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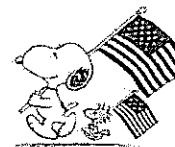
American Legion Post 272
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Post Bar Hours are:

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. See the calendar for information.

Honor Guard Fundraiser

Food Sales every Thursday, preceding Karaoke. Food sales are from 5:30p-8:30. Combo dinners are \$7 include main entre/sides and dessert.

Karaoke

Every Thursday 7p-11p featuring "Havana Shade" This is a free event and open event.

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-12p. The "Birthday Bash" begins at 2p and is sponsored by the Bar Staff. Courtesy cake, DJ Al hosts. Pot Luck (food).



"For God and Country"

"Veterans Serving Veterans"

From the Desk of the Commander

Greetings Comrades:

We have now entered our two-third legionnaire calendar year. In our April general meeting we are holding the second phase of nominations. Those nominated and those wishing to be, must be present to accept. The elected positions are; Commander, 1st, 2nd, and, 3rd Vice-Commanders. The duties vary, but each position represents you, the membership, and ultimately the Post. Some seek the elected position for various reasons. But hopefully you will nominate and vote for a candidate, not because of popularity, having been a long-term member, or personal contributions, but someone who will actually represent you, the general membership, for the betterment of the Post. Remember, voting takes place prior to the general membership meeting in May.

During this past legion calendar year the Post has transformed through several changes. Some are subtle and not readily apparent, and others, such as the finalization of having the roof replaced and new air-conditioners installed will be the most visible achievement. This project should be completed before June. Meetings are still being conducted and the two major contractor's (air/roofing) are coordinating their time to begin construction. (cont. on page 2)

Also, in June, the American Legion (state level), will have their annual convention which will be held in Ontario this year. If you wish to represent the Post, you must be nominated and accept during the April general meeting.

Comrades, there are other subjects that could be touched upon, or questions that you may have concerning the Post. Since space is a prime commodity, feel free to contact me on my cellular phone: 213.792.7202, and I will attempt to answer your questions. In the event I do not answer, leave your contact number and a brief message so that I may respond to your inquiry.

Semper Fidelis,
Richard Muñoz



From the Desk of the 1st Vice Commander

My Fellow Comrades:

Election time is here! I want to thank you for being able to serve as your 1st Vice Commander for 2018-2019. Elections for the 2019-2020 administration will be taking place on May 14th, 2019 I have accepted the nomination of 1st Vice Commander once again, and I am hoping that you will come to vote and support me. I am running along with our incumbent Commander and believe that he along with his current administration is doing a great job, so I am asking that you support him.

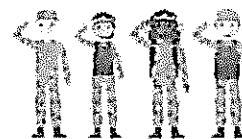
I, along with the rest of the Board of Directors, have been able to accomplish that, that other administrations have envisioned, but have not been able to follow through and complete. Our Post has undergone positive changes to upgrade its looks, and the way we do business. Working along with the Honor Guard, and their generosity, as they are funding the stage upgrade, they are in the final stages of beautifying it. Our Post "Artist" and Honor Guard team member, Lannie Ostroff, is currently finishing up the stage to depict our logo, with our Flag designed across it. The stage curtains have been replaced, a movie screen is now affixed to the stage so that movies, videos can be seen.

Our administration has managed to raise funds: this combination of resources, from private and public resources as well as our own: a vision for a much-needed roof is now in the works of becoming a reality. Once that is done, the ceiling, kitchen reparations and beautification processes are next on the list of "to-do things." The "Lounge" is also evolving slowly to "step-up" to the "times." A new satellite "juke" box is now being used for music entertainment; yet we are maintaining our old "jukebox" for those who like the nostalgia of manually picking their music selection from the "oldie but goodies" lists. Beer choices, wine choices are now being expanded along with our "credit card" reader installed; making one's visit more pleasant and easier to make purchases. We are nearing the end to many of the "visions" past administrations, only wished could have accomplished. I must say we are doing well; let's keep this up with these great changes at our Post by reelecting the officers now in place. (cont. on page 3)

