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American Legion Post 328 Celebrates the Army's 238th Birthday



July & August 2013

- July 4th Party; Burgers, hot dogs, pot luck – Frank Roberson – Chicken s#lt bingo 50/50 and more!
- July 13th Bunco 12:00 – 4:00 hosted by AUX Party Partners
- August 17th Bunco 1:00 – 3:00 hosted by Children & Youth
- August 30th AUX Fish Fry 6:00 – 8:00

	American Legion ~ 3 rd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM Commander: Lewis Wright
	American Legion Auxiliary ~ 3 rd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM President: Norma Chadwick
	Sons of American Legion ~ 3 rd Wednesday @ 7:00 PM Commander: Don Abercrombie
	American Legion Riders~ 1 st Saturday of the month President: Carlene Warren

Sign up for the ePostPilot/eCalendar at postPilot328@gmail.com; you'll get more articles and see all of the pictures from the events since the last Post Pilot.

Mark your Calendar

Support your Post!

	SAL Breakfast	Every Sunday @ 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	Lunch Specials	Every Wednesday @ 11:30 AM
	Dinner & Music	Friday Night Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM Music 7:00 – 11:00 PM
	Tacos	Every Saturday @ 12:00 – 3:00 PM

May & June EVENTS

1 st Friday of the Month	SAL Prime Rib Dinner @ 6:00PM
July 4th	Independence Day party – burgers, hot dogs & potluck, 50/50, Chicken s#!t Bingo, Frank Roberson
Aug 31 st	Legion tacos – Children & Youth 12:00 – 3:00



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Thoughts, prayers & memories...

- Gee Gee (Gigi) Stainbrook – 93 years young and a lifetime member of Post 328, loved by everyone passed on 6/20/13. A previous Chaplin, volunteer and contributor to our Color Guard, RNC funeral parades, Children & Youth and much, much more.
- Nancy Fry – Loved by all and married to Don Fry passed on 6/24/13. A very sweet woman that knew how to throw a Super Bowl party.
Celebration of life on July 27th @ 1:00

Two beautiful people that helped make our Legion family so great have left us!
Our thoughts and prayers to their families and loved ones.

NOTE: The American Legion is an exempt veterans' organization under Internal Revenue code section 501(c) (19). Donations are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

A little levity ☺

Q: Did you hear about the homemade poison ivy remedy?

A: You can make it from scratch. Bahahaha, they just keep coming... ☺

From the Commander:

By the time you read this the year will be over. It's been a good ride, we have had great things happen and some not so great. This year has had its share of repairs i.e. repairs on the roof, freezers, fire suppressor system, electrical rerun and water heater. We have acquired a four door refrigerator, a 110 volt steam table, a new camera system installed, and a new air conditioning system.

We were honored by having the National Commander at our post for dinner. In addition we hosted the horseshoe championship dinner, the Norco Area Chamber of Commerce bouquet, the Districts Law and Order Dinner, and the Emerald Society dinner.

As well as our regular events we had a lot of special events. The Legion Rider put on a great car and bike show and held their alliance meetings/parties here. We had a really good Oktoberfest held outside in the parking lot and numerous fundraisers. One of the events that has never been done before was the Club Room BBQ I have to hand it to them, it was great!

Children and Youth has been very good as well, all of the events came off great. We sent more boys, to Boys State than ever before. The scholarship program was also successful.

Everything that's been accomplished this year was the result of the family working and playing together as a whole unit.

As the outgoing Commander I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for a great year. As the Incoming Commander I hope we can continue and expand upon the success of last year.

AGAIN THANK YOU ALL!!

-Lewis Wright
Commander

Sons of American Legion is starting a new year. I am looking forward to making this a fun and productive year. Having said that, we are having a round table discussion on Sat. 7/13 at 1000 hrs. at the post. We want your input, ideas and suggestion for this year. Rather than just a few members making the decisions, we want your participation in the meetings. Please try to attend and if you know anyone who is eligible to join..bring them. If you are interested in helping/serving on a committee please call me at 909-816-6422 or contact any of the SAL officers on pg 5. Looking for forward to a great year.

-Don Abercrombie
Commander Sons of American Legion

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Sgt-at-Arms:	Desiree Chavira
Parliamentarian:	Penny Minchella

EBoard: Sabrina Grissom, Anne Marie Sutherland and Twil Ives

From 3rd Vice: Mark your calendars with our upcoming events by Children & Youth that will bring in the crowds; a couple of great times ahead are Bunco on August 17th from 1:00 – 3:00 and Bingo September 21st from 3:00 – 9:00.

