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Commanders Column By Doug Monroe

Greetings Legion Family!

District 18's Membership Kick-Off Breakfast was this morning, Sunday, July 27th and I was pleased to see both our Adjutant Peter Douglas and our First Vice-Commander Russ Kislow were there to soak-up the latest on what Area Six has to offer in helping us achieve our membership goals for 08-09. Please send in your renewal payments or you can pay cash at the canteen (do get a receipt) and your new card will be mailed to you or left for later pick-up.

The SAL function last night was well attended and tons of fun! Several birthdays were celebrated including that of our own "Chief" "Ed" Wayne Gallegos who turned a very young 60 years old today. I went down to Grant Park to watch some friends including the aforementioned birthday boy Wayne play softball and wound-up playing as well until my right leg cramped-up running for home (of course I made it!) so I'm sitting here a little older and a lot sorer now writing this.

I'm asking all our members and guests to help me in keeping the back patio gate closed at all times except for exiting and unloading goods or equipment. This isn't a stupid rule I came up with, but rather it is required by the type of liquor license Post 280 has as a non-profit private club. If you see it open, please close and lock it. We wouldn't last a week without our ABC license!

Next weekend I'll be going to the San Fernando Post for the 6th Area Caucus and I'll report on that for our next Bulletin.

Last Friday the Post was jumping for our weekly Friday Karaoke with the lively 'Joe Munos' crowd and everyone had a blast. Come on down every Friday!



1st Vice Column By Russ Kislow

Hello Fellow Legion Members,

First let me say thank you for electing me as your 1st vice commander. The election was the best in a long time due to the huge turn out. That is encouraging to see. Lets keep it up.

The Membership cards have been coming in hot and heavy so take a minute today and send yours in...the earlier the better for all of us. I will need all your help to get in New members, if you can help the post out with that.....it would be very much appreciated.

The following figures are up to date for your info:

Total Submitted to Department (including PUFLs) is 173 of our 375 goal for 46.1 %.

Thanks Again , Russ Kislow

Adjutants Column By Peter Douglas III

"Success Demands Participation"

Highlights from the July 9th Executive Board Meeting and the July 23rd Membership Meetings.

Boys State

Jesse Huynh sent a thank-you letter to Post 280, for the opportunity to attend Boys State.

Crew 561

A Carwash fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, 7/26/08 at Post 280. So, come on out and support our Venture Crew. \$3.00 for members,

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An American Legion Online Update Story

The following story is reprinted from the new National Online Update Service provided on the National website. To those with internet access, you can get on the e-mail distribution list by signing up on the link below:

<http://www.legion.org/whatsnew/publications/newsletter>

Vets get help with home mortgages

Many homeowners have found it difficult recently to pay their mortgages, but quick intervention by VA loan counselors has reduced the number of veterans who default on their home loans.

VA counselors at nine regional loan centers assist people with VA-guaranteed loans to avoid foreclosure, through counseling and special financing arrangements. The counselors also can assist other veterans with financial problems. Since 2000, the service has helped about 74,000 veterans, active-duty members and survivors keep their homes, a savings to the government of nearly \$1.5 billion.

Depending on a veteran's circumstances, VA can intercede with the borrower on the veteran's behalf to pursue options: repayment plans, forbearance, or loan modifications that will allow veterans to keep their homes. Veterans may get help from VA financial counselors by calling (877) 827-3702. Click on the link below for information about VA's home-loan guaranty program. [Http://www.homeloans.va.gov](http://www.homeloans.va.gov)

Since 1944, when home-loan guarantees were offered with the original GI Bill, VA has guaranteed more than 18 million home loans worth \$911 billion. Last year, about 135,000 veterans, active-duty service members and survivors received loans valued at nearly \$24 billion. More than 90 percent of VA-backed home loans were given without a down payment.

About 2.3 million home loans still in effect were purchased through VA's guaranty program, which makes home loans more affordable for veterans, active-duty members and some surviving spouses by protecting lenders from loss, should the borrower fail to repay a loan.

Crew 561 Car Wash at Post 280

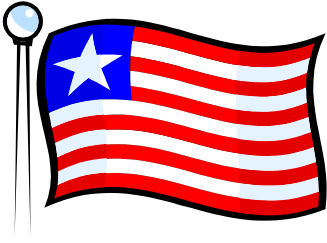
Post 280's Drum & Bugle Corps, Venture Crew 561 held a Car Wash at the Post on Saturday, July 26. They kept very busy from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. doing an EXCELLENT job of washing cars. They raised \$185 for their Crew. (How could they go wrong at \$5/wash and \$3/wash for Post 280 members).

We will be looking forward to the next fund raiser for the Crew

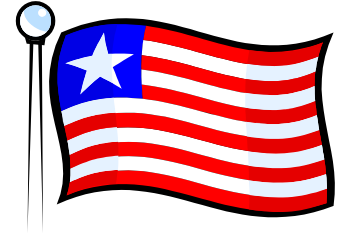




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“Adopt-A-Flag”



East Pasadena Post 280 Program

Many of you are aware, but many are also not aware, that the flags you see on Colorado Blvd. In Pasadena on patriotic holidays are donated by the American Legion.

