



“I Am The AMERICAN LEGION”

Newsletter for all Legionnaires

**American Legion
Post 272 Montebello**

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July-September 2020

From the Desk of the Commander



Greetings Comrades,

Time for the: Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.

The Good: By the time you, our members, receive this Newsletter, the renovations in the Post hall will have been completed as well as some improvements in the men's and women's restroom, and along the bar manager's office. I would like to thank the following individuals for their financial contributions towards this endeavor: Michael Holguin, Danielle Romero, Daniel Vasquez, Phil Scoglio, Mark Gutierrez, Gordon Johnson, Oscar Guerrero, George Vera, Ramon and Lourdes Estrada. Thank you. Without your assistance, supplies would have been more difficult to purchase. Included in this category is your Post Adjutant, Carlos Larios.

Those who assisted with the labor were: Keith Kuba, William (Willie) David, Irene David, Gilbert (Lil Gil) Elizarez, Anthony Cruz, Ruben Flores, Victor Munoz, Ron (UPS Ron) Mercado, Terry Ehlers, Jose Vasquez, Maria Quinones, Ida Rodela, Irene Munoz, Reuben Trujillo, Kenneth Gonzales, George Vera and his crew. Thank you for your support and energy.

Those who donated supplies for this project were: Carmen Pacheco, Chris Arce, Gordon Johnson, Reuben Trujillo, and Kenneth Gonzales.

The Bad: As most of you may have heard, long time Post supporter, William (Willie) David has passed away. To quell the rumors and gossip, Willie did not succumb due to COVID-19. Yes, according to medical reports, he recently came into contact with COVID-19, but he also had a history of various ailments and it eventually took a toll on him. As a precaution, those who were in close contact with Willie were notified and were also tested for COVID-19. (Cont. on page 2)



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

Events Cancelled until further Notice

Club Night -

Blues Night -

Karaoke -

Monthly Breakfast/Birthday Bash

The Ugly: There is some disappointment regarding Post support. It is common knowledge that the Post building is OLD. Therefore, renovations and upkeep are necessary to maintain its functionality. Many of the Membership are quick to say that this is their Post and their second home. Yet, when financial support or physical labor is asked for, less than five percent respond to this call. It is understandable that many are on a fixed income or have physical restraints, but if every member estimated around 400 total (Legionnaire, Auxiliary, SALs) were to provide at least \$20 each, this would provide an \$8,000 income to bring about some of the much needed renovations. Please help support your Post by mailing in your donation to American Legion Post 272 at 616 w. Cleveland Ave, Montebello, CA 90640.

In closing, I hope that this dreadful COVID-19 virus has not affected any of our members or your love ones. Stay strong. Stay safe and remain healthy.

Semper Fi,



Richard Muñoz
Post Commander

From the Desk of the 1st Vice Commander



Greetings Comrades,

There's a lot of news at Post 272 Montebello since the closure in mid-March. First, I am happy to announce that Post 272 is again, one of the top five Posts for membership in the 19th District. The Post received the Early Bird award last year and we are well on the way to earning it again. I thank you, the members, for paying your membership dues on time and keeping us in the top five. If you still have not paid your dues I ask that you send them in ASAP.

American Legion National Headquarters will not be holding National Convention this year and have decided that all elected officers will be staying in their positions for another year due to the pandemic. They have recommended that all other entities follow suit. Recently, American Legion Department of California has also voted to postpone the election of their Department Officers until the 2021 Department Convention. On June 8, 2020 Post 272 Board of Directors voted to postpone our election and keep our elected officers in place through the end of June of 2021. This decision will be presented to the General Membership for final approval at the Post meeting on Tuesday July 14th, 2020 at 7pm. If the Board's decision gets overturned, we must proceed with the election process by holding 2nd nominations & acceptance of nominations at the General Meeting on July 14th. Then, if necessary, this would be followed by elections on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 from 3pm-7pm. Please be present at the July General Meeting to voice your opinion on the postponement of election.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their help and guidance these past four years as 1st Vice Commander. I truly believe that our Post is on its way to becoming one of the best in the 19th District. We have a great Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Bar Manager, and Bar Chairman. These people genuinely care about our Post. In the meantime, Post 272 continues to be closed until further notice by order of the Governor and your Post officers are working hard to ensure the Post will be safe for members and their families when we re-open.

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The post has gone through some new changes since the last time we were open and with the guidance of the Commander we have put in a lot of time and effort in improving the look to the interior. When the post re-opens I am sure you will enjoy it. I would like to thank all of the members who have donated money to the Post to keep it functioning and hopefully re-opening soon. Again, thank you very much for your trust in me and your support.

In closing, I am truly sorry to have to report that the Post lost a dear friend Willie David. Those who knew Willie know how valuable he was to the Post. He was always there to help set up tables for hall rentals, cleaning up, watching the Post 24/7 and helping with security to ensure the post was a safe place to be. Willie and I became very close the past five years. He would call me almost every day and would always volunteer to give me a hand at the Post when I was working there. Willie was not a veteran, but he respected the Post and took good care of it as if he was a veteran. I will truly miss his phone calls and having him helping me at the Post. Willie my friend, Rest in Peace, thank you for your service to Post 272 Montebello, you will never be forgotten and thank you to his wife Irene who has also been a longtime supporter and bartender at the Post for over 25 years.

Once again, thank you all for your support and I hope to see you at the General Meeting on July 14, 2020 at 7:00pm.

