

LEGION Post 22 NEWS

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Adjutant Report

WE WANT YOU!

Greetings! As your Adjutant, I am writing to you with your interests and the interests of Lodi American Legion Post 22 on my mind. **WE WANT YOU!** Yes we do. In fact, **WE NEED YOU.** Come and get active today.

This Post has almost 400 members signed and paid up on our books. Now, that looks great on paper and should be reflected in a substantial number of people attending our meetings and activities. However, this is not the case. We only draw fifty or sixty people to our special dinners and we only average an embarrassing ten people to our monthly meetings.

We are truly blessed with a dedicated and loyal group of people who do everything that gets done around this Post. But honestly, that is a group of only about twenty people. Unbelievable, isn't it? That's why **WE WANT YOU.**

As a member of American Legion, you have a connection to a huge national organization that advocates for you, your family and your community in State and National arenas of government involving Veterans and Veterans Affairs. Veterans Helping Veterans. Some examples are millions of community service hours logged by VA trained volunteers in VA clinics and hospitals, providing activities for young people through Boys and Girls State, American Legion Baseball and support for combat wounded service-members and for victims of national disasters.

Locally American Legion Post 22 provides a place where community organizations and Lodi families can hold meetings, attend dances, produce musical theater and host dinners for groups up to 400 people. The American Legion is America's largest supporter of veterans and communities. Locally, right here in Lodi you can help. You will also thoroughly enjoy the social activities and the fellowship that we share with each other as we work together in these wonderful programs.

Come to our meetings. Come to our socials and to our dinners. Join our Honor Guard that provides Honors for more than fifty funerals a year. Join our chapter of American Legion Riders and bond with a great group of guys who love to ride motorcycles.

Being a member of Lodi American Legion Post 22 is beneficial, rewarding and fun for you and your entire family. Come on. Share your talents and your skills. **WE WANT YOU.**

Meetings are the third Thursday of every month at 6:00pm.

You can also give us a call at (209) 368-1420.

Hope to see YOU soon,

Bob Gross, Adjutant

Lodi American Legion Post 22





Commander's Message

Post 22 members

It's hard to believe the holiday season is already here with a lot of events associated with the season.

November 11th is Veteran's Day and we have a great agenda. The Lodi Community Band will perform as well as 3rd and 4th graders from the Adventist School, will be singing. The Girl Scout Troop 130 will be assisting. There will be a guest speaker and a light lunch will be served. This has been a long standing tradition of the American Legion Post 22. Everyone is invited.

On to November 21st, we host a free Thanksgiving dinner for members and spouse is a \$10 donation. Plan to attend and bring the family. Contact the Legion office to RSVP.

Next is the December 13th is the Jingle Mingle with the Lodi Musical Theater performing. Food and bar will be available. Contact the office for tickets: \$30 each. It promises to be a fun evening.

On December 19th the General meeting-Christmas Dinner will be happening. Please RSVP via the office: 209-368-1420. Free to members and \$10 donation for spouse.

Other happenings: The American Legion Riders took a short lunch ride to Jackson and returned via Pardee and Camanche. It was a nice ride with Mike Bennett, Martin Jones, and yours truly. If you know any veterans who ride, send them our way.

Steve Edwards has moved out of the area. Steve was 2nd vice and coordinator with the Color and Honor Guard. He did a great job and will be missed. The good news is that Allen Bennett has agreed to take over for Coordinator Position. Thank you Allen.

If you know a veteran who has not qualified to join before, the Congress approved and changed the requirements to all veterans. So we can sign all veterans up to join Post 22 so send them to the office.

After the first of the year, we plan on having guest speakers at the general meetings. At the first general meeting there will be a speaker will be in January. General meetings are always the third Thursday of the month.

One Last thing: Crab Feed tickets are now on sale. The price is still \$45. Dinner and Raffle. This annual event make great gifts to friends and family. Tickets are available at the American Legion office, Monday - Friday from 1-4 pm. Reserved seating is available. We sold out last year, so do not wait too long to purchase your tickets this year.