Many years ago the concept of lining Colorado Blvd. with American Flags on certain holidays was initiated. At the time, the flags were not only provided by the local American Legion Posts, but were also hung by the Legionnaires themselves. I’ve heard the stories of when Chet, Herb, Jim, Mel, etc. all piled on the truck and drove down the boulevard and stood on step ladders to put the flags on the poles.

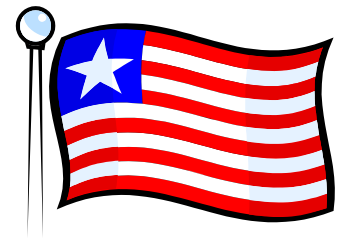
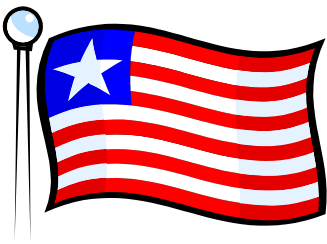
Well, fortunately, we don’t have to ask for volunteers for that anymore as the City of Pasadena now picks up the flags at the Post and puts them up. What we do have to ask for though is donations to replace the flags that are worn or missing. This is no small project as Post 280 provides approximately (100) flags for display.

The “Adopt-A-Flag” program for Post 280 will recognize all individuals who donate \$30.00 for the purchase of a new flag for the boulevard. Their will be a column in each month’s bulletin listing the names of those members who participate in this program.

Sometime later this Legion year we will hold a special fund raising dinner to further provide funds to this program. At that dinner a special table will be reserved for and honor given to all those who were so generous to “Adopt-A-Flag”. (of course, dinner will be free for the honored guests) All donations of any amount will of course will be welcome and most appreciated.

Please send your donations to:

Adopt-A-Flag Program
East Pasadena Post 280
179 N. Vinedo Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91107



This is a program Post 280 had five years ago (2003). It was very successful then and we’re hoping this will be as successful also. The function then was a dinner/dance that was very well attended and a great time was had by all. Let’s do it again now and replace our worn and missing flags!



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AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS



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Next Meeting Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008, 7 p.m.



SPECIAL COLUMN

By Dona Enright

Post, S.A.L. and Unit Members,

I thought this was something worthwhile sharing as we all, at times, need to look around us and treat each other and ourselves with more respect.

Words of Wisdom

Today before you say an unkind word -

Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food -

Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife -

Think of someone who's crying out for a lost one.

Today before you complain about life -

Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before you argue about your dirty house that someone didn't clean or sweep -

Think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive -

Think of someone who must walk the same distance.

And when you are tired and complain about your job -

Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down -

Put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around.

PATSY GAEBEL has joined her beloved husband Walter at Post Everlasting. Service at Live Oak Cemetery Wednesday, August 6th at 2 p.m.



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

By Vicky Varga

REMINDER –

Your dues are now \$20 for seniors and \$5 for juniors (under 18). They are due now and can be sent, or dropped off, to: Vicki Varga, ALA, 179 N. Vinedo, Pasadena. Let's get our 100% paid up members early this year.

You will not receive your renewal reminder from National until October; don't wait.

For anyone interested, or thinking about becoming a VIM (paid for life) here are some figures. Age 18-24 \$729; 25-29 \$695; 30-39 \$653; 40-49 \$580; 50-59 \$481; 60-69 \$359; 70-79 \$232 and 80+ \$152. You must remit a check payable to the unit, a VIM application form will be prepared and sent to you for signature. Upon its receipt the Unit Secretary will complete the process



COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Shirley Delgado

RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER WALK

Come join us and help keep someone on the path to a cure for 24 hours. You can walk one hour or as many as you are capable. If you plan to walk we must have a Release and Waiver of Liability form signed as soon as possible.

The walk will take place September 26 & 27 in Pico Rivera, commencing Friday at noon and ending at noon on Saturday. Waiver forms are at the post, can be mailed to you, or you can contact Dona Enright @ 626 285-9494. Please plan to participate.

We had a lot of fun staying overnight sleeping in chairs. Luminaria's can be purchased for someone who has had cancer or a cancer survivor.

More information will be at our August meeting.

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CANTEEN HAPPENINGS

By Susan Johnson

SPORTS CORNER

Between the Canteen, Patio and Hall we have six TVs (Three of them – LARGE SCREEN) for you to watch your favorite sports broadcast. Stop in often. You never know when there will be an “Unscheduled Pot Luck”. **NFL “Preseason Games” from August 4 through August 29.**

KARAOKE ON WEEKENDS!

August Schedule

Friday, Aug 1

Friday, Aug 8 - Saturday, Aug 9

Friday, Aug 15 - Saturday, Aug 16

Friday, Aug 22 - Friday, Aug 29

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 the books and VCRs home and enjoy. Share with your friends. You don’t even need to bring them back.

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.

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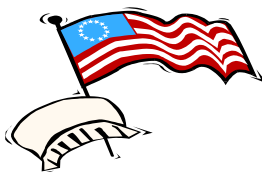
CANTEEN HOURS:

Monday	7 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)	Thursday	7 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)
Tuesday	7 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)	Friday	7 a.m. 12 p.m. (or later)
Wednesday	7 a.m. 10 p.m. (or later)	Saturday	7 a.m. 12 p.m. (or later)
		Sunday	7 a.m. 9 p.m. (or later)

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