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Department Commander al Lennox made his visitation to the 5th Area at our meeting in Brawley, CA. Among other things, he stressed the importance of annual reports by Posts across the nation. The American Legion is the largest Veteran organization in the nation. Every year Posts report to Department their activities. These reports are consolidated and reported to National. The Department reports are then combined to create the annual report to Congress. This is where the American Legion and their affiliates gain the power to effect legislation for our armed forces and veterans. It is a very effective tool. We all know that Veterans and their families are the most generous in helping in the community, state and nation as mentioned in our Preamble. This generosity must be brought to the attention of all in our annual reports. The biggest being the Consolidated Post Report. This is coming up soon and the Post needs your, our members, input to complete this report. Post 650 annually sponsors Memorial, Veteran and POW/MIA Day events, supports the City's 4th of July event, honors Police and fire department personnel with a dinner, sponsors 2 high school students to Boy's State, con-

tributes to children's activities, sponsors a Boy Scout Troop and Pack among other things. These activities are covered in our annual programs under Children and Youth, Americanism, Community Support, among other titles. You, as Legionnaires, have also contributed greatly to the community, state and nation in your own activities. According to the Department Commander this should be reported also. Your attendance at National Holiday events supports these events. (How many events could be held without attendees?) You may be a Scout Leader, coach, or volunteer at youth activities, these are covered under Children and Youth. Maybe you helped get out non partisan voter registration, this also counts. Let's help our Post and Commander make the best reports this Year. Mail to or drop a note at the Post attention Commander Mendoza about your activities since July 1, 2008. Please include a brief description of the activity hours and monies you spent in support of the activity so we may include them in our annual reports.

### Special Points of Interest:

- Unit Meeting 1st Wednesday 7:00PM
- Post Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:30PM
- SAL Meeting 3rd Wednesday 7PM
- Post Website—[www.calegionpost650.org](http://www.calegionpost650.org)

**POST 650 SENTINAL**



**POST OFFICERS**

- Commander: Henry Mendoza
- 1st Vice : Steve Thomas
- 2nd Vice: Vince Leyvas
- 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

**COMMANDER'S CORNER**  
**HENRY MENDOZA**

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary, and our new Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion,  
 Through hard work of Ruben Ruiz, Phil Saldana, Danny Torres, Chocolo, Ruiz, Chuck Roque, and other comrades we have formed a Squadron of Sons of the Legion at our Post, Squadron 650 District 25. They had there first meeting January 21st 2009 history was made.  
 The membership has started with the charter of 19 members, Congratulations Sons. The Post is honored to have you in our Legion Family. A special thanks to Jim Nonnemacher, 25th district commander, and John Mejia, District 1st Vice Commander, for all their help in organizing this squadron and instruction on the guidelines for our squadron.  
 Business at the legion in January, District meeting Jan. 4th was held at our Post, went well. Also had a great steak night on Jan, 16th, was it good! No! It was great, hum, hum, hum,  
 On January 24th a Boy Scout dinner was held at Redlands LSD stake center in Redlands our post 650 was represented by our own 1st vice Steve Thomas. He presented the Geno Mendez award, thank you Steve.  
 The Sons of the Legion are already planning events at the Legion to raise monies for their general fund. Let's all support them.  
 Hope all our members and families are in good health, God Bless.  
 Our comrade Shamu is seriously ill; give him a call to cheer him up. God bless.

<b>2009 ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE</b>	
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 _____	
<i>Thank You for your kind attention to this matter</i>	

## 1ST VICE COMMANDER STEVE THOMAS.

Greetings Comrades,

Again, we are doing well with membership at over 80% renewals so far this year. My many Thanks to all who have renewed so far. Jan 31st was the cut off for on time renewals and there are still over fifty members that have not renewed this year. A list is available of all members who have not renewed so far, please check it out and renew if you are on the list. For those members who are delinquent by the end of February, this will be your last newsletter as your membership dues help cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Vince Leyvas, has taken on the duties of 2nd Vice Commander and will be starting Post Breakfasts and dinners again. The first monthly breakfast will be Feb 15th and the first monthly dinner will be Feb 27. For all 'Early Bird' members, those who renewed before Veterans Day, the breakfast will be free. If you can't make the breakfast, you can get \$6.00 off the price of the dinner. A list will be maintained of Early Bird members and checked off as the benefit is received. If you can't make it in February, the offer will be available to you at future **Post** breakfasts and dinners.

