

INSIDE POST 507

March 2014



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER
FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of
the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent
Americanism; To preserve the memories
and incidents of our associations in the

Great Wars; To inculcate a sense of individual
obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and
the masses; To make right the master of might; To
promote peace and goodwill on earth; To safeguard
and transmit to posterity the principles of justice,
freedom and democracy; To consecrate and
sanctify our comradeship by our devotion
to mutual helpfulness.

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

Serving Santa Clarita and Surrounding Area

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Post 507 has Draft Beer Thanks to Son of the American Legion Roy Diaz!

A big thank you to Ray Diaz who worked with Anheuser Busch to get the Post a donation of draft beer equipment. Busch also provided the installation of the equipment.

The beer is being served in pint (16oz) glasses for the same price as our bottled 12 oz beers: \$2.75 for Bud and Bud Lite, and \$3.50 for Stella.

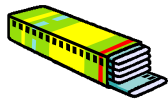


National Adjutant Warns of Scam

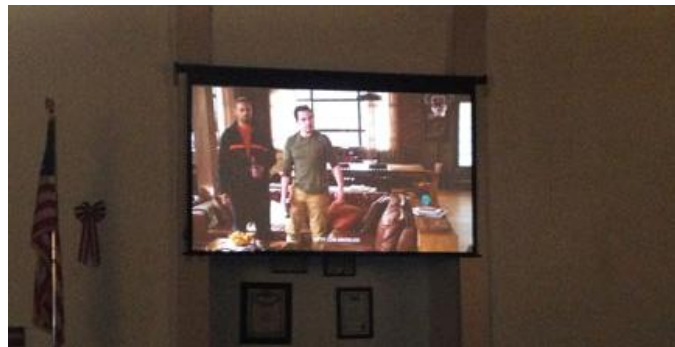
The Defense Department officials say scammers are trying to get information and passwords from Army civilians, soldiers, retirees and family members. The scam involves a website called "My Army Benefits," which is nearly identical to the Army's official website called "MyArmyBenefits."

The primary purpose of the fraudulent site is to collect soldiers' Army Knowledge Online, or AKO, email accounts and passwords, officials said. It also makes the false claim that the U.S. military has granted access to unclaimed and accumulated benefits for active duty soldiers, and that benefits not claimed within the specific period will be available for claims after 60 months, according to information released by the Department of Defense. Soldiers, Army civilians, retirees and family members are strongly cautioned to ignore the website, do not log into the website and to immediately delete suspicious emails without answering them. If you have accessed the website from a government computer or system, you should contact your local information assurance office.

According to the American Dental Association, chewing gum for 20 minutes after a meal can help prevent tooth decay. Gum chewing aids saliva production, which not only washes away food particles, but also stabilizes acid produced by bacteria and increases the flow of calcium and phosphate, which strengthens tooth enamel. Bear in mind, the gum must be sugarless.



Dr. Oz website



Projection Television for the Super Bowl

Legionnaires and their guests were able to watch the Super Bowl on the projection television in the American Legion, hall, thank to the efforts of Thomas Troesch.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the Boys State Program.



Commander Announces Candidacy

American Legion Post 507 Commander JD Kennedy announced he has resigned from Congressman McKeon's Palmdale office and has officially launched his campaign for California Assembly, 36th District. He is in his second term as commander.



MARCH 2014

Tuesday	03/04	Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
Thursday	03/06	Legion Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
Thursday	03/06	Legion Executive Committee Meeting - 6:35pm
Thursday	03/06	Legion General Meeting - 7:15pm
Thursday	03/06	Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
Friday	03/07	Darts, Pool!
Sunday	03/09	SONS Breakfast and Darts Tournament 10:00am
Monday	03/10	Blue Star Mothers - 7:00pm
Tuesday	03/11	Post Open Pool Night -7:00pm
Thursday	03/13	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
Thursday	03/13	Post Open Pool Night -7:00pm
Monday	03/17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Tuesday	03/18	Post Open Pool Night -7:00pm
Wednesday	03/19	SONS Meeting—7:00pm
Thursday	03/20	Post Coordination Meeting -7:00pm
Friday	03/21	Darts, Pool!
Saturday	03/22	American Legion Riders Meeting -10:00am
Saturday	03/22	Linda Hill's Birthday Party
Sunday	03/23	SONS Breakfast and Darts Tournament - 10:00am
Tuesday	03/25	Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
Wednesday	03/26	40&8 Meeting—6:00pm
Thursday	03/27	Post Open Pool Night—7:00pm
Saturday	03/29	A Night of Blues-6:00pm



Little Miss Poppy Selected



Peyton Dunningcliff has been selected as this year's Little Miss Poppy.

