



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



Important Reminders:

Friday, September 2nd, Lounge open, but NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER.

Saturday, September 3rd, Lounge open at 4 pm

Monday, September 5th, CLOSED NO MONDAY NIGHT DINNER

Early Bird Lunch –Saturday September 10th 12 pm

New Saturday HOURS: unless there is an event on Saturdays, the bar will open at 4 pm, otherwise it will open at the agreed upon time for the event.

Karaoke is back. 7 pm September 16th and October 14th.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

2016  Halloween
 Bunco Bash
 Saturday, October 29th



Dinner starts @ 5pm \$8.00 (pay at the Door)
 Game to follow, \$20.00 per person in advance,
 Tickets available at the Post Bar.

Prize for Best Costume ~



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 694 – Marina, CA
 694 Legion Way, Marina
 Tel: 831-384-6616
 For further information, contact Jennifer Johnson, Event Chair, at
 831-917-0463



American Legion Auxiliary
 Unit 694
 is hosting a
Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 19, 2016
 9 am – 3 pm

At the American Legion Post 694
 694 Legion Way
 Marina

If you want a table to sell items, it is \$30 per table. All additional tables are \$30. No refunds unless we have to cancel the event.
 If you are a Unit 694 Auxiliary member with dues paid for 2017 and reserve your table by 1 Nov, you will get a \$5 discount.
 Please contact Sandy Rodrigues at 831-905-7965 or Sherryl Panek at 831-238-4795 to register. Anyone is welcome to attend.

CDR Mike Hohler 659-4794
 1st Vice Gary Deaton 596-4364
 2nd Vice
 Director Jon Baker 324-0191
 Director Czec Panek 394-8180
 Director Sherryl Panek 394-8180
 Director Cathy McDougall 455-8665
 Director Sonny Robles



Sgt-At-Arms Ralph Juarez Jr 320-5382
 Chaplain Mary Estrada 384-0152
 Finance By Committee
 Svc Officer Mary Estrada 384-0152
 Judge Adv Jon Baker 324-0191
 Adjutant Cathy McDougall 455-8665
 Historian Sherryl Panek 394-8180

From the Service Officer

The opening ceremonies for the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) will be held on October 14th. The services will be held at the cemetery site - 2900 Parker Flats Road, Seaside, CA, 93955. The time has not yet been announced. Many of you should have already had communications from the CCCVC staff regarding scheduling of committal services for your loved ones. If not, please be patient as the staff is working hard to ensure that proper services are provided for all. As soon as I find out more details about the opening I will get them posted to our web site and in addition let the Post staff know so they can provide you with the information. A lot of good people have been working tirelessly for the past 20+ years to this end. We praise them for the efforts. Remember this is Phase I, with more to come. Many are already working to ensure that Phase II happens soon. This is important as Phase II will provide for in-ground burial. If you or someone you know is interested in this please call the Monterey County Veterans Service Office. This will help them to get a good understanding of future needs and also to help justify the need. – **Mary Estrada, Post 694, Service Officer**

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



Each month the post saves thousands of dollars by using the Monterey County Superior Court's Jail Sentence Alternative Programs run by the Monterey County Sheriff. Those sentenced to serve a jail sentence of 40 days or less, may be eligible to serve their sentence in the WORK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (WAP), i.e. community service. WAP is an alternative to incarceration. Each month we have those serving in the WAP assigned to our post to work on Saturday and Sunday from 8 am to 4 pm. We have them complete the cleaning and other jobs around the post. These workers require supervision and we've had several Auxiliary, SAL and Post members volunteer to supervise. However, we need more or the post may be forced to contract out to get the post cleaned. This would cost the post over

\$2000/month if we have to contract out to do what those personnel sentenced to WAP currently do and we would be forced to raise the prices at the post. We have over 500 members between the Post, Auxiliary and SAL. If we had a pool of 40 supervisors then each would only have to supervise for one eight hour shift every three months. Please consider volunteering your time for this worthwhile program. You can volunteer for an entire eight hour shift or for as little as a 4 hour shift (8 am to 12 pm or 12 pm to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday). It saves us money, but also gives someone sentenced to jail time the opportunity to serve the community vice going to jail. Please contact Sherryl Panek at cpaneks@comcast.net to volunteer and thank you again to all the new faces that have been stepping up.

LEGION MEMBERSHIP: There was some confusion last month when the Ladies' Auxiliary advertised discounted membership to their members that signed up early. Please understand that the Legion cannot offer this same promotion and support all the programs that we currently support. The National American Legion and the Department of California American Legion take **\$33.50** of your **\$40** annual membership to offer the programs that they offer. Our post only receives \$6.50 of your \$40 membership which generally doesn't even cover the cost of sending out this newsletter, but we still find a way through your board to make donations to Veteran's groups and the community. For those of you who wrote me saying to cancel your membership if you could not have a \$20 renewal please consider renewing your membership for the \$40 so that you can be a part of this organization that supports Veterans and the community. Thank you.

