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POST 650 NOMINATIONS STEVE THOMAS

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The general membership is the heart of the Post and should take due consideration when nominating and voting for Post Officers. The Post Officers not only lead the Post but are also representatives of the Post in the District, Area, Department and community. Post officers need to be prepared to attend meetings on a regular basis, support the Legion Programs and represent the Post at District, Area, Department and community events.

April is the month we have the first round of nominations for 2008-2009 Post 650 Officers. Of course to participate in the nominations or be nominated for a position you must be a member in good standing. This means your dues must be up to date. If you do not have a 2008 Membership Card you must renew before you can participate in nominations or the election in May. (See form below.)

The officers open for nomination are Post Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Historian, Service Officer, and Sergeant At Arms. Executive Board and Board of Director members whose term is due to expire will also be open for nominations.

The first round of nominations will be held on April 23 at the regular general membership meeting. The second round of nominations will be held at the first general membership meeting in May followed by elections at the same meeting.

Special Points of Interest:

- Unit Meeting 1st Wednesday 7:00PM
- Post Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:30PM
- District Meeting Post 466 March 9
- Post Website—www.calegionpost650.org
- Day Light Savings Time March 9 Spring Forward

2008 ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE

Renew now at \$30.00. (2009 Dues will be due starting in July)

Please make check payable to: American Legion Post 650 and mail to:

American Legion Post 650, P O Box 413, Redlands, CA 92373

NAME: _____ MEMBER NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____

ZIP _____

Thank You for your kind attention to this matter

POST 650 SENTINAL

COMMANDER'S CORNER

ENNIS H DIXON

Greetings Comrades,
I would like to express to the Jimenez, Cabral, and Lappinga families our deepest sympathy of their loss. Over the past two weeks, we have experienced a couple of Post 650 members' families not knowing to contact the Post for Honors for their Loved ones. This may not be true for some families of our members, but, for others who are unaware, all Post 650 members can receive the 21 gun salute Honors from our Post for their funerals. This is a free Post benefit as well as getting the hall for that member's funeral reception.

Due to medical reasons, the Post Service Officer had to resign, and due to personal reasons, our Chaplain had to step down recently. Our apology goes out to those families whom we did not contact and I urge all members' families to call us if we haven't called you. Let us know if we can perform this Honor for you. If we can, contact Pete Zavala at (909) 792-7657 or call the Post at (909) 792-6783 and leave a message. Again, my apology to you.
I would like to thank Capt. Pete Zavala, 1st Vice Ed Gonzales, and Juan Ramirez for attending funeral services at Riverside National and Hillside Cemetery on behalf of our recent departed Comrades.
To all who have sent in their 2007-2008 memberships, I thank you also for your continued support.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

ED GONZALES

Comrades,
March has come and gone. It seems as if just yesterday we welcomed the year of 2008.
We at the American Legion continue to help many schools in the area and the Boys State program. These Schools are now preparing for the end of the school year. This is the time to recognize those students who have excelled in their education.
We along with other organizations in town, reward those students, by donating a monetary check. In order to continue this program we need the help of our members. Every member counts and this is one of the reasons we need your membership. So if you have not as yet sent in your 2008 membership dues, please do so before the end of the cycle and help those in need. Last month we helped a homeless veteran with his family who was in distress. That is who we are. Those who still are procrastinating sending in your dues, may end up losing your membership status which gives us less leeway to help others. We thank Larry Chavez for staying with us for

another year. Sadly enough we lost two of our own within the last month. Santos Cabral, 43 years Legion service, and Jess Jimenez, 5 years Legion service. We gave them the Honor Guard Firing Squad Detail at Hillside Cemetery and at Riverside National Cemetery. That was a goodbye send off from all of us. Our thoughts and regrets are with their family. A reception was held at Post 650 hall.
March is the month in which we honor the new members to the American Legion. We call it the 'Initiation Ceremony' and are proud to welcome, Federico Garcia, Eddie Rodriguez, Mark Elliot Thomas, Nathan K Jensen, James McIntosh, Brandon Oesch and Diana S Trail. Others who came to Post 650 from others Posts are A.H. Duerbig, Al Gonzalez, H.F. Knowlton, M. Livingston, E. Quiroz, R. R. Ramirez, V. E. Sjogren and S.A. Thomas.
Our membership status stands at 217 and we are still waiting for others to send in their membership dues. If you don't have your 2008 card, send your dues to the Post in care of the 1st Vice Commander and we will get your card to you.

Tax Rebate News

By Steve Thomas

Congress has approved and the president has signed a Tax Rebate Stimulus Package to get more money into the economy. If you must file a tax return because of your income the rebate is automatic. However if you don't need to file a tax return because of non-taxable disability retirement, only survivor benefit income, or your social security is not enough to be taxed you need to file a return this year only.

