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OWEN COFFMAN AMERICAN LEGION POST 519 ★ APRIL 2011

Commander's Message

At the March General Membership Meeting, nomination began for new Post Officers. Please attend the next General Membership Meeting on April 12th as the nominating process will close on that day.



A big thanks to Tony Curreri, Steve Hermosa, and Joe Lyon for the great job they did on the "Chicago Party".

Coming Events are the Joan Arline Burlesque & Review Show on March 26th. Tickets are \$22.00 and will include a Prime Rib Dinner. Dinner at 5:30 pm and the Show starts at 7:30 pm. Last but not least the Auxiliary USO Show on April 16th.

Remember we still have Friday Night Dinners for your dancing pleasure with a 50/50 drawing.

If you have a car, truck, boat or RV in running condition you may donate it to the Post.

The new Bar Stool tops have been ordered and should be in 2 weeks.

Flash, Flash, Flash, starting in April we will be having Wednesday Night 1/3 pound Burgers with the works, Cole slaw, and Southern style beans for \$6.00.

Saturday Night all you can eat spaghetti with meatballs, salad and garlic bread for \$6.00. Come on down and support the Club. Walt Paul, *Commander*

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The House Committee has been busy with events this past month. This has helped keep the needed funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the building.



Some needed repairs are in progress such as the replacement of doors, painting the stage area, and maintenance of the grounds. The Post has purchased 24

Bar stool seats to replace the ones worn out and should be installed by the time this newsletter is distributed.

The POW MIA table and Shrine has been relocated to a preferred location. Our thanks go out to the Compass Bank, who donated the Poles & ropes so we can represent this area better. Please take a moment to observe this as it is a Nation wide program to continue the efforts to get the missing remains of our soldiers returned & accounted for.

The House committee would like to thank each and everyone of you that have volunteered to help keep our Post looking good.

John M. Lea, *House Committee Chairman*

Adjutant's Message

Here we are and summer is almost upon us. A few things need to be done before our Summer Recess, and one of the most important things is the Post Officers Election. At our General membership meeting on March 8th the following members were nominated: For Post Commander we had Chuck Rogers, nominated by Leo Funari. We had Myles Durand nominated for 3 year House by John Lea and also for 3 Year House and we had Ken Glanz nominated by Chuck McGee. The nominating process will once again open at the April 12th General Membership Meeting, and will close at the end of the meeting. Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 10th 2011. The polls will be open from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm. The voted will be certified that day and the results will be announced.



In my other notes, its still about memberships. Let's all keep recruiting and see if we can reach our goal of 100%. Our goal is 775 paid Members. We are at 648 including PUFL's and 16 transfers from Post 1000. That's 83.6 %, 3rd highest in District 21.

There are 21 Post's in the District. We are 1st in the District in paid members at 648. So keep on supporting the Post.

We are doing great, keep recruiting, keep those applications in your pocket, talk American Legion to everyone you know, and we will be Number One.

Albert Martinez
Post Adjutant

Boy's State

We have interviewed 12 boys at Palm Springs High for 5 Boys State positions. The interviews were conducted by myself, John Lea, and Albert Martinez. All the boys were highly qualified juniors, and the decision was difficult.



We selected as our candidates, Turner Anderson, George Lee, Jonathan Phung, John Sioson, and Gregory George. As an alternate, Dylan Feldman was chosen.

All boys had a 4.0 grade point average and were active in school politics, community service, and athletics.

We wish them well, and know they will gain much from their Boys State experience in June. Bob "Doc" Finsten, *3rd Vice-Commander, and Boys State*

Ladies Auxiliary Unit 519

Thank you to all who have been so helpful these last two months with all of our projects. Could not do it without any of you. I would also like to welcome all of our new members WOW this is great. We voted in 11 new members at our March meeting and also our unit is at almost 100%. Debi Bona, 1st Vice, awesome job. Membership is very important to the Post and our Unit. **Keep Up The Great Work!**



You will now sit in comfort, the new bar chairs are in. It is of course with the help of all of the volunteers that make all these great things happen, along with positive thoughts and money of course!

Do not forget the Luau May 7th. This the Auxiliary's way of thanking everyone with entertainment and a great meal.

