



INSIDE POST 507

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Official Newsletter of The Newhall Saugus
Post 507 of The American Legion

Serving Santa Clarita and Surrounding Area

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Annual District 20 Hospitalized Veterans Christmas Party

American Legion Post 507 is a member of the 20th District and a contributor to this worthy undertaking. The District worked closely with the VA Administration and staff to insure that hospitalized veterans were bused to Reseda Post 308 directly from both the Sepulveda and West Los Angeles VA Medical Center.

American Legion Post 507 along with members of its Auxiliary and Riders helped make this event happen.



Post 507 Helps Make Holidays a Little Brighter

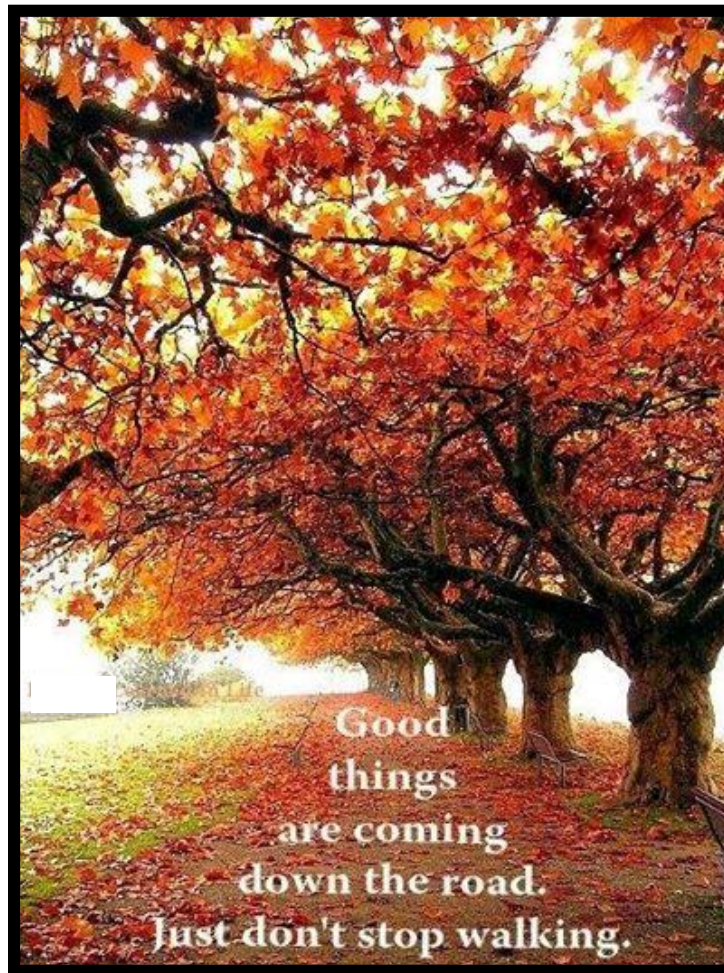
American Legion Post 507 collected toys and clothes to help make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate in the community.

The Auxiliary raised over \$ 400 for the Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry.

Post 507 Adjutant Bob Heinisch and Finance Committee Member Thomas Troesch delivered welcome financial help to a homeless veteran and his family. The money was donated anonymously by a member of the post.



District 20 Auxiliary President Kathy Gosling will attend the January 9 Unit 507 Auxiliary Meeting, 7 pm.



January

- Wednesday 01/01: Happy New Year – Come on Down
- Thursday 01/02: Legion Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
- Thursday 01/02: Legion Executive Committee Meeting - 6:35pm
- Thursday 01/02: Legion General Meeting - 7:15pm
- Thursday 01/02: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
- Friday 01/03: Karaoke, Pool, Darts & Dinner - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 01/07: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
- Thursday 01/09: Unit 507 Auxiliary General Meeting - 7:00pm
- Thursday 01/09: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
- Sunday 01/12: SONS “Breakfast and Darts”
- Monday 01/13: Blue Star Mothers – 7:00pm
- Tuesday 01/14: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
- Wednesday 01/15: (SONS) Sons of the American Legion Meeting – 7:00pm
- Thursday 01/16: Post Coordination Meeting - 7:00pm
- Thursday 01/16: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm+
- Friday 01/17: Karaoke, Pool, Darts & Dinner - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 01/21: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
- Thursday 01/23: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
- Saturday 01/25: American Legion Riders Meeting – 10:00am
- Sunday 01/26: SONS “Breakfast and Darts”
- Tuesday 01/28: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
- Wednesday 01/29: 40&8 Meeting - 6:00pm
- Thursday 01/30: Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm

Please Renew Your 2014 Membership Now

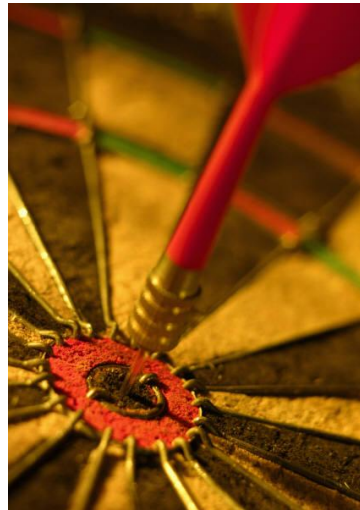
Article IV, Section 4 of The American Legion National Bylaws states:

“A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February first, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February first, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirtieth of such year, his membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION shall be forfeited.”

