



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)



**NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION:**

Membership Update

To All Members

**Don't Pay Twice!**

You may receive a duplicate dues notice when you pay your dues just before our National HQ automatically sends out its next dues notice. Your dues payment and the automatic dues notice from Nat'l HQ have crossed paths in the mail.

This is an automatic process and will correct itself within a month or so.

<p>American Legion          Monterey Cypress Post 694          694 legion Way          P.O. Box 565          Marina CA 93933</p>		<p>NONPROFIT ORG          PRSRT STD          MARINA CA 93933          PERMIT NO 5</p>
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American Legion Post 694

**HEROES OF AMERICA BALL**

MAY 21, 2016

*"An Evening of Elegance, Fine Dining, and Dancing, Honoring America's Heroes."*



..... THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE

**The Four Chaplains Interfaith  
 Memorial Service**

**1100 hrs, Saturday, 6 February 2016**

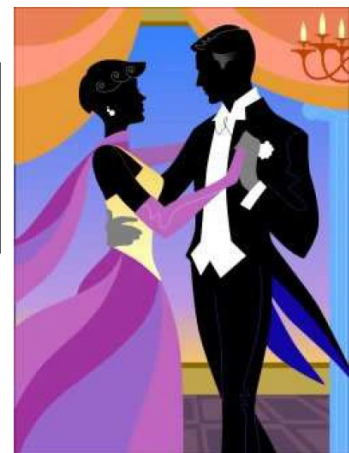
**Ft Ord Chapel**

Building 4280 Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard

**Reception Following**

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

Ballroom Dancing  
 Lessons are offered  
 the first Thursday of  
 the Month at 7 pm.  
 Cost is \$10.



Cocktails: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Dancing: 8:00 pm

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 Entrée choices: Prime Rib , Salmon, Vegetarian

Dress: Formal, Civilian or Military  
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Advance tickets : **\$35.00** per person  
 "Adults ages 18 and older"

CDR	Jon Baker	324-0191
1st Vice	Steve McDougall	455-8665
2nd Vice	Gary Deaton	596-4364
Director	Teo Colon	383-9236
Director	Carlos Estrada	384-0152
Director	Czec Panek	394-8180
Director	Belle Jones	
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
Junior Past	Tony Wagner	674-1518

The Commander's Corner...I hope you and your families had a very Merry Christmas, and that you all will have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Looking back over the last twelve months, I would like to thank all of you who have come forward to support our activities and to volunteer with Community Service and general help at the Post. We could not do it without you. Please continue to check the Post calendar and see where you can step up and help.

We started many new activities in 2015. The most successful is our Hamburger Thursday, thanks in large part to John Goodhope and his crew of faithful volunteers. If you have not tried a "694 Special", you owe it to yourself to drop in and try one of the best burgers around. We plan to add some additional dinner nights and activities this coming year that may pique your interest.

I am looking forward to a great New Year at the Post, and as I say in every Newsletter, we cannot move forward as a Post without the active participation of all our members. The Legion and Auxiliary officers need you to be actively and regularly involved in our activities. I look forward to seeing new faces in 2016!

For God and Country, Jon Baker, Commander

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** With the beginning of a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the Legion and Auxiliary who have made 2015 success. We have remodeled the bathroom and completed several maintenance related items at the Post. Although we discontinued Taco Tuesday, we have found great success with our Thursday Burger nights. John Goodhope continues to come up with new ideas. I am looking forward to trying his new chicken sandwich.

2016 is looking to be another great year. We have some new events planned. In January we will be having a comedy night. In May, we have our first Heroes of America Ball. I am looking forward to see what else we can come up with.

I ask all members the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons to help us keep the post moving forward. We need your help to keep the post functioning. We have a small group of volunteers working to keep the post going. Without your help the post is in jeopardy. We are looking for new members who can provide new ideas and assume some of the tasking required to keep the post and events continuing. I would like to wish all of you a happy and prosperous 2016.

Respectfully/ Czec Panek, Executive Board Chairman

### Chaplains Corner

For our members of all faiths I hope your Holiday was a blessed one. May you experience the wonder of our Lord's abiding love, as He guides you through each day of 2016. Even with the holidays behind us, it is still 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. We wish health and comfort to all our members who are suffering from illness or personal loss. Please, don't forget the Four Chaplains Memorial Service on the 6th of February 2015. May God's Blessings be with you throughout the New Year!

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



**Celebrate  
Super Bowl  
50 at the  
Post!**

**Bring your favorite dish  
to share. 1 pm**

Welcome our new and transfer members!

Arthur Perry, Al James, Ralph Sirtak, Will Robles, Dyon Foster, Tom Bailey, Carmelo Vega, Sandy Rodrigues!

Please support membership and invite one veteran that you know to join us!

# Monterey Cypress Unit 694

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

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

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



Sgt-At-Arms	Japana Hohler	659-4754
Marshal	Roberta Brown	656-9811
Parliamentarian	Ruby Kapsalis	394-4514
Executive Board	Lis Billingsley	384-9038
Executive Board	Barbara Ferguson	384-6598
Executive Board	Renee Nichols	384-5117
Jr Past Pres	Judi De Arana	682-0007

**From the Podium...** Hello to all Auxiliary Members! I hope you all had a great Holiday Season with your families. 2016 is upon us, but I'd like to go back to 2015 briefly, just to congratulate the members who put on two recent successful Auxiliary fundraisers—the Octoberfest and Holiday Craft Fair. And thank you to all who volunteered to help. The proceeds will help fund many programs to assist our veterans. I'm looking forward to the New Year and more successful events.

