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### Commanders Column

*By Doug Monroe*

Hello fellow Legionnaires!

We need more help in the kitchen or serving on our first Sunday breakfasts. Ideally several people helping every now and then so us 'regulars' can take a breather. Ben Martinez our Past Commander/2nd Vice has been doing a lot for this Post for years, be sure to thank him or buy him a chip or both, he deserves it!

Walter Martin our new 1st Vice is hot on the trail of new members and is also looking for ways to regenerate interest from our long time members, any ideas are welcome.

We are hoping to dedicate the back patio area soon and various suggestions like 'Ray's Party Place' or 'Godzilla's Hat Rack' were offered, by Ray and Carol oddly enough. My suggestion would be 'Annie's Place' in honor of our recent loss and many cherished memories of this special lady. Remember, if you want to donate any money to a very worthy cause or wish to honor Annie you can send donations to La Salle High School on behalf of Annie Johnston Skibinski.



### 2nd Vice Commanders Column

*By Ben Martinez*

Comrades... Yes, the Canteen patio is still in the process of being renovated. Come join us at the Legion and watch it grow.

I'm looking for some input regarding having a "Barbecue Cook-Off". There would be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes for the winner's "Specialty". Of course the usual 50/50 drawings, (raffles?) and music will prevail. So get your aprons ready and look for an announcement in October's bulletin about the event.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved and

helps at the Post. We could not do what we do without your help!



### Adjutants Column

*By Larry Johnson*

The following is a recap of the E-Board and Membership meeting minutes and other significant events held in August:

**Membership** – The 18th District "Membership Kick-Off" meeting was attended by four Post 280 members. It was a productive meeting and Peter Duncan, 6th Area Membership Director gave an inspiring talk to the attendees. Post 280 was given fifty names of delinquent Legion members to follow up with. Alhambra Post 139 expressed an interest in working with Post 280 for our mutual benefit. Walter reminded everyone of the "Membership Party" scheduled for Sunday, August 26 and urged attendance.

A motion was approved to accept new member:

- Robert Radice USA Gulf War

A motion was approved to pay the 2008 dues for Robert as he just returned from Iraq.

A "Membership Party" is scheduled by Walter Martin, 1st Vice Commander for Sunday, August 26th featuring dinner and dancing to the "Glenn Johnson's Thursday Morning Band". Invitations have been sent to post 280 members and others to attend and bring guests who may be eligible to join the American Legion Fam-

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**POST EVERLASTING**

**SAL – Robert Burns**

**Auxiliary – Annie Johnston Skirbinski**



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**2nd Vice Functions** – Ben Martinez, 2nd Vice Commander announced plans (dates to be determined) to have two major fund raising events this year... a “Casino Night” and a “Dinner and Magic Show”.

**Chaplain's Report** – Ed Barlow reported receiving a thank you note from Ernest Kniffen’s family. Also, sadly noted were the passing of Bob Burns, SAL and Annie Johnston, Auxiliary. A motion was passed to donate \$50 to the LaSalle Scholarship Fund in memory of Annie. Post member David Cluck recently suffered a serious seizure and was hospitalized. David is home now but would appreciate calls or cards at 626-797-8944, 435 N. Wilson Ave., Pasadena, 91106.

**Disaster Relief** – chairman Ed Barlow reported receiving a booklet from National Headquarters outlining the things a post can do for disaster relief help in the community. Ed will review the booklet and report next E-Board meeting outlining areas for Post 280’s participation.

**Children & Youth** – The individual sponsored by the post to attend the Valley Forge Workshop was unable to attend for personal reasons. The workshop officials stated that was fine because they were overbooked and couldn’t schedule her anyway! Maybe it’s time we re-evaluated our donations to this program.

**Patio Renovation** – Work is still progressing as scheduled. The brick steps from the kitchen have been completed, thanks to Mogens Petersen and the concrete wall around the trash area has been completed, thanks to Chris & Mike Petersen. Howard’s Appliance responded to our request for a wide screen TV by offering any model we wanted at cost. We will continue to request from the other major suppliers in the area a “free” TV to be donated.

