



“I Am The AMERICAN LEGION” Newsletter for all Legionnaires

**American Legion
Post 272 Montebello**

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From the Desk of the Commander



Greetings Comrades,

By the time you receive this newsletter, the holidays would have passed. I hope you had a great time with family, friends, and loved ones. Most importantly I wish all of you good health.

As the year 2019 has come to an end (who would have thought we would see this calendar year much less the 21st century), a few of the Post's major renovations would have been completed. For those who supported these changes, provided physical assistance, or financial contributions, I thank you very much. Because of the age of our Post and the antiquated appearance, more has to be done. The past major projects were basically of no cost to the Post due to financial grants received from the County Board of Supervisors Office of Hilda Solis; American Legion Pacific Palisades Post and Home Depot Foundation. We also received financial contributions from Montebello citizens and members of our own Auxiliary unit. Thank you.

In regard to the Hall's upgraded appearance, I am happy to announce that the Post's Sons of the American Legion have donated and installed a new sound system. The installation was performed by Gary Ibañez and Bob Vasquez. Thank you SAL's for your contribution.

But we cannot stop now. We need to continue the momentum and begin thinking about the lounge area. More new televisions have been installed for your sports entertainment, but more has to be done so I am asking for your financial support and contributions for this endeavor. As members we must also contribute to our Post so that we may enjoy and be proud of the upgraded atmosphere.

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Post Bar Hours - Mon-Fri Open at 2pm
Sat-Sun Open at 12noon

Hall Rentals - For details and availability Call:
2nd Vice, Anthony Cruz (562) 794-8854

Club Night - 1st Friday of the month 7-11pm
Featuring “DJ Sew What”

Blues Night - 3rd Friday of the month in the
Lounge. Sonia and the Situation 7-11pm

Karaoke - Every Thursday 7pm-11pm featuring
“Havana Shade” Free Event, Food Sales by the
Honor Guard 5:30pm-8:30pm \$7 a plate

Monthly Breakfast/Birthday Bash
Last Sunday of the month. Hosted by Post Groups
9am-12noon. Birthday Bash at 2pm sponsored by
Bar Staff. Courtesy Cake and Music by DJ “Al”
Potluck style food is encouraged.

Now for the difficult part. Due to rising mailing costs and unreported change of addresses by some of the membership, we will begin experimenting by providing the Post Newsletter quarterly. If you wish to assist in reducing mailing costs by receiving the newsletter electronically please provide us with your email address by sending us a message at ALEGIONPOST272@gmail.com. Our Post Adjutant, Carlos Larios will maintain the Post's Facebook Page, and this will also provide info on upcoming events.

In closing, I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Semper Fi,



Richard Muñoz
Post Commander

From the Desk of the 1st Vice Commander



Greetings Comrades,

I would like to start off by saying I wish all of you a very Happy New Year. This last year 2019 was a great year for our Post with the new roof, air conditioning and the Hall being remodeled. I would also like to remind all of our members that your 2020 membership is due now. If members want to pay their membership please feel free to call me at (323)206-7979 to make an appointment to meet at the Post for payment and pick up your card or you can mail in your payment to the Post. We now accept debit or credit card payments for your membership.

For the last five years I've had the honor of putting together the Children's Christmas Party and every year it gets bigger and better for the children in our community. This year the United States Marine Corps Reserve Center in Pico Rivera Toys for Tots program and Sentinel Peak Resources donated to our Post so we could provide over 600 toys, stuffed animals and 13 bikes that were raffled off to children in their respective age groups.

This all could not have been possible if we didn't have help from the Women's Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and Legionnaires of our Post. Thank you to the SALS for donating a bike, two tiny tots cars for the little ones and 150 Christmas stockings. I would like to thank Diane Kuba, Anthony Cruz, Carlos & Nancy Larios, Lydia Ochoa, Lilly Teran and Beverly Baker. Also a special Thank You to Albert Venegas for his donation of 150 hot dogs and buns, Frank Livas for volunteering to BBQ the hot dogs. The Women's Auxiliary did a wonderful job putting together all the lunch bags for the children and their families. The Post was able to feed all of the people that attended the Children's Christmas Party. It is very gratifying to do this every year and see the kids and their families having fun and visiting with Santa Claus.

Also the Post received a Christmas gift from Senator Bob Archuleta. The Senator and his staff came by to deliver 110 brand new chairs for our Hall. Thank you very much Senator Archuleta for your generous donation to our Post.

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Membership is still on the rise. From July 1st to December 31st 2019, I have signed up 11 new members and four transfers from other Posts. Our membership is approximately at 312 and I hope to have 325 members before the next election in May 2020. It has been a honor once again to serve the membership and the Post as your 1st Vice Commander for 2019-2020. Happy New Year to all! Together as one unit we can make 2020 better than 2019 for our Post membership and their families.