General Membership Meeting 2nd Thursday of the Month 7 pm. If you haven't been out to the post in a while, please come down to Hamburger Night the 2nd Thursday of the Month and stay for our General Membership meeting at 7 pm. We have over 300 members and would love to see your smiling faces and hear how you would like our post to operate. WE NEED YOU to establish a quorum to conduct business. There is a raffle every meeting for a prize valued at \$10 so please consider attending.

MONDAY NIGHT DINNER...

- Sep 5 Labor Day- **No Monday Night Dinner**
- Sep 12.....Swedish meatballs w/noodles (Post)
- Sep 19.....Chicken & dumplings (Aux)
- Sep 26.....Fish, chips & coleslaw (Post)

Contact the Post—831-384-6616—for what's cookin' on Monday nights in October!



EARLY BIRD LUNCHEON—
 Renew your membership by September 10th and lunch is on us for all Legion Members, Auxiliary Members and Sons of the American Legion Members.

Lunch will be on Saturday, September 10th at Noon. See you there

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	Sandy Rodrigues	905-7965
1st Vice	Connie Raya	594-0226
2nd Vice	Roberta Brown	656-9811
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
Marshal	TBA	
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...I hope everyone had a great summer, and now it is back to school and work if you had a summer vacation. Even though July was a dark month for our Unit (meaning no meeting) we did have our Unit installation on the 8th. I would like to thank Michelle Soares for serving as our installing officer, and Emily Tafoya for serving as Sergeant-At-Arms; and most of all, I would like to thank the Unit members who came out in support—it was great to see you. I cannot stress enough how important our members are to us; you are the backbone of this Unit. Your support is through membership and attending Post/Unit dinners and events that are held throughout the year. The money we raise from fundraising goes directly to the programs my chairmen work so hard to promote throughout the year. I have great Chairmen who take pride in the work they do, and it shows in the many awards and recognition Unit members have received at our District and Department levels. I am honored to be among the best.



We have a few events planned to help with this year's budget and I hope that you can participate in all or some of them. I look forward to seeing you! Also, you will find events posted on our Facebook page; if you are on social media please 'Like' us on Facebook—our page is American Legion Auxiliary Monterey Cypress Unit 694—show your support and share with your FB friends and family. Or visit our American Legion Post 694 website for Post and Unit events.

For God and Country, In Service Not Self, President Sandy Rodrigues.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Tafoya, who was awarded Honorary Life Membership at the Unit Installation! Emily has been a very active Auxiliary member for eighteen years. She works tirelessly and quietly in the background, and you will generally find her volunteering at our Post events—she is always willing to lend a helping hand. Emily volunteers at the Thomas Carman Food Pantry and the Veterans Rose Garden in Salinas, where she maintains and cares for the beautiful blooms. She also volunteers at the DAV Fishing Derby Spaghetti Feeds, and she gives time to annual Ride 2 Recovery events, the Monterey County Stand Down and the Monterey County Fair Home Arts Division. For a number of years she was a regular volunteer at 694 Bingo, Friday Night and Monday Night Dinners. Additionally, she volunteers at the annual District 28 Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners at the Palo Alto VA Spinal Cord Ward. Thank you, Emily, for your long-time commitment to the American Legion Auxiliary mission!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...Unit members were deeply saddened to learn of the death of 45-year member, Mary Garza, on July 20, 2016 in Salinas, CA from complications associated with Alzheimer's disease. The Unit held a memorial service for Mary and hosted a luncheon in her honor on August 2nd at Post 694. Mary was for many years, very active at all levels of the Auxiliary, and she will be missed by all who were privileged to know her. Many, many thanks to Connie Raya, Renee Nichols, Sherryl Panek, Japana Hohler, Emily Foss, Kona Jerry, Commander Mike Hohler and Past Commander Jon Baker for their invaluable assistance to the Unit Chaplain with preparation, food service, and clean-up that day.

Chaplain Susan advises that sympathy cards have been sent to Jeanne Nakagawa and family for the loss of Jeanne's son-in-law, and to Gwen Manzoni and family for the loss of Gwen's mother, Mary Garza. Susan took flowers and a get well card to Pauline Wilmot, who was recovering from pneumonia at CHOMP. Thinking of you cards were sent to Margaret Cuisiner and family—Margaret's husband was in the hospital with pneumonia; to Dariel Bray, Michelle Soares's dad, who had a recent medical scare; and to Past District 12 President Maryann Collum, who has been enduring some very tough times of late. If you know of an Auxiliary member or spouse who is ill or in need of cheer and spiritual sunshine, please contact Chaplain Susan Baker at 831-324-0191, or email the information to her at rednanasue1@comcast.net.