**Post Insurance** – Our current property & liability insurance expires September 5, 2007. A renewal notice was received from the current carrier – “The Post Insurance Program” for \$5,174, a 23% increase from the \$4,216 paid last year. Finance Officer, Larry Johnson called our old carrier the “R. W. O’Neal Agency” to request a quote. Their quote for the same coverage was \$3,955. A motion was approved to obtain the coverage from the O’Neal agency.

**Konica Minolta Color Printer** – A proposal was re-

ceived from Konica Minolta for a new model 252 color printer/copier/scanner. A further proposal was received regarding a demo model 250 with the same specifications as the 252. The difference of course was the bottom line cost as described below:

- 36 month lease \$261.61 – demo unit, compared to \$339.40 – new unit
- 48 month lease \$212.45 – demo unit, compared to \$275.62 – new unit

The demo figures above also include the \$1,000 non-profit discount that was requested.

Inasmuch as the 36 month option is only \$25/mo. more that we currently pay for a B/W copier only a motion was approved to lease the demo model 250 on a 36 month basis.

**T-Shirt Donation** – An e-mail was received from a post member offering to donate T-shirts with Post 280 designations that we can sell to raise funds. Larry Johnson will propose some designs at the next e-board meeting.

## RECOGNITION!

Too often we simply overlook the fact that our membership supported us in our endeavors to improve our post facilities. While this is not a complete list by any means for all the work done at the post, I will mention some of the “Key Players” in our patio renovation project and more.

- **The Petersens**, Chris, Mike and Mogens have contributed enormously to the concrete and brickwork on the patio... Thanks guys!
- **Ben Martinez**, our 2nd Vice Commander and Past Post Commander is ALWAYS ready to take up whatever slack is required to maintain our facilities. He has also been instrumental in our patio renovations.
- **Russ Kislow** is the “core” of our Karaoke operations. He is always there to set up and tear down the equipment as well as schedule the operations of our Karaoke crew
- **SAL and Auxiliary** is always there to support our Legion functions and activities....Thank you.

I know there are many more individuals at the post who contribute on a daily basis to our activities, repairs, etc. There is no way I could try to mention all those people. But you and I and most of our regulars know who you are...Thanks to you all!



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## SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Chris Chappel – Commander  
626-318-8972

Next Meeting Wednesday, Sep. 5, 2007, 6 p.m.

Doug Monroe – Adjutant  
626-833-1757

### COMMANDER'S COLUMN

*By Chris Chappel*

On August 1st, we started the month off with a bang. Our meeting attendance has been increasing each month and we had over a dozen

members show up. Thank you for your participation.

We had a very successful event on August 11. I thank all who helped out. There are too many names for me to remember and mention, which is a good thing. We had great attendance, wonderful food, a fabulous band and a lot of smiling faces at the end of the night.

Unfortunately, we lost Bob Burns to Post Everlasting last month. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Our condolences also to the family and friends of Annie Johnston Skirbinsky. Annie's tragic passing was a major loss to the Post. She was installed in all our hearts. She and her family have constantly contributed to our Post..... Annie, you would come to the Post and light up the room with your smile and friendliness.



## ANOTHER SAL EVENT!

**Thursday, Sept. 27th**

**“PATIO PARTY”**

**BBQ & ENTERTAINMENT**

**4:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Carne Asada & Chicken**

**Rice & Beans**

**Chips & Salsa**

**Dessert**

**\$7 Donation**

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

**To Be Announced!**

At 7:30 p.m. Enjoy and dance to:

**RAY ATWAN'S 18 piece**

**SWING BAND**

**Raffles: 50/50 & “Basket of Booze”**

**Sons of the American Legion  
East Pasadena Squadron 280  
Presents:  
TUESDAY NIGHT  
KARAOKE!**



**Every Tuesday  
7 p.m.**

**Your Karaoke Host:  
PETER DOUGLAS III**

**No Cover Charge  
No Minimum  
No Per Song Fee  
(donations accepted)**





# AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS



*Shirley Delgado - President*  
562-695-2988

**Next Meeting Tuesday, Sep. 11, 2007, 7 p.m.**

*Dona Enright Secretary*  
626-285-9494



## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

*By Shirley Delgado*

Greetings all,

First I would like to offer my Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Annie Johnston, I know that she will be missed by many of her long time friends of both the Auxiliary, Legion and SAL's.

