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VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★



## ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Greetings everyone from the Adjutant's Office. The month of May is upon us and with it comes Memorial Day. On Memorial Day we celebrate together honoring all of those men and women who have served and given their lives for our great country.

We have the time-honored privilege of producing a program at Lodi Cemetery on Pine Street with music, guest speakers and a military fly-over. Chairs are set up and a staging area is put in place in the midst of a beautiful Avenue of Flags that is made up of more than 300 American Flags that have been donated by the families of deceased members of American Legion Lodi Post 22. The ceremonies are prepared by members of this post for the community to honor our dead. We hope that you all will come and attend this celebration. The program begins at 9:00am.

For those of you reading this who are members of this Post, you are invited to get involved in the following preparation activities, remember that many hands make light work:

On Tuesday, May 21st, meet at 8:00am, at the Lodi Cemetery to clean out and prepare the flag "holder-holes" for the Avenue of Flags. Bring a large screw driver and a pair of water-pump pliers. Wear old clothes!

On Saturday, May 25th, meet at 8:00am, at the Lodi Cemetery to put out the small flags that go on the head stones of all of the Veterans throughout the cemetery.

On Memorial Day, May 27th, meet at the Lodi American Legion Hall at 5:00am to prepare the flags and to take them to the cemetery and to post them in place for the Avenue of Flags. Coffee and doughnuts are usually served.

Memorial Day, May 27th, attend the program at the cemetery at 9:00am.

Memorial Day, May 27th, meet at 4:00pm at the Lodi Cemetery to pick up, pack up and to take away the flags. Hamburgers and adult beverages will be served at the Legion Hall when this job is done.

Tuesday, May 28th, meet at 8:00am, at the Lodi American Legion Hall to fold and to pack away all of the American Flags.

For all of these activities, you are needed to help. It is hard work, but is also a good time of fellowship and sharing. Plan now to join us.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me, Bob Gross at (209) 334-0505 or Ken Kramlich at (209) 479-2884.

Remember that this Lodi American Legion Post 22, your Post, is a vital part of our Lodi community. We are always here serving our Veterans and our Friends.

*Bob Gross, Adjutant Post 22*

*Thank You!*

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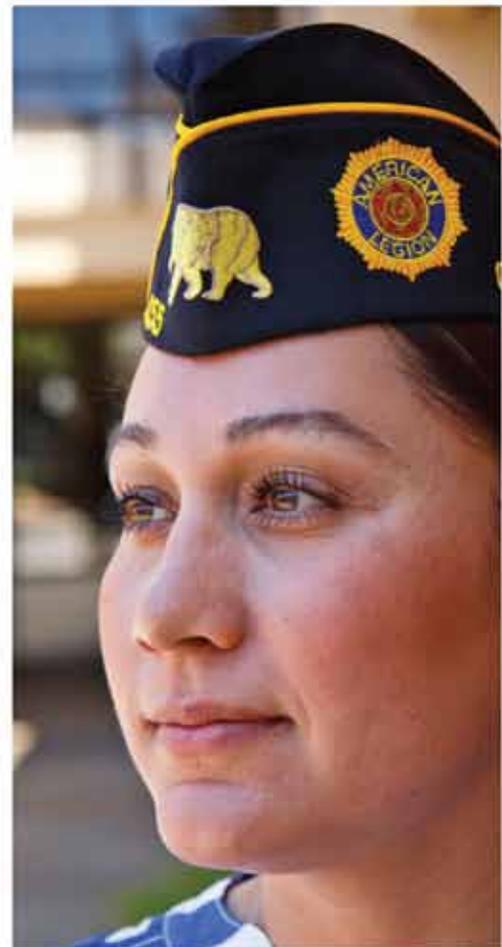
# LEGACY

Whether your American Legion post was chartered in 1919 or 1991, it has a story. Behind every namesake, there was a man or woman who made an important contribution or sacrifice. In times of tragedy, triumph and troop support, your post has stepped up and proudly served, helped others and left a mark that will not be forgotten. In words, photos and chronologies, this legacy is what we celebrate.

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# VISION

The 100th anniversary of The American Legion is not only an opportunity to look back on all your post has achieved. It is also the perfect time to chart a course for the second century. New generations of veterans depend on the kind of vision shared and expressed by the World War I-era founders. That vision proved timeless. How will your post extend the same vision and values to future generations?





