

LEGION Post **22** NEWS

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Adjutant Report

Greetings Everyone,

As your Adjutant, I enjoy sharing information with you every month in this “Adjutants Comments” corner here in our newsletter. But, as you all know, there isn’t very much going on around here these days! That is, as far as community and membership business is concerned.

About all I can tell you, this month, is that our Building Manager, Martin Jones, his wife, Ria, and his helpers, some of our members, have been very busy fixing up the building and the grounds.

The hall has been repainted and treated for acoustics, the kitchen has been repainted and new counter-tops have been installed, the Cross room has been repainted and new window curtains have been installed and the entry-hall area has been completed and “spiffed” up. You should come in and take a look at all of this. The whole building looks very nice. Someday, when we are back in business, I’m sure that our renters and members will be pleased at how nice it all is.

Outside has received some “dressing up” too. There is a new flower bed along the front of the building. The flowers and plants add a lot of color to the front of the building. It is William Brown’s Eagle Scout project. Thanks to William for a project well done.

And then, out back, the storage container has been painted and the ground-work is done to pour new concrete all around it. This project will be complete very soon.

So, if you are coming to the Post meeting on August 30th, you should take a walk around and look at how nice everything is now. If you can’t make the meeting, you should stop by on some Friday afternoon and take a walk around. I guarantee that you will be pleased at what you see.

Then, say “thanks” to everyone who has helped make it all happen. Building Manager, Martin Jones will be happy to give you his number one special tour, and he will share with you the names of our members who have helped bring it all about. See you soon.

Bob Gross

Adjutant



Commander's Message

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires-

As the new Commander I want to thank previous Commander Randy Bender for all he has done for the post not only this last year but for many years. He followed in his father's footsteps and was instrumental in a lot of great improvements to YOUR building. If you haven't yet, you should come down to the hall and see all the positive changes. I also want to thank past Commander Mike Bennett for all he has done and continues to do, he is a Great source of guidance and leadership. Of course, Martin and Ria Jones are also a huge part of what makes our facility successful, both of them putting in countless hours.

Since the last newsletter, we have seen the restrictions loosened and now tightened again. It has been challenging because our main source of income for the post is the rentals of the hall. We are not able to rent the hall until the Governor allows gatherings. We have spent frugally, but still have been able to make a lot of positive changes in the building. Now we are in a conserve money situation, hopefully in the next month or two, we'll be able to start renting the hall again.

We have had the Lodi Music Theater put on a performance using the back lot, during which we were able to sell some snacks and drinks. They are also scheduled to put another show at the end of August, again utilizing the back lot for outdoor seating. We will be selling hotdogs, snacks and drinks again.

At the present time we have had to cancel our usual Post 22 installation and awards dinner, we will be holding a small meeting to do installation of officers only. Those Legionnaires with awards coming will have them mailed to them. Our usual breakfasts are also on hold until we get clearance from the state.

In closing, please take care of yourselves and each other, know that we will get through this together.

Until next time.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 22

Keep the front flower bed weeded. Come when you can. No appointment needed.

Come during office hours to clean floors, windows, counters, or bathrooms.

If you can remodel and do wood work, let Martin Jones know. We have projects.



Auxiliary Attic



I hope everyone and their families are well, staying healthy, and at least 1 fathom (Nautical measurement) away from everyone in public.

We have been trying to keep busy and normal this summer. We've sent blank cards, oh so many masks, and monetary donations to Livermore VA. We did meet in June and August since we average 10 members or less for a meeting. Therefore, we fall under the COVID-19 guide lines.

Every time the District tried to set up a meeting time it was cancelled due to the new restrictions and warnings of COVID-19. So, we have been conducting our District meetings via Zoom. However, we did have the installation of Officers (just Officers) at our Post on August 8th since we have a biggest Hall in the District. We were able to all be spaced far, far away from each other, and no guests were invited, so it was a small gathering.

