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THE AMERICAN VETERANS & SERVICEMEMBERS SURVIVAL GUIDE STEVE THOMAS

The American Veterans & Service Members Survival Guide is available on line at www.veteransforamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/12/survival-guide.pdf. The new publication, provided by the Veterans for America organization, is a follow-up to the 1985 The Viet Vet Survival Guide. It is a downloadable no cost resource for veterans of all periods. The guide will help a veteran understand what's going on, it is not a substitute for a good lawyer or other advocate. And it isn't the only source of information. The book gives particular emphasis to service members and veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, while providing adequate information for vets of all other eras. It describes in depth:

- The problems of the military community,
- The benefits and services available to present and former service members, and
- Issues that will be decided in the next several years.

It will help readers understand how various agencies work not just in theory but in practice and how they can cut through the bureaucracy and confusion and get the benefits and services to which they are entitled. Topics included in its 599 pages, among others, address frequent call-ups from the Guard and Reserve, getting out of the military, the Department of Veterans Affairs, disability compensation, pensions, medical care, educational benefits, housing benefits, claims and appeals, discharge upgrading, the criminal justice system, employment, reemployment rights, benefits for family members, the special problems of women service members and veterans and domestic relations issues. While it focuses on programs run by the VA it also deals with programs administered by other federal agencies and the states.

When our Post 650 computer gets internet access we will try to make this available to our members and other Veterans at the Post. It does contain a very good Table of Contents which make it easy to find what your looking for.

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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

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

To my Comrades, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion,

Well the holidays are over and its back to serious business for the good of the legion. What can you do to better our Post, any ideas? Please come to our meetings and lend a good word, I promise to listen and implement good ideas to our Post, We need your help especially raising monies for our general fund. Please support 2nd Vice Vincent Leyvas as he has started Breakfast at the Post once a month and also A dinner event the dates are always posted in the clubhouse. These events are Fundraisers please support your post by coming and bring your family. I guarantee you will enjoy the meal at a very reasonable price, \$10.00 for a steak dinner! WOW! How can you beat that.

Well Comrades nominations are coming up for your new officers for 2009-2010 now is a good time to start thinking about who you would like to choose as your new leadership for the new year. This year at convention which by the way will be held in Riverside this year is coming up in June 2009. Your welcome to join us. I wish to congratulate Ruben Ruiz for conducting such good sessions for The Sons Of The Legion as I have attended both sessions and both were great sessions and allot was accomplished. A special thanks goes out to there adviser "Steve Thomas" 1st Vice of the Legion for all his good advice. The Sons are learning more and more Procedures and Protocol as more sessions are held. Well comrades till we meet again. And stay in good health! IN COMRADESHIP.

Your Commander Henry Mendoza

2009 ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE

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Thank You for your kind attention to this matter

1ST VICE COMMANDER STEVE THOMAS.

Greetings Comrades,

Membership is going well, we are at 90% now. We still need to get that remaining 10% and if possible more. Remember membership is everyone's responsibility as it helps the Post and the Legion serve our Veterans better as well as giving all of us a bigger impact on addressing issues concerning Veterans.

The District Rehab Dinner went well this year raising more than \$5000 for the Veteran Rehab Program. Post 650 was represented by Pete Zavala and myself and we met with other Posts throughout the district. This one of many events the 25th District sponsors and Post 650 supports,

2nd Vice Vince Leyvas did a great job with last months breakfast and steak dinner. He was assisted by Post and Sons of the American Legion members. These events help the Post to raise funds to support our Post's community and Veteran programs. Thanks go to those who worked these 2 events and those who came out and enjoyed great meals while contributing to our Post's programs.

YOU COULD HAVE HEARD A PIN DROP

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying 'Have you heard the latest dumb stunt the United States has done? They have sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What do they intend to do, bomb them?'

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: 'Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?'

Members Transferred to Post Everlasting



Ray Coyazo Sr.

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

February was Americanism month: we had 60 children who wrote essay's for our Unit. Now they are being judged , the winners will be forward to District for more judging, then mailed to Department. The winners will visit our Unit and read their winning essay's. They will receive a monetary and certificate award. We want to thank teacher Nicole Clark who teaches at The Beattie Middle School in Highland.

Our Fashion Show was a great success. We had a great turn-out, raised over \$700 plus for our District Americanism fund. Shannon & I would like to personally thank all of the Auxiliary ladies who helped with the fantastic luncheon. Linda Navarro, Stephanie Navarro & her 3 daughters (who are Junior members)Rosa Dominguez, Angie Viceroy, Carol Sanchez, Dolores Mendoza & Toni Gonzales, Great Job Done Ladies!

Our next District meeting - March 8Th 2009 at 10 A.M.. Our Dept., Pres., Lu Ann Capazzi will make her official visitation to our District. We will meet at The Eagles Club, 17729 Arrow Rt in Fontana. Unit 422 will be hosting. Please try to attend.

Our next steak dinner will be on March 20Th from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. District Workshop March 14Th, 2009 at Barstow Post 324 from 10 A.M to 3 P.M

March is Community Service Month and Awareness Assembly for Female Veterans.

Members do not forget all the Benefits that are available to you!

Auxiliary Mission: To support The American Legion & its programs for Veterans, young people & community. To ensure, as Volunteers, that Auxiliary members continue to promote all that is good in The Nation today, to tomorrow and for generations to come through serving others and not self.

Crazy Karz & Karnival Dayz - April 18th, 2009 - 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Post 112 Ontario. More information call Tami Bell (909) 331-5033 - All proceeds to benefit American Legion Child Welfare Fund. O.M.K. Operation Military Children

2009 ANNUAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE

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Newsletter Club



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

Commander

Ruben Ruiz

1st Vice

Mike Sepulveda

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Danny Torres

Adjutant

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Phil Saldano

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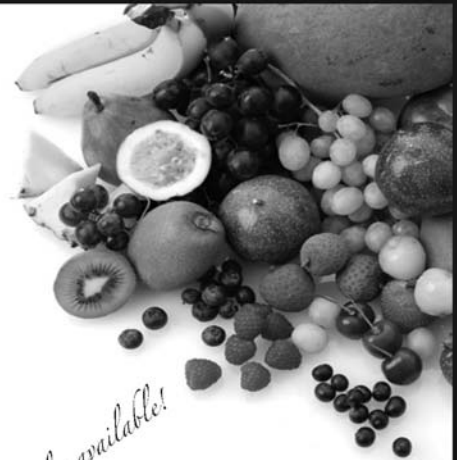
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Auxiliary Unit 650 Meeting 7:00PM	5 Line Dancing	6	7
8 District Meeting Post 422 Set Clocks Back	9	10	11 Post 650 Meet- ing 7:30PM	12 Line Dancing	13	14 Auxiliary Dis- trict Work- shop Barstow
15	16	17 St Patricks Day	18 SAL 650 Meet- ing 7:00PM	19 Line Dancing	20 Auxiliary Steak Night	21 Area 5 Meet- ing Post 149 Escondido
22 Area 5 Meeting Post 149 Escondido	23	24	25 Post 650 Meet- ing 7:30PM	26 Line Dancing	27 PCC Meeting Post 106 Post Steak night ? - call	28
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