

Newsletter
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American Legion Post 272
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Post Bar Hours are:
Mon-Fri. Doors Open at 2p.m.
Sat-Sun. Doors Open at 12noon

Hall Rentals

Call and schedule your special events with us. For information call the Post at (323)721-4878.

Honor Guard Fundraiser

Food Sales every Thursday, preceding
Karaoke

Karaoke

Every Thursday 7p-11p featuring
"Havana Shade"

Club Night

1st Friday of the month 7p-11p featuring
DJ "Sew What"

Blues Night

3rd Friday of the month. In the Lounge.
Sonia and the Situation start off this great mix of local musicians at 7p and are joined by many great local Blues bands.

Monthly Breakfast/Birthday Bash

Last Sunday of the month. Hosted by Post groups. From 9a-12noon. The "Birthday Bash" follows the breakfast; in the bar. It from 2p-6p. DJ "Al" and cake provided. Food is Pot Luck style.



"For God and Country"

"Veterans Serving Veterans"

From the Desk of the Commander

Greetings Comrades:

Well it is finally upon us. The rainy season. It has delivered quite a punch and as usual, the Post has taken a beating. Several leaks have been reported, particularly in the hall and club room areas. But, I believe there is a break in the weather and the sun will shine upon us. For those not aware, your past Commander, Gil Palmer initiated communication with the Montebello area county supervisor's office of Hilda Solis. An effort of obtaining a grant to be applied towards roof replacement was submitted. Now for the past six months this administration has been in constant contact with Supervisor Hilda Solis office in keeping their support alive. In addition, we have applied for a financial grant from the Pacific Palisades American Legion Post 384, towards the roof. After speaking with their Adjutant, Joe Ramirez, we are 85% in the green, of receiving funds from them. At this point we are waiting for final approval from both supporters, so that construction can begin. Keep the faith!

On another note, with a negatively implied attitude, that Post 272, is being run by the Bar Chairwoman and myself. I find this somewhat confusing. It is my understanding that the commander position is in fact the head of the Post. This is not a dictatorship position, but rather under the guise of the Board of Directors: they maintain a check

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and balance of the Commander's actions: he implements any decision affecting the Post. I, The Commander have appointed a chairperson, to run the Club room, and oversee this appointee. My personal opinion is that the Bar Chairwoman has been doing an excellent job; she has kept revenue in the positive bracket. There have been an increase of activities and functions in the Club room and attendance has increased during these events. You can't have financial gain with inactivity.

The elected Vice-Commanders are in turn responsible for their positions as it affects membership and the Post.

In response to those who hold a negative opinion: "Yes! This is a private Veterans facility. But we are no longer in the 19th or 20th Century." It is our duty to improve the atmosphere of the Post. Structurally, cosmetically and increase membership. We must attract the next generation of Veterans. Whether, by entertainment, or choice of alcoholic beverage. If not, this Post as many others have, will fade away and cease to exist. To some, change is a threat. To others, it is a challenge. Progress should always advance and embrace the future. Not be stuck in the past. So, let us set aside negative attitudes and opinions and work towards a positive one.

Semper Fi
Richard Munoz



From the Desk of the 1st Vice-Commander-

Greetings my Fellow Comrades;

It is turning out to be a great year at Post 272 Montebello. After many years that have passed, trying to get the roof repaired it is finally going to happen. We are in the last stages of getting the funds for our roof. Thanks to Commander Richard Munoz, our adjutant Carlos Larios, Von Stroff, our Financial officer: their endless efforts and hard work. The reparation of the roof is soon to become a reality.

On the lighter side, membership at Post 272 is also growing. I would like to thank all the Legionnaires who took the time and made the effort to pay their dues in a very timely fashion. As a result of all the members efforts, our Post has been recognized and awarded with an "Early Bird" status for the first quarter, by the 19th District. It has only happened twice before. I am proud and happy to have accepted that award at the last District meeting.