As the membership chair, I must say our membership is climbing steadily for the 3rd quarter. This is due to new members, but also to all Legionnaires who pay their dues annually. Thank you for continuing your memberships! In the past 3 years, as the 1st Vice commander and membership chair, I have recruited 55 new Veteran members to our Post. In order to stimulate membership, I have organized a bar-b-que at the Pico Rivera Marine Reserve Center. At that barbeque a table is set up, and I speak to young reservist in joining. We have been very successful with that event. We also hold it to show appreciation, as their "Toys for Tots" program has supported our Post each year for Christmas for the past several years. The reservist have been deployed, so there is very little activity or men headquartered there now, but the center will be quite busy soon, as the Reservists should be returning from deployment in May. Once they return, I plan on setting up another barbeque in appreciation to their service, and as a membership drive.

In closing, I would like to thank you for trusting and having faith in me; allowing me to serve you for the last 4 years as 3rd Vice-Commander and 1st Vice Commander. I am hoping that you will support and vote for me as your 1st Vice so that I can continue to serve you 2019-2020.

Semper Fi,
1st Vice Commander
Keith Kuba



From the Desk of the 2nd Vice Commander

(no report, office is vacant)



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



Greetings and Salutations:

I write this article hoping first that as you read this, you and your family are doing well and that you are in the best off health and spirits. On March 31st we had our monthly breakfast. Our early bird cooks, Carlos Larios and Marina Palomino were up and about helping me out in the kitchen, cooking up a storm: Carlos fixing the bacon, Marina setting up her waffle station, batter and trimmings, as I covered and set the tables up. We were soon joined, by the rest of our team, Charlene Avila, daughters Jada and Kayla, Pauline Hernandez, Dave DelRio, Gil Palmer, Toni Osborn, and Roy Rodriguez. Our great cooks on hand, had their hands in cooking mode: menudo, egg omelets, waffles, chilaquiles, fresh fruit, along with plenty of desserts that included pineapple upside down cake, cookies other home baked goods. I may be prejudice but must say I have one of the best kitchen teams around! Friendly, helpful and certified by the State Dept. for food handling and preparation. (cont. on page 4)

My thanks to all that helped as well as to our monthly contributors of food and supplies. Thank you, Fernando, "Big Guy" for your most generous monthly donation of eggs, supplying our omelet bar. Many thanks to our Legionnaires who contribute ingredients for the makeup of these delicious dishes served.

