

# EAST PASADENA POST 280



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### Commanders Column By Buck Crenshaw

Comrades, it's been a busy month here at the post. First the installation of all post officers and Legion's Auxiliary. If you were unable to attend you missed quite a good time. The Elegant 18th District Ritual Team did a sterling job as usual. The opening bugle calls by our very own Venturing Crew was inspiring. All the officers past and present also performed very well, with maybe one "right" ..er.. "left" face movement. It looked like we were all back in basic!

Just five days later the Elegant 18th held their installation at our post. The attendance exceeded our projections, over 75 guest were present. The general comments were everyone enjoyed the ceremony and the following celebration.

We of course continue to provide our Venturers a place to practice every Saturday morning. If you want to hear some good bugling come on out around 10:00. We will be putting up a bulletin board for the Crew to post information on their activities and pictures also. Check it out next to the kitchen serving window.

Several of the incoming post officers had a very productive meeting with the officers from the Legion Auxiliary and went over the schedule of events for the next year.

Coming up we have a significant event when the Marine Corps Unit we have supported for the last year while they were deployed to Iraq, the 4<sup>th</sup> LADD, is being retired. Some of us will attend. Our Venturing Crew has been asked to perform there also.



### 1st Vice Commanders Column By Pancho Gabaldon

Comrades,

Well, our membership year is off to a great start. We're already processing over fifty renewals and have signed up four new members.

Welcome Aboard to our new members:

Paul Guzman	WWII/Korea	USN
Roxanne Santos	Gulf War	USMC
Antonio Ceritelli	Gulf War	USMC
Clifford Crenshaw	Gulf War	USMC

Keep up the good work, keep those renewals coming in and keep talking to veterans about joining the American Legion.



### 2nd Vice Commanders Column By Doug Monroe

A lot of work has been done this last month fixing up the kitchen and hall and there is much more to be done.

Larry and Sue Johnson did an awesome job feeding over 85 people at the District 18 Officer Installation on Friday July 15 Thanks Larry & Sue!! Also, Peter Douglas gets a round of applause for the success of the Father's Day Feast. Peter donated all the pork ribs and he and Sue Johnson prepared it.

I need new volunteers for the events we have at this post. Many of us have gotten used to letting the same folks 'do their thing' over and over again and that needs to change, everyone deserves a chance to enjoy a function on occasion without having to wash

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dishes, cook, clean up or set up. For the Legion I'm looking to putting up volunteer sheets for individual functions including the monthly breakfasts. Buck is working hard to coordinate the functions of the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL for mutual cooperation and efficiency so let's all help our new Commander.

As a side note it has come to my attention that there are ill feelings amongst members pertaining to things said or overheard at the Canteen including things I may have said. I never mean to say anything hurtful to anyone, this post is my home away from home. If something anyone says sounds wrong to you, approach the person that said it on the side, in private for clarification in stead of passing it around the Canteen the next day as fact. How a statement is intended isn't always how its is received . The person saying something or hearing it may have been drinking which can distort the whole process. This is a family post and families forgive! I offer my apologies for anything I may have said.



## Adjutants Column

*By Larry Johnson*

**Facilities Repair/Renovation** – Work continues on all projects. New ceiling in the kitchen, thank you SAL – Ron MacIssacs and Booster – Tracy Zornes. Thanks again to Phil Maloney's electrical efforts on the ceiling lights. Tracy and Ron continue their efforts installing ne cabinet doors and the painting of the kitchen amd Ladies hall bathroom

**Casino Night** – In the planning stages only... Danny Caro investigating feasibility and getting estimates for the function. More info next month.

**American Legion Post Officer Portal** – ALPOP, accessible through the internet is designed to assist Post Officers in their day-to-day membership processing duties. ALPOP has two primary features: On-line access to the membership system at National Headquarters and the ability to download and install membership tools on our local computer. A motion was passed to subscribe to this program at a cost of \$15/mo.