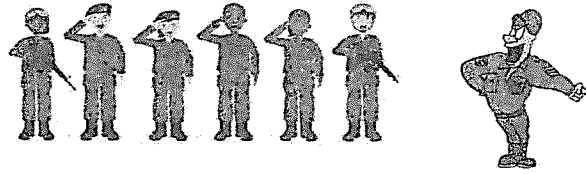
Our Marine Corp Reserve team, who are headquartered in Pico Rivera, will soon be returning from deployment. In the past they have been instrumental in providing our Post with toys for our Veteran's families and community's children for our Children's Christmas program. Upon their return, I am hoping that we can organize another bar-b-que at their base to show appreciation and introduce them to our American Legion Post. This will be set for early Spring, possibly April or May.

This year has flown by, and election time is returning. I would like to take a moment, to thank everyone who entrusted me with this position and supported me as your 1st Vice Commander for the past 3 years.

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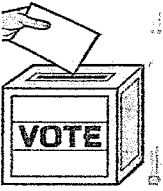
The election will be here in May and once again I will be running for office. I will be seeking 1st Vice Commander and do look forward for your support. I close this report, thanking you once again for your membership, and loyalty to our Post 272.

Sincerely,
Keith Kuba
USMC/US Army



A REMINDER TO VOTE A REMINDER TO VOTE A REMINDER TO VOTE

The time to vote is just around the corner; a time to exercise your Membership privilege and have your voice heard. First nominations are being held in the March 12th meeting; second nominations will be held in the April 9th meeting; final election will take place before the General meeting set for May 14th from 3p-7p. Become involved, support your Post! For more information please see calendars. The General membership meeting day is the 2nd Tuesday of the month and begins at 7p.



From the Desk of the 2nd Vice-Commander- No report (office vacant)



From Paul's Kitchen: The Desk of the 3rd Vice-Commander



Greetings and Salutations:

Hope all is well with you, your families! The past year has been quite a whirlwind with many events at our Post. How fast time flies. Here we are, in February and only 2 more food events to organize and then its time for a new administration and possibly a new "Kitchen Prince" and possibly new faces in the team. I hope to continue helping in the kitchen with the current team in place. As I may be continuing the leadership as the Captain of the Honor Guard, I've discovered, that as a Post officer, their duties, carried out properly, can be quite demanding and to live up to those duties, can be challenging. With the many "hats" I wear, managing the Post commitments and what life has thrown out at me has made it difficult to manage at times. This coming election, I may seek the Board of Directors, but for now the primary office experience will end in June (for me). It has been a great experience. I can't discount the "pluses" in being the 3rd Vice. The kitchen experience for me: learning of different policy in the kitchen, food preparation, and handling certification by the State of California are things I have learned and now possess, so it has all been good. I would like to thank all my Brothers who supported me in the past election and in all my office endeavors as 3rd Vice Commander,



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Captain of the Honor Guard, Newsletter Editor. I would like to thank my Sunday helpers, who came to help out at the "Good Time Dance", A dedicated and loyal Honor Guard Lieutenant, past Commander of our Post, and most of all, a very good friend. Thank you, Dave, for your support at the dances, Honor Guard events and funerals, and Karaoke food fundraising. I know I can always count on you! The other person that I must thank is not a Veteran, as she had not served in the military. She is a person who is very passionate about serving our Post and Veterans and displays it by her efforts and hard work. I am speaking of my co-editor, who has given up much of her time to warmly help the Post succeed. Decorating, cooking for Post Breakfasts, Honor Guard Karaoke food fundraising, supporting Honor Guard events, and editing the Newsletter, Pauline Hernandez. She will do all that is possibly and allowed by the Post and for the Post and its Veterans. Thank you, Pauline, for your hard work. This does not discount the unselfish endeavors of my Veteran Brothers and friend supporters that have and continue to help and support our Post. Legionnaires, Carlos Larios, your help in the kitchen and Post events, (Children's Christmas party, Casino night) are much appreciated. Other helper's in the kitchen team to include, Mark Gutierrez, Honor Guard Team member, Board of directors. Thank you, Mark, for your help in the kitchen, Karaoke food sales, and Honor Guard. Thanks to our past commander Gil Palmer, who has also lent a helping hand at Breakfast. Auxiliary and supporters, Marina Palomino, Toni Osborn, Thank Auxiliary and supporter, Charlene Avila, her cooking talents at Karaoke and behind the scenes can't be discounted: Thank you, Charlene! Another big "thanks" to Frank Livas. He may not have served his time in the military but has served and is continuing to serve our Post as lead barbecuer. Thank you, Frank, for being there for the Post, as you cook and endlessly give your time to come out in support of Post events. Our Post has many supporters who help behind the scenes. Money and food donations are always appreciated. Gordon Johnson, Albert Venegas, Jimmy High-roller, Fernando ("Big Guy") thank you!

