



AMERICAN LEGION Post 694 MARINA CA
 PO Box 565 Marina CA 93933 (831-384-6616)
 On the web at www.caalpost694.org



Exciting New Events Planned for the Post

- **WEDNESDAYS:** Seafood Night Every Wednesday from 4 pm – 8 m. See website for pricing and flyer
- **THURSDAYS:** Hamburgers, Pool and Karaoke - Starting Thursday May 7 and every Thursday thereafter Post 694 Hamburger night from 4 - 7 pm. Pool Tournament starts a 5 pm. Karaoke from 5-9 pm. See website for pricing and flyer. No Karaoke and Pool on Meeting Nights.

Kitchen Scoop... Volunteer help is always welcome, and Post Kitchen Manager, Roberta Brown, needs your help! If you are interested in providing volunteer kitchen help (prep, serving, clean-up, dishwashing, etc.) at forthcoming Post events, please register on the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet that is now posted in the Kitchen. Roberta is requesting this information in order to make the Kitchen operation run more efficiently.

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

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

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



MONTEREY CYPRESS UNIT 694

American Legion Post 694

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Karaoke 6 – 10 p.m.

Menu served from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Menu:

- Tacos - \$2
- Cheese enchilada - \$2
- Burritos - \$4
- Add rice and beans - \$3

- Drink specials - \$2.50:
- Well Margaritas
- Sangria
- Beer specials - \$2.50
- Corona
- Modelo



FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE THOMAS CARMAN FOOD PANTRY IN MARINA

HERE IS A LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED

- Rice
- Pasta
- Tomato sauce or product
- Canned soup or top ramen
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Cereal, Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Jellies or Jams

**ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT
 THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 694
 LEGION WAY, MARINA CA 93933
 CONTACT SANDY RODRIGUES FOR MORE INFO
 831-905-7965**

THANK YOU

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	Tony Wagner	674-1518
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...

As we approach the end of my tenure as your Commander I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to you all. There are nearly 500 American Legion Family members at Post 694, including the S.A.L., Auxiliary, and the Legion. What I am asking is, where are all of you? We have monthly meetings, three different meals weekly at very affordable prices, with new dining opportunities to come. I am at the Post most days and I basically only see the same few members on each visit. Occasionally, I will meet someone who tells me, "I have been a member for 15 years (or so)." I ask them, "Where have you been? I have never seen or met you before." They generally have no response to that. They pay their dues yearly and feel that is enough of a commitment. I am asking each one of you to ask yourselves, what kind of member are you? This Post is suffering greatly from a lack of participation and new members. It is becoming increasingly difficult to have a meeting every month when we cannot get 10 members to show up for a quorum. We need your active participation in our Post. When was the last time you attended a meeting? When was the last time you brought in a new member? When was the last time you joined us for Monday Night Dinner, Taco Tuesday, or Friday Night Dinner? Think about these things...the fate of this Post is in your hands. Unless we are able to generate some renewed interest and participation within our member ranks, the future of Post 694 is questionable. There is a meeting May 14th to nominate and elect your officers for 2015-16. We need your participation in this process. I do thank those of you whom I see on a regular basis at the Post for your continued support. I would like to see the rest of you as well.

For God and Country,

Jon Baker, Commander
Post 694
Marina

Chaplain's Corner:



God Bless the American Legion Family. Spring is here, and I hope that everyone had a joyous Easter. Spring is a time of renewal, and what better way to start anew than to reaffirm our commitment to assist our fellow veterans and their families who are in need. Whether it is a personal contact with a veteran in need 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. Proverbs 11:24 says "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer".

I had the honor of attending the American Legion DEC in March and the April American Legion Rider Department Convention where I performed the Post and Rider Everlasting ceremonies. It is humbling to be able to remember/honor our departed comrades. I am unaware of any of our members who have passed to Post Everlasting since our last newsletter. Our comrade Bob Billingsley has been in the hospital due to recent accident and is recovering. Please remember him and Lis in your prayers. 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

TACO TUESDAY Come on out to the Post on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 PM-7 PM and indulge in some Super Tacos (\$2 each) and a delicious Margarita or Cerveza Mexicana (\$2.50 each), or try our South of the Border Special— 2 Tacos, Rice and Beans, for \$5.

Welcome our new and transfer members!

Jesse Juarez, Randy Lange, James Yates, Eric Gross, David Estrada, Don Pedro & Steve Mullins!