May will be a busy month for the kitchen Team and myself, as there are several important events coming up. The first event that I will supporting the Post with is hosting the "Cinco de Mayo" Good Time Dance. This dance is going to be on May 5th from 2-6 pm. As the Commander and other officers will be out of town holding their bus turnaround to Laughlin, Pauline and I will be holding down the "fort". This dance is an open event, and all are invited. The cost is \$14 per person. No food is served there, so feel free to bring your snacks. The featured band will be "The Rudy Roman Band. The following Sunday, May 12th we will be holding our yearly Mother's Day Breakfast. This year it will be completed with Mimosas and champagne. To enjoy the spirits, you must be 21. Do not be alarmed if someone "cards" you. Mothers will be "gifted" their breakfast, all others pay \$8. A great deal for a full scale, breakfast; served by a great team. Breakfast is served from 9a-12 noon. The fun continues in our kitchen, as the following week, the Post will have their May meeting, with the annual election/voting taking place. For Legionnaires who attend the meeting; their aftermath will include a dinner, courtesy of your Post. Finally, at the end of May, we have our Annual Memorial Day observance celebration. There will be a Memorial Day service held at Montebello Park. The Honor Guard Team will be there to "post colors" and remove them once the service has ended. Once the Post Honor Guard returns, a Post luncheon begins. Hamburgers, or hot dog sided with salads will be served. There will be music in the lounge. Yes, May will be busy for me as the 3rd Vice, but also as the Honor Guard Captain. I must add that each Thursday our Honor Guard team host a weekly fundraiser, where our team mates sell homemade meals for \$7.00. The combo plates we sell will include a main entre, sides, and dessert. All are homemade, home baked. The proceeds from this weekly event, go to a fund that helps offset the costs of uniforms and incidentals. But the money is also used as a resource to help support the Post in many of the programs and ongoing projects. One such notable project that is almost completed is the beautification of our halls stage. The Honor Guard money is funding this project with the materials and tools. Our Honor Guard team member and Post "Artist" Lannie Ostroff is also doing the painting and decoration of the stage mural. His other projects also include the lounge mural that is adjacent to the bar, flyers and posters advertising dances and post events. The Honor Guard team is on the move, and as one of their beliefs is, always willing to give a helping hand. I ask that if possible that you support the Honor Guard fundraising efforts as well as the Post events. Here you can "see" the product of where your support is going to. I know that as the 3rd Vice Commander and Captain, I have been fortunate to have a great Kitchen team and support from Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and community and Post friends. I know that all of May's events will be successful, with the same team in place and the great cooks who put out all their effort and volunteer time. With plenty of good "eats" that will be on hand, I invite you to come and join us. With this said, I want to close and wish you all "happy eats."



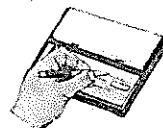
Sincerely,

Paul Garcia
3rd Vice Commander

From The Editors Desk From The Editors Desk From The Editors Desk From The Editors Desk

Voting will be taking place on Tuesday May 14th from 3p-7p. Do come and vote for your new officers, Board of Directors, and Convention Delegates for 2019-2020. Have your VOICE heard. Exercise your right to vote for your Leadership choice. The results will be announced at the General Membership meeting that follows. Be there, be informed.

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 for March 12th, 2019, the balance \$9674.03 report was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at the Directors meeting: followed by the review and approved at the Post Membership General Meeting. At that time, March 12th, the bank balance was \$9674.03. Money from that balance was designated for the Post activity accounts, i.e. Building Fund, Child Health/Welfare, Boys State, Children Christmas Party, Veterans Rehabilitation etc. The Remaining amount of money is designated for Administrative cost, donation and maintenance expenses and upkeep of the Post.

The Post accounts maintains (1) CD (certificate of deposit) at US Bank for \$20,104.58; on account at the Bank of America we carry a balance of \$9674.03. These subtotals bring our grand total to \$29,776.61.

“Thank you for your Support”

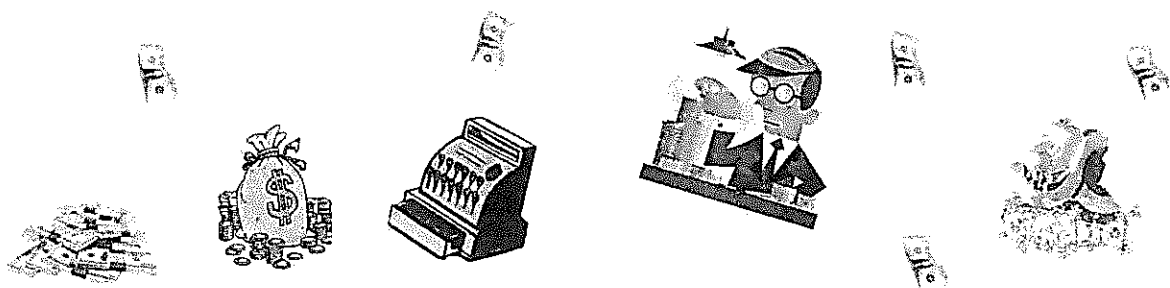
Copies of the Financial report are made available at the Membership meeting. For those Comrades, who are unable to attend the meetings and would like a copy sent to them, please provide a self-address stamped envelope to the Post C/O Von Stroff or send me an e-mail to vonstroff@msn.com and I shall send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

Fellow Legionnaires, don't forget to support your Post and Bar activities; your attendance and participation help the Post pay for their expenses and continue having activities and events at an affordable cost.

