breakfast



Sunday, May 1, 2011
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location:

American Legion, Post 716
3252 Florista Street, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Price: \$5.00

Breakfast includes:

- 2 Pancakes, (Sugar free syrup available)
- Scrambled eggs
- 2 Bacon, 2 Sausage
- Potatoes
- Coffee, Milk or Orange Juice





Thank you for your Support



May 2011



AMERICAN LEGION POST 716 - LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Rider's Pancake Breakfast ¹</p> 	<p>Junior Auxiliary Meeting 7pm ²</p> <p><i>Happy Food</i> 5-7</p>	<p>TACO TUESDAY ³</p> <p>5-8</p> 		<p><i>Happy Food</i> ⁵</p> <p>5-7</p>	<p>JUNIOR AUXILIARY DINNER AND MYSTERY THEATER ⁶</p> <p>6pm Sharp+ Los al Officers of the year awards</p>	<p>FREE POOL ⁷</p> 
<p>MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST ⁸</p> <p>9-12</p>  <p>Post Moms free Legion Rider's Meeting 0900</p>	<p>Auxiliary Meeting ⁹</p> <p>7 pm</p> <p><i>Happy Food</i> 5-7</p>	<p>TACO TUESDAY ¹⁰</p> <p>5-8</p> 	<p>Sons meeting ¹¹</p> <p>6pm</p>	<p><i>Happy Food</i> ¹²</p> <p>5-7</p> <p>Post Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>Auxiliary ALL YOU CAN EAT Spaghetti dinner ¹³</p> <p>6 pm</p> <p>Karaoke 7 pm</p>	<p>FREE POOL ¹⁴</p> 
<p>CHAMPAGNE ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST ¹⁵</p> <p>9-12</p> 	<p><i>Happy Food</i> ¹⁶</p> <p>5-7</p>	<p>TACO TUESDAY ¹⁷</p> <p>5-8</p> 	<p> ¹⁸</p> <p>1st. Mar. Div. meeting 7:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Happy Food</i> ¹⁹</p> <p>5-7</p>		<p>FREE POOL ²¹</p> 
	<p><i>Happy Food</i> ²³</p> <p>5-7</p>	<p>TACO TUESDAY ²⁴</p> <p>5-8</p> 		<p><i>Happy Food</i> ²⁶</p> <p>5-7</p>	<p>STEAK dinner ²⁷</p> <p>6pm</p> <p>Karaoke 7pm</p>	<p>BATTLE-GROUND WRESTLING ²⁸</p> <p>8pm only \$10</p> 
	<p>MEMORIAL DAY Barbecue ²⁹</p> <p>1 pm</p> 	<p>TACO TUESDAY ³¹</p> <p>5-8</p> 	<p>MYSTERY THEATER</p> <p>AND LOS AL OFFICERS OF THE YEAR</p> <p>DINNER 13 MAY SERVED 6PM</p> <p>SHARP MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!</p>			



June 2011



AMERICAN LEGION POST 716 - LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Father's day CAR & CYCLE SHOW 8 am-1pm CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST 9AM-12PM <i>All Drivers and Riders Entrants that show up by 8am and stay till 1pm get free breakfast and are eligible for prizes</i></p>					<p>JUNIOR AUXILIARY DINNER 6PM</p>	<p>FREE POOL</p> 
<p>Rider's Pancake Breakfast 8-</p> 	<p><i>Happy Food</i> 5-7</p>	<p>TACO TUES- DAY 5-8</p> <p>Pool League 7pm</p>	<p>Sons meeting 6pm</p>	<p>Happy Food 5-7</p> <p>Post Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>Auxiliary¹⁰ ALL YOU CAN EAT Spaghetti Dinner 6 pm Karaoke 7 pm</p>	<p>FREE¹¹ POOL</p> 
<p>Legion Rider's Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>Auxiliary¹³ Meeting 7 pm</p> <p>Happy Food 5-7</p>	<p>TACO TUES-¹⁴ DAY 5-8</p> <p>Pool League 7pm</p>		<p>Happy Food 5-7</p>		<p>FREE¹⁸ POOL</p> 
<p>FATHER'S¹⁹ DAY CHAM- PAGNE BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MO- TORCYCLE AND CAR SHOW 8 am</p>	<p>Happy Food 5-7</p>	<p>TACO TUES-²¹ DAY 5-8</p> <p>Pool League 7pm</p>		<p>Happy Food 5-7</p>	<p>STEAK²⁴ dinner 6pm Karaoke 7pm</p>	<p>FREE POOL²⁵ BATTLE- GROUND WRESTLING 8 pm Only \$10</p>
<p>PEEARL²⁶ HARBOR SURVI- VORS</p>	<p>Happy Food 5-7</p>	<p>TACO TUES²⁸ DAY 5-8</p> <p>Pool League 7pm</p>		<p>Happy Food 5-7</p>		



July 2011

AMERICAN LEGION POST 716 - LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!!!! POST WILL PROVIDE BURGERS AND DOGS BARBECUE 1 PM+ BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE</p>  					1	2 FREE POOL 
3 Rider's Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am	4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY Barbecue 1pm	5 TACO TUESDAY 5-8 POOL LEAGUE	6	7 Happy Food 5-7	8 Auxiliary ALL YOU CAN EAT Spaghetti dinner 6 pm Karaoke 7 pm	9 FREE POOL 
10 Legion Rider's Meeting 9 am	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Happy Food	12 TACO TUESDAY 5-8 POOL LEAGUE	13 Sons meeting 6pm	14 Happy Food 5-7 Post Meeting 7pm	15	16 FREE POOL 
17 POST CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST 9-12 	18 Happy Food 5-7	19 TACO TUESDAY 5-8 POOL LEAGUE	20	21 Happy Food 5-7	22	23 FREE POOL 
24	25 Happy Food 5-7	26 TACO TUESDAY 5-8 POOL LEAGUE	27	28 Happy Food 5-7	29 STEAK dinner 6pm Karaoke 7pm	30 FREE POOL BATTLE-GROUND WRESTLING
31 PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP RUN BOOTH AT THE BASE FOR THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR PLEASE CALL 562-430-6033 TO VOLUNTEER</p> 					

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MEETINGS: ALL MEMBERS get a BUY ONE GET ONE FREE at the bar after all meetings

Post Membership Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm

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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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DUES:

Legion Membership Dues: \$35.00

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Sons Squadron: \$20.00 (Juniors \$10.00)

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