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Here is a partial list of organizations helpful to Vets and their families. You may want to keep it by your phone or computer.

Agent Orange Info

www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/herbicide/index.htm

1 800-749-8387

Board Of Veterans Appeals

www.va.gov/vbs/bva/

202-565-5436

CHAMPVA

www.va.gov/hac/

1-800-733-8387

Court Of Appeals/Vets Claims

<http://www.vetapp.uscourts.gov/>

202-501-5970

DEERS

<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/DEERS>

1-800-538-9552

VA National Direct Deposit Center

1-877-838-2778

Headstones And Markers

http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/hm_hm.asp

1-800-697-6947

Health Care Benefits

www.va.gov/health

1-877-222-8387

Health Care Eligibility

www.va.gov/healtheligibility

1-800-929-8387

Insurance SGLI/VGLI

www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/default

1-800-419-1473

Military Records National Archives

www.archives.gov/

1-866-272-6272

Retired Pay, Military DFAS

www.dfas.mil/retiredpay.html

1-800-321-1080

Retired Pay, Coast Guard CG SVC

CTR

www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/psc/ras/

1-800-772-8724

Retired Pay, Reporting Death DFAS

1-800-321-1080

SBP Info Line DFAS

www.dfas.mil/retiredpay/survivorbenefits.html

1-800-321-1080

Social Security

www.ssa.gov

1-800-772-1213

TRICARE

www.tricare.mil/

1-800-444-5445

VA Central Office - VBA

<http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/>

202-273-5400

VA Central Office - Patient Advocate

202-461-7252

Special Points of Interest:

- Unit Meeting 1st Wednesday 7:00PM
- Post Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:30PM
- NFL Sundays starting Sep 7 Post 650
- District Mtg. Sep 7, Post 324 Barstow
- Area Mtg. Sep 20, 21 Palm Springs
- Police/Firemen Dinner Sep 19 Post 650
- Steak Nite Sep 26 Post 650
- Post 650 Breakfast Sep 28
- Post Website—www.calegionpost650.org

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

HENRY MENDOZA

To all My Comrades,

We had a very good meeting at the Post Wed. 8-27-08. I want to thank all my comrades for attending the meeting for our organizational calendar for the next nine months. Our newsletter will now post every activity going on at the Post on a month to month basis, such as breakfasts, dinners and of course auxiliary steak nights. An informed Post is a successful Post. It was approved by the membership to offer our football fans from our Post and there guests that we will be open on Sundays for NFL football starting September 7, 2008 and through the entire season. We purchased the NFL package from DirecTV, You can see the game of your choice on Big Screen and two other TVs, come join us for fun and games. Wow!! Are we doing the good things to entice Membership or not? Bring us some new applicants and let's get behind 1st Vice Steve Thomas handling all new member applications. Wow!! What a great job comrade Steve is doing. Also my Second Vice on providing great meals, thank you Shamu! A lot of positive changes have been put to work for the good of the Legion, Thanks to all my officers. Please come and support our efforts, we would really appreciate it.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

STEVE THOMAS

Comrades,

We have a great start on our 2009 Membership Drive, we are at 66 percent of our goal so far. Now comes the hard part, the last 33 percent. Remember, the American Legion is on a fiscal year calendar. If you paid your dues between January and June, you probably paid your 2008 dues. Please check your membership card. If it has Year 2008, your 2009 dues are now due as Year 2009 started July 1, 2008.

The Post gained 4 new members in August - Lew Dillion, Ray Miramontes, Ronald Mitchell and Harry Thayer. Welcome to the Post. We hope you have a chance to participate in the many Post activities.

JUDGE ADVOCATE

RALPH SERRANO SR

For God, Country and Comradeship.

It has been said by some members and non-members that since my attendance in the Post meetings, they have noticed a positive change in attitude and comradeship among the members.

I am happy and satisfied to have been a part of the change. There is now a good humor atmosphere in the gatherings. However, the credit belongs to the unification of Post members through verbal contact, personal visitations and telephone conversations, this all came together in unison producing fruitful results.

Let us continue united and work together for the betterment of the American Legion and Post 650. Let us learn to agree and disagree mutually for the good of our Post membership. Let us speak wisely without resentment and may God direct us in our actions.

Yours in comradeship.

DO YOU KNOW THIS LEGIONNAIRE?

