
Updated American Legion December Newsletter

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American Legion Post 55 Laguna-Elk Grove Newsletter

Post 55 Matters



It is hard to believe Christmas is almost here. I pray each and every one of you have an amazing Christmas. Let us keep our Servicemen and Women in our thoughts and prays and that peace on earth is the answer to all the world's problems.

We as Americans have a lot to be thankful for and us as Legionnaires of Post 55 have even more to be thankful for, we have our Charter! We can now look forward to growing as a Post Family. Our Sons will be getting a Charter soon, and I have been talking to Sheri Retzlaff about the forming of an Auxiliary. If you are a wife or husband of a Veterans or Daughter or Granddaughter and would like to be a part of the Auxiliary please contact Sheri at 916-225-0126 she will be having a meeting in January. hope to add a Riders group too soon.

I hope to see you all in January at our Post meeting and hear about all your Christmas family fun that you had. I am looking forward to our 4 Chaplains Ceremony in February too.

On another note, Congratulations to all

Team,

You all should be very proud of the hard work you guys did to get this attachment. Some people said it could not be done, but you guy did it!

I thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and never give up attitude. We are Veterans that help Veterans and their families, along with the community.

I just want to say congratulations to all we have a Charter!

Meeting 7 pm

Please contact Larry Sahota 916-847-3184 larrysahota@citlink.net

[8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757](#)

Important Military & Event Dates

December

- 1-26 - Kwanza
 - 6 - Jingle & Mingle Stephanie Nguyen
 - 6 - St Nicholas Day
 - 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 - 7-15 - Hanukkah
 - 9 - Army Navy Game
 - 10 - International Human Rights Day
 - 10 - First Nobel Prize Awarded
 - 13 - National Guard Birthday
 - 15 - The Bill of Rights Ratified
 - 16 - Wreaths Across America
 - 16 - Boston Tea Party
 - 16-24 - Las Posadas
 - 21 - Winter Solstice
 - 23 - Festivus
 - 24-25 Christmas Truce World War I 1914
 - 25 - Merry Christmas
 - 26 - Boxing Day
 - 31 - New Years Eve
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Veterans Day Parade Photos and Media Coverage

Watch here: _

<https://www.cbsnews.com/gooddaysacramento/video/veterans-day-bike-ride-and-park-event/>





Pearl Harbor Hero Doris "Dorie" Miller

His actions during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor helped save many lives and served as an inspiration to countless others.

Doris "Dorie" Miller was an unsung hero of World War II. His bravery during Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor helped to save countless lives.

Video 1

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&ei=UTF-8&p=pearl+harbor+hero+doris+miller&type=E211US105G0#id=1&vid=96d59972207d47b63c5f53ec84ca60dd&action=click>

Video 2

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&ei=UTF-8&p=pearl+harbor+hero+doris+miller&type=E211US105G0#id=2&vid=819fb7281b3b2112d5c8231236d7238e&action=click>

Video 3

https://www.google.com/search?q=doris+miller+videos&sca_esv=587717745&sxsrf=AM9HkKloYJa6-

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Join us for our Post Breakfast on Saturday, December 9th, 8am to 10am

Members/guests, please join us for breakfast. It is delicious. Only \$10 for a choice of meat, eggs, beverage, and all-you-can-eat pancakes.

We will be going to the Lions Club Breakfast, and we have a room to ourselves.

Gil Albani Recreation Center, 8830 Sharkey Ave, Elk Grove, CA, 95624

Elk Grove Lions' 2nd Saturday Pancake Breakfast



Army vs. Navy Game - Gillette Stadium

**Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Date: January 3rd
Time: 6:30 pm**

As soon as we get our Legion Charter we will resume our meetings.

Any Son wishing to Honor their parents or grandparents is welcome to attend and join.



Any Post 55 members interested in starting a Riders Group contact Jorge Lopez jorge.lopez3557@att.net

American Legion Riders

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

Currently, over 110,000 American Legion Riders meet in over 2,000 chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries.



We will be forming an Auxiliary. Sheri Retzlaff will be holding a meeting
TBA. Any Wife, Husband, Daughter, or Great Daughter interested please
contact Sheri Retzlaff at sheriretzlaff@sbcglobal.net or call 916-225-0126

Wreaths Across America
Lookin for Wreath Sponsors and Volunteers
<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/GetInvolved/PlaceWreaths>

World War I - Christmas Truce - Worth Watching
YouTube: Christmas Truce of World War I, Joyeux Noel 2005 - 13 minutes
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cSrqRdlFeo>

YouTube: Christmas Truce of World War I, Joyeux Noel 2005 in French - 2 hours
<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x8q0bi4>

YouTube: Christmas Truce of World War I, Joyeux Noel 2005 - 50 minutes documentary
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCRjN6qggHc>


DID YOU KNOW?

There are Federal Benefits and California State Benefits you have earned.

[Click here to view and download Federal Benefits Book](#)

[Click here to view and download the California State Benefits Book](#)

Did you know our Veteran Service Officer Karen Wilson Randles works out of our Post 55 on Thursdays 10 am - 3 pm




Veterans Hall @D56
 8230 Civic Center Dr
 Elk Grove, CA 95757

THURSDAYS 10AM-3PM
 - Walk-ins available 10AM-11:30AM and 1:30PM-3PM
 - NO Walk-ins between 12PM-1:30PM


Appointments call 916-566-7430
 - ask for Karen Randles or Albert Revives

Sacramento Vet Center
 1111 Howe Ave Ste 390
 Sacramento, CA 95825
 916-566-7430


Our services are also offered through Mobile Vet Centers, in other community locations, and through virtual appointments.
vetcenter.va.gov


Counseling

Vet Centers offer individual, group, couples, and family counseling for you to talk through both combat experiences and everyday stressors in a confidential environment.


Referrals

We help you navigate through time-consuming tasks and receive referrals for medical, benefit, employment, and other VA and community-based resources near you.


Community Engagement

Vet Centers create opportunities for you to bond with others who share similar experiences and work alongside community partners to advocate for your needs.

Keep a lookout for valuable resources on Buddy Call 22. Frank Goehringer 3rd Vice Commander will be sending out an email blast (around the 22nd day of each

