



AMERICAN LEGION Post 694 MARINA CA
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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR KARAOKE FROM 6:30—10 PM ON
 SATURDAY MAY 12TH AND SATURDAY JUNE 16TH.**

BURGERS AND FRIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM 6-8 PM.



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MAY IS POPPY MONTH! Wear a paper poppy this Memorial Day—Monday, May 28th

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.

Each part of the poppy has special meaning. The red petals stand for the vast outpouring of blood; the yellow and black center, the mud and desolation of all battlefields. The green of the stem is symbolic of the forests, meadows and fields where generations of Americans have perished to make this land free. The stem represents the courage and determination of our fallen warriors. The assembled product, a flower, is a symbol of resurrection, which is sure to follow. You are urged to take a Poppy when offered one, and make a donation to help support our hospitalized veterans.



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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 2018 recipients at the JROTC Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Seaside High School Gymnasium, beginning at 7 PM. This year Cadet Staff Sergeant Reginald Sebolino will receive the Scholastic Excellence Award, and Cadet Sergeant Mary Pecjo will receive the Military Excellence Award. Both medals have been approved for wear by the Department of Defense. Our hearty congratulations to these fine cadets!

More from the Auxiliary:

Americanism Chair Elisabeth Billingsley is pleased to announce the winners of the **2017-18 Americanism Essay Contest**, and we extend hearty congratulations to all. (Please note there were no entries for Category III Grades 8-9)

Category I Grades 4-5

Title: Why We Should Respect America?

Ione Olson Elementary School

1st Place – Matthew Bartlett, 5th Grade

2nd Place – Isabella Pia, 5th Grade

3rd Place – Xenia King, 5th Grade

and Marina Vista Elementary School

1st Place – Rohan Rai, 5th Grade

2nd Place – Sheyla Bueno, 5th Grade

3rd Place – Ava Nguyen, 4th Grade

Category II Grades 6-7

Title: What does Community Service Mean to Me?

Los Arboles Middle School

1st Place – Erika Francisco, 7th Grade

2nd Place – Karma Maras, 7th Grade

3rd Place – Alexandria Garrido, 7th Grade

Category IV Grades 10, 11, 12

Title: What Values Should Our Leaders Have?

Marina High School

1st Place – Jenna Dahlquist, 11th Grade

Group V Children with Exceptional Needs

Title: Why is America A Great Country?

Marina High School

1st Place – Nya-Mae Chambers, 11th Grade

and Los Arboles Middle School

2nd Place – Noah Jacksich, 8th Grade

We have a Winner! Education Chair **Lis Billingsley** has announced that the winner of the **\$1,000 Edna Cruz Memorial Scholarship** is **Katie Erlich**, a student at Marina High School. Katie will attend Monterey Peninsula College in the fall. Congratulations to this fine scholar!

Girls State Chair Sandy Rodrigues advises that this year the Unit will again sponsor three delegates for the Girls State program. Sandy's interview team selected three students to attend Girls State this June. They are **Leanne Bagood**—Marina High School; **Dallas Johnson**—Trinity Christian School; and **Alyssa Stegall**—Robert Louis Stevenson School. Congratulations and best wishes to these outstanding young women!

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	Susan Baker	324-0191
1st Vice	Carol Yates	905-8886
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Executive Board	Barbara Ferguson	384-6598
Executive Board	Connie Raya	594-0226
Jr Past Pres	Sandra Rodrigues	905-7965