**Finance Committee** – The committee was formed

consisting of Ben Martinez, Buck Crenshaw, Larry Johnson, Danny Caro and Doug Monroe. The duties of the committee are to develop the budget and perform local audits of records. The Department required audit will continue to be performed by a registered CPA as in the past.

**Boys State** – Post 280 sent 2 boys and they have returned. One of the boys submitted a letter to the legion expressing his gratitude. The boy was elected as the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest official from over 900 boys. Pictures of the event were provided to the historian. The students will be invited to attend next months meeting.



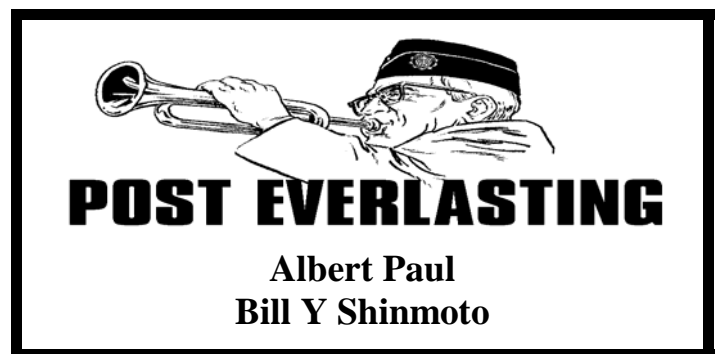
## Chaplain's Column

*By Olga Ceritelli*

As veterans from the gulf War and Operation Enduring Freedom begin to participate more in post activities, it is increasingly important that WWII and Vietnam Veterans participate in post activities. Interaction between veterans is essential in maintain the American Legion's momentum and history.

I also would like to encourage visiting and contributing to the quality of life of fellow veterans that are in need or are ill. Visiting family members that have lost loved ones is also part of the family atmosphere that we provide through the American Legion.

Let us pray for the loss of our fellow legionnaires Bill Y Shinmoto and Albert Paul and their families. May his memories be carried through the American Legion.



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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

*By Roy Van Westbroek*



It never seems to fail that the best laid plans never turn out exactly the way you want them. I'm sure we've all experienced the butterfly feeling the night before the big adventure, restless throughout the night, wishing that daylight would just come so we can get going.

After a late start, because yours truly had to adjust the rear shock on the Harley using a big 3 foot cheater bar, and breaking the shock, buying a new pair to replace them, we finally hit the road. Those of you who know what I'm talking about probably got a kick out of it if you have ever been in that kind of predicament. Using a bigger hammer does not always work.

We hit Interstate 15 heading towards Las Vegas on our main journey to Boise, Idaho. We took old route 66 know as Cleghorn Pass to you old time truckers and raced side by side with the train along a twisting mountainous route lined with trees, and a small river gurgling past.

The 15 is a wonderful road winding its way through the hills and valleys of Victorville, past the Roy Rogers Museum, and on to the wide open road. Most of you have probably taken the trip in your car, but on a Harley it's something else. The heat and the smell of sage brush, the wind whipping past you and the feeling of horse power beneath you is something you have to experience to fully appreciate the feeling of total freedom on the road.

The desert is a wonderful place with its vast expanse, but when the temperature hits triple digits it was time to quit, so we stayed in Barstow for the night. The local McDonalds has train cars for you to sit in and enjoy your meal and the liquor store looks like an old cowboy barn where of course we bought some Coronas and a bottle of tequila to sit in the cool pool until it was time to hit the sack for the adventure the next day.

Next up, the road through Baker and the Oasis in Mesquite, Nevada.

Life is too short, travel often.

Roy (Road Dog)

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- Your total household income for 2004 was \$39,699 or less; **and**
- You are a United States Citizen, a designated alien, or qualified alien when you file your claim.

#### Filing Period: July 1 – October 17, 2005.

Due to severe budget constraints, there may be insufficient program staff after October 17 to process your claim. Therefore, the State strongly urges you to file before October 17, 2005.

The forms and instructions are available at the post in the Canteen office or call me and I'll send it to you.