I myself have been away for a while with my own medical issues, and would like to say "Thank you," to Norma, Dona, and Cindy for filling in for me during my absence, also to just everyone for all your lovely cards, and prayers. I can't tell you how much they all mean to me. I hope to have my issues resolved soon, so that I can get back to my duties. I Miss You All!

Our next Unit meeting will be on Tuesday September 11th.

The next District Meeting will be Monday, September 17th, 7:30 p.m..



## **CHAPLAINS COLUMN**

*By Donna Moore*

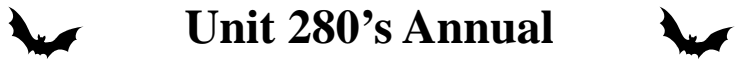
Our condolences to the family of Annie Johnston Skibinski. She was a loving wife to Dave and sister to 12 brothers and sisters. Our American Legion Family will greatly miss her smile and laughter.

Olive Kovach, mother of Carol Martinez, is hospitalized in critical condition.

If you, or you know of a member, who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know so they may be included in our prayers.



**COMING  
IN OCTOBER!**



**Unit 280's Annual  
HALLOWEEN  
DINNER/DANCE**



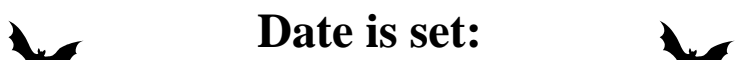
**Expect a GREAT Menu**



**Expect a GREAT Dance  
Band**



**Start Getting Your  
COSTUMES READY!**



**Date is set:  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 27th**



**(Details in Next Month's  
Bulletin)**





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## Misc. Page

### Interesting Human Body Facts -

- A full bladder is roughly the size of a soft ball. -
- It takes the food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach. -
- One human hair can support 3 kg. -
- Human thighbones are stronger than concrete. -
- The attachment of human muscles to skin is what causes dimples. -
- Your thumb is the same length of your nose. -
- A woman's heart beats faster than a man's. -
- If the average male never shaved, his beard would be 13 feet long when he died. -
- Men without hair on their chests are more likely to get cirrhosis of the liver than men with hair. -
- There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet. -
- Side by side, 2000 cells from the human body could cover about one square inch. -
- Women blink twice as much as men. -
- The average person's skin weighs twice as much as their brain. -
- When you are looking at someone you love, your pupils dilate, they do the same when you are looking at someone you hate. -
- It takes twice as long to lose new muscle if you stop working out than it did to gain it. -
- You're ears secrete more earwax when you are afraid than when you aren't. -
- Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still. -
- If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it. -
- The average woman is 5 inches shorter than the average man.

Side Note: You checked out the length of your thumb.. Didn't ya ??? Yes you did, you know you did.... admit it!!!

### Members Correspondence

Dear Comrades and Family and Friends of the American Legion,

I want to share with you the words from a song which I found among my old LP's and just felt that you folks would find appreciation in the words of this most beautiful piece, copyright – STEPT-DELANGE HARMS INC.

*And a special hello to Gilbert “Gibby” Shaw, who helped rekindle my love for 40’s big band music.*

Yours in comradeship,  
Arlen McKiddy.

“I saw a peaceful old valley...  
With a carpet of corn for a floor.  
And I heard a voice within me whisper....  
‘This is worth fighting for!’.

I saw a quaint little cottage...  
And a brook that flowed by the door.  
And I heard this voice within me whisper...  
‘This is worth fighting for!’.

Didn't I build that cottage?  
Didn't I plow that corn?  
Didn't my folks before me  
Fight for this country... before I was born?

And I gathered all my loved ones around me...  
And I gazed at each face I adore.  
And I heard ‘My Voice’... within me answer  
This!!...This is worth fighting for!”

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## CANTEEN HAPPENINGS

*By Susan Johnson*

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

**ARE YOU READY?** Monday Night Football starts on **Monday, September 10th.**

We will still have the special Monday night buffet, however, this year we will be featuring the "special dishes" created by our Legion Family. I will continue to cook, but only once a month. All you other gourmets are invited to participate and show off your favorite dishes.

