



# POST & UNIT 694 CALENDAR

For more information, call (831) 384-6616 or web site [www.caalpost694.org](http://www.caalpost694.org)  
MEETINGS 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](http://www.caalpost694.org)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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### December 2013

1	2 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	3 CLOSED	4 6:30 pm – Marina in Motion	5	6 2:30 PRIVATE PARTY Happy Hour 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm 8 pm – 12 am Karaoke	7 4 pm - PRIVATE PARTY
8	9 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Board Meeting 6 pm	10 CLOSED	11 5:30 pm PRIVATE PARTY	12 MEETING NIGHT	13 4:30 pm PRIVATE PARTY Happy Hour 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	14 12 pm COC Toy Run
15 10 am – 3 pm Chili Cookoff 7 pm MST Meeting	16 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm  6:30 pm – ALR Meeting	17 CLOSED	18	19 4 pm PRIVATE PARTY	20 5 pm PRIVATE PARTY Happy Hour 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	21 12-2 pm Children’s Christmas Party 5 pm – Adult Christmas Party
22 7 pm - MST Meeting	23 Happy Hr 5-6 pm NO DINNER	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED Merry Christmas	26	27 Happy Hour 5-6 pm NO DINNER	28 4 pm- PRIVATE PARTY
29	30 Happy Hr 5-6 pm NO DINNER	31 CLOSED	<b>PAY YOUR 2014 DUES BY DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> or risk being removed from the mailing list for the newsletter</b>			

### January 2014

			1 CLOSED	2	3 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	4 - 4 pm –POST OFFICE MEETING
5	6 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Board Meeting 6 pm	7 CLOSED	8 7 pm – Marina in Motion	9 Meeting Night	10 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Dinner 6 pm	11 2 pm – PRIVATE PARTY (TEXAS HOLD EM)
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26	27 Happy Hr 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	28 CLOSED	29	30	31	FEBRUARY 1 <sup>st</sup>  FOUR CHAPLAINS



#### POST 694 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

**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**



#### MONDAY NIGHT MINI-DINNER

5:30-7PM

**ONLY \$7**



## The Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service

..... THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE

**1100 hrs, Saturday, 1 February 2014**

**Ft Ord Chapel**

Building 4280 Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard

**Reception Following**

**American Legion Post 694**

694 Legion Way, Marina, CA

**For more information: Mary Estrada, 384-0152**

**Welcome our new members and transfers!**  
James Patty, Eugene Doherty, Tim Fitzgerald  
and Karl Krueger and Robert Graf

American Legion  
Monterey Cypress Post 694  
694 Legion Way  
P.O. Box 565  
Marina CA 93933

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MARINA CA 93933  
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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

*SATURDAY DECEMBER 21st*

Noon – Refreshments and Santa soon after that

**FOR ALL MEMBERS’  
CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN OR GREAT  
GRANDCHILDREN**

Ages 0 to 10 years old invited

Reservations must be mailed to/received by  
Lis Billingsley

**NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10, 2013**  
(Sorry no late reservations)

Please return the form below  
PRINT NAMES/AGE CLEARLY and CHECK GIRL OR BOY  
DO NOT drop or leave reservations at the Post



MAIL TO:  
Lis Billingsley  
401 Sunset Place  
Marina, CA 93933

NAME	AGE	BOY	GIRL
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# AMERICAN LEGION Post 694 MARINA CA

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CDR	Tony Wagner	674-1518
1st Vice	Jon Baker	324-0191
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Director	Teo Colon	383-9236
Director	Carlos Estrada	384-0152
Director	John Garthner	633-5436
Director	Gary Deaton	596-4364
Director	Janet Wagner	674-1518



Sgt at Arms	Les Sturges	883-2081
Chaplain	Mary Estrada	384-0152
Finance	By committee	
Svc Officer	Mary Estrada	384-0152
Judge Adv	Mike Hohler	659-4754
Adjutant	Cathy McDougall	455-8665
Historian	Sherryl Panek	394-8180
Jr. Past	Mike Hohler	659-4754

## Chaplain's Corner

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. While it is a time of joy and celebration, for many in our ranks it can also be a sad time too. It is more important than ever that we all take the time to reach out to those who need our care and let them know they are not alone. God Bless.

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

NEW Web Page! [CAALPOST694.ORG](http://CAALPOST694.ORG)

The Post has changed our Comcast services to include...4 HD Television connections, voice over IP and high speed internet including web hosting.

Janet Wagner has taken on the task of keeping the web pages updated. If you have any content you would like included please send the information to Janet at [wagnerji@gmail.com](mailto:wagnerji@gmail.com). Please send info on events as soon as you have it...at least 30 days before the event will allow our members and guests to plan ahead. The Post igooogle calendar is the one stop place to keep up on EVERYTHING that is happening at the Post. The officers update it daily! To view the igooogle calendar...from the Home page on the web site [CAALPOST694.ORG](http://CAALPOST694.ORG) click the button labeled Calendar!

