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Send a Valentine to a Veteran



National Salute to Veteran Patients Week: February 9—15, 2014

Visit and volunteer at one of the Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers or send a letter of thanks or valentines to those who have protected our nation.

Last year, more than 310,424 valentines were received at VA medical centers, and 18,770 members of the public visited more than 72,000 veteran patients.

More information about the week is available at www.volunteer.va.gov.

[Chatsworth Vet Center](#)

20946 Devonshire St, Suite 101
Chatsworth, CA 91311
Phone: 818-576-0201

[Antelope Valley Vet Center](#)

38925 Trade Center Drive, Suite J
Palmdale, CA 93551
Phone: 661-267-1026

[West Los Angeles Vet Center](#)

5730 Uplander Way Suite 100
Culver City, CA 90230
Phone 310-641-0326

[East Los Angeles Vet Center](#)

5400 E. Olympic Blvd. Suite 140
Commerce, CA 90022
Phone: 323-728-9966

[Ventura Vet Center](#)

790 E. Santa Clara St. Suite 100,
Ventura, CA 93001
Phone: 805-585-1860

California Black Veterans Summit: February 24

CalVet is co-hosting a California Black Veterans Summit in an effort to develop lines of communications between the Black veterans' community, black military history organizations, CalVet and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Black and other minority veterans have historically not applied for and used their veterans' benefits. This summit will feature discussions on Housing, Employment, Healthcare, and Education benefits and services that will help develop multiple avenues of communications that will enable better access to services and facilitate greater access to earned benefits for all California veterans.

Participation in the California Black Veterans Summit is free!

- Monday, February 24, 2014
- California Black Veterans Summit
- California State African-American Museum
- 600 State Street
- Los Angeles, CA 90001

7:30 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Summit

More information about the California Black Veterans Summit can be obtained on CalVet's website at www.calvet.gov.



An Apple a Day . . .

Besides warding off doctors, apples are rich in powerful antioxidants, and the pectin found in apples can help lower bad cholesterol. Their skins are also loaded with quercetin, an anti-inflammatory compound that contributes to heart health.

Girls State Interviews Scheduled February 8

Girls State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students.

It is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary designed to increase awareness and knowledge of governmental processes while learning about the duties, rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Debbie Whitehead is Girls State Chair.



February

Sunday	02/02	Super Bowl Party at the Post
Tuesday	02/04	Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
Thursday	02/06	Legion Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
Thursday	02/06	Legion Executive Committee Meeting - 6:35pm
Thursday	02/06	Legion General Meeting - 7:15pm
Thursday	02/06	Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
Friday	02/07	Dinner, Darts, Pool!
Saturday	02/08	Girls State Interviews
Sunday	02/09	SONS Breakfast and Darts Tournament 10:00am
Monday	02/10	Blue Star Mothers - 7:00pm
Tuesday	02/11	Post Open Pool Night -7:00pm
Thursday	02/13	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
Thursday	02/13	Post Open Pool Night -7:00pm
Friday	02/14	VALENTINE'S DAY
Sunday	02/16	District Cooking Class Fundraiser 10 am—2 pm
Monday	02/17	PRESIDENTS DAY
Tuesday	02/18	Post Open Pool Night -7:00pm
Wednesday	02/19	SONS Meeting—7:00pm
Thursday	02/20	Post Coordination Meeting -7:00pm
Friday	02/21	Dinner, Darts, Pool!
Saturday	02/22	American Legion Riders Meeting -10:00am
Sunday	02/23	SONS Breakfast and Darts Tournament - 10:00am
Monday	02/24	FLAG DAY
Tuesday	02/25	Post Open Pool Night - 7:00pm
Wednesday	02/26	40&8 Meeting—6:00pm
Thursday	02/27	Post Open Pool Night—7:00pm



WATCH THE GAME ON THE PROJECTION
SCREEN IN THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

SUPER BOWL XLVIII

FEBRUARY 2, 2014

DARTS AND POOL TOURNAMENT: 10 AM
DOUBLE ELIMINATION 8 BALL POOL APA RULES \$5 ENTRY
DOUBLE ELIMINATION SINGLES 501 DARTS \$5 ENTRY

*POTLUCK SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE BAR OR BRING YOUR OWN
OFFERING TO BARBEQUE (GRILLS AVAILABLE)*

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BOYS STATE

Spend Valentine's Day at the Post

Friday,
February
14th



Upcoming Events

Blues Night

March 29



Surf's Up Dinner and Dance

April 12



Paid Up for Life Program

Current members may now enroll in the Paid Up For Life program online or can print a personalized application and mail in their payment. Pay in full or choose 12 monthly installments.

- No more renewal notices. No more paying annual dues.
- No more worrying, "Did I renew my membership or not?"
- Join the other 200,000 PUFL Legionnaires in saying, "I believe in The American Legion and what it's doing. I'm in this for the long haul."
- Avoid future dues increases. No matter what inflation does, you never have to pay another penny in dues.
- Lifetime subscription to The American Legion Magazine!

Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year.

For more information about the Paid Up For Life program, contact customer service at (800) 433-3318.

Visit <http://www.legion.org/join/pufl> for more details.



Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

<http://www.history.com/topics/presidents-day>



Sons Breakfast and Dart Tournament

Sunday, February 9
Sunday, February 23

10 am



Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the American Legion Auxiliary's Valentine Basket.

All proceeds from the raffle support veterans' programs.

District 20 President Gosling Attends Auxiliary Meeting



Who can join the Auxiliary?

The mother, wife, daughter, sister, grand-daughter, great-grand-daughter, or grandmother of members of The American Legion, and deceased veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the listed war eras.

Step relatives are also eligible.

A woman who is eligible for membership in The American Legion is also eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary.

What are the Eligibility Dates?

April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918 (World War I)

Dec. 7, 1941 - Aug. 15, 1945 Merchant Marines (only eligibility)

Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)
June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)

Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)

Aug. 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada)

Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama)

Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War/War on Terrorism)



Hall for Rent

The American Legion Hall is available for rental for all of your special occasions. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Quinceañeras or any occasion you need a meeting location for friends and family.

If you are interested in finding out prices for business meetings and multiple event bookings call (661) 259-8507 for more information and an American Legion representative will contact you.

Congressman McKeon to Retire

Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, is retiring after 11 terms.

He has been a frequent visitor to and supporter of American Legion Post 507.



Items for Donation?

The Auxiliary is looking for items to fill the raffle baskets as well as donations for Operation All the Way Home, such as the Stained Glass Stepping Stone donated by Christie Marks.

Contact Linda Hill for more information.

Veterans' Outreach Day

February 22, 2014 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
44648 15th St W, Lancaster, CA 93534

Legion Supports Comprehensive Veterans Bill

S.1950 would restore COLA reduction for military retirees.



Read the full article at <http://capwiz.com/legion/issues/alert/?alertid=63065346>

Barbecue for Disabled Veterans

Santa Clarita Elks Lodge 2379 will be hosting a **BARBEQUE FOR DISABLED VETERANS** on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

The Santa Clarita Elks Lodge is located at 17766 Sierra Highway in Canyon Country.

Their phone number is 661-251-1500.



Hearts for Heroes Builder's Ball 2014

American Legion Post 507 Commander JD Kennedy will be honored at the Heart for Heroes Builder's Ball, a recognition dinner put on by Habitat for Humanity's San Fernando Valley Division. The ball is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2014, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Universal City.

For more informational and tickets visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/hearts-for-heroes-builders-ball-2014-tickets-8152934647>.



American Legion Post 507 2013-2014 Officers

American Legion

Commander: JD Kennedy
1st Vice Commander: Greg Nutter
2nd Vice Commander: Jerry Alves
Adjutant: Bob Heinisch
Finance Officer: Ken Marks
Chaplain: Jennine Imperial
Judge Advocate: Gary Swailes
Service Officer: Fred Stanzione
Sergeant-at-Arms: David "DJ" Boggio
Historian: TBD
Finance Comt. (3 yrs.): Roy Downey
Finance Comt. (2 yrs.): Chris Farmer
Finance Comt. (1 yr.): Thomas Troesch
Executive Committee: Jim Oxley
Martin Lopez
Gerhard Zimmerman



American Legion Auxiliary

President: Christie Marks
1st Vice President: Betty Castor
2nd Vice President: Linda Hill
Secretary: Bobbi Estes
Treasurer: Dorothy Bernier
Sergeant-at-Arms: Cindy Lindaman
Parliamentarian: Betty Castor
Chaplain: Roseann Dalton
Historian: Nancy Heinisch
Executive Board: Lana Stanzione
Sunshine Holloway



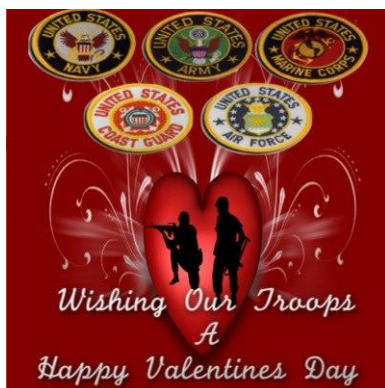
Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Ron "Rocket" Tidwell
1st Vice Commander: Ken Bangert
2nd Vice Commander: Patrick Corrigan
Adjutant: Ken Marks
Finance Officer: Vinson Vanevenhoven
Chaplain: Tommy Grant
Historian: TBD
Sergeant-at -Arms: Tommy Grant



American Legion Riders

President: Duane Harte
Vice President: Mike Fowler
Secretary: Tim Jackman
Treasurer: Sally Rayburn
Road Captain: Erik Lindgreen
Sergeant-at-Arms: David "DJ" Boggio
Judge Advocate: TBD
Historian: TBD



Deadline for the March issue is
February 21, 2014
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and/or photos to
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