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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION STEVE THOMAS

Post 650 and Unit 650 were well represented at the California Department Convention in Bakersfield this year. Commander Henry Mendoza, 1st Vice Steve Thomas and Board Member Richard Alcantar represented the Post. President Sylvia Alcantar, 1st Vice Dolores Mendoza and Treasurer Linda Navarro represented the Unit.

The 5th Area Scouting Award was presented to Post 650 and the Post 650 Website won second place in the annual California American Legion Press Association (CALPA) Awards. Steve Thomas was also elected CALPA President for 2008 - 2009 at the CALPA Luncheon.

VETERAN BENEFIT EXPIRATION DATES SOURCE: CFVI NEWSLETTER JUN 08

Many of your benefits have an expiration date. Below are a few important federal ones to remember so you don't lose out. Most veterans are not aware, that their benefits can expire: For more detailed information of these programs go to www.va.gov:

Education, Training, and Employment Programs: 10 years from date of last discharge or release from active duty.

Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP): 10 years from last discharge or release from active duty.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VocRehab): Generally, 12 years of separation from service or within 12 years of being awarded service-connected VA disability compensation.

Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI): Coverage ends 120 days after separation or Can be extended up to 1 year for totally disabled veterans.

Family Group Life Insurance (FGLI): Coverage ends 120 days after separation or can be extended up to 1 year for totally disabled veterans after separation.

Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI): Within 120 days of separation.

Service Disables Veterans Insurance (SDVI): Within 2 years from the date of being notified of service- connected status.

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Special Points of Interest:

- *Post Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:30PM*
- *Unit Meeting - Dark*
- *Coming soon Sunday Breakfasts*
- *District Installation July 13 Post 106 3PM*
- *Post Website—
www.calegionpost650.org*

POST 650 SENTINAL

COMMANDER'S CORNER
HENRY MENDOZA

To my fellow comrades,

First, my deepest gratitude to you for having the confidence in me to be your new Commander. I'm ever so grateful to all of you. My hopes and prayers are to reunite our membership and try to work out all our disagreements in an orderly manner allowing each and every member to have a voice according to parliamentary procedures and our by-laws which govern the process of a good and effective meeting. Your Voice Will be heard!!

I have talkrd to lots of members and they want change, and that's going to be my priority. I want to go back to the way it used to be, with dinners, dances, karaoke Friday nights, football for our veterans and guest in the bar. By the way we now have "DIRECTV" capable of ordering the "NFL PACKAGE", We will have drawings for prizes, and hot dogs, chips and salsa, chili beans, etc, etc.

New membership renewals are coming up. Please pay your dues, it's important and keeps our Legion Post 650 growing.

Well I hope to see you at our meetings and meet you all.

Sincerely

Henry (guero) Mendoza

In Memory of
Frank Ortega

Frank Ortega passed away June 23 and was a Veteran. He is survived by Post members Henry Mendoza, uncle, and Gil Ortega, brother. Our condolences go out to his family.

2009 ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE

Renew now at \$30.00.

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

FIRST VICE COMMANDER
STEVE THOMAS

Greetings Comrades,

The 2009 Membership Cards are here!
The Post is already on its way to meeting this years goals.
Twenty four Comrades have already pre-paid their 2009 dues
and will be receiving their cards soon. My sincere THANKS
go out to them.

With your support the Post is eligible for several awards dur-
ing the year for meeting membership renewal goals. Early
Bird renewal run through October 31st and I expect to have a
token of thanks from the Post for all who renew early. There
are also personal awards for members who recruit new mem-
bers. I will be proud to present the awards at a Post meeting
to those who earn them.

I know with your help we can be one of the top Posts if not
the Best Post in the District for 2009.

FYI

As you may or may not know, the American Legion runs on
a fiscal year basis. That is the 2009 year starts July 1st and
runs through June 30th the next year.

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**Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI): Must apply before
age 70**

**Combat Veterans Health Care: 5 years from release from ac-
tive duty.**

Dental Treatment: Within 90 days of separation.

**There is no time limit for: Disability Compensation, Veterans
Health care, Disability Pension or VA Home Loan Guaranty
Program.**



**Members Transferred
to Post Everlasting**

**None,
Thank God**



POST OFFICERS

Commander: Henry Mendoza

1st Vice : Steve Thomas

2nd Vice: Alex Torres

Adjutant: Norm Cosme

Finance Officer: Larry Reeves

Judge Advocate: Ralph Serrano Sr.