Our last meal prepared was for the 19th District that met this past month. The dinner menu included hard shell tacos, Spanish rice, and refried beans. Freshly baked Bundt cakes topped off the meal. From Legionnaires and Auxiliary comments reflected, all went well and those who purchased were quite satisfied. The next 2 meals that I will oversee are both breakfast events. The first will be the monthly breakfast to be hosted by the post on March 31st from 9a-12noon; secondly, we will be hosting the Mother's Day breakfast in tribute and celebration to all Mothers. That breakfast is set for Sunday, May 12, 2019. So don't forget to mark your calendar as it will not be set for the last Sunday of the month. I hope to see you all at our events, both Karaoke, on Thursday evening and our breakfasts.

Paul Garcia
US Army.



From the Check book of the Finance Officer-

Comrades:



As your Post Finance Officer, I have submitted to the Board of Directors the Financial report dated February 8, 2019: to include the balance of \$12,631.60. this report was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors and the Post General membership, at the February 12 2019 general meeting. The Bank balance was 12, 633.60: the remaining money is designated for Post activities accounts i.e. Building fund, Child Health/Welfare, Boys

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State, Utilities, the Children's Christmas Party, Veterans Rehab etc. The remaining money amount are utilized for administrative cost, such as utility expenses to name a few.

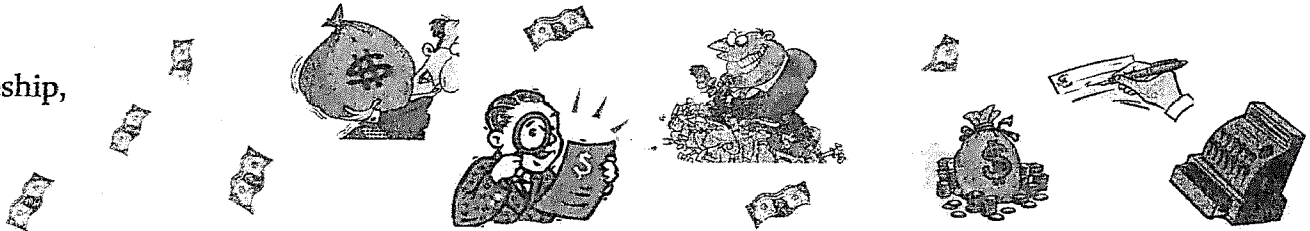
The Post has 1 (CD) , Certificate of Deposit at US Bank valued at \$20,104.58. and is maintain a business checking account at Bank of America with a balance of 12,631.60. This brings our Post's liquid assets to a tot of 32,736.18.

"Thank you for your Support"

Copies of the current Financial Report are made available at the membership meeting. For those Comrades, who are unable to attend the meetings and would like a copy sent to them; please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Post C/O Von Stroff or send me an e-mail at vonstroff@msn.com and I shall send you a copy of the report.

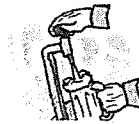
Lastly, Fellow Legionnaires, don't forget to support your Post functions and Bar activities. Your participatio and support help pay the maintenance and upkeep of the Post, thus keeping prices for beverages, dances at a minimal.

