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VETERANS APPLYING FOR CA CIVIL SERVICE STEVE THOMAS

The Department of Defense in NOV launched the National Resource Directory, a collaborative effort between the departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs. The directory is a Web-based network of care coordinators, providers and support partners with resources for wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans, their families, families of the fallen and those who support them. Located at <http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.org>, the directory offers more than 10,000 medical and non-medical services and resources to help service members and veterans achieve personal and professional goals along their journey from recovery through rehabilitation to community reintegration. It is organized into six major categories: Benefits and Compensation; Education, Training and Employment; Family and Caregiver Support; Health; Housing and Transportation; and Services and Resources. It also provides helpful checklists, Frequently Asked Questions, and connections to peer support groups. All information on the Web site can be found through a general or state and local search tool.

“The VA is extremely proud to be a partner in this innovative resource. This combination of federal, state, and community-based resources will serve as a tremendous asset for all service members, veterans, their families and those who care for them. The community is essential to the successful reintegration of our veterans, and these groups greatly enhance the directory’s scope,” said Karen S. Guice, M.D., executive director, federal recovery care coordination program at the Department of Veterans Affairs. “The directory is the visible demonstration of our national will and commitment to make the journey from ‘survive to thrive’ a reality for those who have given so much. As new links are added each day by providers and partners, coverage from coast to coast will grow even greater ensuring that no part of that journey will ever be made alone,” said Lynda C. Davis, Ph.D., Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy.

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Special Points of Interest:

- *Unit Meeting 1st Wednesday 7:00PM*
- *Post Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:30PM*
- *NFL Sundays Post 650*
- *Christmas Party Dec 20*
- *Line Dancing Thursdays*
- *Post Website—www.calegionpost650.org*
- **No Post Meeting Dec 24**

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**COMMANDER'S CORNER
HENRY MENDOZA**

Well comrades its been a busy month, Starting with November 2nd a fundraiser at the legion was held for the "Lupus Foundation and Post 650 was instrumental in raising monies for Lupus. A community event by our great Auxiliary, Thanks Sylvia and Linda for all the efforts put in bye you and the aux. Members.

On November 3rd I had Surgery at the VA. I had a cancer mass on my right kidney but we caught it early and the doctors said it was a successful procedure and I should be just fine. To my Family, Comrades and friend's, thank you for your prayers and support that I have received, I can't thank you enough. At this writing I'm feeling great.

On November 9th a district meeting was held in Ontario Post 112.

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Veterans Day was held at Jeannie Davis Park, which the best attended event then I can remember, Thank you Members and Friends who attended. A luncheon was held at Post 650 afterwards and again thank you Pete Zavala and our Auxiliary for food presentation and decoration of our hall. I was truly proud of you all!

On November 21st our PCC (past commanders club) meeting was held at our Post and installation of new officers for the coming year was set into place. Again the women's Auxiliary had their Steak Night at the same meeting and our entire guest really enjoyed a wonderful meal. Again, thanks to Sylvia Alcantar Auxiliary President and her crew, plus help from John Vindiola and Danny our meat man from Staters Bros. For all your help!

On November 22nd a Birthday Party for John Castenada was held at the Post, A surprise, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN" turned 90 years young. John is a WWII veteran and one of our Charter Members with over 50yrs membership to Post 650. Hope you had a great time.

Speaking of Birthdays, A small party was held at our clubhouse Sunday November 23rd for Henry Mendoza and Gil Ortega, Tank you for sharing an afternoon with us. Also Happy Birthday to Carol Sanchez (Bartender) and Phil Saldana, Chocolo Ruiz, who's Birthdays are with-in 1 or two days of each other. I hope you all had a good time.

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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. _____

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

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A fund raiser will be held at the Tri-City shopping Center On November 29th (Sat.) Post 650 will run the Beer Garden and all proceeds will go for a very Merry Christmas for our Veterans at the V A hospital. We need to cheer up our comrades in the hospital when they won't have family around them. We are there family at the holiday Season. Hope to see you there.

Hope you and the family's had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wishing you all a happy Xmas and New Year. Hope you make it to your Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 20th. Food provided by chef John Segovia and Music by Bob Fernandez and his band. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes

MEMBERSHIP

STEVE THOMAS. 1ST VICE OMMANDER

Comrades,

You did a great job during Early Bird Season, the Post was over 82% of its total goal by Veterans Day. Now we have to get to over 100%, and we all can do it. I was at the Post this weekend and Richard Alcantar recruited a new member on the fly, Great Job. We need to work on renewing current members who have not yet renewed as well as recruiting new members. We have a flood of eligible veterans who have served during or current conflicts. We need to show these veterans the benefits of being a member and how we can help them as veterans. Let's build our Post for the benefit of all.

May you all have very Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year.

**Members Transferred
to Post Everlasting**



**None,
Thank God**



POST OFFICERS

Commander: Henry Mendoza

1st Vice : Steve Thomas

2nd Vice: TBA

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

Vincent Leyvas

Chuck Rodriguez

Joe Ruiz

Board of Directors:

Richard Alcantar

Alex Garcia

Fred Venegas

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Silvia Alcantar

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President - Silvia Alcantar
- 1st Vice - Dolores Mendoza
- 2nd Vice - Virginia Reiss
- Secretary - TBA
- Treasurer - Linda Navarro
- Chaplain - Shannon Mendez
- Parliamentarian -
Jean Eisenauer
- Sgt At Arms - Angie Viveros
- Marshall - Carolyn Sanchez

Auxiliary News! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!**

December is VA & R month - helping our Veterans and their families, especially those men & women serving in the war. Welcome Home Celebrations for our Soldiers, Support of our VA hospital with donations, which our Unit has donated money & comfort items to the hospital. Volunteer's are needed there has been declining from day to day. If any one has time on their hands please call me & I will give you the information. When doing your Christmas cards this year send one to a soldier who is recovering @ A Recovering American Soldier - c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center - 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20307-5001. Clip Coupons, they are good over seas up to six months, and Commissaries to not have access to them without our help. I have a list of where to mail the coupons. Many military families are in need.

Our District President will make her official visitation on Dec 3rd and our Girl Stater - Leila Magistrado will also visit our Unit. All members are Welcome to attend. Meeting @ 7 P.M.

Our Unit has accomplished many wonderful things this year, I want to Thank all the Ladies who have donated their time with dinner's & donations to make this year a very successful year. Our membership is doing Great, thanks to all the members who have paid their dues. We have made Early Bird, and have many new members. We praise God for what we have and A Very Merry Christmas To All. Please keep our Troops in your prayers for their safe return home to their love ones.

For God & Country

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

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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		

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Memorials	\$75,00		

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VETERAN DAY PICTURES



JUST FOR LAUGHS

The Company Commander and the First Sergeant were in the field. As they hit the sack for the night, the First Sergeant said, "Sir, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

The CO said, "I see millions of stars."

1st Sgt.: "And what does that tell you, sir?"

CO: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Top?"

1st Sgt.: "Well sir, it tells me that somebody stole our tent."

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Auxiliary Unit 650 Meeting 7:00PM	4	5	6
7 NFL Sunday Pearl Harbor Day Flag Half Mast	8	9	10 Post 650 Meet- ing 7:30PM	11 Line Dancing	12	13
14 NFL Sunday	15 Bill of Rights Day	16 Battle of the Bulge 1944	17	18 Line Dancing	19	20 Post Christmas Party
21 NFL Sunday First Day of Winter	22 Hanukkah	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28 NFL Sunday	29	30	31 Official end of WWII 1946			

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