



AMERICAN LEGION Post 694 MARINA CA
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ATTENTION SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 694 MEMBERS

We will be having a meeting on **Thursday, May 4th at 7:30 pm** at Monterey Cypress Post 694 to discuss the future of the squadron. Come to Hamburger Night which runs from 5-7 pm and stay for the meeting. We need as many members to attend as possible to attend. If you are unable to attend please send your email to adjutantpost694@gmail.com and cpaneks@comcast.net so we can pass on future news and requirements to you.

The Sons of the American Legion's mission to serve veterans, the military and their families is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and national headquarters.

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MAY IS POPPY MONTH! Honor the dead—aid the living. Wear a paper poppy this Memorial Day—

Monday, May 29th



The red crepe paper poppy, replica of the Flanders Poppy was officially adopted in 1921 as the Memorial Flower of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Through the years it has become the symbol of the dead—their memorial flower. The red crepe paper poppy is hand-made exclusively by hospitalized veterans of the World Wars, Korean War, Vietnam War, Grenada/Lebanon and Panama conflicts and the Persian Gulf War. It is made of paper to give the veteran a maximum amount of work and income. In many cases the income derived from this source constitutes the only income of that hospitalized veteran. Each year volunteer workers, members of the American Legion Auxiliary, offer these poppies to the public, to be worn by them on Memorial Day, so they may pay tribute to the Nation's honored war dead. All contributions made by the public are used by the American Legion Auxiliary exclusively for the welfare of the needy veterans and their families throughout the state of California. Auxiliary members will be offering poppies to the general public at the Marina Walmart Tuesday, May 23 through Friday, May 26, from 10 AM-2 PM. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

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Adjutant	Cathy McDougall	360-271-9143
Historian	Sherryl Panek	394-8180
Junior Past	Jon Baker	324-0191



Legion News...Each year Post 694 awards medals for Scholastic and Military Excellence to two deserving cadets in the Seaside-Marina Junior ROTC program. Post Commander Mike Hohler will present the medals to the 2017 recipients at the JROTC Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 9th at the Seaside High School Gymnasium, beginning at 7 PM. This year Cdr. Hohler will present the Scholastic Excellence Award to Sergeant Desiree Bagley, and Sergeant Valeria Pelaez will receive the Military Excellence Award. The Military Excellence Award is the only JROTC medal approved by the Department of Defense for wear on a military uniform. Our hearty congratulations to these fine cadets!

Auxiliary News Continued.....

Americanism Chair Elisabeth Billingsley is pleased to announce the winners of the **2016-17 Americanism Essay Contest**, and we extend hearty congratulations to all. (Please note that no entries were received for Group III Grades 8-9.)

Group I Grades 4-5

Title: What Patriotism Means to me?

Ione Olson Elementary School

1st Place – Azrya Prasetyo, 5th Grade

2nd Place – Isaiah Ramirez, 5th Grade

3rd Place – Xenia King, 4th Grade

Marina Vista Elementary School

1st Place – Sheyla Granados – 5th Grade

2nd Place – Elan Dwa – 5th Grade

3rd Place – Daisy Preciada – 4th Grade

Group II Grades 6-7

Title: Why is it Important to Vote?

Los Arboles Middle School

1st Place – Yareli Ramirez, 7th Grade

2nd Place – Cassandra Chapa, 7th Grade

3rd Place – Ariane Leodones, 7th Grade

Group IV Grades 10-12

Title: What are my Duties as a Citizen?

Marina High School

1st Place – Nisha Naicker, 12th Grade

2nd Place – Rosa Acevedo, 11th Grade

3rd Place – William Holden Wood, 12th Grade

Group V Children with Exceptional Needs

Title: What the American Flag Means to me?

Marina Vista Elementary School

1st Place – Isabella Gonzalez, 5th Grade



Education Chair Lis Billingsley has announced the names of the Unit's Scholarship and Educational Stipend winners for 2017! The winner of the \$1,000 Edna Cruz Memorial Scholarship is James Ziebell, a student at Marina High School. Additionally, the Unit has awarded \$500 Educational Stipends to Jasia Liane Tan Nichols and Kaylee Grothe, both students at Marina High School, and a \$300 Educational Stipend to Cassidy Kitt, a student at Trinity Christian School. Congratulations to all of these scholars!

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	Sandra Rodrigues	905-7965
1st Vice	Connie Raya	594-0226
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Parliamentarian	Michelle Soares	324-0848
Executive Board	Lis Billingsley	384-9038
Executive Board	Barbara Ferguson	384-6598
Executive Board	Renee Nichols	384-5117
Jr Past Pres	Carol Yates	905-8886

From the Podium... As our fiscal year comes to an end on June 30th, I would like to recap what the Unit has accomplished in support of American Legion Auxiliary programs on the Central Coast this year. We have given over \$10,000 in donations, distributed in various ways thru each program we promote locally.

