



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)



Pay your 2016 dues NOW to avoid dues increase and avoid a gap in membership. For those that do not renew their 2016 dues prior to December 20th, dues will increase from \$35 per year to \$40 per year. This increase was a result of an increase to the per capita tax charged by the National American Legion.

At the General Membership Meeting in October, an increase in dues was approved by the General Membership. If you renew your membership prior to December 20<sup>th</sup> you can still pay the \$35 rate. We are encouraging all members to do this. If you fail to renew prior to December 20<sup>th</sup> you will need to pay the new membership rate of \$40.00. You can go online to renew at <https://www.members.legion.org/renew>

<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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## Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 19**

Tickets : \$15.00  
 American Legion Post 694, Marina, CA

5 PM No Host cocktails  
 6 PM Dinner  
 Optional - Yankee Gift Exchange \$20 limit  
 7 PM Music








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



American Legion Post 694  
**HEROES OF AMERICA BALL**

MAY 21, 2016

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

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...

Our Thursday Hamburger Nights are really off and running, and are the most popular meals of the week. We are still serving Friday night dinners, but attendance is down considerably, and we need to boost attendance there. We will continue to serve a hearty home cooked meal at a very reasonable price, however, if attendance continues to dwindle we'll have no choice but to cancel this service. As usual the Post needs volunteers for our functions. It is the same 5-10 members who continually show up to help and most of these are your Unit and Post Officers. General member participation is minimal, at best. Please review the calendar in this newsletter; your Officers and Board of Directors need your help and would love to see you show up for Auxiliary and Post events other than just the free ones.

As I have said in every newsletter, the future of this Post is in your hands. If you wish to see us move into the future as an active Post, step up and help us move forward. A great big "Thank You" to those of you who do take time out from your busy schedules to support your Post and Unit. You know who you are. I sincerely appreciate you.

For God and Country,

Jon Baker, Commander  
Post 694, Marina

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

#### NOVEMBER

Sun	1	Unit/Post 694: Widows, Widowers & Women Vets Luncheon, 12-3 PM
Sat	7	Palo Alto VA Spinal Cord Ward Thanksgiving Dinner
Sat	7	Monterey County Veteran of the Year Luncheon, Monterey Elks Club, 12 Noon
Sun	8	ALR Birthday BBQ 11 AM - 2 PM
Wed	11	ALR Memorial Run
	11	Salinas Veterans Parade, 2 PM
	11	Post 512, Veterans Day Observance
	11	Post 694, Veterans Day Observance, 11 AM, Lunch following
Sat	14	Heroes Open Golf Tournament, Bayonet Golf Course
	14	Unit 694: Holiday Craft Fair, 9AM-3PM
Sun	15	District 28 Meeting at Watsonville Post 121, 9AM
Thu	26	Thanksgiving Dinners at Posts 31, 512, 593, 12-4PM
	26	POST 694 CLOSED
Fri	27	POST 694 CLOSED

#### DECEMBER

Sat	5	Palo Alto VA Spinal Cord Ward Christmas Dinner
	5	District 28 ALR Christmas Party @ Post 593, 6PM
Wed	9	Living Trust Seminar, 12:45-3PM
Sat	19	Unit/Post 694: Children's Christmas Party, 12-2PM
		Unit/Post 694: Adults Christmas Party, 6PM
Thu	24	POST 694 CLOSED
Fri	25	POST 694 CLOSED
Sat	26	POST 694 CLOSED
Thu	31	POST 694 CLOSED

#### JANUARY

Fri	1	POST 694 CLOSED
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### Chaplains Corner

Former President Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in their bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same". Each generation has answered the call and sacrificed for our continued freedom. Please join us in honoring all our veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We share that bond throughout our lives but especially through our good works in the American Legion.

November is also Military Family Month. This is a month-long celebration of the Military Family where the nation honors the commitment and sacrifices made by the families of our nation's service members. We encourage you to reach out to the military families in our community and make them feel appreciated. We also send to all our wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

Lastly, our prayers are with all our members who are ill. Please 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. Do this by calling the Post or e-mailing me at [chaplainpost694@yahoo.com](mailto:chaplainpost694@yahoo.com).

For God & Country,

Mary M. Estrada  
Chaplain – Legion and Riders



**ALR Chapter 694 presents Fourth Quarter of 2015 Birthday BBQ, November 8th, 2015 11 am – 2 pm**

**Welcome our new and transfer members!**

**Kent Ludlow, Julian Faulkner, Oscar Jayubo, Ernie Gomes, John Garbin, Donald Ballard!**

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

\$15.00 / \$10.00 children under 12. Post 694, Unit 694, Squadron 694 and Chapter 694 MEMBERS: your meal will be half off if you bring proof of membership and ID with a birth date in fourth quarter of 2015 (Oct, Nov, Dec). Sausages or sliders, chili beans, salad, and dessert.

