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Post 507 of The American Legion**

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SUPER BOWL PARTY PARTY FEBRUARY 7TH



Post 507 Commander in Washington, D.C.

Post 507 Commander Bob Heinisch attended the American Legion 2016 Washington Conference, February 21—24, as a member of the National Veterans Employment and Education Council. He also serves as the Vice Chair of the Department of California's Public Relations Commission.

Dale Barnett, National Commander of The American Legion, represented the organization's nearly 2.2 million veteran members when he spoke on February 24, 2016, to lawmakers about Washington's continuing inability to solve problems, achieve accountability and restore trust among the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

United States Air Force Band of the Golden West Concert Band will present a free concert on Monday, March 14, 7:00 pm, at the College of the Canyons Performing Arts Center.

Free computer classes are offered at all of the Santa Clarita Valley libraries. Check their websites for class information, locations, and times.



MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday	3/01	Legion Finance Meeting—6:00 pm
Tuesday	3/01	Legion Executive Meeting—7:00 pm
Thursday	3/03	Legion General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Thursday	3/10	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 pm
Sunday	3/13	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
Sunday	3/13	K-9 VETERANS DAY
Sunday	3/13	SANTA CLARITA VALLEY BLUES SOCIETY
Tuesday	3/15	AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY
Wednesday	3/16	SONS Meeting - 7:00 pm
Thursday	3/17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Thursday	3/18	Legion Family Meeting – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	3/23	40 & 8—7:00 pm
Friday	3/25	DANCE NITE—CHUCK STRONG AND SRBQ 6:00 pm
Saturday	3/26	ALA Riders Meeting - 10:00 am
Sunday	3/27	EASTER
Wednesday	3/30	WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETS DAY



I Paid My Legion Dues! Why Do I Keep Getting Renewal Notices??

It has happened to all of us, hasn't it? I know I paid, but here's a letter from the American Legion telling me, "Renew now!" So I double check my receipts or checkbook and, sure enough, I made that payment! Doesn't my post know that I already paid? Read on.

Those renewal notices are sent out by the American Legion National Headquarters, not your local post. When you renew your membership, that renewal has many steps to make on its way to its final destination at National Headquarters. When you account for number of desks it crosses and time spent in the mail, it could take up to two months – yes, months! – before your renewal is fully processed. If, during that time, National Headquarters has initiated another mailing of renewal notices, you will receive one even though you have already renewed. Don't worry about it!

Paying your membership renewal online is a great way to go. You will be removed from National's mailing list sooner, and you can print out a temporary membership card right away to use until your permanent card arrives. Go to www.legion.org/renew and click on the "renew" button to get started.

If you haven't already paid your 2016 dues, please do that right away. In July, you will be able to renew for 2017 and receive your 2017 membership card.

If you ever have any concerns about the status of your membership or have questions about renewing online, please contact me at 661-299-4551 or kkaepernick@yahoo.com.

Kris Chase, Post 507 Adjutant

**Dance Night
at the Post**

**Chuck Strong
and
the SRBQ**

**Friday, March 25,
6:00 pm**



On March 15, 1919, the first Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Happy Birthday!

Remember to get your raffle tickets for the Auxiliary's March Basket. Proceeds benefit the Girls State Program.



While this is an unofficial holiday, March 13 is **K9 Veterans Day**, the day when all military dogs should be commemorated.

The United States K9 Corps was created on March 13, 1942. Since then the dogs officially became the part of military service. Border Patrol K9s, Customs K9s, Police K9s, Secret Service K9s, Airport Service K9s and FBI K9s daily work to save and protect the Americans and the homeland. Military dogs have always been a part of American military efforts. They continue to serve on the borders on land and sea everyday. The dogs are trained to provide numerous functions, including search, rescue, explosives detection, scout, patrol and enemy subdue.