Under special rules you may qualify for a minimum \$300 for single individuals and \$600 for married filing jointly. You will not have to pay any taxes on the non-taxable income but it will be used to calculate your tax rebate. To qualify your total income needs to be \$3000 or more.

To file a return, you need to report any earned income on line 7 of form 1040A or form 1040. You will report need to report all non-taxable income, Veterans benefits, social security, or railroad retirement on line 14a of Form 1040 or line 20a on line 1040. This line says social security but for your 2007 tax return it is used for the total of non-taxable income.

The IRS emphasizes that people with no filing requirement, who turn in a tax return to qualify for the economic stimulus payment, will not get a tax bill. People in this category will not owe money because of the stimulus payments, which are not taxable.



POST OFFICERS

Commander: Ennis Dixon

1st Vice : Ed Gonzales

Adjutant: Norm Cosme

Chaplain: Henry Wilson

Judge Advocate: Pete Zavala

Sgt at Arms: TBA

Service Officer: TBA

Historian: Juan Ramirez

Finance Officer: Marie Livingston

Executive Board:

Marie Livingston

Richard Siensen

Ralph Serano Sr.

Board of Directors:

Larry Reeves - 3rd Year

Ernesto Rivera - 2nd Year

Ernie Saldana - 1st Year

Members Transferred to Post Everlasting



Santos Cabral

Jess Jimenez

Clarence Lappinga

POST 650 SENTINAL



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Becky Aranda

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President

Becky Aranda

1st Vice

Sylvia Alcantar

2nd Vice

Virgie Reiss

Secretary-Treasurer

Linda Navarro

Chaplain

Shannon Mendez

Ladies,

Don't forget our April 2nd meeting. We will be having nominations for officers for 2008-2009.

This month our dinner will be held on April 11th. We are going to change the menu up a bit. This month's dinner will be a spaghetti dinner. We will see how this goes, maybe we will switch up the menu every once and a while.

Linda is trying to get us a date for us in April for a fundraiser at Applebee's. Everyone that purchases a meal, and has a flier with our name on it, will be having 20% of there bill donated to the auxiliary. This money will go to our scholarship fund.

I would like everyone who can attend the meeting to come as I was approached by the men to see if we would like to do both the hot dogs and cokes for the 4th of July. This is something we really need to discuss.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

AVON BREAST CANCER WALK-A-THON

Steve Thomas

Carol Sanchez of Auxiliary Unit 650 is raising funds for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. On Friday nights when she is working (see calendar) she will be serving a variety of food for donations in support of this event. She will be serving the food in the lounge starting at 4PM until it runs outs.

This is a great event and we are glad to have Carol participating in this event and representing our Auxiliary Unit 650.

Newsletter Club

Acosta Joe	2008	Matusic Vicente	2007	Torres, Tony	2010
Alaniz Al	2007	Mendoza Henry	2007	Venegas Freddie	2010
Anaya Dolores	2007	Ortega Gilbert	2009	Villapando Ben	2010
Anaya Felix	2007	Padilla John	2011	Vindiola John	2010
Araujo Marcos	2016	Ramirez Lorenzo	2008	West, Richard	2010
Cascante Richard	2007	Ramirez Robert	2007	Wild Ruben	2010
Chavez, Manuel	2010	Ramos Daniel	2009	Wilson, Henry	2008
Dixon Ennis	2010	Ramos Robert	2007	Zavala Pete	2008
George Eisenauer	2009	Rivera Ernesto	2007		
Ferguson Bob & Bev	2007	Romo Fred Jr	2007		
Garcia Alex	2009	Rowles Mike	2008		
Gonzales Ed	2008	Salazar Joe	2008		
Holguin, Larry	2011	Sepulveda CM Ben	2008		
Lopez Fred	2008	Serrano Ralph	2008		
Lozano Rudy	2010	Serrano Ralph Jr	2008		
Macias Victor	2009	Thomas Steve	2007		

Post 650 Hall Rentals

Open Rentals

Sun. thru Fri.	\$350.00 Deposit \$200.00
Sat.	\$600.00 Deposit \$200.00
Memorials	\$200,00

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Sun. thru Fri.	\$150.00 Deposit \$200.00
Sat.	\$275.00 Deposit \$200.00
Memorials	\$75,00

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PHONE: 1-800-426-1031
WWW.CELLPONESFORSOLDIERS.COM
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April 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Auxiliary Unit 650 Meeting 7:00PM	3	4 Dinner at the Post - By Carol for Cancer fund Raiser 4PM	5
6	7	8	9 Post 650 Meet- ing 7:30PM	10	11 Dinner at the Post - Auxiliary Sponsored	12
13	14	15 Income Tax Day	16	17	18 Dinner at the Post - By Carol for Cancer fund Raiser 4PM	19
20 Passover	21	22	23 Post 650 Meet- ing 7:30PM	24	25 Vintage Red- lansa	26
27 Orthodox Easter Sunday	28	29	30			

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