I leave you with this thought "ALWAYS SMILE, IT MAKES EVERYONE WONDER WHAT YOU ARE UP TO!"

Sincerely,
Jan Thomas, *President*



Everyone Welcome to the



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SATURDAY, APRIL 16
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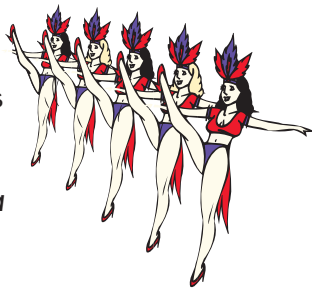
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Bartenders will have tickets for sale on March 27.

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Wednesday
April 13, 2011

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Also, each golfer receives a coupon for a Free Round of Golf at a future date.

Proceeds to:

Palm Springs Fire Dept. Orphans and Widow Fund

Palm Springs Police Dept. Memorial Fund

Contact: Steve Hermosa @ 760 668-8159 or

Leslie Vondra @ 760 534-7665

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SAL NEWS

To all of our participating SAL members, your post is asking that you support a very important Fund raising Project the SAL Squadron 519 of Palm Springs is putting on for the Palm Springs Fire and Police Department Orphans and Widows fund and Memorial Fund.

Many Police and fire Department Personal are also "Veterans" so show them that we appreciate their service and sacrifice for our community and country by supporting our golf tournament @ Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort Wednesday April 13, 2011. So sign up to play or help. See our flyer or call the Post @ 760-325-6229 and someone will give you directions to the Post.

Entrance forms are available at the Post bulletin table. Our next meeting will be on April 17, 2011 at 10:00 am at the post at 400 N. Belardo Road, Palm Springs.

Ed Vondra

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Did You Know?

American Legion Baseball—On an average, 55% of Major League Baseball Players played American Legion Baseball as teenagers: i.e. Paul Molitor, Robin Yount, Reggie Jackson, Rolie Fingers, Johnny Bench, Brooks Robinson, and Yogi Berra!

American Legion Race Car—Soon after Firestone Indy Lights Series car owner Jeff Matthews learned about the Blue Star Banner, which recognizes families with loved ones serving in the global war on terrorism, he made a decision to display one the rest of the 2009 season and beyond.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 519

APRIL 2011—Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LUNCH 11-3 6:00 pm Dinner & Dancing Broadie Band	2 LUNCH 11-3 Karaoke & All U Can Eat Spaghetti 6:00 pm till... Julius & Sylvia
3 SUNDAY BRUNCH 9 AM-3:00 PM	4 LUNCH 11-3	5 LUNCH 11-3 House Comm. Meeting 11:00 am Exec. Comm. Meeting 5:00 pm	6 LUNCH 11-3 Burgers & Beans 5:00 pm till...	7 LUNCH 11-3 6:00 pm Color Guard Practice ALR Meeting 6:00 pm	8 LUNCH 11-3 6:00 pm Dinner & Dancing Broadie Band	9 LUNCH 11-3 Karaoke & All U Can Eat Spaghetti 6:00 pm till... Julius & Sylvia
10 SUNDAY BRUNCH 9 AM-3:00 PM	11 LUNCH 11-3	12 LUNCH 11-3 5:00 pm Post Meeting 6:00 pm Auxiliary	13 LUNCH 11-3 Burgers & Beans 5:00 pm till...	14 LUNCH 11-3	15 LUNCH 11-3 6:00 pm Dinner & Dancing Broadie Band	16 LUNCH 11-3 USO SHOW Karaoke & All U Can Eat Spaghetti 6:00 pm till... Ken & Norma
17 SUNDAY BRUNCH 9 AM-3:00 PM	18 LUNCH 11-3	19 LUNCH 11-3 Departs	20 LUNCH 11-3 Burgers & Beans 5:00 pm till...	21 LUNCH 11-3 6:00 pm Color Guard Practice	22 LUNCH 11-3 6:00 pm Dinner & Dancing Greg Burr, vocalist	23 LUNCH 11-3 Karaoke & All U Can Eat Spaghetti 6:00 pm till... Julius & Sylvia
24 EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH 9 AM-3:00 PM SAL Meeting 10:00 am	25 LUNCH 11-3	26 LUNCH 11-3	27 LUNCH 11-3	28 LUNCH 11-3	29 LUNCH 11-3 6:00 pm Dinner & Dancing Broadie Band	30 LUNCH 11-3 Karaoke & All U Can Eat Spaghetti 6:00 pm till...

