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Commander's Comments By Steve Manning

April 29th there will be an American Legion Open House. This free event is open to everyone! There will be games for the kids, food and informational tables. Our new historian, Scott Moore, will be leading a guided tour around the facility and sharing new pictures of our veterans, past and present. So bring the family town to the Legion, have some fun and get to know us!

The Legion is a very busy place this May and June. On Mother's Day, May 14th, we will be serving a special breakfast. Come in and treat mom to a tasty meal to start her day. May 21st The Legion will be hosting the District 2 meeting. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be available for a small fee. On Memorial Day there will be a ceremony at the McCloud cemetery to honor our Fallen Heroes. Lastly, June 14th will be the first day of our Sunday Breakfasts, which will be served on the second and fourth Sundays.

Our next meeting is May 9th at 4:30 pm. We will be holding elections to choose the officers for the Post. I am not running for office. It has been an honor to serve this post and all of the members. I am grateful for the support I received during my time as Commander. Stay Safe and Take Care.

Chaplain's Corner By Nancy Smith, Unit Chaplain

Dear Legion Family,

I want to thank our Heavenly Father for a much needed winter full of precipitation and lots and lots of snow. Thank you for the wonderful season of spring, for warmer and longer days, and for the budding flowers and leaves that are popping up around town. Let's put our pride aside. Love one another, be kind, help one another, live with more compassion and forgiveness. God Bless You.

Our prayers go out to the family and friends of those loved ones who recently passed on, especially Norm Hitchcock. Please continue to pray for members who are struggling with illness, are in rehab or may have recently had surgery. +

Sounding Off From the Sons ...

By Jeff Durand

I am still out of town for work so we will not be having a meeting in May. I will keep you informed about June. In spite of being gone the SONS are still growing! I would like to thank everyone for recommending new members and supporting us.

From the President's Desk ...

By Judy Sarti

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Family Open House on April 29th. This is a day hosted by our American Legion Family, the Unit, the Post and the Sons. There'll be food, kids games, informational displays, tours and talks. Spread the word. Hope to see you all there!

May is Poppy Month! Our poppies are handmade by veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation. All of the donations help to support programs for veterans and their families. If you get a chance drop by the poppy tables around town! This year, we will be hosting a Poppy Art Contest for grades pre-12. Come check out the entries at Legion after May 8th.

Also May 21st. Post 92 will host the District 2 meeting in McCloud for both the Unit and the Post. Please consider attending and joining us for donuts, coffee and lunch for a small fee. Two of our very own have been nominated for district level officer positions. You might ask, what is the District? The structure of the TAL (The American Legion) and ALA (American Legion Auxiliary, a separate organization that supports a post) follow similar structures. The post is the basic unit of TAL and represents a small geographical area. In the ALA, this is actually called an Unit, in the Sons a squadron. Each department (the state level) is divided into Districts. We are in the Department of California in District 2! Every year TAL, the ALA and the SONS hold separate Department Conventions in the same city. This year the convention will be in Visalia June 22-25. At the May meetings delegates will be selected to join the delegation!

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't mention my concerns about the negativity that is in the clubroom. I want to thank the Unit Member who brought The ALA magazine article to our attention regarding conflict resolution. It is well worth reading. The following is only a snippet from the article, *Valuing Every Voice*. And I quote (Feb Issue, 2023) "Why must we deal with this conflict. Our preamble provides the answer, *"To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."* Our veterans and the legacy and future of the Legion family depend on our ability to do so. It is our responsibility as members. Hostility and/or bullying are not honorable behaviors nor representative of our core values. Resolving conflict is our duty *"to maintain law and order"*. I pray that any member experiencing "friendly fire" from another in the clubroom can be assured that the legion family will do their best to improve the atmosphere for the betterment of all.

Until we meet again. God bless you and take care.