From the Podium... The Auxiliary mission statement reads “In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.” I am extremely proud of our accomplishments this year, as we have worked to satisfy Unit goals in the six major programs and Membership. Our **Membership Chair, Carol Yates**, did a fantastic job with the program, and it is, in large part due to her efforts that we made goal this year. Our **Americanism and Education Chair, Lis Billingsley**, was again most successful in her oversight of the Americanism Essay Contest, and quest for deserving students to receive Auxiliary scholarships at local, District, and Department levels. Our **Children & Youth Chair, Sherryl Panek**, through various events, raised nearly \$9,000 for the Marina High Softball Program, Marina PONY Softball, and the Children’s Miracle Network. **Legislative Chair, Barbara Ferguson**, urged members to write their elected officials at all levels in support of the many and varied bills pertaining to veterans and veteran rights. Our **Poppy Chair, Roberta Brown**, was responsible for the distribution of some 4,000 poppies in our community, and for the placement of 88 handmade poppy wreaths at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. Our **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Chair, Michelle Soares**, and **Hospital Representative Connie Raya** worked tirelessly in support of all veterans. As a result, Unit in-kind donations to the Palo Alto and Menlo Park VA facilities, including knitted/crocheted afghans, lap robes, caps and mittens, scarves, toiletries, magazines and puzzle books, amounted to nearly \$8,000. Cash donations in the amount of \$700 were given to the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, Wreaths Across America, and Post 31 Hero Bears Project. It has been my pleasure to work with these dedicated women and serve as Unit President this year.

My special thanks to all Unit members who support the mission and are always willing to lend a helping hand. With your support and encouragement we are able to remain a viable, productive Unit. And, many thanks, also, to the Post 694 Legion Family members who continually support and volunteer at our fundraisers. Together, we are Legion Family strong!

For God and Country, **Susan Baker, 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 Erika Dukes, Elena and Rebecca Glenny, Kim Lawson, Brianna McFadden, Lilli Padilla, and Christina and Mary Tomae. We hope you will become active members, and support and promote the Auxiliary mission in our community!

AUXILIARY DUES INCREASE NOTICE

After several lengthy discussions this year Unit members approved an annual dues increase, raising membership fees to \$30 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors, **effective July 1, 2018**. The rate hike is necessary because National approved a \$3 per capita increase for 2018-19, and it is anticipated that Department will also approve a \$3 per capita increase at their convention in June. In order for the Unit to remain solvent and continue to support and serve our community and our veterans, there was little choice but to follow suit. We are fully aware that the increase may well affect Auxiliary members who live on fixed incomes, but hope everyone understands that the annual economic impact on the Unit would be significant without this increase.



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 2018

NOTICE

Post 694 now accepts all major credit/debit cards

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 3 pm Teacher Appreciation	3 6:30 pm SAL Meeting Hamburger Night	4 Friday Night Dinner	5 4 pm private party
6 CLOSED	7 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Bean/Cheese Enchiladas with Spanish Rice	8	9 6 pm Board Meeting	10 Meeting Night Hamburger Night	11 4 pm DAV Fishing Derby Friday Night Dinner	12 10am private party 6 pm ALR Burger night 6:30 pm Karaoke
13 CLOSED Mother's Day	14 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Roast Chicken, Mashed Potato, Veggie & Gravy	15 6:30 pm VFW Meeting	16	17 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm	18 Friday Night Dinner	19 6 pm Private Party
20 9 am ALA District 28 11 am Private Party	21 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Sausage, Mashed Potato, Baked Beans	22	23 5 pm MST Meeting	24 Hamburger Night	25 Friday Night Dinner	26
27 12:30 pm Kids Easter Party	28 11 am Memorial Day Ceremony and Lunch NO MONDAY NIGHT DINNER	29	30	31 Hamburger Night	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!	

June 2018

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)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Friday Night Dinner	2
3 CLOSED	4 Happy Hour 5-6pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread	5	6	7 6:30 pm SAL Meeting Hamburger Night	8 Friday Night Dinner	9 3 pm private party
10 CLOSED	11 Happy Hour 5-6 Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Swiss Steak with Egg Noodles	12	13 6 pm Board Meeting	14 MEETING NIGHT Hamburger Night	15 Friday Night Dinner	16 6 pm ALR Burger night 6:30 pm Karaoke
17 CLOSED Father's Day	18 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potato, Gravy	19 6:30 pm VFW Meeting	20	21 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm	22 Friday Night Dinner	23
24 CLOSED	25 Happy Hour 5-6 Mini Dinner 5:30 pm Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggie	26	27 5 pm MST Meeting	28 Hamburger Night	29 Friday Night Dinner	30