JUAN'S CAFÉ at the Legion

LUNCH Menu

1. Patty Melt	\$7.00	10. Turkey Ruben	\$6.00
2. American (Beef) Dip	\$7.00	11. Breast of Chicken Sandwich	\$7.00
3. Ruben Sandwich	7.00	12. Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$6.00
4. Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato (BLT)	\$6.00	13. Chef's Salad	\$6.00
5. Egg Salad Sandwich	\$6.00	14. Low Cal Plate	\$7.00
6. Tuna Melt	\$6.00	15. Grilled Ham & Cheese	\$6.00
7. California Roast Beef Sandwich with Ortega Green Chili, Swiss Cheese, & Horsey Sauce	\$7.00	16. Grilled Cheese	\$5.00
8. Sunrise Sandwich Grilled with Ortega Green Chili, Cheese & Tomato	\$6.00	17. 1/4 Pound All Beef Hot Dog	\$5.00
9. Poor Boy with Ham, Turkey, Beef, Salami, Swiss Cheese & Tomato	\$6.00		

Coffee is "Free"-Help yourself at the Silver Coffee Pot

Drinks available at the Bar

John Claypool Reports...



It's incredible but April is already here. We are starting to say goodbye to our winter friends, the valley is bursting with flowers, the trees are showing their spring growth, It's the most wonderful time of the year. (Yup, that line was stolen from Andy Williams but this is Palm Springs).

And at the Post? It has been fun. Those of you brave enough to visit during the Hash House Harriers Party. WOW! All of the reports say a lot of fun was had. Some of our members not only took advantage of the sights but helped themselves to the free food. Yum! Free food is always a huge draw around here.

As usual the activity list is growing we will be busier than usual in April but please note: there are two things that are really important happening in April.

April 9th Spring Cleaning of the Post. Lets all show up at 8:00 Saturday Morning there will be tons of rags and spray cleaners. Lets pickup everything in the Post and dust it off or throw it away. The Post is getting cleaner all the time and this could be the final touch. Get ready for the sparkle.

P.S. Some of the folks that haven't moved off their bar stool for several months could use some dusting off too but be gentle once rigor mortise sets in they get fragile.

April 16th The USO Show. If you remember how great it felt to be a part of the Legion when the Scholarships were handed out and the truly outstanding students spoke to us that Friday evening. Many people have asked how we could expand that program. Well here it is.

The USO Show modeled after the war time USO shows will feature a lot of entertainment talent that is being donated to the Auxiliary. The modest \$10.00 charge will go 100% to the Scholarship Fund. And a lot of us should be willing to throw in a whole wad of extra cash. This is something good, visible to the community, and an honor to be part of. Don't miss the fun and please be generous.

April will be notable for a couple of other items:

1. Every Saturday evening for the month we will be having Karaoke and all you can eat spaghetti and meat balls This will be open to the public so tell all your friends.
2. Every Wed. We will be serving Hamburgers and Country Beans

Check out the flyers on your right as you come in the door. All of the posts activities will have additional information there and every flyer will relate to Post 519 activities and our America Legion associate groups.

I look forward to seeing you around the Post.

John Claypool, 2nd Vice Commander

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Richard G. "Dick" Broadie, a native of Iowa has been enriching the Palm Springs area with the finest jazz music performed by his Palm Springs Jazz Association.

As a musician in the desert, Dick worked numerous night spots and country clubs including the famous Raquet club. He lead groups while performing for such luminaries as Frank Sinatra, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and Gerald Ford. A long time member of the American Federation of Musicians and ASCAP, he estimates that he has composed over 100 songs. After composing several comedy songs that were performed for Gene Autry, while president of the Academy of Country Music, personally sponsored Dick's membership into that organization.