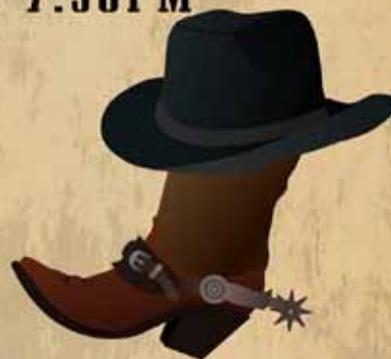
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# A "COUNTRY" BARBECUE FUNDRAISER!!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM  
(SPIRITS FOR PURCHASE AT THE BAR)  
DINNER BEGINS AT 6:00PM  
DANCING & DESSERT AT 7:30PM**

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# COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Well, Spring has sprung. We hope you are enjoying the break from a bountiful Winter. Spring is always a time for renewal and refreshing your Board membership and officers is part of that each year. The First Call for nominations was at our April General Membership Meeting and the Second Call and announcement of election will be at our May General Membership Meeting. If you would like to be part of the fresh momentum at Post 22 or know someone who will make a great addition to our Board, please make your wishes known.

The next big item will be our Western BBQ and Hoedown on June 15, at 5:00 PM. This event promises to be a great evening of outstanding entertainment, classic Chicken and Rib BBQ and topped off with square dancing to the tune of a professional caller and instructor. This event is being presented by Post 22 and the Lodi Musical Theater Group. Tickets are only \$25.00 so invite a group of family

and friends to join in the fun. The net proceeds will benefit both Post 22 and Lodi Musical Theater.

All Veterans and Auxiliary members are invited to head over to the Livermore VA for the Annual BBQ on May 18. The shindig starts around 11:00. The Post 22 Riders will be making it a run but motorcycles are not a requirement. It is a fine opportunity to give our hospitalized Veterans an uplifting change of pace through renewed comradery with other Veterans. While we may assist with wheel chairs and serving of food, it is really all about the visit. We will be leaving the Post around 0900.

We are renewing the program element in our General Membership meetings. The speakers being scheduled over the next three months include a Veteran's Service officer, an expert in Cane Defense, a Master Gardener, and a visit from Commodore Stockton. Our Second Vice Commander is anxious to get more programs of general interest to our members. Call the legion office or Muriah directly with your ideas.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting and the June BBQ and the May Omelet Breakfast.

*Michael W. Bennett, Commander*

## AUXILIARY ATTIC

Happy Spring!?

It feels like we went right from the rain to the heat, with no Spring in between. As we get ready for Poppy month, and Convention in June. We are still busy helping out our local veterans at Livermore.

We finished our EOY (end of year) reports, and turned them over to our District 11 officers. YAY! Even if we do not have, or cannot do many of the Auxiliary programs because we are such a small unit, it is important for us to send in these reports. This reporting helps the Department (State) convey all of the hard work and dollars spent on to the national level. Our District 11, for its size, keeps up with some of the larger Districts in Southern California. I am so proud of all we have, and I'm sure, we will keep accomplishing throughout the year. Keep up the good work ladies. And shout outs for Sandy Johnson (Americanism) and Bonnie Mayer (Chaplain) for taking on District 11 Chairmanships.

If you missed out at the Boys/Girls State dinner on April 25th we once again have such a great bunch of young adults, heading in the right directions to be outstanding citizens. It makes me feel great to see the good these students do and how they make a positive difference in their schools, the community, and with their own family. We wish them all the luck going forward into their run at Boys & Girls State, and future senior school year.

I would like to thank all the members who helped fold



the 300 Pocket Flags. It took us longer than we estimated, but we did it. Sandy picked this project for our Americanism program. We sent them to the Army 615th Engineering Company, 4th Engineering Battalion, Fort Carson Colorado. We wished them well, and a safe deployment, and return home.

You will notice that in this month's newsletter, it's Poppy Month! So, make sure you wear those poppies! Especially wear them on May 25th which is National Poppy day. Also look for us at the Lodi Street Faire. We will have a spot downtown on Pine Street, somewhere around the Army recruiters, with all their equipment. So, stop by and visit, we would love to see you. We have not decided if we will set up a table for Poppies in front of Wal-Mart this year. With the District 11 meeting, Mother's Day, Livermore-VA picnic, our monthly Breakfast on May 19th, and Memorial Day, we will only have one weekend left.

Upcoming events to look for:

- May 4th • Dist. 11 meeting • 10:00a • Karl Ross, Stockton hosting
- May 5th • Lodi Street Faire • look for us handing out Poppies!
- May 12th • Mother's Day
- May 18th • Livermore • VA picnic
- May 27th • Memorial Day • 3 Ceremonies' • Lodi Memorial, Cherokee Memorial, & Woodbridge Masonic Cemetery

*Remember service not self.*

**Ann Scholl – ALA Unit 22, President**

**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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**Dates to Remember**

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May 9 • Executive Meeting • 1pm

May 19 • Omelet Breakfast • 8am

May 23 • Post Meeting • 6pm

May 27 • Avenue of Flags • 5am

June 6 • Executive Meeting • 1pm

June 15 • Post 22 / LMT Barbecue

June 16 • Omelet Breakfast • 8am

June 20 • Post Meeting • 6pm

3rd Sunday of every month • 8-11am

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