Chaplain: Ed Chacon

Service Officer: Ray Becerra

Historian: TBA

Sgt at Arms: John Vindiola

Asst Sgt at Arms: Paul Ramirez

Executive Board:

Larry Holguin

George Eisenauer

Chuck Rodriguez

Joe Ruiz

Board of Directors:

Richard Alcantar

Alex Garcia

TBA

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Silvia Alcantar

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President

Silvia Alcantar

1st Vice

Dolores Mendoza

2nd Vice

Virginia Reiss

Secretary

Becky Aranda

Treasurer

Linda Navarro

Chaplain

Shannon Mendez

Parliamentarian

Jean Eisenauer

Sgt At Arms

Angie Viveros

Marshall

Carolyn Sanchez

What a privilege this Unit has entrusted in me this year. We will work together with the Post as a team to better our Post & Auxiliary. We will work to bring our membership up and work all of our programs, and help our Veterans and their families. To reach out to those families who have loved ones in the military around the world. I wonder if we are all truly aware of the sacrifices and needs of this current generation volunteering to serve our nation, and if we can say we are aware, that we do comprehend, that we can say we are aware, that we do comprehend, that we understand & care, are we motivated to help? We will reach out to our community to help find these families and offer our help.

We want to thank everyone who came out to our installation on June 13th, we had a great turn out. The Great 25th District Drill Team did one Fantastic job! Thank you, ladies. Also I want to thank all the Auxiliary ladies who helped in the kitchen. Thanks to Alex & Mary Lou Torres for all of their help. We look forward in seeing you at our next meeting in August. (No July meeting)

God Bless Our Troops and Our Country
President Sylvia Alcantar

WHO IS THIS LEGIONNAIRE?

He was born in Casa Blanca, CA; Raised in Redlands, CA

He was last of 13 children

He served in the Army in Korea

He retired in 1999 after 53yrs in retail business

He has served as Post 650 2nd Vice, 1st Vice, Finance Officer and
Commander

He has been with Post 650 9 yrs

He has been married for 50yrs

He has 2 sons, a daughter, 2 grandsons.

See top of calendar for the answer.

Newsletter Club

Acero, Donald	2008	Holguin, Larry	2011	Sepulveda, Ben, CM	2008
Acosta, Joe	2010	Hietala, Howard	2009	Serrano, Ralph	2008
Araujo, Marcos	2016	Leivas, Richard	2010	Serrano, Ralph Jr	2008
Chacon, Ed	2011	Lopez, Fred	2010	Thomas, Steve	2011
Chavez, Manuel	2010	Lozano, Rudy	2010	Torres, Tony, CM	2010
Cosme, Christopher	2009	Macias, Victor	2009	Venegas, Freddie	2010
Cosme, Norm	2009	Madsen, Norman	2009	Villapando, Ben	2010
Cosme, Robert	2009	Mendoza, Henry	2008	Vindiola, John	2010
Cosme, Chris	2009	Ortega, Gilbert	2010	West, Richard	2010
Eisenauer, George	2009	Padilla, John	2011	Wild, Ruben	2010
Dixon, Ennis	2010	Ramirez, Lorenzo	2008	Wilson, Henry	2008
Garcia, Alex	2009	Ramos, Daniel	2013	Zavala, Pete	2008
Gonzales, Ed	2008	Rivera, Ernesto	2013		
Gonzales, Nellie	2010	Rowles, Mike	2010		
Gonzales, Frank	2008	Salazar, Joe	2008		

Post 650 Hall Rentals

Open Rentals

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

Member Rentals

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

There is a \$100 Security Charge on all Rentals for your safety and the safety of the Post.

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Drop Off Site
American Legion Post 650

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2008 - 2009 Post and Auxiliary Officers



July 2008

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Who Is This Legionnaire? Commander Henry Mendoza	1	2	3	4	5	
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13 District Installation Post 106 2PM	14	15	16	17	18 Meet the District Officers Post 421 8-10PM	19
20 Breakfast at Post 650 8AM to 12 PM	21	22	23 Post 650 Meeting 7:30PM	24	25	26
27 Korean War ended - 1953	28	29	30	31		

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