In Comradeship,

Von Stroff

Finance Officer



From the Post Pub Chairwoman's Tap



Greetings to everyone from your Bar Chairwoman. I would like to thank all for your participation in our Club Room. I encourage everyone that is planning to have your parties or small celebrations in our Club room. As many have been inquiring about upgrades, the Lounge is also upgrading the service we provide and our product lines. We have expanded our Beer, wine, liquor selections, for your taste experience. Our services also include a “corkage” service: if your taste of wine isn't on our list, you can bring yours (wine or champagne) in to our lounge and for a small fee (\$8) we will house it for you and your drinking pleasure.

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Our Lounge events include activities for your listening and dancing pleasures. They are open events and there is no cover charge. Our May and June calendar events include Karaoke every Thursday night with Honor Guard food fundraising sales each week. On the first Fridays of May and June, at 7p, our lounge is visited by DJ "Sew What" for Club Night. On the 3rd Fridays (May 17, June 21st) our Lounge rocks to the sounds of "Sonia and the Situation" this musical ensemble, headed by Sonia, who open up the night at 7p with various genres of music, Blues, and introduces other local musicians that join the group until 11p. Once again, this event is and open event; so, bring a friend or two and come join the fun (no cover charge). Last Sunday of the month are designated as "Birthday Bash" celebration in the bar from 2-6p Our newest addition to entertainment, "The Deviants" are set to play their tunes from 3-7p in the bar, on May 19th and June 9th. There is no cover charge, and that is an open event. As customary, the Post Legionnaires will be hosting a Mothers' day Breakfast. I would like to extend a very happy Mother's Day to all Mothers. This is only to be followed by another day of recognition of all Dads. I would like to extend a Happy Father's Day to all Dads out there. For more information check the calendar or call the Lounge at 323-721-4878; Thanks a lot to all participants, and partying members: our success depends on you!

Cheers,
Ida Rodela



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**American Legion 2019 Election Day
May 14, 2019 3-7pm in the hall**

Legionnaire must have current paid up membership card 2019 to vote. If not the 1st Vice Commander, Keith Kuba will be on site to accept dues, that will bring you up to date and allow you to vote. Exercise your privileges. Vote!

Nominations that have accepted the challenge to staff the
American Legion Post 272 Officers and Board of Directors 2019-2020-

Commander

Richard Munoz
Write in

1st Vice Commander

Keith Kuba
Dan Vasquez

2nd Vice Commander

Anthony Cruz

3rd Vice Commander'

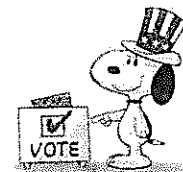
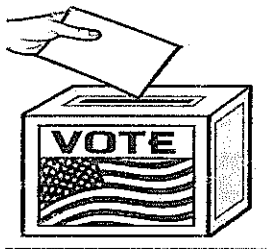
vacant

Board of Directors

Carlos Casteneda
Mark Gutierrez
Rudy Trujillo
Gil Beltran
Danielle Romero
Manny Hernandez
Gordon Johnson
Jose Vasquez
Paul Garcia
Oscar Gutierrez

Delegates

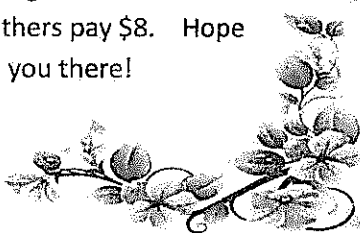
incoming Cmdr.
outgoing Cmdr. Richard
Carlos Larios
Von Stroff
Keith Huba
Manny Hernandez
Manuel Rodriquez



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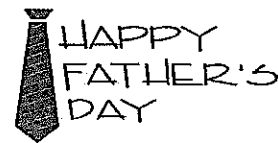


The American Legion Post 272
 Presents:
 A special "toast" to Mothers
 May 12th ,2019 9a-12noon
 Hosted by the Legionnaires
 Veterans' bring that special
 Mother in your life for a special treat!
 Mothers will be gifted with a free
 breakfast. All others pay \$8. Hope
 to see you there!



