



“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,

This article will be divided into three (3) sections: The Good, The Bad, and, The Ugly.

The Good:

I wish to thank Ron (UPS Ron) Mercado, of the SAL's organization, for his hard and diligent work, in making the Post's kitchen stove look almost new. Ron volunteered his time and energy in cleaning the stove to meet inspection standards. This endeavor took two (2) days to complete and he did so without any assistance or complaints. Thank you, Ron, for your contribution to Post 272.

This March, the General Meeting conducted the 1st Nominations for Officers for Post calendar year 2020/2021. The 2nd nominations and acceptance will be held at the next General Meeting in April. This is dependent if the Post has reopened as a result of the Coronavirus. To determine if there will be an April meeting, please check our Facebook page **American Legion Post 272 - Montebello** to receive the latest update concerning Post activities.

The Bad:

There still remain a few individuals who have made it a crusade to undermine our Post activities, functions and to spread false rumors. As Commander for the past 1 1/2 years, it has been a pleasure and an honor to represent the Post and its membership. It is unfortunate that a few individuals poison the well.

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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 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.

The Ugly:

With the Coronavirus currently affecting our communities and bringing about its illness and deaths, those who feel they are at risk and need assistance to obtain groceries please do not endanger yourself. Feel free to contact a Post Officer and we will attempt to accommodate your needs.

Stay safe and remain healthy.

Semper Fi,



Richard Muñoz
Post Commander

From the Desk of the 1st Vice Commander



Greetings Comrades,

Election time is here again and I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to serve the post as 1st Vice Commander for 2019 under the command of Richard Munoz. We have completed so much in a very short amount of time. Our membership is up and the cost of our newsletter has been reduced by more than 70% due to recent changes in the printing and mailing process. I understand the changes we are making are difficult for some members to accept but these are good and positive changes. With more planned changes to come, our goal is to improve our Post and leave our legacy for future generations.

In the past, Honorary Life Membership has been granted to some of our members who have achieved 45 or more years of continuous membership. I regret to inform you that it was an error on behalf of former Commanders and Honorary Life Membership must be voted on by the Board of Directors. It is not based on time of membership but instead is based on exceptional service or accomplishment of said member in good standing according to the bylaws of the American Legion. In theory, a member of only a few years could be eligible. A request for a deserving member must be presented to the Commander, 1st Vice Commander and the Adjutant so that it can be brought up before the Board and the General Membership.

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2020, please submit them to me as soon as possible or you will not be able to vote in the upcoming election. Election Day is tentatively scheduled for May 12th from 3pm to 7pm and you can pay your membership dues the same day you vote.

If you have any questions or you would like to schedule an appointment to pay your membership please feel free to call me at (323) 206-7979. I look forward to a great upcoming year.

The Best to all,
Semper Fi,



Keith Kuba -USMC/USARMY
1st Vice Commander

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice Commander



Hello my fellow Legionnaires,

I hope everyone is ready to spring into warmer weather and sunshine. These past few months have seen a lot of events at the Post. We had our Valentine's Day dance which featured The Sedillo Band. The FlashBack Cowboys jammed in the bar with some blues concerts for members and their guests. Ida brought in a new KJ which has revitalized Karaoke Thursday nights. As an added bonus those new faces at Karaoke have started making an appearance at our T-Dances!

Unfortunately, due to the recent health concerns we will be postponing or cancelling upcoming events and dances until further notice. We are looking forward to resuming normal operations including hall rentals soon. I hope everyone is taking precautions during this time of concern and please continue to practice healthy hygiene to keep us all safe. The Post is very appreciative of all those that continue to support our members and events.

GO NAVY!



Anthony Cruz
2nd Vice Commander

From the Desk of the 3rd Vice Commander

Position Vacant - No report available

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 10, 2020. The beginning balance of \$4,891.07 plus the restricted funds of \$6,385.98 minus <\$1,578.63> in pending checks gives us a Total Bank Balance of \$9,698.42. These funds are designated for Post Activity Accounts like the Building Fund, Child Health/Welfare, Boys State, Children Xmas Party, Veterans Rehab, Administration, Post Utilities, and Donations. The Post has (1) CD Certificate Deposit at US Bank in the amount of \$20,853.60 plus a Business Checking Account at Bank America with a balance of \$9,698.42 which brings the grand total to \$30,552.02. The report was reviewed and approved at the meeting on March 10, 2020 by the Board of Directors and the Post General Membership.

Thank you for your support!

Copies of the financial report are made available at the membership meetings. For those Comrades who are unable to attend the meetings and would like a copy of the report, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Post C/O Von Stroff or send an e-mail request to vonstroff@msn.com.

Legionaries,

Don't forget to support your Post factions 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



Greetings fellow Legionnaires!

We are now officially into the second quarter of 2020 and our day to day lives have temporarily changed from the normal we are used to. With the Coronavirus concerns we have been asked to stay at home and limit our social interaction. Even with these limitations in place we need to conduct buddy checks on one another. Let's keep our camaraderie strong and check on the welfare of our fellow veterans that may not have adequate transportation or are unable to go out and get whatever they need due to health reasons. For those that have access to e-mail, feel free to send a message to ALEGIONPOST272@GMAIL.COM to let us know if you or anyone you know may need assistance. We are always reachable and will try to help in any way we can throughout the year.

We have created a *new, official* Facebook page called **AMERICAN LEGION POST 272 – MONTEBELLO** in order for Post 272 leadership to have control of what gets advertised on social media relating to our Post. I personally made an attempt to work together with the owner of the old American Legion 272-EVENTS page to properly promote OUR own Post events, but they adamantly declined.

The old EVENTS Facebook page has now been deemed UNAUTHORIZED by American Legion Emblem Headquarters since it has not been approved by Post Leadership. You can also get up to date information on what is happening at Post 272 by visiting our official webpage at www.AmericanLegionPost272.net . If anyone has anything they feel should be posted or shared on our social media pages feel free to e-mail us. All requests are subject to approval.

Let's continue to work together to keep Post 272 moving forward in a positive direction.

Respectfully,



Carlos Larios
Post Adjutant

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT
1

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT
2

Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

FACT
3

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT
4

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT
5

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Events cancelled until further Notice

Attention:

Due to unforeseen circumstances regarding the Coronavirus, all events previously scheduled for April are cancelled **until further notice.**

This includes cancelling the **April** Board of Directors and General Meetings. We tentatively plan to resume with 2nd Nominations in the May General Meeting followed by Election in June if everything goes well.

It saddens us to a great extent to have to cancel some of our events and we hope that all of our Veteran families and friends understand that we want everyone safe and healthy for all of our future events.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please provide us with your updated mailing address, phone number and/or e-mail address so we can keep you informed about our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Richard Munoz
Commander
American Legion Post 272 Montebello