In Comradeship,
Von Stroff
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From the Post Pub Chairwoman's tap

Greetings:



Here we are; finishing the first quarter of a very busy new year. As your Bar Chairwoman, I would like to update you on some of the current events as well as new events that are "brewing" in our Club room. Our current events that have been rocking the house include Thursday night "Karaoke" with KJ Havana Shade (Che): beginning on March 1st. We have also introduced fellow KJ William, who has joined us as a backup. He comes with a cowboy hat and a little country in his style, but don't let that fool you, as he can sing a song! A reminder that on Karaoke nights, our Honor Guard also host a food fundraiser each week. Food is prepared by state certified food preparers and handling team that includes the Honor Guard Captain, and his team. Their menu is different each week, but includes a main entrée, side and dessert. A low price to pay \$7 for a delicious mean. Their food sales begin at 5:30 and run til 8:3p or till food runs out. Karaoke begins at 7p and lasts till 11p.



On March 1st, and April 5th, we have our SAL's member and supporter, DJ "Sew What" in the house, rocking us with a variety of music. He begins at 7p and his music ends at 11p. Following "Club night" on March 15, and April 19th, "Sonia and the Situation" come live to the Post Club room. Sonia showcases

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“Blues night”. Sonia and her band join us on the 3rd Fridays of the month for some great live “blues” music. They get the show on the road: setting the stage for local musicians who’ll join the night of song and dance. Both “Blues night” and “Club” night are open events and there is not a cover charge, so invite a friend or two and come join the fun. Marking St. Patrick’s Day is our newest addition to live music. On Sunday March 17th, the “Deviants” are in the spotlight from 3p-7p in “Da Lounge” with their deep “Blues” style and live sounds. Come join us in celebrating St. Patrick’s Day; in celebration, the bar will be selling its Irish Whiskey for \$3 a shot from 3p-7p. Finally, on Mar. 31st and April 28th, our lounge is visited by the monthly “Birthday Bash” that is hosted by DJ “AL Soleil” from 2p-6pm. Music, cake is provided by the Bar, and food is “Pot Luck”, so all are encouraged to bring a friend, a food dish to share with friends and joint the party as we celebrate birthdays for that current month.

The Bar is working diligently to maintain and provide events that are entertaining and inexpensive as they continue to hire on new bands and forms of entertainment. To help offset these costs to the Bar aka Post, there has been a small increase by \$0.25. The Bar also welcomes all to bring your favorite bottle of wine for a corkage fee of \$8. Members are encouraged to have their smaller celebrations in the Club room. Please contact me for available dates. Our Bar along with the Post is hosting an abundance of activities for your entertainment. However, they cannot succeed without your participation; so in ending this report, I hope that you all will come and support your Post, local Veterans.

Sincerely,

Ida Rodela



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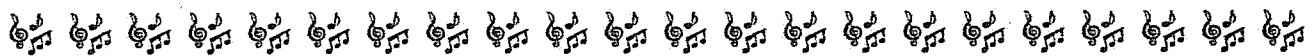
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March 31st 9a-12 noon



Mark your calendar and come join us for Breakfast on the last Sunday of March. We have new items that are being added and cooked by a great team of cooks. The cooks include Legion Family members and friends who work well together and serve with a smile, This is an open event. Cost is \$8 for a great plate of food. Food includes beverages, coffee. Some menu items include (not inclusive) are:

- waffles
- omelet bar /eggs your way
- fresh fruit
- menudo
- bacon
- potatoes
- orange juice
- beans
- sausage
- coffee
- dessert



American Legion Presents:
Good Time Dance

April 7, 2019 (doors open at 1p) cost is \$14 per person

Come join us for an afternoon of entertainment featuring the sounds of
“Hanley Page”



This is an open event, so everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, your dancing shoes, and be ready to dance the afternoon away. No food is served, so feel free to bring snacks **sorry, no can/bottle beverages allowed inside.