Randy Bender
Commander





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Auxiliary Attic

By the time you read this we will be well into the Holidays!

I want to thank everyone for sending in your dues so early so we could make early bird with over half of us paid up. If you aren't receiving your notices in the mail please telephone me at (209) 367-3635, or Membership Chairperson Sandy Johnson at (916) 230-7513. I was excited that I actually received my notice this year, I hadn't for the last 4 years! Though, I believe it was a postal issue, and not an Auxiliary error.

I hope you made it to the Grape Festival and saw our POW/MIA table in the Jackson Hall. We will never forget, and we continue to spread the word as part of our National Security program. There is a YouTube video "Southwest Captain Brings His Dad Home!" where Southwest Captain Knight brings his father's remains (Air Force Col Knight) home to Dallas. Captain Knight (who was 5 when his father was shot down) said that he thought they would never see day this happen, and that his father's remains would never be found. If you watch it you will not have a dry eye, it is so touching.

Please make a point to notice if our local Federal buildings (for example the Post Office) are flying the POW/MIA flag on the six mandated days each year. The days are: *Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day.* We do have a brave member who will go into local business, and inform them of the Flag code, when it should be flown at half-staff, etc. Bless you-know-who! If anyone would like a copy of our American Legion Flag code, please let me know, and I will get a copy out to you. Also, our Department Chairperson Donna L Smith states regarding all the mass shootings going on in the world, we should "Run, hide, fight." Please be aware, pick a seat next to aisle in a theater, or face the door in a restaurant. Basically, take the time to prepare for an emergency, or escape, and have an action plan.

Now with the addition of "Spouses" being able to join the Auxiliary, much debate has been going on. I don't know which Unit will have the first "Spouse" join, but I'm sure someone will be joining this year. This also means the Veterans can have double membership just like the Female Veterans have done for years. Any takers?

Upcoming events to look for:

November 11th Veteran's Day – Fly those flags!
November 17th Legion Breakfast – here 8:00 – 11:00
November 21th - Unit meeting – here at our Legion Post 6:00 pm

December 7th – Fly those Flags!
December 15th - Legion Breakfast – here 8:00 – 11:00
December 19th – Unit meeting – here at our Legion Post 6:00 pm

Remember service not self.

Ann Scholl – ALA Unit 22, President



Thank You!



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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

The Need for Mighty Men

We only have 2 months left in 2019. November and December are so busy with the holiday seasons contained

within that these next 8 weeks will fly by very quickly. However, before you put up the Christmas trees and before you get that turkey stuffed for Thanksgiving, let's not forget Veterans Day. Now I know that for the majority of you reading this, that's not an issue. You are veterans and family of veterans and know the importance of celebrating a day to say "Thank you" to those who have served. I am so thankful that we had mighty men who were willing to fight for our Nation and we need even more today.

In the Bible, King David had 37 might men who fought with him in battle (see 2 Samuel 23:8-39). They were set apart for their valor: Josheb-Basshebeth, chief of the three, once killed 800 men in one battle; Eleazar stood against the Philistines when everyone else fled, taking the victory by himself; Shammah once stood in a bean field and killed Philistines until he was victorious by himself. They were labeled, "The Three." You can read about the others in the passage I referenced above.

We need fighting men to stave off evil from our nation. We also need soldiers of Christ who will arm themselves against the devil, rulers, authorities, powers in this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (cf. Ephesians 6:10-19). We should honor all such warriors, for they preserve our freedom to serve God. God bless all our veterans, our mighty men.

Chaplain Chad

Upcoming EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

11-07-2019	Executive Board meeting
11-11-2019	Veterans Day Program
11-17-2019	Omelet Breakfast 8am—11am
11/21-2019	Post Mtg.-Thanksgiving Dinner
Holiday	Office will close Nov 28th & 29th
12/5-2019	Executive Board meeting 1pm
12/15-2019	Omelet Breakfast 8am—11am
12-19-2019	Post Mtg. - Christmas Dinner
Holiday	Office closed 12/24/2019-1/5/2020

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Thank you to owner Dave Bender



DECEMBER 13TH

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