Thanks again for your continued support.

### ONLY IN AMERICA...

Do drugstores make the sick walk to the back of the store, while you can buy cigarettes at the front.

Do drive thru ATMs have instructions in Braille.

Do banks leave doors unlocked but chain their pens to the counter.

Do we buy hot dogs in packs of ten and buns in packs of eight.

Do people order double cheese burgers, large fries with a Diet Coke.

Do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well...'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'blood sucking creatures.

Do we park our expensive cars in the driveway and keep our junk locked in the garage.

**Members Transferred  
to Post Everlasting**



**None, Thank God.**

**POST 650 SENTINAL**



**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 PRESIDENT  
Silvia Alcantar**

**Auxiliary News:**

Our thanks go out to all members who paid their dues "Congratulations we have met our goal - at this time our Unit is 100% plus in membership in our District. We have many new Senior & Junior members. We encourage all members to attend our meetings. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month @ 7 P.M to 8 P.M. At our February meeting we will be reviewing our Standing Rules that need to be re-written, our By-Laws are up to date. Also in February we will be selecting our "Girl Stater" from REV High School. We look forward in meeting these excellent candidates.

In a couple of months we will be nominating new officers for year 2009-10.If any member is interested in running for an office -please try to attend our next meeting.

Our Friday Night's dinner's are doing really well, all funds go towards many of our programs for our Veterans their families, scholarships & our community. Boxes are available for military families who have military serving in Iraq, Afghanistan for a flat fee \$8.95 - call (909)793-8465.

Our District "Fashion Show" will take place on February 21st at 12 P.M to 3 P.M... Cost \$8.00 that includes a fabulous lunch & entertainment by "Leila Magistrado" Fashions By "Rags for Dolls" Everyone Welcome.

Every Thursday - is Ladies Night Out" special drinks at a great price! We also have "Line Dancing" its lots of FUN! From 6:30 P.M to? Carol is doing a great job in getting activities going on Thursday nights.

Our prayers go out to Alex, Mary Lou Torres & their family in this time of need of prayers. Many members attended Alex birthday celebration at his home on January 17th.

We all welcome "The Sons of The Legion" to our Post

We pray for the men & women of our armed forces, protect them as they protect us Lord.

"For God & Country"

<b>2009 ANNUAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE</b>	
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 _____	
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## AUXILIARY 1ST VICE

**Dolores Mendez**

WOW!! We made 100% membership, couldn't have done it without your help and cooperation and I thank you all for that. It's been quite an adventure and, guess what, we are first in our district to make it. Another plus for our Unit 650. Again thanks to all our members and by the way were still taking applications, recruit your sister, aunts and cousin's we can sure use more help. It's a pleasure serving you.

# Welcome Sons of the American Legion from Post 650 and Auxiliary Unit 650



Commander

Ruben Ruiz

1st Vice

Mike Sepulveda

2nd Vice

Danny Torres

Adjutant

Tim Saucedo

Finance

TBA

Chaplain

Phil Saldano

Historian

Ruben Roque

Sgt At Arms

Ray Ruiz

Advisor

Steve Thomas

**POST 650 SENTINAL**

**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.

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1/2 Page 12 Issues	\$170.00
3/4 Page 12 Issues	\$210.00
Full Page 12 Issues	\$300.00



**Cell Phones for Soldiers**  
**Drop Off Site**  
**American Legion Post 650**

# February 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 US National Anthem 1931	4 Auxiliary Unit 650 Meeting 7:00PM	5 Line Dancing	6	7 District 25 Scout Dinner Post 777
8 Boy Scouts of America Founded 1910	9	10	11 Post 650 Meeting 7:30PM	12 Lincoln's Birthday Line Dancing	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Post Breakfast 8-11 AM	16 Presidents Day	17	18 SAL 650 Meeting 7:00PM	19 Marines land on Iwojima 1945 Line Dancing	20 Auxiliary Steak Night	21 Aux Fashion Show Post 650 12-3 PM
22 Washington's Birthday	23 Marines Raise Flag on Iwojima 1945	24 Viet Nam Peace Accord 1973	25 Post 650 Meeting 7:30PM	26 Line Dancing	27 Post Dinner 6:00 til Gone	28 District 25 Rehab Dinner Post 422

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