The same bylaw also states: *“A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.”*

While we are willing to work with you, a post is not obligated to restore anyone to active membership for the current year, and the June thirteenth date is based upon receipt of dues at National Headquarters. Our cut-off date is June fifth. After that, you will not be issued a 2014 card. You can pay your 2015 dues, but your number of continuous membership years will start over with the 2015 membership year.

Remember, you can renew your membership online at: www.legion.org/renew.



Please join us for the
*Sons
Breakfast and
Dart Tournament*

Sunday, January 12
Sunday, January 26

10 am



Attention: Korean War Veterans at Post 507

We have a limited number of books, titled *“Korea Reborn: A Grateful Nation Honors War Veterans for 60 Years of Growth”* available at the post to be given to KOREAN WAR VETERANS and their families.

The books were published and donated to CalVet by the Republic of Korea’s Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs to commemorate the Korean War 60-year anniversary. The photos and text tell the story of the Korean War from the perspective of both U.S. Veterans who served in the conflict and the Koreans who prospered from the freedom left in their wake. Our supplies are limited, and when we are out, we are out.

However, we will try to maintain a copy to read at our post library.

Four Chaplain Sunday is February 2

On February 3, 2014, the Four Chaplains will be honored with the dedicated of plaques in their honor at the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial in a project initiated by California American Legionnaires.

February 3 is the anniversary of the date when the troop ship Dorchester was torpedoed in WWII in 1943, and the Four Chaplains took off their life jackets and put them on troops without them. The Four Chaplains, of different faiths, then went to their deaths in the sea, arm-in-arm, praying together and singing hymns.

Ironically, the four Chaplains will be honored by veterans at the Mt. Soledad Memorial at the same time the ACLU continues its 24th litigation to destroy the Cross honoring veterans at Mt. Soledad.



Rees Lloyd, Co-founder and Director, Defense of Veterans Memorials Project of The American Legion, Department of California



Current Status of the Mt. Soledad Cross

“The U.S. District Court in San Diego has ordered the Cross honoring veterans at the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial torn down "in 90 days" unless an appeal is filed, which will trigger a "stay order" until all appeals are exhausted.

It is certain that the Supreme Court will be requested to grant review and to issue a definitive ruling in what is regarded as the most important Establishment of Religion Clause case pending in the nation regarding Crosses being used to honor veterans. If the Supreme Court does take the case and issues a decision on the merits, it will be binding on Americans for generations.

Rees Lloyd

Christmas Dinner Served 2013 at the Post



A B-I-G thank you to American Legion Auxiliary Treasurer Dorothy Bernier who prepared dinner for the Christmas crowd.



KARAOAKE

Friday, January 3
Friday, January 17

American Legion Post 507 2013-2014 Officers

American Legion

Commander: JD Kennedy
1st Vice Commander: Greg Nutter
2nd Vice Commander: Jerry Alves
Adjutant: Bob Heinisch
Finance Officer: Ken Marks
Chaplain: Jennine Imperial
Judge Advocate: Gary Swailes
Service Officer: Fred Stanzione
Sergeant-at-Arms: David "DJ" Boggio
Historian: TBD
Finance Comt. (3 yrs.): Roy Downey
Finance Comt. (2 yrs.): Chris Farmer
Finance Comt. (1 yr.): Thomas Troesch
Executive Committee: Jim Oxley
Martin Lopez
Gerhard Zimmerman



American Legion Auxiliary

President: Christie Marks
1st Vice President: Betty Castor
2nd Vice President: Linda Hill
Secretary: Bobbi Estes
Treasurer: Dorothy Bernier
Sergeant-at-Arms: Cindy Lindaman
Parliamentarian: Betty Castor
Chaplain: Roseann Dalton
Historian: Nancy Heinisch
Executive Board: Lana Stanzione
Sunshine Holloway



Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Ron "Rocket" Tidwell
1st Vice Commander: Ken Bangert
2nd Vice Commander: Patrick Corrigan
Adjutant: Ken Marks
Finance Officer: Vinson Vanevenhoven
Chaplain: Tommy Grant
Historian: TBD
Sergeant-at -Arms: Tommy Grant



American Legion Riders

President: Duane Harte
Vice President: Mike Fowler
Secretary: Tim Jackman
Treasurer: Sally Rayburn
Road Captain: Erik Lindgreen
Sergeant-at-Arms: David "DJ" Boggio
Judge Advocate: TBD
Historian: TBD



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January 21, 2014

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