Also, we'll have the Boys State Awards Ceremony on July 16th at 7:00 PM
 As always I'd like to thank all of the volunteers, your help is always needed and greatly appreciated. Your tireless contributions to the families of this post ensure that our party's and events turn out fantastic!

This has been a great year for Boys State! All-in-all we sent a total of 55 children to Sacramento to study American Government. Of those 55 children, 11 were sent from our post.

-Jimmy Walsh

From 2nd Vice Commander: This past year has been great because of our strong American Legion Family. All of you have given your time to work, organize, and run the many events for our American Legion Post 328. You are all responsible for the success of these functions. It has been an honor to work with you and to be a part of our American Legion Family! Come out and enjoy our Friday night bands and dinners. Let's make this year even better than the last. See you on the 4th of July; Frank Roberson is playing so it will be a fantastic celebration.

-June Wright
 2nd Vice Commander

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Legion Leadership

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Committees

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From ALR President: It is amazing to me that it is time to start another Legion/ALR year, and that I have now been a member of the Legion Riders for 19 months and President for 18 of those! In many ways, it seems as though I have been with this group forever, and in other ways it seems it was only a couple of months ago that I joined. In that time we have come a long way, and being a relatively new chapter, continue to experience "firsts". The first time we had 10 bikes on a ride, the first overnight trip, our first car and bike show, our first Poker Run, the first funeral service that we were honored to escort, the first time our ALR banner was displayed at our post, the first time we escorted one of our active duty members to the airport to see him off when he left to go back to Afghanistan and the list goes on! Since then, we seldomly ride with less than 10 bikes, are planning our third overnight trip, setting up our third car and bike show and still continue to experience "firsts". In May, it was the first time that Chapter 328 was represented in, the "Run to the Wall" and "Rolling Thunder" in Washington D.C. on Memorial Day. Two of our newer members made that ride as they have for several years, but this time . . . they were sporting a vest with Chapter 328 on it! Thanks Roland and Kirby and we're glad to have you back safe. As we continue to grow and expand into new areas, I am looking forward to many more "firsts" this year and invite and welcome anyone that would like to participate! You don't have to be a Rider to have fun!

-Carlene Warren (Reaper)

American Legion Riders President



From the Editor: Dear Readers, We've had some great times and fun celebrations since the last edition, it's been a very busy couple of months for our entire family... The clubroom BBQ with master chef, Dave, manning the grill at a relentless pace, was a total success – good job Dave! The Army's 238th Birthday Party was a blast; chicken, ribs and all of the beer you could handle along with the beautiful custom birthday cakes, from June, made that day a day to remember! And, there was the Memorial Day event where we retired a few American flags that had given their all and were respectfully decommissioned. A salute to old glory!

-Paul Ohashi

Happy 238th Birthday!



Okay it's been about a year since I joined the ALR and my appreciation for this club is growing and it's multiplying every time I come to the post see all my friends. Not just the ones from the day when I first joined, but all the new people I keep meeting every time we have a meeting!!!

I recently got promoted to Sergeant at Arms and I can't wait to see what this new year brings. Not to mention all the great places the ALR has taken me. Places I never knew how to get there or didn't know about, and even places that I've been that give a whole new meaning when you're riding a motorcycle. But the fact remains, even when we're having so much fun we are raising money to help the various veteran programs. Unfortunately because of my job schedule and where I live it's sometimes hard for me to be there more and help out, but whenever I can I will be there helping out because it just makes me feel so good. The ALR makes it fun to be there!!!! Whether we're helping out to do a fundraiser or we're just hanging out just to be together I truly enjoy being an ALR member and Legionnaire.

Yours Truly,
Fernando Leal
Aka "Wallflower"

As most of you know Eli Shultz, a Legionnaire, and a member of the American Legion Riders, was recently deployed for his third combat tour. Eli has already served a combat tour in Iraq and Afghanistan. This, his third tour, was completely voluntary. He submitted an application and was chosen over many others to provide security to a detachment of combat engineers.

It says a lot about someone's character and foundation when you not only swear to uphold and defend the constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic, but then raise your hand and say, "Me first, I'll go into harm's way so others don't have to". He is a true American Hero that we all should be proud of.

It would do some of us well to remember that the next time you pass under the sign near the front of the post.