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	Emily Tafoya	663-1306
Secretary	Sherryl Panek	394-8180
Treasurer	Jennifer Johnson	917-0463
Chaplain	Susan Baker	324-0191
Historian	Dallas Johnson	917-0463

Sgt at Arms	Japana Hohler	659-4754
Marshall	Janet Love	636-1354
Parliamentarian	Michelle Soares	886-6212
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

Kudos to Our Scholars...Education Chair, Lis Billingsley, advises that Unit 694 has awarded a \$1,000 Edna Cruz Memorial Scholarship to Tama M.G. Henderson-Semo, a senior at Monterey High School. Additionally, the Unit has awarded \$500 educational stipends to Sam Baum, a senior at Marina High School, and August J. Vermeulen, a senior at Trinity Christian High School. Congratulations to each of these fine students. We wish them every success in their future educational endeavors.

Chaplain's Corner...We were saddened to learn of the passing of Emily Rose Feola, a twelve-year member, on March 17, 2015. Rose regularly attended Colonel Maggie's Airborne Drop-in event every year with her son, John, and her pet Chihuahua, Cricket. We will miss Rose's beautiful smile!

Membership Update...The Unit is still working to make our Goal of 250 members, and we need your help; it's not too late to Rejoin or Renew if you haven't already done so for 2015. New members are always welcomed! Your membership makes it possible for the American Legion Auxiliary to assist veterans, work our programs and be a part of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Annual Membership dues are \$25, and checks are payable to ALA Unit 694. Send dues ALA Unit 694, PO Box 1746, Marina CA 93933. Contact Sandy Rodrigues at 831-905-7965 for more information.

And The Winner Is...Congratulations to the following students whose essays won the 2015 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?

J. C. Crumpton Elementary School

- 1st Place – Abby Hostetter
- 2nd Place – Alexandria Perez
- 3rd Place – Faye Lawson

Ione Olson Elementary School

- 1st Place – Angela Spencer
- 2nd Place – Jamison Alston
- 3rd Place – Suyesh Niraula

Marina Vista Elementary

- 1st Place – Ashley Santos
- 2nd Place – Emily Maldonado
- 3rd Place – Juan Pablo Luna

Group II – Grades 6 & 7 – How Can I Show That I am Proud to be an American?

Los Arboles Middle School

- 1st Place – Zion Jasso
- 2nd Place – Jacob George
- 3rd Place – Eden Murphy

Group III – Grades 8 & 9 – Why Do We Need the Military?

Los Arboles Middle School

- 1st Place – Karla Reyes
- 2nd Place – Jada Alston
- 3rd Place – Christian Vela

Group IV – Grades 10-12 – What Does 'Liberty and Justice For All' Mean to Me?

Marina High School

- 1st Place – Joanna Rubio Marquez
- 2nd Place – Mathew Ariola
- 3rd Place – Ibram Istafallos



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 2015

NOTICE

Post 694 now accepts all major credit/debit cards

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm	2 3 pm Private party
3 CLOSED	4 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	5 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 5:30 pm Karaoke 6-10 pm	6 4 pm Seafood Dinner 6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm Marina in Motion	7 4 pm Hamburger Night 5-9 pm Karaoke & Pool Tournament	8 Dinner 6 pm	9 1 pm Private party
10 CLOSED Mother's Day	11 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	12 Taco Bar 5:30 pm	13 4 pm Seafood Dinner	14 MEETING NIGHT 4 pm Hamburger Night	15 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm Public Safety Dinner	16 VTC Fundraiser
17 11 am Private Party 7 pm MST Meeting	18 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm ALR Meeting 6 pm	19 Taco Bar 5:30 pm	20 4 pm Seafood Dinner	21 4 pm Hamburger Night 5-9 pm Karaoke & Pool Tournament	22 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm	23 Marina Foundation VTC Fundraiser
24 CLOSED	25 11 am Memorial Day Service and Luncheon	26 Taco Bar 5:30 pm	27 4 pm Seafood Dinner	28 4 pm Hamburger Night 5-9 pm Karaoke & Pool Tournament	29 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm	30
31 CLOSED						

JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	2 Taco Bar 5:30 pm	3 4 pm Seafood Dinner 6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm Marina in Motion	4 4 pm Hamburger Night 5-9 pm Karaoke & Pool Tournament	5 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm	6 6 pm Private party
7 CLOSED	8 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	9 Taco Bar 5:30 pm	10 4 pm Seafood Dinner	11 MEETING NIGHT 4 pm Hamburger Night	12 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm	13 6 pm Private party
14 CLOSED FLAG DAY	15 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm ALR Meeting 6 pm	16 Taco Bar 5:30 pm	17 4 pm Seafood Dinner	18 4 pm Hamburger Night 5-9 pm Karaoke & Pool Tournament	19 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm	20
21 CLOSED FATHER's Day MST Meeting 7pm	22 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	23 Taco Bar 5:30 pm	24 4 pm Seafood Dinner	25 4 pm Hamburger Night 5-9 pm Karaoke & Pool Tournament	26 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm	27
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