Don't forget, Monday Night Dinners! This is another great way to support your Auxiliary, and you can take a night off from your kitchen! Check the Post calendar for menus, and I hope to see you!

I'm excited to announce the Official Visit of our Department President, Suzie Tozier, on January 17th at 9AM at our Post! This is a great opportunity to hear directly from the Department President and learn firsthand, her goals for the Auxiliary.

Also, always looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings; our next one will be January 14th at 7PM Let us all keep our active duty servicemen and women in our prayers, and thank all veterans for their service to our Country. Remember, because of your volunteer efforts we can help our Veterans in so many ways.

**The Chaplain's Corner...** Get Well cards were sent to Rosie Eskridge and Lillian Stettisch. A Sympathy card was sent to Janet Kasper for the loss of her husband Chuck and a Thinking of You card was sent to Teo Colon after his stay in the hospital with an infection. Until next time, if you know of a member who is ill or could use some cheering up please contact Michelle Soares, Unit 694 Chaplain at 831-324-0848, or email her at [brakegoddess@comcast.net](mailto:brakegoddess@comcast.net).

**Membership...** Welcome to all our new American Legion Auxiliary members. If you are interested in learning more about our organization, you can visit our National American Legion Auxiliary website at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org), or come to our meetings, held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm.

Please also visit our Post website [www.caalpost694.org](http://www.caalpost694.org) to keep updated on all future events. We hope to see you at the Post and hope you can join us at our monthly meetings. Volunteers are needed to help with the programs that we work for our veterans and our community.

Be on the look-out for second renewal notices, if you have not yet renewed your 2016 membership. Dues are \$25 for Senior members and \$3 for Juniors members. Please mail your dues to PO Box 1746, Marina, CA 93933, or contact Sandy Rodrigues at 831-905-7965 or email [sandy.marina@comcast.net](mailto:sandy.marina@comcast.net)

**Community Service...** We have many members who do community service work, especially during the holidays, and we would like to hear from you! Let Sandy Rodrigues know what kind of volunteer work you are doing and how many hours you put into it. If you have a special project that we can help with, please contact her to see if we can help. You can email your information to Sandy at [sandy.marina@comcast.net](mailto:sandy.marina@comcast.net) or call her at 831-905-7965.

Our Unit is involved with the Thomas Carman Food Pantry in Marina and we are there every third Saturday of the month from 8:30am to 11:00am. If you would like to help or make a donation, the Pantry is located at the Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal Church at 425 Carmel Ave, Marina.

**Thank You...** This truly is the season of giving! A huge thank you to James and Misako Soares for their generous donation to help fund the Children's Christmas Party, and to Japana Hohler, who provided funding for the purchase of twenty-five copies of the latest American Legion Family Centennial Bookazine, "Indivisible: The Story of Our Flag". Each of Marina's five public schools will receive five copies of this wonderful teaching tool. We are indeed blessed by your generosity, which is greatly appreciated.



# POST & UNIT 694 CALENDAR

For more information, call (831) 384-6616 or web site [www.caalpost694.org](http://www.caalpost694.org)  
MEETINGS 2ND THURSDAY...POST EXEC 6PM...POST/UNIT GENERAL 7:00PM



## January 2016

### NOTICE

*Post 694 now accepts all major credit/debit cards*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CLOSED	2
3 CLOSED	4 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	5	6 6 pm Board Meeting	7 Hamburger Night 7 pm Ballroom Dancing Lessons	8 Friday Night Dinner	9 Comedy Night
10 CLOSED 9 am Private Party	11 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	12	13 7 pm Marina in Motion	14 Meeting Night Hamburger Night	15 Friday Night Dinner	16 12 pm Private Party
17 CLOSED 9 am District 28 Meetings	18 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	19	20	21 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm	22 Friday Night Dinner	23 5 pm Private Party
24 CLOSED	25 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	26	27 5 pm MST Meeting	28 Hamburger Night	29 Friday Night Dinner	30 Texas Hold em
31 CLOSED 3 pm Private Party	<p align="center"><b>Monday Night Dinner</b> 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</p>					

## February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	2	3 6 pm Board Meeting	4 Hamburger Night 7 pm Ballroom Dancing Lessons	5 Friday Night Dinner	6 11 am Four Chaplains -Fort Ord Chapel
7 1 pm Super Bowl 50 Party	8 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	9	10 7 pm Marina in Motion	11 MEETING NIGHT Hamburger Night	12 Friday Night Dinner	13 4 pm Private Party
14 CLOSED	15 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	16	17	18 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm	19 Friday Night Dinner	20 9 am District 28 Auxiliary Training
21 CLOSED	22 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	23	24 5 pm MST Meeting	25 Hamburger Night	26 Friday Night Dinner	27
28 CLOSED	29 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Friday Night Dinner</b> For specific menu information please contact the Post at 384-6616 for menu selections.</p> <p align="center">Check our website or call the post for up to date times on all events!</p>				