On that note we were able to send Eli off in a way that made him proud of us. We took a ride to his old stomping grounds where he was a Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton. It was such a great time it made National News (Go Longboard!).

Once we made it back we continued our celebration at the Post. At the end of the day, which was actually the next morning, Eli was wearing a smile from ear to ear. After having breakfast Sunday morning, I asked Eli if he had any fun. His exact answer was, "This has probably been one of the best weekends of my life!".

The following Thursday we met up at the Post for one of Eli's last stateside beers for the next year. The American Legion Riders escorted Eli to the Ontario Airport as we drove him in the "cage". As we made that short trip, Eli couldn't stop talking about the weekends festivities. He was still wearing that same smile, from ear to ear.

We made a spectacle of ourselves as we all cheered for him and thanked him as he disappeared up the escalator.

I share this story for two reasons. First, with great thanks to all those who participated in his party and escort. It meant more to him than any of us could have imagined. The second reason is to share the sense of family that the American Legion Riders gave to Eli and have given to so many others. It was amazing to see the sense of brotherhood amongst everyone.

It's not necessarily just the riders themselves, but the group as a whole. I can say this as an outsider who spent 16 months riding in a "cage". It's a family weather you wear that patch on your back or not. Ask the many that have taken trips to Solvang and Laughlin. It just ends up being one hell of a good time.

They've done a great job of proving that you can sit back and complain about everything or you can get off your ass and do something.

If you're looking for camaraderie, esprit de corps, friendship, family, and a hell of a good time keep checking the board or the wall for the next ride.

Keep Eli in your thoughts and prayers and get ready for a great party when he returns.

Pete S / "Road Rage"
Legionnaire / American Legion Rider (effective June 1, 2013)

This award was delivered to Gene Langenberg by the Trojan Battalion

The Trojan Battalion would like to express our sincerest appreciation to you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to participate in our Annual Award Ceremony. Based on comments from Presenters, Cadets and Cadre, this year's Ceremony was exceptionally well-received.

It is wonderful to be supported by such a professional organizations as yours. Clearly, your attendance made a lasting impression.

Again, thank you for being a part of our Ceremony. Please enjoy the attached photos from our event, I will send off another picture as both can't fit in one e-mail.

Very Respectfully,
The Cadets, Cadre and Staff of the Trojan Battalion.