# 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...**As the harvest season approaches let us all take a moment to think about the many ways in which we are blessed. Please remember that this is a time of giving, so let us be generous in volunteer efforts for our veterans and active duty military. I urge you to join me on November 7 and December 5, when we travel to the Palo Alto VA to serve holiday meals to the Spinal Cord Ward and Hospice patients and their families. I'm certain that you will find the experience to be both memorable and rewarding. I hope you all have happy holidays and wish you all the best in the new year. Carol Yates, Unit President.

### Membership

Contact Membership Chair, Sandy Rodrigues at 831-905-7965 if you have questions regarding membership renewal.

**The Chaplain's Corner...**We are sending good thoughts for a speedy recovery to Joan Blake who recently underwent surgery. Also, please keep Irene Bradle in your prayers as she begins radiation treatments. We also wish to acknowledge the passing of Patricia Loghry. Patricia was a PUFL member who passed in 2013. The Unit sends belated condolences to Gene and Dolores Rivera, for the loss of their son, Mickey. Gene is a long-time Legionnaire, and Dolores is a 30-year Auxiliary member. And, the Unit also sends condolences to Annie Garcia for the loss of her mother. I hope that we can all make an effort to contact some of our older members to find out how they are doing. Until next time, if you know of a member who is ill or could use some cheering up please contact me at (831) 324-0848 or [brakegoddess@comcast.net](mailto:brakegoddess@comcast.net). Michelle Soares, Unit 694 Chaplain.



**Holiday Craft Fair...**The Auxiliary is hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2015, from 9 AM to 3 PM at Post 694 and it's not too late to register for a table! Vendor tables are \$30 each, including additional tables. No refunds unless the Auxiliary cancels the event. Please make checks payable to **ALA Unit 694** and mail to **PO Box 1746 Marina, CA 93933** or drop off at **American Legion Post 694**. Please contact Sandy Rodrigues at 831-905-7965, or Sherryl Panek at 831-238-4795 for more information. All are welcome to attend!



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 19, 2015

Noon – Refreshments, and Santa soon after!

For all children/grandchildren or great grandchildren (Age 0 to 10 Years) of Members. Older siblings are welcome (note name(s) below), but will not receive a gift from Santa.

Reservations **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Chairman Lis Billingsley **NO LATER THAN December 5, 2015.**

(Sorry, no late reservations will be accepted.)

Mail To: Lis Billingsley, 401 Sunset Place, Marina, CA 93933-3314

(Please **PRINT NAMES CLEARLY** and mail to the above address. **DO NOT DROP OFF OR LEAVE RESERVATIONS AT THE POST.**)



	AGE	BOY	GIRL
Name			
Name			
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Name			
Name			

Post/Auxiliary Member: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ TEL No. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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



## November 2015

### NOTICE

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Widow/Widower/ Female Veterans/ Active Duty Female Luncheon 12 pm	2 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	3	4 6 pm Board Meeting Marina HS Spaghetti Feed	5 Hamburger Night Ballroom Dancing Lessons	6 Friday Night Dinner	7 10 am Private Party
8 11 am—2 pm ALR Birthday BBQ 11 am Private Party	9 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	10	11 11 am Veterans Day Ceremony 4 pm Private Party	12 MEETING NIGHT Hamburger Night	13 Friday Night Dinner	14 Holiday Craft Fair 9 am—3
15 CLOSED	16 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	17	18 2 pm Private Party	19 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm VTC Thanksgiving Dinner	20 Friday Night Dinner	21 4 pm Private Party
22 CLOSED	23 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	24	25 5 pm MST Meeting	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28
29 CLOSED	30 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	<b>Friday Night Dinner</b> 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!				

## December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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		1	2	3 Hamburger Night Ballroom Dancing Lessons	4 Friday Night Dinner	5 3 pm Private Party
6 CLOSED	7 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	8	9 1245 Living Trust Seminar 6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm Marina in Motion	10 MEETING NIGHT Hamburger Night	11 Friday Night Dinner 6 pm Private Party	12 COC Toy Run
13 CLOSED	14 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	15	16	17 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm VTC Christmas Dinner	18 Friday Night Dinner	19 Children's Xmas Party Adult Christmas Party
20 CLOSED	21 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	22	23	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED
27 CLOSED	28 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	29	30 5 pm MST Meeting	31 CLOSED		