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,

Hope all of you are well. We continue to have a crazy year that has thrown a new curve at us every month. I want to applaud all of those who have done their part to keep their community safe. Some of you continue to shelter in place and others continue to work their essential jobs. Even though the state's COVID numbers fluctuate daily, our most vulnerable community members must continue to practice safe social distancing.

Your Post continues to hold off on scheduling new events and we have canceled any previously scheduled events for the time being. This, unfortunately, has left your Post in a tough spot financially. In the near future, we will be setting up a donation webpage. Even though we are closed, our utility bills, taxes, insurance and license expenses keep piling up. We are also using this down time to spruce up the Post's main entranceway and restrooms. Both are coming out spectacular! I hope that more of our membership can make a small (tax-deductible) donation to our Post to help with bills and repairs.

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Please continue to be safe and enjoy your summer. Thank you for your service and continued support of the Montebello American Legion!

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 May, 2020. The beginning balance of \$2,567.55 plus the restricted funds of \$1,904.48 minus **(\$1,298.63)** in pending checks gives us a total cash balance of \$3,173.40. 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 one restricted Certificate of Deposit at US Bank in the amount of \$18,870.36 plus the cash balance of \$3,173.40 at B.of.A Business Checking Account, puts the grand total at \$22,043.76. The report was reviewed and approved at the meeting on June 8, 2020 by the Board of Directors.

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 donate any funds that you can afford to help maintain your Post factions and Bar Activities that will help the Membership pay the Post expenses. Thank you!

In Comradeship,



Von Stroff

Post Finance Officer

From the Desk of the Adjutant



Greetings fellow Legionnaires!

We are now halfway through the calendar year and moving into the heart of summer. By now we are very familiar with the terms “COVID-19” or “Coronavirus Pandemic” and even though it appears that things are getting better we must still be very proactive to help keep each other safe from this dreaded disease. We have no way of predicting how long coronavirus infections will continue to spread. Together we can and will get through this tough time and hopefully speed up the process of returning to what we used to call the “normal” way of life.

This summer, a lot of cities will be reducing or cancelling their summer programs due to public health guidelines. This means there might be NO senior programs & events, NO adult & youth sports, NO summer camps, NO concerts & movies at the parks. This lack of services will make life more difficult which means we need to step-up and check on our veterans, friends and families more than ever.

Let’s keep our camaraderie strong and continue to check on the welfare of each other. 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 are awaiting the green light to re-open soon and hopefully we can all enjoy hanging out at the Post like before!

On a more somber note, I would like to express my deepest condolences to the David family. Last month we lost “Willie” a great friend and amazing supporter of Post 272. His dedication and support to his family and the Post are unmatched and for that we are truly grateful! I ask that we all be supportive of the David family during this tough time and cherish the great memories that we have of Willie.

You are forever in our hearts Willie...and I can hear your candid response, “*Thank you mijito*”

Rest in peace my brother.

Respectfully,



Carlos Larios
Post Adjutant

Events Cancelled until further Notice

Attention:

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

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,

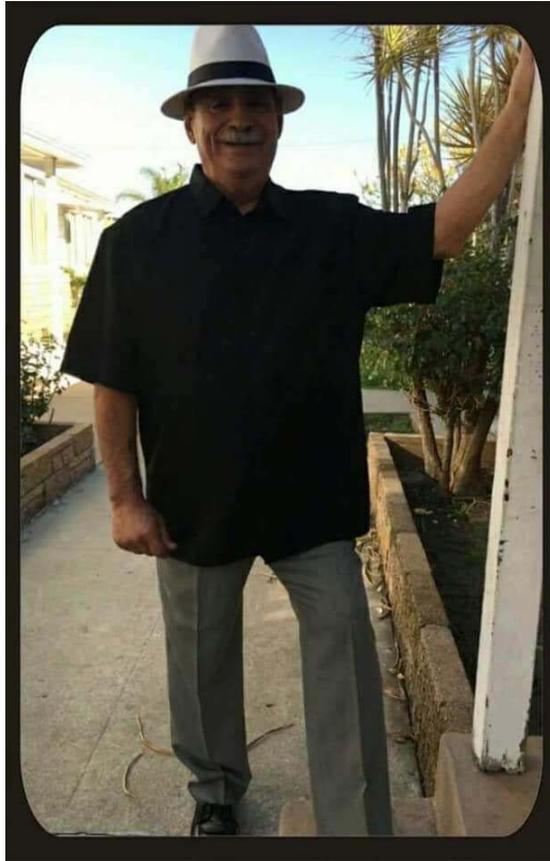
Richard Munoz
Commander
American Legion Post 272 Montebello

You can protect yourself and help prevent spreading the virus to others if you:

- Wash your hands often for 20 seconds with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rub
- Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact (1 meter or 3 feet) with people who are unwell
- Stay home and self-isolate from others if you feel unwell



In Memory of *William (Willie) David*



William (Willie) David

January 20, 1946 - June 12, 2020

Willie was born in San Antonio Texas. He is survived by his wife Irene, his 4 Children, 11 Grandchildren, and 5 Great Grandchildren. Willie and Irene were married for 53 Years.

Willie served our American Legion Post 272 Montebello for over 25 years



Willie was a great friend and a loyal man to our Post. This man was not a member but he took great pride in our Post. Whenever we needed help, Willie was always there no matter what time of the day. He would just drop everything to lend a hand. We are proud to say he was our friend and a huge part of our Post for so many years.

Willie you will surely be missed,

Rest in Peace!

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