MEMBERSHIP... What does it mean to us? Members make it possible for the American Legion Auxiliary to assist veterans, work our programs and be the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. That being said, Chair Carol Yates will work hard this year is to attain our goal! We can do this! If you know a Female Veteran who interested in joining, you can sign her up and the first year is free! We are also offering a discount of \$5.00 if you renew your membership before November 1st! After November 1st the dues are \$25.00. Please note: new members (non-military) pay \$25.00. Please let Carol know if you collect a renewal from any of our members and she can arrange to pick up it up from you. Carol's email address is carol8888@aol.com, or phone 831-905-8886. Hope to see you at the Early Bird on September 10th!



IT'S TIME FOR OKTOBERFEST...The Auxiliary is once again sponsoring the Oktoberfest at Post 694 on Sunday, October 23, 2016. Luncheon served 12-1PM, with dancing to the Karl Leberz Band from 1-4 PM. Tickets are now on sale at the Post 694 Bar—\$18 per person if purchased by October 22nd, and \$20 per person if purchased the day of the event (as long as the food lasts). Take-outs available ONLY if purchased in advance. Auxiliary members are asked to donate desserts for this annual event! Contact Event Chair Lis Billingsley at 831-384-9038 for further information.



BUNCO IS COMING...Mark your Calendar!!! The Auxiliary is sponsoring the 2016 Halloween Bunco Bash, Saturday, October 29, 2016! Dinner starts at 5:00 PM—\$8.00 per plate (pay at the door), with Game to follow —\$20 per person in advance. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share! Tickets are now available for purchase at the Post 694 Bar. Wear your Halloween attire! There will be a prize awarded for the Best Costume. For further information contact Event Chair Jennifer Johnson, at 831-917-0463.

GIRLS STATE...Chairman **Sandy Rodrigues** is pleased to advise that the Unit will be adding another high school this year. The schools we are sponsoring for 2017 include Marina High School, Robert Louis Stevenson School, and Trinity Christian High School. It will cost the Unit \$475 to send each delegate to Girls State for a week long session. We only select students who have good grades and are interested in Girls State and leadership. This program gives them the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local governments work. Juniors (11th grade) currently enrolled in any of the schools noted above are encouraged to see their school counselor for information on how to apply for this program, or contact Chairman Sandy at 831-905-7965. Watch for details on the fundraiser we are planning later this year to help offset the cost of the Girls State program. Donations are always appreciated. Please earmark your check "Girls State Unit 694" and mail it to ALA Unit 694, P.O. Box 1746, Marina, CA 93933.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR is just around the corner! The Auxiliary is once again sponsoring a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at Post 694, 9 AM-3 PM. Tables are \$30 each, including additional Tables. Unit 694 Auxiliary members with dues paid for 2017 and who reserve a Table by November 1st will receive a \$5 discount!!! Contact Event Chairs Sandy Rodrigues (831-905-7965) or Sherry Panek (831-238-4795) to register. This event is open to the public.





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



September 2016

NOTICE

Post 694 now accepts all major credit/debit cards

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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)				1 Hamburger Night	2 NO DINNER	3 Open at 4 pm
4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED NO DINNER LABOR DAY	6	7 6 pm Board Meeting	8 Meeting Night Hamburger Night	9 Friday Night Dinner	10 12 pm Early Bird Lunch
11 CLOSED 10 am Private Party	12 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	13 6:30 pm VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	14 7 pm Marina in Motion	15 Hamburger Night 6 pm ALR Meeting	16 Friday Night Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	17 Open 11 am 11 am Celebration of Life
18 CLOSED	19 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	20 6:30 pm VFW Meeting	21	22 Hamburger Night	23 Friday Night Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	24 Open at 1 pm 4 pm Private Party
25 CLOSED	26 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	27	28 5 pm MST Meeting	29 Hamburger Night	30 5 pm DAV Fishing Derby Friday Night Dinner	

October 2016

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!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE CHECK ONLINE FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION						1 Private Party Open at TBD
2 CLOSED	3 Happy Hour 5-6pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	4	5	6 Hamburger Night	7 Friday Night Dinner	8 Open at 4 pm 6 pm VTC Spaghetti Fundraiser
9 CLOSED	10 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	11 VA CLINIC Ribbon Cutting 6:30 pm VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	12 7 pm Marina in Motion 6 pm Board Meeting	13 MEETING NIGHT Hamburger Night	14 Veterans Cemetery Opening Ceremony Friday Night Dinner	15 Open at 1 pm 1 pm Private Party
16 CLOSED	17 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	18 6:30 pm VFW Meeting	19	20 Hamburger Night 6 pm ALR Meeting	21 Friday Night Dinner	22 Open at 12 pm 12 pm Private Celebration of Life
23 12 pm Oktoberfest	24 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	25	26 5 pm MST Meeting	27 Hamburger Night	28 Friday Night Dinner	29 Open at 4 pm 5:00 pm BUNCO
30 CLOSED	31 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	Please call the post for opening times on Saturday				