Candidates must be a Junior Member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Lana Stanzione is Poppy Chair.

Volunteer Now!



People who regularly volunteer have better mental, emotional and physical health – including a 40% decreased risk of high blood pressure.

American Legion Post 507 is looking for cooks, social media techies, a web master and members interested in running for office.



(l to r) Debbie Whitehead, Lana Stanzione, and Bobbi Estes discuss the candidates' applications

Girls State Delegates Selected

Debbie Whitehead, Chair of the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State Program, is pleased to announce the delegates selected to represent Post 507 at the 71th session to be held June 23 –28 at McKenna College in Claremont, California:

Lorel Sim (West Ranch)
Kaitlyn Uythoven (Valencia)
Emily Horak (Hart)
Sarah Farnell (Saugus)

"This year's candidates were extremely qualified," said Whitehead. "We look for young women who display a passion for the ideals and principles of our country."

The guidance counselors at the local high schools first submit the names of candidates based on merit, grades, and potential leadership. The American Legion Auxiliary then interview and select the delegates. Girls State is a week long leadership program for high school students between their junior and senior years, designed to increase awareness and knowledge of governmental processes.

Learn How to Find a Job Using Social Media

Attend a career technical education event on May 8 with Joshua Waldman at College of the Canyons. The event will be held in Room 259 from 11am to noon. Admission is free and open to the public.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

ONLINE UPDATE



STILL SERVING AMERICA

Stay informed about what is going on in our great organization and up-to-date on issues affecting Veterans. Sign up at for the American Legion's weekly electronic newsletter, **The American Legion OnLine Update** , at <http://www.legion.org/>.

A NIGHT OF BLUES

*A fabulous evening of dining and
live entertainment*

MARCH 29

Live Music from 7 to 11

Food for Sale Beginning at 6

- Sliders
 - Corner Beef Sandwiches
 - Wings
 - Nachos
 - Baked Seasoned Fries
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Suggested Donation \$ 10.00

Ticket includes one drink:
soda, beer, wine, well

Tickets Available Starting March 1
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*American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the
American Legion*





SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
**BREAKFAST AND DARTS
 TOURNAMENT**

SUNDAY, MARCH 9
 AND
 SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Social Security to Expedite Disability Process for Veterans

Under the new process, Social Security will treat these veterans' applications as high priority and issue expedited decisions, similar to the way the agency currently handles disability claims from Wounded Warriors.

Social Security plans to launch the expedited process in mid-March. For information about this service, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/disability-pt.htm.



Winner Announced

Samantha Cooper won the Auxiliary Valentine's Basket in the February raffle.

Buy a chance to win the March St. Patrick's Day basket!

Raffle tickets are available at the bar.

Operation All the Way Home Fundraiser

Operation All The Way Home is a grass-roots effort, organized by the Pride of the Nation students of Lancaster High School, to raise funds and break ground for construction of a new home for wounded warrior, Jerral Hancock, within one year. District 20's V & R Chair Ann Philcox hopes to raise \$10,000 to help furnish the new home. A fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at the American Legion Post 507 (see Ann's flyer page 7).

The theme is Surfs Up, with cocktails beginning at 5, followed by dinner at 6. There will also be live entertainment.

RSVP to Ann Philcox by March 15 at 818-321-4362. Suggested donation is \$ 20.00. Donations for the raffles are also being accepted.



Our Own Celebrities from Post 507

The February issue of *The Magazine of Santa Clarita* featured our own Post celebrities, Lori and Brandon Bernier.

The article highlighted the many hours the Berniers donate to the Post.

*May the road rise to meet you.
 May the wind
 be always at your back.
 May the sun shine
 warm upon your face.
 And rains fall soft upon your fields.
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His
 hand.*

~Irish Blessing

Operation All The Way

HOME



SURES UP

Saturday April 12, 2014

Cocktails 5-6pm

Dinner 6-7pm

Program & Dancing 7-11pm

American Legion Post 507

24527 Spruce Street

Newhall, CA 91321

\$20 Tickets RSVP Ann Philcox (818) 321-4362

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

Pro Tempore President: Linda Hill
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2nd Vice President: Linda Hill
Secretary: Bobbi Estes
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Sergeant-at-Arms: Cindy Lindaman
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Historian: Nancy Heinisch
Executive Board: Lana Stanzione
Sunshine Holloway



Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Ron "Rocket" Tidwell
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Finance Officer: Vinson Vanevenhoven
Chaplain: Tommy Grant
Historian: TBD
Sergeant-at -Arms: Tommy Grant



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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



Deadline for the April issue is
March 21, 2014

Please email submissions
and/or photos to
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