#### FTB 9000H/9000R Booklet 2005

Or download it from Website at [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov)

Larry Johnson – 626-446-5274



# AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS



Doreen Petite - President  
626-797-8785

**Next Meeting Sunday, August 1st, 7 p.m.**

Shirley Delgado - Secretary  
562-695-2988



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*By Doreen Petite*

Hello ladies,  
What a great installation we had with the men, thanks to all who came out to support us! Thank you to the SAL's and our ladies, Victoria Chandler, Dona Enright, Norma DuVall, Donna Marie Moore and Carole Martinez for all your help with setting up the buffet and decorations. A special thanks to Sue and Larry Johnson for the wonderful food. Thank you Ben Martinez for getting the PA system all hooked up.

The meeting in September is moved to Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm due to Labor day on the first Monday.

What a great time we had when we went to visit the Long Beach V.A. hospital on July 17th and played bingo with our Vets. Thank you to Pat Gleeson, Julie Faulkner, and Jeannie Clark who came with us on this event. Every one of those hospitalized men came running out of their beds as soon as they knew we were there to play Bingo.

The staff told us that for a lot of them they will be here forever and this is their only entertainment which would explain their excitement. In between the Bingo's we had baked goods for them and what a great feeling it was to see them so elated with joy.

The staff at the Long Beach V.A. Hospital has asked the Auxiliary if this is something we could commit to on a regular basis with visits every 2 months. It cost the Auxiliary \$50.00 dollars for the winners of the Bingo's. On September 7th (Wednesday) at 7:00pm at our unit we will be having our regular meeting and I encourage all ladies to please attend this meeting so that when this subject is discussed you can have a vote in it. Everyone's vote is important and I think this is a wonderful program for our Vets in the hospital there. I encourage everyone to please attend this meeting and have a say in this matter so that we can have a motion on the table and

have this passed. The Veterans down in Long Beach will be eternally grateful to have this happen. Please help me with being here to vote this through on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at our post.

In closing let me just remind everyone to take a moment to remember our troops over in Iraq and pray for their safe return home soon.

Thank You

## POPPY'S

*By Bonnie Angleski*

As last year's Poppy chairman, I would like to thank everyone for their generous support of the Poppy program.

Thank you for your continued support of East Pasadena Unit 280 programs for our veterans.

## MONTHLY DINNER

**Friday, August 12**

**6-8 p.m.**

**TACO NIGHT!**

**By Susan**



**Taco Meal - \$5**

**Includes:**

**Two Tacos**

**Rice & Beans**

**Dessert**



**ALA Carte:**

**Taco \$2**

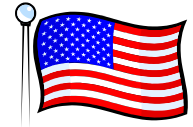
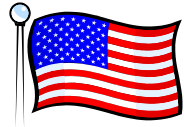
**Rice & Beans \$1.50**

**Dessert \$1**



**KARAOKE Starts at 8 p.m.**

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## TROOPS RESPOND!

*Editor's Note: I had a blank page to fill this month in the bulletin, so I went to the National website looking for some suitable material. I found this letter and decided it was worth sharing. It kind of ties us all together.*

This is a follow up letter from Ray Reynolds, a medic in the Iowa Army National Guard, who recently served in Iraq:

I wrote the letter that made it around the world and is on your web page. I wrote the letter on March 23, 2004 to voice my frustration with the fickle support of the media. After riding "embedded" across the desert, how quickly they forget how they got to Baghdad. I have chosen to sneak off into the corn fields of Iowa and only speaking to a few media representatives with the Public Affairs Officer's guidance. But I felt compelled to send you a letter.

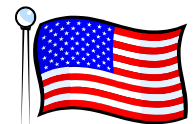
As a card carrying member of the American Legion and VFW, I wanted to send this email to you to say that I have appreciated the overwhelming support that Veterans from the past have offered. I have a greater sense of what it means to be called a Veteran. I wanted to share two lasting memories that I have experienced since coming home from Iraq.

On the very day we touched down in the USA after spending a year in Iraq, I watched as WWII and Vietnam Veterans stood in the main terminal at our receiving airport.. They were there at 4 A.M. just to be the first to shake our hands and welcome us into the family called Veterans. How symbolic and fitting that those that have walked before us be the ones to welcome us home.