## From the Commander!

I would like to thank all of those responsible for the resounding success of our Veterans Day program. The Auxiliary performed an outstanding service to our veterans and our community. First, there is Ruby Kapsalis, who had the knowledge of the various awards available, the ability to see what should be done and the wherewithal to make it happen. I'm certain that Conner Fitzgerald and his family are very appreciative as are we all. Second, I'd like to thank Susan Baker for her seeing an opportunity and pursuing it, in her work to get KSBW news to broadcast the award. This not only gave young Conner the recognition that he deserves, but also served to bring the Auxiliary, American Legion and Post 694 into the public eye in a very positive manner. Third, I'd like to thank the Boy Scouts for their presentation of the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to thank the Auxiliary from the bottom of my belly for the delicious luncheon that was ready and waiting right after the ceremonies concluded. Both Auxiliary President Judi De Arana and Jr. Past President Susan Baker worked tirelessly to provide a full three course meal for what was expected to be about sixty people, but turned out to be over one hundred! Thank you and well done, all of you!

## ALR ON THE MOVE...

On Veterans Day the American Legion Riders Chapter 694 and members of Salinas Chapter 31 and District 28 (Prunedale) rode in the Salinas Veterans Day Parade. The weather cooperated and there was quite a large cheering crowd.

On November 16, the Chapter participated in the 7th Annual "Turkey Trot" for the Food Bank of Monterey County, and donated 100 lbs. of turkey for families in need..

This year the Chapter is sponsoring the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" campaign, and has placed a toy collection box inside the front door at the Post. American Legion Family members are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped gifts for children in need by December 14, 2013. All donated toys will be distributed to needy children in Monterey County.

## Monterey Cypress Unit 694

General Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month except July at 7:00pm

President	Judi De Arana	682-0007
1st Vice	Carol Yates	905-8886
2nd Vice	Sandra Rodrigues	905-7965
Secretary	Sherryl Panek	394-8180
Treasurer	Jennifer Johnson	917-0463
Chaplain	Connie Raya	594-0226
Historian	Michelle Soares	324-0848



Sgt at Arms	Japana Hohler	659-4754
Marshall	Janet Love	636-1354
Parliamentarian	Ruby Kapsalis	394-4514
Exec Board	Rosie Eskridge	384-0131
Exec Board	Barbara Ferguson	384-6598
Exec Board	Renee Nichols	384-5117
Jr. Past Pres	Susan Baker	324-0191

**In The Spirit of Giving...**Unit 694 would like to extend special thanks to Trudy Wilson, Anne LaPierre, Margaret Davis, Connie Raya, Ursula Wilson, Trudy Kraft, Renee Nichols, and Linda Griffiths, who collectively crocheted, knitted, or sewed 44 afghans, 17 lap quilts, and 15 stocking caps for distribution to the vets at the Palo Alto VA Spinal Cord Ward Unit at their Christmas celebration on December 7. Special thanks to Maria Knight's sister, Suzan Kovacs, who lives in New Jersey; she donated much of the yarn that Maria used to crochet 14 afghans.

## Chaplain's Corner...

Since our last Newsletter, Chaplain Connie Raya sent Thinking of You cards to Susan Baker and Michelle Soares, and Get Well cards to Candace Cuisinier and Michelle Soares. Chaplain Connie also made home visits to Maria Knight and Sharon Field. Additionally, phone calls were made to Susan Baker, Michelle Soares, Sharon Field, and Rosie Eskridge. The Auxiliary sends well wishes to each of these members!

On November 3, 2013, the Unit held a Celebration of Life at Monterey Cypress Post 694 for Ursula Rodrigues, who passed away on September 29, 2013. Unit President Judi DeArana, and Chaplain Connie presided; First Vice President, Carol Yates, delivered the Eulogy. The Auxiliary hosted a luncheon for approximately one hundred guests following the service. The Unit would like to extend sincere condolences and healing prayers to Ursula's daughter, Sandy Rodrigues, and the Rodrigues family. Also, a huge thank you to the Post Legionnaires who assisted with set-up and clean-up; your help is very much appreciated!

## Mark Your Calendar!

- **Wed. Dec. 4**  
**Christmas Craft Fair, Palo Alto VA Hospital**
- **Sat. Dec. 7**  
**Palo Alto VA Spinal Cord Ward Christmas Dinner**
- **Sat. Dec. 21**  
**Children's Christmas Party, 12 Noon-2 PM**  
**Adult Christmas Party 5 pm**
- **Jan. 10-12, 2014**  
**Auxiliary Mid-Year Conference, Long Beach, CA**



## Who's Cookin???

- **Mon. Dec. 2 – Monday Night Dinner – Janet Wagner, Chef**
  - **Mon. Dec. 9 – Monday Night Dinner – Judi DeArana, Chef**
  - **Mon. Dec. 16 – Monday Night Dinner – Eleanor Bray, Chef**
- For specific menus please contact the Post at 384-6616 the week prior! Great meals at the affordable price of \$7 per person (Take-outs - \$8).

## WEAR YOUR MOST UNIQUE CHRISTMAS SWEATER!

Dec 21, 2013

Legion, Unit, SAL and ALR

• No Host Cocktails  
5 PM

• Dinner  
6 PM  
Ham and Turkey Dinner

Santa and his Elves will be there

• \$15 Gift Exchange  
(optional)

• Live Music

For More Info:  
Post 694—384-6616  
Janet Wagner—682-5677

Tickets  
\$15.00