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MAY DAY! MAY DAY! BENEFIT CONCERT

It is official! You can now go directly to www.sparesort-casino.com and purchase tickets for the Mayday! Mayday! benefit concert and dance on May1, 2011 at the Spa Resort Casino in downtown Palm Springs.



When you get to the website, just follow the Marine Corps Emblem! Doors open at noon and you will be treated to the Darci Daniel's Blonde Blues Band along with Billy Erickson and the Rockabilly Bandits in a three hour non-stop musical extravaganza. The Palm Springs Pipers will playing Amazing Grace along with the Marines Hymn. The combat wounded US Marines will be debuting the Video they prepared for The Iron Horse Marines Foundation, Inc. along with 300 slides from the battle fronts of Afghanistan and Iraq throughout the afternoon.

A \$6 "Tailgater" buffet will be served by the Resort and there will be a high quality silent auction for those of you that like to travel and play golf. "One Piece" riding club patches are welcome into the casino and show-room that day.

DON'T wait !! This Show is well on it's way to selling out. For more information about us, got to www.theironhorsemarinesfoundationinc.org

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ESCAPING DEATH

Iron Horse Marines from throughout So. California mounted up on their Harleys and traveled to Point Loma on March 12 to host the Wounded Warrior Battalion West Marine patients from Balboa Naval Hospital.

The Prime Cut Rib Eye BBQ with music and “fix-ins” was spent at the extraordinary home and back yard oasis of one of our own members located near the Pacific Ocean and San Diego Harbor to host these modern day Marine Warriors that nearly gave all for our country.

Being greeted by American and Marine Corps flags, one came with his new prosthetic arm, another with a modern day prosthetic lower leg, and one in his wheel chair after losing both legs—all of these injuries resulting from IEDs in Afghanistan.

One young Marine from El Paso, Texas, who is training to become a concert pianist, had just undergone recent surgery to help minimize facial scars from IED explosions; all were suffering from TBIs (Traumatic Brain Injuries)—some were dealing with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome).

All of that was forgotten as the Iron Horse Marines set in motion plans for hosting them on a deep sea fishing trip. We learned about their hopes and plans for the future, their financial needs, their families and children. We know their lives can never be the same again...but we are going to help make them better.

After spending all afternoon and part of the evening together, it came down to a day of brotherhood and camaraderie and understanding what we can do to help them achieve more productive lives in spite of their injuries. OO-RAH! to all these extraordinary young men who had their lives permanently changed when they volunteered to be of service to this country and to preserve the peace that allows

Dick Broadie—continued

From 1964 to 1971, Dick spent his active military duty defending Fort Ord, California, and much of his reserve time at March Air Force Base, having given up his light weapons infantry MOS for a clerk-typist AFSC. To this day he still prefers air conditioned quarters to fox holes.

Before moving to Palm Springs, Dick received his B.A. degree in Psychology and was in the Masters program at UCLA when he left to do work for the National Institute of Mental health as a research scientist. This led to his assisting in authoring mental health related sections of the Welfare and Institutions code as a consultant to the legal counsel of the California State Legislature.

Professional engineering organizations in which he has been active include the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, (NARAS), the Audio Engineering Society (AES), the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE), and the Sapphire Society. He recently received an award as one of the 5 most interesting men in the Coachella Valley from the Palm Springs Woman's Press Club along with a friend of many years Herb Jefferies. He is a recipient of the Southern California Motion Picture Council's Golden Halo Award for technical and musical achievement.

Dick holds patents in his field in the U.S. and elsewhere and for the past 10 years has been the President and CEO of Broadie Sound, Inc.

Dick has been married to his beautiful wife, Sharon, for 40 years, has three sons and currently spends much of his spare time doing volunteer work for such organizations as the Mizell Senior Center, the American Legion (scholarship committee trustee) and the Weil Institute of Critical Care Medicine.

the rest of us to go nonchalantly about our daily lives. If you want to help us help them, go to www.theironhorsemarinesfoundationinc.org and learn how.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Olsen, CPA - Co-Founder and treasurer of The Iron Horse Marines Riding Club, and The Iron Horse Marines Foundation, Inc. Application for 501(C)(3) Charity Status filed with IRS.