K9 Veterans Day was created by Joe White of Jacksonville, Florida. He was a Vietnam War veteran, K9 handler and trainer. Joe White died on October 24, 2009, and since then his wife continued the effort to get nationwide recognition for this holiday. New Jersey officially recognized the holiday in 2010. Many citizens from other states signed petitions to show the public support for her efforts to legislators.



source: <https://anydayguide.com/calendar/448>

**Four Chaplains' Day Inter-Faith Service
February 13, 2016 in Sanger**



Post 507 Commander Bob Heinisch along with Department of California National Executive Committeeman Hugh Crooks, Religious Emphases Committee Joseph Garcia and Amador Post 108 Charles Leonard each represented one of the four chaplains at the re-enactment ceremony at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Sanger, California.

Products Made in the USA

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**Welcome Home Vietnam
Veterans Day: March 30, 2016**

The U.S. Senate passed a resolution that designates March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. This date marks the anniversary of the day that combat and combat support units withdrew completely from Vietnam under the terms in the Treaty of Paris. Americans across the country were asked to recognize Vietnam Veterans for their sacrifice and demonstrate a warm welcome to these soldiers who returned from war to a politically divided country.

About 58,000 Americans lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Many more Vietnam Veterans did not return to the same recognition as Veterans of other conflicts.

While it is almost 40 years later, it is never too late to let these heroes know that we care.



**A Special
Note of
Appreciation
for a Job Well
Done**

Thanks to American Legion Post 507 Adjutant Kris Chase and her team consisting of Steve Blumenfeld, Chris Chase, Suzy Chase, Michael Dapp, Dave Gilman, Bob Heinisch, Dave Kazmer, John Lee, Ken Marks, and Ron Perez, for their efforts on the recent membership round up.

Their efforts resulted in 49 new members to date joining the post!



**CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S
DAY AT THE POST!
THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH**



Shirts for Sale—information available at the bar.

**Do Standing Rules have to be
Read and Adopted Every Year?**

The technical answer is no, however it is a good idea to review them so that new officers, chairmen and members are aware particularly about those rules that affect them and their position. A copy of the Standing Rules should be given to all members and again after they are updated.

Standing Rules are unique to each Unit and District. They are the rules that each entity uses to provide administrative details to their entity's operation and are added to as issues arise. Examples of such rules could be: time of meetings; what practice is done when a unit member or a family member becomes seriously ill or dies; how many Girl State citizens are sponsored each year; what prizes will be awarded to Americanism Essay and Poppy Poster contest winners; etc. It provides consistency and doesn't require a vote at a meeting because the practice has already been adopted at some earlier meeting.

Rules may be added at any meeting to the Standing Rules by majority vote without prior notice. Rules may be amended or rescinded from Standing Rules by majority vote at any meeting with prior notification and by 2/3 vote without notification. A Standing Rule may be suspended by a majority vote for a particular meeting. Standing Rules should be the largest of your governing documents (ie Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules). Constitution and Bylaws may not be suspended.

*Diane DeLashmit
Department of California Auxiliary Parliamentarian*



Condolences to the Marks family on the death of Christie's mother.

Pool is free every Sunday at the Post!

American Legion Post 507 2015-2016 Officers

American Legion

Commander: Robert Heinisch
1st Vice Commander: Greg Nutter
2nd Vice Commander: John Lee
Adjutant: Kristine Chase
Finance Officer: TBD
Chaplain: Dave Gilman
Judge Advocate: Steve Blumenfeld
Service Officer: Fred Stanzione
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ron Perez
Historian: TBD
Finance Comt. (3 yrs.): Dave Gilman
Finance Comt. (2 yrs.): Thomas Troesch
Finance Comt. (1 yr.): Ken Putt
Executive Committee: Gerhard Zimmermann
Steve Cortes
Michael Dapp



American Legion Auxiliary

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



Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Mike Merlo
1st Vice Commander: Ray Diaz
2nd Vice Commander: Pat Corrigan
Adjutant: TBD
Finance Officer: Ken Bangert
Chaplain: Greg Nutter
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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and/or photos to
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