He was in the Air Force for eight years.
 He has been Post Commander twice.
 He has played Santa Clause many years at Post parties.
 He is nicknamed after a famous mammal.
 (Answer on bottom of Calendar)

SECOND VICE COMMANDER ALEX TORRES

From 2nd Vice Alex Shamu,
 I want to thank every one that helped on Sunday the 17th on the breakfast we had. It was great. I couldn't have done it without you.
 On September 19. We are giving a thank you dinner for the Police and Fire Department for the job they do to keep you and me safe.
 Our Next breakfast is on the 28th of September. Hope to see you there.

Members Transferred to Post Everlasting



Paul Gonzales
Frank Regalado



POST OFFICERS

Commander: Henry Mendoza
 1st Vice : Steve Thomas
 2nd Vice: Alex Torres
 Adjutant: Norm Cosme
 Finance Officer: Al Alaniz
 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
 Fred Venegas

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Silvia Alcantar

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President

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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

First our condolences to Nellie Gonzales & her family in the loss of her beloved husband Paul Gonzales.

Congratulation's to Kristina Resendez one of our Junior member (now a Sr member) on receiving a full scholarship for four years to the Nursing program at Cal State San Bernardino. Way To Go Kristy!

Our next District meeting will be on Sept., 07, 2008 at Barstow Post 324 @ 10 A.M. The Auxiliary will meet at The Elks Club. District Workshop Sept., 27th @ 9 A.M.. We will meet at The Light House Of The Blind next door to Post 14 in San Bernardino.

We have received a list of items that the VA Hospital needs for our Veterans . If you are interested in making afghans, arm slings, bibs, slippers, wheel chair bags, etc., we have all the measurements . You can knit, crochet or sew any of these items. Please call us.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival will be in California this year @ The Riverside Convention center, from Oct., 20th, to the 26th, 2008. There is a need of donations & volunteers. The talent show on Sunday the 26th is free to all, but you need a ticket to get in. If anyone is interested please call us.

We have POW flags available to members for a donation. Also the "Blue Star" flags for any members who has a military personal serving in the war.

Thanks to all the members from Post 14, 106, 155 & 421 who attended our Sunday dance.

If any member has any news they would like to share with us please feel free to call & we will get in our Newsletter.

We have met all of our obligations to Dept., & District early this year do to the successful Friday night dinners. Thanks to all the ladies!

Membership is going really well. If you have not paid your dues please mail them in A.S.A.P. "Early Bird" Nov 11th, 2008

Our mission of the Auxiliary is to serve our Veterans, their families and our community.

God Bless our Military serving around the world, and may God bring them home soon.

Newsletter Club

Acero, Donald	2008	Gonzales, Frank	2008	Salazar , Joe	2008
Acosta, Joe	2010	Holguin, Larry	2011	Sepulveda, Ben, CM	2008
Richar Alonzo	2009	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	2010
Gonzales, Ed	2008	Rivera, Ernesto	2013		
Gonzales, Nellie	2010	Rowles, Mike	2010		

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.

YOUR ADVERTISEMENT HERE

1/8 Page (Business Card) 12 Issues	\$50.00
1/4 Page 12 Issues	\$90.00
1/2 Page 12 Issues	\$170.00
3/4 Page 12 Issues	\$210.00
Full Page 12 Issues	\$300.00



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JUST FOR LAUGHS
STEVE THOMAS

Three gentlemen are riding on a train, not speaking but casually taking note of each other. Finally one of them breaks the silence.

He folds back his Wall Street journal and says "Admiral, USN, Retired, married, two kids, both of them Doctors", and proudly sits down.

The second guy folds back his Washington Post and says, "Admiral, USN, active duty, married, two kids, both of them Lawyers", and smugly sits back.

The third guy rolls up his Sports Illustrated and says "Master Chief Petty Officer, USN, Retired, never married, two kids, both of them Admirals"

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

2009 ANNUAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE

Renew now at \$20.00. Juniors renew at \$4.00

Please make check payable to: Auxiliary Unit 650 and mail to:

Deloris Mendoza, 720 Ardmore Ave, Redlands, CA 92374

NAME: _____ MEMBER NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____
ZIP _____

Thank You for your kind attention to this matter

September 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day	2 VI Day 1945	3 Auxiliary Unit 650 Meeting 7:00PM	4	5	6
7 District Meeting Post 324 10:00AM	8	9	10 Post 650 Meeting 7:30PM	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Air Force Est. 1947	19 Police/Firemen Dinner POW/MIA Day	20 Area Meeting Palm Springs
21 Area Meeting Palm Springs	22	23	24 Post 650 Meeting 7:30PM	25	26 Steak Night	27
28 Post 650 Breakfast 8:00 - 11:00AM	29	30	Do you know this Legionnaire? Alex Torres, 2nd Vice Commander			

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