All groceries needed for your special meal will be paid for by Post 280. Please sign up at the Canteen to continue our tradition of the "Best Monday Night Football Food" in the San Gabriel Valley.

### KARAOKE ON WEEKENDS!

#### September Schedule

Friday, Sept. 7 - Saturday, Sept. 8  
Friday, Sept. 14 - Friday, Sept. 21  
Friday, Sept. 28 - Saturday, Sept. 29

### KARAOKE ON TUESDAYS!

The Sons of the Legion (SALs) are taking the spotlight on Tuesdays for Karaoke. Peter Douglas is the host and Karaoke starts at 7 p.m.

Come in and enjoy the songs and sing some too.

### 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

### 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!

### MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Each month we have a birthday party for those persons who have a birthday that month. It's the 2nd Friday of the month and includes a free drink or bottle of champagne to the "birthday boy or girl". Anyone with a birthday call the Canteen ((626-792-9938) and let us know you are coming and bring lots of friends.

### SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES!

For you early birds, we have movies every Saturday. ShowTime is 8:00 am for the first feature. A second feature follows providing no major sports events are scheduled. Popcorn is always served and the balcony is reserved.

### CANTEEN WEEKDAY SPECIAL

**Monday through Friday**

**12 noon – 3 p.m.**

**ALL DRINKS \$.25 OFF**



<u>CANTEEN HOURS:</u>		Thursday	7 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)
Monday	7 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)	Friday	7 a.m. 12 p.m. (or later)
Tuesday	7 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)	Saturday	7 a.m. 12 p.m. (or later)
Wednesday	7 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)	Sunday	7 a.m. 9 p.m. (or later)

# SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY SCHEDULES

<b>OTHER ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES</b>	
Friday 7th	<b>LA COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING</b> Burbank Post 150 940 W. Olive Ave., Burbank Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30
Friday 21st	<b>18TH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING</b> At: Chilleli Post 888 Dinner 6 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 15th	<b>F.O. EAGLES Aerie 719</b> Flea Market & BBQ 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday 30th	<b>F.O. EAGLES Aerie 719</b> Sunday Breakfast 9 a.m. – Noon

<b>POST 280 ACTIVITIES</b>	
Sunday 2nd	<b>SUNDAY BREAKFAST</b> 9 a.m. 'til Noon
Wednesday 5th	<b>SAL MONTHLY MEETING</b> 6 p.m.
Tuesday 11th	<b>AUXILIARY MEETING</b> Meeting – 7 p.m.
Wednesday 12th	<b>LEGION POST MEETING</b> Executive Board 7 p.m.
Wednesday 26th	<b>LEGION POST MEETING</b>
Thursday 27th	<b>SAL "PATIO PARTY"</b> BBQ & Entertainment (see page 3 for details)

## FUTURE EVENTS

**October 27th – Annual Auxiliary Halloween Dinner/Dance**

**November 3rd – Boy Scout Crew 561 Car Wash**

**November 10th – SAL Dinner/Dance**

**November 11th – Veterans Day Activities & Flag Disposal**

**Monthly Auxiliary Dinner**

**NO AUXILIARY DINNER  
THIS MONTH**

**BUT!**

**Check out the**

**SAL PATIO PARTY**

**Thursday, September 27th**

**BBQ & Entertainment**

**4:30 – 7 p.m.**

**(see page 3 for details)**



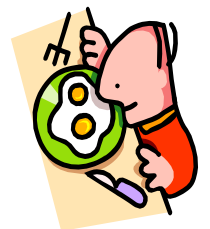
**Monthly Breakfast**



**Sunday, September 2nd  
9 a.m. to Noon**

**Regular Menu \$6.00  
Children's Menu \$4.00**

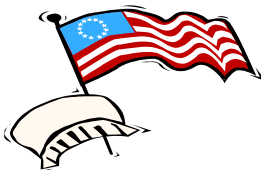
**Eggs & Omelets  
Bacon, Ham & Sausage  
Corned Beef Hash  
Pancakes, French Toast  
Biscuits & Gravy  
Toast, Juice & Coffee**



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