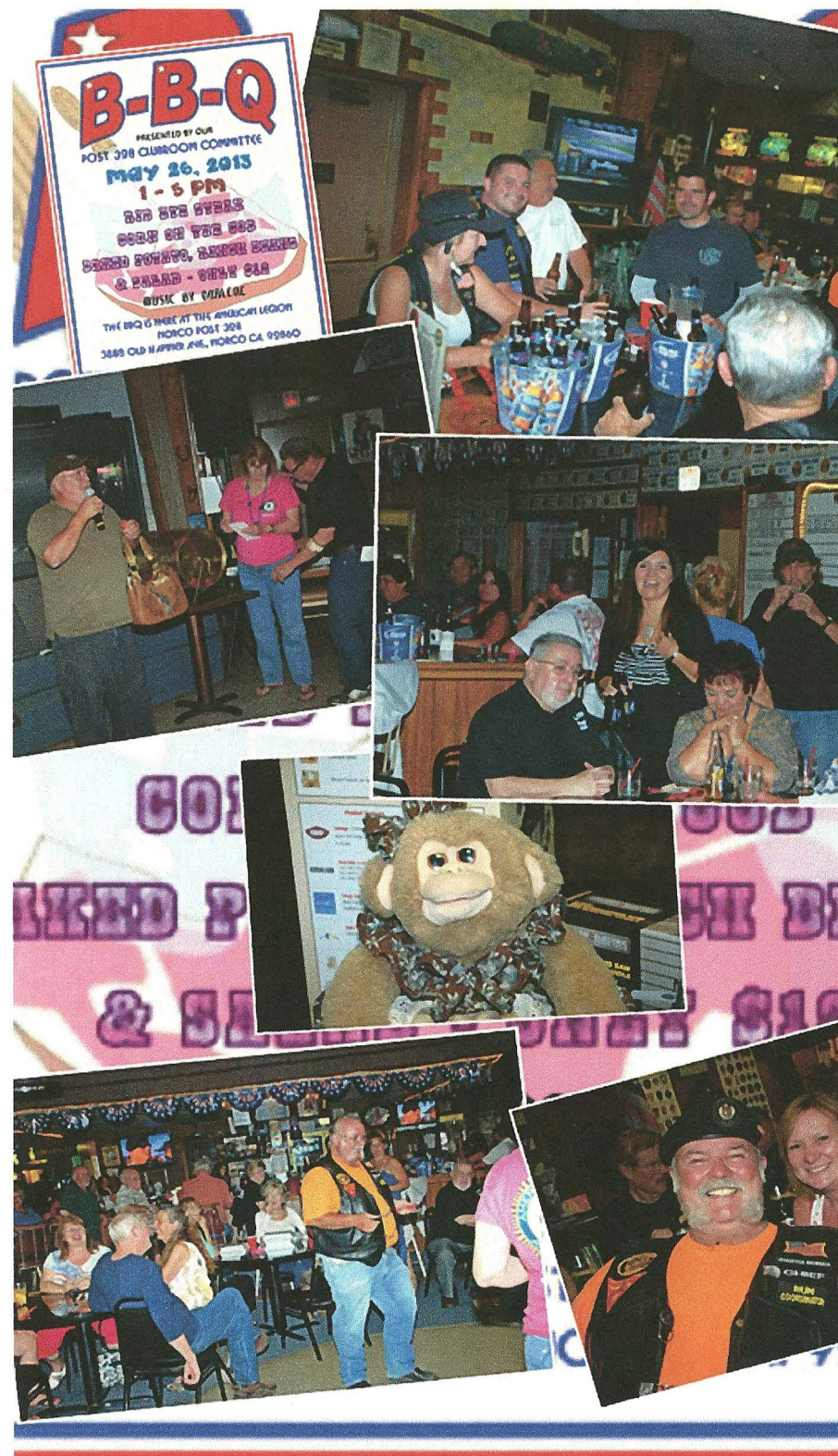


Congratulations Gene!

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To the American Legion Family: Thank you to each and everyone for the great year! We have had great times and all of the fun we have had. Welcome Norma Chadwick, our new ALA President and all of her new cabinet members! Looking forward to a great year ahead and seeing all of you at the upcoming functions.

--Penny Minchella



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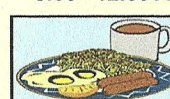


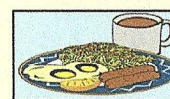







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July 2013

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	1 Get your eCalendar & ePostPilot delivered to your in-box sign up at: postPilot238@gmail.com	2	3 Legion Lunch Special @ 11:30 	4 4th of July Party Burgers, Hot Dogs & Pot Luck with Frank Roberson! Don't miss Chicken S#!t Bingo, 50/50 and more!	5 SAL Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 Music by Classics 	6 ALR Eboard @ 0900 ALR General @ 0930 AUX Tacos 12:00 - 3:00 PM
7 SAL Breakfast 8:00 - 12:00 AM SSR Meeting	8	9 SAL Hamburger Fry 6:00 - 8:00 PM Clubroom 6:00 PM Joint Eboard Meeting 7:00 PM	10 SAL Lunch Special @ 11:30 	11	12 Legion Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 PM & Music by Blues Tonic 	13 SSR Tacos 12:00 - 3:00 PM Bunco 12 - 4 hosted by AUX Party Partners
14 SAL Breakfast 8:00 - 12:00 AM 	15 40 & 8 Installation 6:00 PM	16 SAL Hamburger Fry 5:30 - 7:30 PM Legion/AUX General Meeting 7:00 PM Boys State Awards Ceremony @ 7:00	17 Lunch Special @ 11:30 ALR Vietnam wall escort 9:00 AM Skip Fordyce VA Canteen 12:00	18 Horseman Association Dinner	19 ALR Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 & Entertainment by Frank Roberson	20 ALR Tacos 12:00 - 3:00 PM  
21 SAL Breakfast 8:00 - 12:00 AM 	22	23 SAL Hamburger Fry 6:00 - 8:00 PM	24 Lunch Special @ 11:30 	25 AUX Horseman's Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 PM	26 Legion Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 PM & Music by Vintage Cowboys Bill Anderson 	27 Tacos 12:00 - 3:00 PM Christmas in July by the Legion
28 SAL Breakfast 8:00 - 12:00 AM 	29	30 SAL Hamburger Fry 6:00 - 8:00 PM  SSR Board	31 Lunch Special @ 11:30 	<div>   </div> <p>HELP! - Your Post needs your service. Volunteer for the American Legion - The SAL or Auxiliary.</p>		



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