American Legion Post 272
 June 16th, 2019 9a-12 noon
 Fathers' Day Breakfast

The Women's Auxiliary is
 sponsoring a Father's Day
 Breakfast, so bring that special
 Father in your life to breakfast.
 Fathers get free breakfast; all
 others pay \$8. This is an open
 event so bring a friend, your
 family and celebrate that special
 Dad in your life.



American Legion Post 272

Presents; Memorial Day Luncheon May 27, 2019 12noon

In observance of Memorial Day our Honor Guard Team will be attending the Memorial Day services at Montebello Park set for 11a. The service is to last approximately 1 hour. Once that service has ended: the Post will be hosting an open house from 12-3p serving lunch and cake (while supply last) There will also be music in the bar.



American Legion Post 272
 616 Cleveland Ave. Montebello, CA 90640
 Present: Good Time Dance 2-6p

May 5, 2019 Featuring the sounds of the Rudy Roman Band
 June 2, 2019 Featuring the fine tunes of Hanley Page



Our Post will be hosting the monthly "Good Time Dances" in May and June. The cost is \$14 per person. Sorry no food is served. Feel free to bring snacks. **Sorry no outside beverages allowed in. These dances are open events, so feel free to bring a friend or two, your dancing shoes to dance the afternoon away! Hope to see you there!



CLUB NIGHT

On the 1ST Friday of every month the Bar sponsors Club night. From 7p-11p. Emceed by DJ "Sew What" aka Frankie with sounds for your entertainment pleasure. This is an open event, and there is no cover charge. Come join us. We hope to see you there!



Blues Night

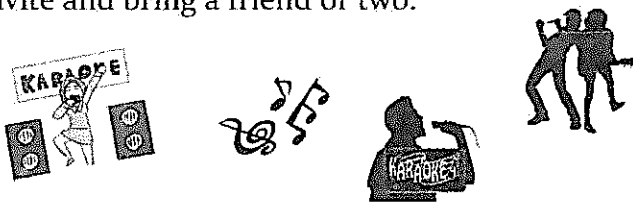
Featuring "Sonia and the Situation"

On the 3rd Friday of every month the Bar sponsors Club night. From 7p-11p. Sonia and her group start off the night with some fine "blues" tunes, then introduce other local musicians to join in for a nightly "Blues session". Music from 7p-11p. This is an open event, and there is no cover charge. Come join us. We hope to see you there!



Karaoke Night Every Thursday

From 7p-11p Karaoke is emceed by "Havana Shade" aka Che. The Honor Guard also hosts a fundraiser where food is sold beginning at 5:30p. This is a free event and open to all, so feel free to invite and bring a friend or two.



Birthday Bash

On the last Sunday of the month the Post's Bar sponsors the "Birthday Bash" from 2p-6pm. This event is emceed by the DJ. "Big AL" This is a free event, there is not cover charge. This is a "pot luck" event. The Bar provides the cake.



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Coming to the American Legion Post 272
 616 Cleveland Av, Montebello, CA
 August 11, 2019 Time TBA
 Summer afternoon Dance
 Debuting: The Fabulous Blue Satins
 DJ Fran 2-4p. Music by Blue Satins from 4-6p
 Taco man will be on location (\$8 plate)
 Doors open at 2p Tickets \$25 each
 For tickets call Frank Mezquita (909)921-1450/Keith (323)206-7979

