



# INSIDE POST 507

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

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## AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER MICHAEL HELM'S VISIT TO POST 507 ON DECMEBER 16, 2014



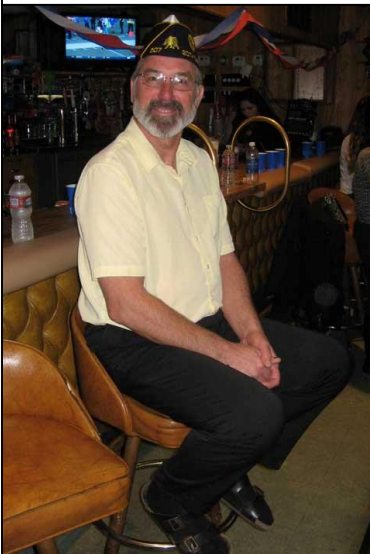
Pictured: (1) Commander Helm signing a photo for Santa Clarita Mayor Marsha McLean with Past Department Commander and current National Executive Committeeman Hugh E. Crooks Jr., Department Vice Commander Bob Heinisch, and Santa Clarita Councilmember Dante Acosta in the background; (2) Department of California Commander Janet Wilson with U.S. Congressman Steve Knight (3) Elaine Du Pont Bernard sings the National Anthem with Post 507 Commander Erik Lindgreen saluting the flag, (4) Auxiliary Unit 507 members Betty Caster and Dorothy Bernier along with SAL member Pat Corrigan preparing the luncheon, (5) Stunning floral displays created by American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Chair Lana Stanzione, (6) Commander Helm signs photographs for SAL Squadron 507 Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Diaz and Squadron 507 Commander Mike Merlo, (7) Commander Helm shares a laugh with District Executive Committeeman Larry Wible, (8) Department Vice Commander Bob Heinisch with Department Adjutant Bill Siler iii and (9) District 20 Commander Tony Salazar and District 20 Chaplain Juan Serrano.



# JANUARY EVENTS

Thursday	01/01	Legion Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm
Thursday	01/01	Legion Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 pm
Thursday	01/01	Legion General Meeting -7:15 pm
Saturday	01/03	Celebration of Life: Ed Elks 1:00 pm
Thursday	01/08	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 pm
Wednesday	01/14	District 20 Auxiliary Meeting—7:00 pm
Thursday	01/15	Post Coordination Meeting 7:00 pm
Friday	01/16	Jazz and Blues Night—7:00-12:00 pm
Saturday	01/17	Wrestling
Monday	01/19	Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday	01/21	SONS Meeting—7:00 pm
Wednesday	01/28	40 & 8—6:30 pm
Saturday	01/31	ALA Riders Meeting

# Annual Hospitalized Veterans Christmas Party Sunday, December 14



The 20th District, Department of California, hosted a Hospitalized Veterans Christmas Party. The party is paid for by the Legion Family posts that comprise the 20th District. Post 507 is proud to be a member of the district and a contributor to this worthy undertaking.

The District worked closely with VA Administration and staff, to insure that up to 75 hospitalized Veterans were bused directly from both Sepulveda and West Los Angeles VA Medical Centers (usually about 100 Veterans total). This process assures that 100% of the participants are those Veterans hospitalized and most in need of our services and amenities at this time of year.

Post 507 Legionnaires, Riders and Auxiliary helped with the party.

## Military Tree Lighting

Santa Clarita's 9th Annual Military Honor Christmas Tree Lighting was held Saturday, December 6, 2014, 6pm, Veteran's Historical Plaza.

The Community shared the spirit of the holidays and honored our military heroes with a heartwarming ceremony, spectacular musical performances and the lighting of the "Military Honor Christmas Tree".





## An Opportunity to Serve

Post 507 has an opening for Second Vice Commander. The first round of nominations for this important position will be held at the January 2015 Post Meeting. Final nominations and the election of our Second Vice Commander will be held at our February meeting. It's a great opportunity to serve as a leader of our Post.

There is only one requirement for members in good standing. All elected and appointed officers must provide a copy of their DD214 or other acceptable documents to the Post Adjutant prior to taking office.

## Department of California Auxiliary President's Visit to Unit 507



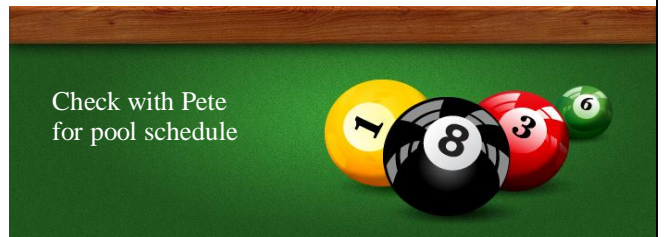
Department of California Auxiliary President Harriet Clendenin attended a dinner in her honor at the American Legion Hall on Wednesday, December 10.

She was delighted with a special handmade quilt comprised of quilted squares from each auxiliary unit. Past District 20 Auxiliary President Jackie Landon organized

Auxiliary member and Past President Christie Marks designed and quilted the square from Unit 507 (upper row right hand corner).



Condolences to the families of Past American Legion Commander Post 507 Ed Elks and American Legion Son Daniel Grant.



Check with Pete for pool schedule

## Mother was Right: Make That Bed!

There's truth to the old adage, "The state of your bed is the state of your head."

Research shows that people who make their bed every morning tend to be more productive in general. Making the bed or cleaning up small messes contributes to happiness because these acts represent "small wins" in the willpower department. In sum, good habits, both large and small, can make life easier, happier and more meaningful.



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**DARTS ARE RETURNING!**

# American Legion Post 507 2014-2015 Officers

## American Legion

Commander: Erik Lilndgreen  
1st Vice Commander: Greg Nutter  
2nd Vice Commander: TBD  
Adjutant: Ken Putt  
Finance Officer: Sally Rayburn  
Chaplain: TBD  
Judge Advocate: Gary Swailes  
Service Officer: TBD  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ron Perez  
Historian: TBD  
Finance Comt. (3 yrs.): Thomas Troesch  
Finance Comt. (2 yrs.): Ken Putt  
Finance Comt. (1 yr.): Roy Downey  
Executive Committee: Jim Oxley  
David "DJ" Boggio  
Michael Dapp



## American Legion Auxiliary

President: Sue Corrigan  
1st Vice President: Debbie Whitehead  
2nd Vice President: Teri Paisley  
Secretary: Nancy Heinisch  
Treasurer: Lisa Trueblood  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Betty Lou Costabile  
Parliamentarian: Betty Caster  
Chaplain: Dorothy Bernier  
Historian: Nancy Heinisch  
Executive Board: Betty Caster



## Sons of the American Legion

Commander: TBD  
1st Vice Commander: Mike Merlo  
2nd Vice Commander: TBD  
Adjutant: Brian Martin  
Finance Officer: Vinson Vanevenhoven  
Chaplain: TBD  
Historian: TBD  
Sergeant-at -Arms: Ray Diaz



## American Legion Riders

President: Erik Lindgreen  
Vice President: David "DJ" Boggio  
Secretary: Paul Johnson  
Treasurer: Sally Rayburn  
Road Captain: Jim Oxley  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Al Orefice  
Judge Advocate: TBD  
Historian: TBD  
Chaplain: Cliff Mitchell



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