Clubroom Chatter

By Lynn Clark

The Post recently held a couple of successful events. We would like to thank all of the volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Karaoke continues on Saturday nights beginning at 7:30pm, along with the monthly Birthday Bash! The next event at The Legion will be a Cinco de Mayo Night featuring drink specials and food. In conjunction with the McCloud Mushroom Festival we will once again host the Blackwell Brothers! Stay tuned for more details. Don't forget our annual Mother's Day Breakfast on May 14th and our regular Sunday breakfasts the second and fourth Sundays.



WOW! Have you checked out the clubroom walls lately? It is amazing how history is coming alive right before our very eyes. We have Scott Moore, the Post's, new, interim historian to thank for this. Research and presentation is his forte. Thank you, thank you for all your hard work! Tammie Blair, we appreciate your organizational skills, number sense, angelic voice and perseverance. Thanks for diving into the financial side of The Legion, helping out at the bar, volunteering wherever you are needed and serving as Karaoke Hostess.

Post Historian's Column

By Scott Moore

Greetings, everyone! I'm the new Post 92 historian.

We have two photo displays in the clubroom for which I'm seeking additional photos. The first display is "Gone but not Forgotten," featuring photos of deceased veterans with ties to McCloud. The photo of the veteran can be when the veteran was on active duty, in his/her Legion uniform, or in civilian attire. The second display features photos of current Post veterans in uniform when they were on active duty. Both displays are growing rapidly and evoking wonderful memories for those who view them.

If you have a photo to add to our displays, please contact me by phone for local pickup, send me the photos by mail to Scott Moore, PO Box 301, McCloud, CA 96057 or via email to scottcameronmoore@hotmail.com. Include the first and the last name you'd like on the photo label. I'll return your photos by mail or you can pick them up after they are scanned.

We look forward to honoring our veterans through these two displays. In the future I plan on sharing our rich history of Post 92 and its veterans with you. Please call me with any questions at (530) 964-3140 or (530) 261-1857.

Why are Coins Left on Veterans Gravestones?

If you ever visit a veteran's grave you may see coins on the gravestone. A coin left on the headstone is a message to the deceased veteran's family that someone has visited their grave and paid their respects and to show that someone has visited the grave site to let them know that they are not forgotten and are still cared for. Each coin left on the top of the headstone has its own meaning.

*A penny left means the gravesite was visited.

*A nickel left means that the person visiting the grave trained at boot camp with the deceased veteran,

*A dime left means the person served with them in the military.

* A quarter left means the person who left the coin was with the veteran when they were killed.

The money placed on the gravestones is collected and put toward cemetery maintenance and for future burial costs.

Women's Veterans Day - June 12th

This day is chosen to celebrate the anniversary of the Women's Armed Service Integration Act in the United States. The 1948 Act granted women the right to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Air Force.



Memorial Day

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

You'll find that some veterans find it dismaying when they are thanked on this day. It's a time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home. We might consider how we can support their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind, as well as reflecting on why we—the living—have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today.









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May 2023 - Poppy Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Unit Meeting 6:00 PM		Tacos! 		Cinco de Mayo at the Post	Karoke TBD
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Post Mtg 4:30	Tacos! 	 Food GiveAway		Karoke 7:30 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day Breakfast			Tacos! 			Armed Forces Day! Karoke TBD
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
District 2 Mtg here! 9:00 am Father's Day					 National Poppy Day	Mushroom Festival Band at TAL
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Mushroom Festival	Memorial Day		Tacos! 			

June 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
McCloud Flea Market	Unit Meeting 6:00 PM		Tacos! 			Karoke TBD
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday Breakfast	Women Veterans Day	Post Mtg 4:30 Sons 6:00	Tacos! 	 Food Give Away	Flag Day  US Army Day	Karoke 7:30 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Senior Luncheon		Tacos! TAL & ALA Convention	Bingo! TAL & ALA Convention	TAL & ALA Convention	Karoke TBD TAL & ALA Convention
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Sunday Breakfast TAL & ALA Convention			Tacos! 