



POST & UNIT 694 CALENDAR

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MEETINGS 2ND THURSDAY...POST EXEC 6PM...POST/UNIT GENERAL 7:00PM



AMERICAN LEGION Post 694 MARINA CA

PO Box 565 Marina CA 93933 (831 384-6616)

On the web at www.caalpost694.org



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2014						
		1 CLOSED	2	3	4 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	5
6	7 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Board Meeting 6 pm	8 CLOSED	9 6:30 pm – Marina in Motion	10 MEETING NIGHT	11 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm Band (open to all)	12 4 pm Private Party
13	14 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm 5:30 Private Party 6:30 pm – ALR Meeting	15 CLOSED	16	17	18 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	19 11:30 am Children's Easter Party
20 CLOSED EASTER	21 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	22 CLOSED	23	24	25 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm 3 pm DAV Fishing Derby Dinner	26 9 am Ephesians Fundraiser (open to all)
27 7 pm – MST Meeting	28 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	29 CLOSED	30 8 am Humana			
May 2014				1	2	3 4 pm Private Party
4 12 pm Wounded Warrior Meeting	5 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Board Meeting 6 pm	6 CLOSED	7	8 Meeting Night	9 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	10 10 am Unit 589 Fundraiser
11 CLOSED MOTHER'S DAY	12 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	13 CLOSED	14 3 pm – Teacher Appreciation 6:30 pm – Marina in Motion	15	16 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm 5 pm Public Safety Dinner	17 4 pm Private Party
18	19 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm 6:30 pm – ALR Meeting	20 CLOSED	21	22	23 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	24 4 pm VTC Fundraiser
25 7 pm – MST Meeting	26 12 pm Memorial Day Ceremony and Lunch	27 CLOSED	28	29	30 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	31
MONDAY NIGHT MINI- DINNER 5:30-7PM ONLY \$7	Who's Cooking??? • Monday, April 7 – Judi DeArana, Menu TBA • Monday, April 14 – TBA • Monday, April 21 – Judi DeArana, Menu TBA • Monday, April 28 – Janet Wagner, Pork Tenderloin & Potato Pancakes		Monday Night Dinner: For specific menu information please contact the Post at 384-6616 the week prior! Join us for a great meal at the affordable price of \$7 per person (Take-outs - \$8).		POST 694 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER <i>Prime Rib \$15 New York Cut Steak \$13 Post 694 Chopped Sirloin \$11 Chef's Special always \$9.50 Seafood Catch of the Day Market Price soup, potato, vegetables, fresh baked bread and dessert</i>	

Several charitable donations have been done since July 1st. They include Boys State, First Tee of Monterey, Marina Youth Soccer, Safe Surfin Foundation, Marina Foundation, Ford Ord Warhorse, VTC Capital Campaign, Gateway Center, Marina Youth Arts, Science Camp scholarship for Olson Elementary School, Marina Pop Warner, and Eagle Scout project at Fort Ord National Monument. We would not be able to support these programs without you. Please continue to support the Legion and Auxiliary.

To make our dollars go further, please consider signing up to get this newsletter electronically. If you would like to receive future newsletters and information via email please send an email to:

adjutantpost694@gmail.com


IMPORTANT UPDATE

At the General Membership Meeting in March, an increase in dues was approved by the General Membership effective for 2015. For 2015, dues will increase from \$30 per year to \$35 per year. This increase was necessitated by an increase in the per capita tax charged by the Department of California American Legion.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Poppy Month is Just Around The Corner!



Monterey Cypress Unit 694, American Legion Auxiliary volunteers will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted Poppies honoring America's war dead during May, Poppy Month. This annual event pays tribute to those veterans who have died in service to their country. It also honors the millions of Americans who have willingly served their country throughout the years and gives critical employment opportunities to our disabled veterans. If you would like to wear a poppy in remembrance of those who served, stop by American Legion Post 694 and pick up your poppy. The annual Poppy distribution/donation letters will be sent out in April. We depend on your generous donations to provide support to local veterans and their families. Please send in your donations or save a stamp and bring them to the Post. Don't forget to wear your poppies during the month of May and especially on Memorial Day!

If you are interested in helping distribute poppies during Poppy Month please contact President Judi DeArana at 831-682-0007.

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Monterey Cypress Unit 694

General Meetings 2nd Thursday of every month except July at 7:00pm

Auxiliary Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1746, Marina, CA 93933.

President	Judi De Arana	682-0007
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Jr. Past Pres	Susan Baker	324-0191

Chaplains Corner

Spring is here. Thanks to the recent rains, the hills are green and many flowers are in bloom. It is truly a time of renewal. What better way to start anew than to give a little of ourselves to those of our fellow veterans who are in need. Whether it is a personal contact with one of our needy post members or joining with other post members to work on a project at the post, you can be sure that you will come away with more than you give. Luke 6:38 says "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Proverbs 11:24 says "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer".