Secondly, I was tilling my garden after my second day home since it had been over a year since I was able to have a garden. A man walked up the steps and into the back yard. He told me he was in Vietnam and just wanted to welcome me home. A total stranger at the time but with the same twinkle in his eye. Like we had both earned our little chunk of freedom.

God Bless all of you that have walked the walk before me and paved the way for me to enter the family....

Ray Reynolds, SFC



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## CANTEEN HAPPENINGS

By Susan Johnson



### FOOTBALL IS COMING!

Football is right around the corner. We will have our usual feasts every Monday night when there is a game. I believe our first Monday kick-off is September 5th.

See you there.

### KARAOKE ON WEEKENDS!

#### August Schedule

Friday, Aug 5 - Saturday, Aug 6

Friday, Aug 12 - Friday, Aug 19

Friday, Aug 26 - Saturday, Aug 27

### DART LEAGUES

The Pasadena Dart League has begun its 2nd half session. League nights are Tuesday – “C” division, Wednesday – “A” division and Thursday – “B” division. Post 280 has five teams competing.

Those of you with internet connection can view all the PDL schedules, stats and information at : [www.pasadenadartleague.com](http://www.pasadenadartleague.com)

### BIG BAND DANCING

Every Thursday night we are treated to the sounds of Ray Atwan and his group. Ray’s group typically consists of 17-18 musicians and they play mostly swing type music. Everyone is invited to come and listen and dance. These are professionals and well worth hearing!

### CANTEEN BOOKSTORE

We have a “bookshelf” with hundreds of books (mostly novels). These are there for your reading pleasure. Also now on shelves are VCR tapes. Take them home and then bring them back or bring in some new ones.

#### CANTEEN HOURS:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8 a.m. 1 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8 a.m. 1 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 a.m. 9 p.m.</b>

## CANTEEN WEEKDAY SPECIAL

Monday through Friday from 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**ALL DRINKS \$.25 OFF**



# AUGUST ACTIVITY SCHEDULES

<b>OTHER ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Friday 12th</b>	<b>VFW POST 1053 Dinner</b> 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>VFW POST 1053 Breakfast –</b> 9 a.m. to Noon.
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>F.O. Eagles 719 Breakfast</b>
<b>Every Tuesday</b>	<b>VFW POST 1053 Burger Day</b> 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

<b>POST 280 ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>MONTHLY BREAKFAST</b> 9 a.m. to Noon
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	<b>LEGION POST EXEC BOARD MEETING</b> 7 p.m.
<b>Friday 12th</b>	<b>MONTHLY DINNER</b> Tacos By Susan 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Karaoke at 8 p.m.)
<b>Saturday 13th</b>	<b>SONS OF THE LEGION</b> Monthly Meeting 3 p.m.
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	<b>LEGION POST MEETINGS</b> Trustees – 6:30 p.m. Membership – 8 p.m.



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**Decommissioning Ceremony**

**Fourth Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion**

**Marine Corps Reserve Training Center**

**Saturday, August 13, 2005 10 a.m.**

*(attendance is limited – contact Larry Johnson for reservation)*

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**Monthly Dinner**

**Friday, August 12**  
**Served 6-8 p.m.**

**TACO NIGHT**

By  
**SUSAN**

Taco Meal – \$6  
Includes (2) tacos, Rice, Beans and dessert  
(ALA Carte Menu also available)

**KARAOKE**  
8 p.m. 'til ?





**Monthly Breakfast**

**Sunday, August 7th**  
**9 a.m. to Noon**

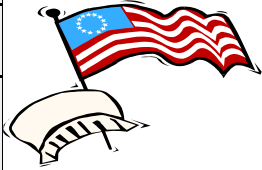
**Regular Menu \$4.00**  
**Children's Menu \$2.00**

Eggs & Omelets  
Bacon, Ham & Sausage  
Corned Beef Hash  
Pancakes, French Toast  
Biscuits & Gravy  
Toast, Juice & Coffee



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