The District was going to have the Ball Drop/BBQ outside at Mickie's Grove Park, but that is now cancelled. The park is closed. The Ball Drop will now be on Sunday September 6th at the Amador Post. However, no one is allowed to enter or visit the Post, so you can watch it live on your computer, tablet, or smart phone at 12:30 pm – <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/410384813> or dial +1 (408) 650-3123 and enter access code: 410-383-813. All winnings will be mailed to the winners by the District 11 Finance officer. If you wish to buy tickets please contact one of the following: Commander Freeman at (209) 840-2253, Bonifacio - Post 16 at (209) 957-5417, or Dave Smith - Post 109 at (209) 257-0564. The tickets are \$25 each. As for the BBQ the District has decided to have it on May 15, 2021 at Mickie's Grove Park. This will be free to all District 11 members as a way to start a normalcy after the COVID-19 pandemic. More information will be given next year, 2021.

I am sorry to inform everyone that we have lost another District 11 Unit. We lost Unit, #172, James Mc Dermott, out of Tracy. With the closing of Valley Springs, Bill Brinlee Unit #102, and now Tracy, this leaves our District 11 with only 8 Units.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If you need, or would like a copy of anything, just let me know and I will get you the document/information.

Dates to remember:

Monthly meeting – Third Thursdays of the Month – our Post 6:00 pm – we can keep a social distance! At least 1 fathom away!

Remember service not self!

Ann Scholl – ALA Unit 22, President

This and That



During the painting of the storage container out back this little guy comes out from underneath and wants to know why he is being disturbed. He scampered away.



DISHES FOR SALE

It was decided that we have lots of dishes that are not being used. Not all, but most are for sale.

We are offering them for a 1 dollar per plate no matter the size. This is a real bargain. They are vintage and yet still current. If you are interested, please contact Martin Jones at 209-625-7982.



Upcoming EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Omelet Breakfast is cancelled until further notice.

Sept. 3rd: Executive Board meeting 1pm

Sept. 17th: General Membership meeting

Sept. 19th: District Meeting: Main Hall

October 1st: Executive Board 1pm

As you can see, our calendar is still uneventful. California's shutdown continues to relax, then tighten again, especially San Joaquin county. This effected our rental businesses in a big way. We continue to endure restrictions, effectively shutting down our rental opportunities. The Executive Board members are working hard to navigate through this once in a life time situation. In the meantime, follow the guidelines of the health dept. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

US Military Holidays and Observances

September

- 9/1 New Dawn Began (2010)
- 9/2 Japan Formally Surrendered (1945)
- 9/3 American Revolution Ended (1783)
- 9/10 Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron Founded (1942)/US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated (1962)
- 9/11 Patriot's Day/National Day of Service and Remembrance
- 9/13 Grandparent's Day/Rosh Hashanah
- 9/14 Ladies Auxiliary VFW Organized (1914)
- 9/15 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 9/17 Citizenship Day
- 9/17 U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)
- 9/18 US Air Force Established (1947)
- 9/24 Gold Star Mother's Day
- 9/29 VFW Day/VFW Established (1899)

October

- 10/6 Enduring Freedom Began (Afghanistan War) (2001)
- 10/7 Afghanistan War Began (2001)
- 10/13 US Navy Established (1775)
- 10/20 Women's Army Corps Disestablished (1978)
- 10/23 Grenada Campaign Began (1983)
- 10/24 United Nations Day



We sincerely appreciate all the Unit 22 Auxiliary members for helping Post 22 as a whole in serving the veterans of our community and each other. Ann Scholl has been the Unit 22 leader for many years and never loses her enthusiasm and dedication.

Thank you to Ann and all the members of our Auxiliary Unit 22



Your generous support of our Post 22 is greatly appreciated

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Thank You!



for deliciously donating their locally crafted beer for another successful fundraiser. Your participation in this tradition is greatly appreciated.

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EVEN THE PODIUM GOT A MAKEOVER. IT HAD MANY LAYERS OF PAINT ON IT AND IT WAS ALL SCRAPED AND SANDED OFF AND IT LOOKS LIKE NEW AGAIN.

IT NOW RESIDES IN THE MAIN HALL WHEN IT IS NOT IN USE.