I am sorry to report that the following members have passed on to Post Everlasting: Robert R Robbins, Richard R. Horning and Clarence Foster. Our past post member, Tony Linske, has also passed on to Post Everlasting. We honor their service to our great country and send prayers of sympathy and comfort to their families. Please let us know if one of our comrades is ill and/or when one of our members pass away so we can offer our prayers and assistance by calling 831-384-0152 or e-mailing me at chaplainpost694@yahoo.com.

For God & Country,
Mary M. Estrada
Chaplain – Legion and Riders

A REQUEST FROM THE COMMANDER

Our post is looking for volunteers. We are running low and need many hands to make light work. We need you. Any help that you can provide will be graciously accepted.

We need some of you to step up and help take the reins by becoming an officer. Training, documentation and personal assistance is available to insure that your contribution as an officer of this post will be a success. If you wish to be nominated for a position at our post, please contact either myself, or another post officer. Help us make this post something that you will be proud to be a contributing member of.

We need volunteers to supervise the community service workers who are assigned to work at our post. Community Service cleaning occurs each weekend starting at 0800. You can assist them if you wish, but that isn't required. What is required is that a post member opens up the building and insures that the crew completes the regular clean-up routine. Other additional chores may be necessary from time to time. A to do list is available and Al Rider has offered to provide training along with his phone number for anytime there are question

We need volunteers to help with upcoming events. April 19th we have the kids Easter Party. If you wish to help, see Amanda. April 25th is the Disabled American Veterans Dinner, see Czec. May 14th is Teachers Appreciation luncheon, see Czec or Lis. May 16th is the Public Safety Dinner, see Carlos.

I know that each of you have very busy lives, with plenty to do already. Some of you are already volunteering, I could not ask for more. Some of you have mobility issues, you are part of those we wish to serve and we thank you for your years of service. To the rest of you, please become an active member of this post. You may not realize it now, but your giving for others is a blessing for you.

Welcome our new Legion members and transfers!

Tito Acosta
Gerald Gile

Bret Westerman
Carl Johnson

And The Winner Is...

The Unit Americanism Chairman, Lis Billingsley, reports that the Auxiliary's annual Americanism Essay Contest encourages participants to learn about the fundamental rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Our hearty congratulations to the following students whose essays won the 2014 Americanism Essay Contest, writing on assigned titles appropriate for their individual age groups as specified:

Group I – Grades 4 & 5 – Why Should I Show Respect for the American Flag?

Olson Elementary School

- 1st Place - Gaetano Lucido, Grade 5
- 2nd Place – Jaxon Hansen, Grade 5
- 3rd Place – Morgan Sarantos, Grade 4

Marina Vista Elementary School

- 1st Place – Alexis Williams, Grade 5
- 2nd Place – Jeanette Vasquez, Grade 5
- 3rd Place – Heidi Sosa, Grade 4

Group II – Grades 6 & 7 – How Can I Make a Difference Where I Am?

Los Arboles Middle School

- 1st Place – Kimberly Gamez, Grade 7
- 2nd Place – Noah Martinez, Grade 7
- 3rd Place – Mariah Trinity, Grade 6

Group III – Grades 8 & 9 – What Does the "Pledge of Allegiance" Mean to Me?

Los Arboles Middle School

- 1st Place – America Osornio Velasquez, Grade 8
- 2nd Place – Ian Barajas, Grade 8
- 3rd Place – Carlos Cardenas Osornio, Grade 8

Group IV – Grades 10-12 – Why Should I Care About the Elections?

Marina High School

- 1st Place – Tatiana Youpa, Grade 12
- 2nd Place – Audrey Salbacka, Grade 12
- 3rd Place – Haley Kirk, Grade 11

Group V – Exceptional Needs – What is a Veteran?

Marina High School

- 1st Place – Menchi Guevarra

All first place winners will receive cash awards of \$35, with \$25 to each of the second place winners, and \$15 to the third place winners. The essays written by Alexis Williams, Kimberly Gamez, America Osornio Velasquez, Tatiana Youpa, and Menchi Guevarra will be forwarded to District 28 for further possible awards. Again, congratulations to the winners and thank you to the 20 teachers and 227 students in the four schools who participated in the competition this year.

Chaplain's Corner...

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Eleanor Soares Bray on March 1, 2014. Eleanor was a twenty-eight year Auxiliary member who worked tirelessly for our veterans, their families, and our community. Eleanor will always be remembered for her selflessness, her tolerance, her patience, and for her kind smile. To the Soares Bray family we extend our sincere sympathy and prayers during this very difficult time.

The Auxiliary extends sincere sympathy and prayers of condolence to Dorothy Franceschi for the loss of her brother.

Check the calendar on the back cover to see **Who's Cooking!**

Mark Your Calendar!

- Kids Easter Party, Saturday, April 19, 12-2 PM
- **EASTER SUNDAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 20 – POST 694 WILL BE CLOSED**
- DAV Annual Spring Fishing Derby Dinner, Friday, April 25, 3 PM
- **MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 11 – POST 694 WILL BE CLOSED**