The Best to all,
Semper Fi,



Keith Kuba
1st Vice Commander

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice Commander



Hello my fellow Legionnaires,

I hope all of you had a great Holiday Season and are finding the New Year treating you well. Now that we are in the New Year, I want to thank everyone who made 2019 a successful year for our Post. We saw the completion of a new roof, air conditioning, a newly renovated hall and new televisions installed. We also completed much beloved annual events like our Casino Night and Children's Christmas Party. 1st Vice Commander, Keith was able to collect an astounding 600 toys for our community children. We also had new members join our Post and we saw an increased support from some of the local businesses and more recognition from the city of Montebello, L.A. County and State officials. Senator Bob Archuleta also provided new chairs for our Hall.

As we move into the New Year, let's do everything we can to make our post the best in District 19. Be prepared for new events being planned this year. I look forward to continuing to work with everyone to complete our goals for the upcoming year. I wish your families a Happy New Year and the best in all your endeavors in 2020.

p.s. Congrats to Navy for beating Army!

Go Navy!



Anthony Cruz
2nd Vice Commander

From the Desk of the 3rd Vice Commander

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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 December 2019. The balance of \$12,860.59 on the report was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors and The Post General Membership meetings on December 11th, 2019. The Bank Balance of \$7,315.19 is designated for Post Activity accounts like: Building Fund, Child Health/Welfare, Boys State, Children's Xmas Fund, and Veterans Rehab etc. The remaining amount of monies are designated for Administration, utility expenses, etc.

The post has (1) CD Certificate Deposit in US Bank for \$20,853.60 and a Business checking account at Bank of America with the balance of \$12,860.59 which brings the Grand total of \$31,139.96.

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-addressed stamped envelope to the Post C/O Von Stroff or send me an E-mail to vonstoff@msn.com and I shall send you a copy of the report.

Fellow Legionnaires don't forget to support your American Legion Post functions and Bar Activities that will help the Membership pay the Post expenses.

In Comradeship,



Von Stroff
Post Finance Officer

From the Desk of the Adjutant



Happy New Year Fellow Legionnaires!

As we enter 2020, we need to think of the future of our Post. I started coming to this Post about five years ago and in the past two years I have seen many great changes. I understand change is hard to accept at times, but it is necessary. In order for our Post to continue moving forward in a positive direction we all need to support change.

Our points of focus this year should be to get more new members to join now that the Legion Act has been signed into law. Second, we need to continue to raise funds to help us finish remodeling the rest of the building. I am personally going to reach out to more businesses in the area and with assistance of the Montebello Chamber of Commerce we will get more exposure and additional needed donations. Remember, our purpose is to support each other, our families and the community. The Post is for **ALL** of us to enjoy together. It does not belong to any small group of members but to **ALL** Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and Sons of the American Legion. Let's work together to keep Post 272 ahead of the curve with new and familiar faces.

Respectfully,



Carlos Larios
Post Adjutant



Events to Remember



JANUARY

- ❖ (Friday Nights) Club Night – 7pm
- ❖ (Thursday Nights) Karaoke – 7pm
- ❖ (Jan 5) T-Dance “L360 Band” – 2pm
- ❖ (Jan 8) Auxiliary General Meeting – 7pm
- ❖ (Jan 13) Post Board Meeting – 6pm
- ❖ (Jan 14) Post General Meeting – 7pm / Auxiliary L-1 Bingo VA Long Beach – 7pm
- ❖ (Jan 26) SAL’s Breakfast – 9am / Birthday Bash – 2pm
- ❖ (Jan 29) Auxiliary Board Meeting – 7pm
- ❖ (Jan 31) SAL’s Meeting – 6pm



FEBRUARY

- ❖ (Friday Nights) Club Night – 7pm
- ❖ (Thursday Nights) Karaoke – 7pm
- ❖ (Feb 2) Super Bowl Sunday – 2pm-6pm
- ❖ (Feb 5) Auxiliary General Meeting – 7pm
- ❖ (Feb 10) Post Board Meeting – 6pm
- ❖ (Feb 11) Post General Meeting – 7pm / Auxiliary L-1 Bingo VA Long Beach – 7pm
- ❖ (Feb 15) Post Valentine Dance “Sedillo” –6-10pm in the Bar
- ❖ (Feb 23) Auxiliary Breakfast - 9am / Birthday Bash – 2pm
- ❖ (Feb 26) Auxiliary Board Meeting – 7pm
- ❖ (Feb 28) SAL’s Meeting – 6pm
- ❖ (Feb 29) Auxiliary SwapMeet – 9am-2pm

MARCH

- ❖ (Friday Nights) Club Night – 7pm
- ❖ (Thursday Nights) Karaoke – 7pm
- ❖ (Mar 1) T-Dance “Band TBD” – 2pm
- ❖ (Mar 4) Auxiliary General Meeting – 7pm
- ❖ (Mar 9) Post Board Meeting – 6pm
- ❖ (Mar 10) Post General Meeting – 7pm
- ❖ (Mar 14) “Flash Back Cowboys” Dance – 5pm-9pm in the Bar
- ❖ (Mar 22) SAL’s Indoor SwapMeet – 9am-1pm
- ❖ (Mar 25) Auxiliary Board Meeting – 7pm
- ❖ (Mar 27) SAL’s Meeting – 6pm



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NEW ADDRESS: _____

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