Some of our contributions include volunteer time and in-kind/or cash donations to the District 28 Stand Down for Homeless Veterans, Ride 2 Recovery, veterans at the VA Palo Alto Hospital Spinal Cord Ward for Thanksgiving and Christmas, veterans at the Menlo Park VA, and the DAV Fall and Spring Fishing Derby event, and we served breakfasts to veterans at the Monterey County Fair. We members also funded, through Wreaths Across America, wreaths for placement on the gravesites of five deceased veterans at Arlington National Cemetery, who are directly related to members of The American Legion Family at Post 694. We will be offering Poppies to the citizens of Marina during May.

For our Americanism, Children and Youth, Education, and Girls State programs, we donated \$1,000 to the Children's Miracle Network; we awarded \$2,300 in scholarships and educational stipends to deserving local students; and we again sponsored the Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 4 through 12 in Marina public schools; we supported our local high school sports programs and sponsored a PONY Baseball/Softball team; we provided holiday gifts to a military family, our children and grandchildren; and we are sending three Delegates to California Girls State this year. In the community we volunteer at our local food pantry and serve daily breakfasts at the Teen Center.

Many thanks to our members who continually support and volunteer at our fundraisers and help to keep our Unit strong. Please be sure to check out the benefits currently available to ALA members through the following link: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=1281>. To keep up with all our American Legion Family events visit our website at <http://post694.comcastbiz.net>.

For God and Country, **Sandy Rodrigues, President.**

Welcome, New Auxiliary Members... We would like to extend a warm welcome to the women who have joined our Unit this past year, including Theresa Aubuchon, Molly Fowler, Lisa Kenney, Cathy McDougall, Evelyn Marion, Tolan Maust, Lynn Mitchell, Rosemarie Sablosky, and Kimberly Techaird. We hope you will become active members, and support and promote the Auxiliary mission in our community!

The Chaplain's Corner... I am deeply saddened to advise that since our last Newsletter the Unit has lost yet another member—Maria Jones, on March 23, 2017, in Scottsdale, Arizona, after a period of failing health. Maria, a 26-year member, actively supported the Auxiliary for many years. On behalf of the Unit I would like to convey our prayers and condolences to the Jones' family during this difficult time.



Please call me at 831-324-0191 to report member illnesses or deaths. Until next time, please continue to spread light, love, hope and prayer throughout the American Legion Auxiliary...

Susan Baker, Chaplain

Children and Youth Chair Sherryl Panek reports that there was a great turnout for the Auxiliary's annual Kid's Easter Party, held on April 9th. Twenty-eight children enjoyed a hot dog lunch, made crafts, and then went on a search for the 690 eggs that were 'hidden' on the Post property. Many thanks to Event Co-Chair Amanda Nash and all who helped to make it a successful event this year!



POST & UNIT 694 CALENDAR



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

May 2017

NOTICE: Post 694 now accepts all major credit/debit cards

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Black Beans	2	3 Teachers' Appreciation Mixer, 3-6 pm	4 Hamburger Night SAL Meeting 7:30 pm	5 DAV Fishing Derby Spaghetti Feed 5-7pm Friday Night Dinner	6 Private Party 4 pm
7 CLOSED District 28 Boys and Girls State Lunch Pot 31, Noon	8 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad	9 6:30 pm VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	10 6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm Marina in Motion	11 Meeting Night Election Night Hamburger Night	12 Friday Night Dinner Karaoke Night	13 Private Party 12 pm
14 Mother's Day CLOSED	15 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Spaghetti & Meatballs	16 6:30 pm VFW Meeting	17	18 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm	19 Friday Night Dinner	20 Thomas Carman Food Pantry 8:30-11 am
21 Private Party 11 am District 28 Meeting Greenfield Post 635 9 am	22 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Country Fired Steak, Mashed Potatoes	23	24 Private Party 6 pm	25 Hamburger Night	26 Friday Night Dinner	27
28 CLOSED	29 Memorial Day Ceremony 11 am Lunch to Follow No Monday Night Dinner	30	31	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)		

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Friday Night Dinner For specific menu information please contact the Post at 384-6616 for menu selections. Check our website or call the post for up to date times on all events!				1	2 Friday Night Dinner	3 Private Party 4 pm
4 CLOSED	5 Happy Hour 5-6pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Grilled Sausage & Fired Potatoes	6	7 6 pm Board Meeting	8 MEETING NIGHT Hamburger Night	9 Friday Night Dinner	10
11 CLOSED Private Party 4 pm	12 Happy Hour 5-6 Mini Dinner 5:30 pm BBQ Ribs & Hash Browns	13 6:30 pm VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	14 Flag Day 7 pm Marina in Motion	15 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm	16 Friday Night Dinner	17 Private Party 1 pm Thomas Carman Food Pantry 8:30-11 am
18 Father's Day CLOSED	19 Happy Hour 5-6 Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Lasnagna & Garlic Bread	20 6:30 pm VFW Meeting	21	22 Hamburger Night	23 Friday Night Dinner	24 Karaoke Night
25 Closed	26 Happy Hour 5-6 Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Swiss Steak/Noodles	27	28 5 pm MST Meeting	29 Hamburger Night	30 Friday Night Dinner	