



Commanders' Corner

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I've started a new term as your post commander and I am looking forward to moving the post in a positive and productive direction in the coming year. We have a great team of officers at our post all of which are working hard to make our post the very best. We are very fortunate to have Mike Nettles who just received an award for producing the 3rd best newsletter in the State, Thanks Mike for all your hard work.

My goal is to increase fundraising and bring everyone together, Auxiliary, Sons, ALR and Post so we can all grow and prosper. Any suggestions and help would be greatly appreciated and will benefit all of us. Let's have a great year!!

Rich Biddlecome

Veterans Day Flag Raising 2012

This years Veterans Day Service November 11th will be held at 11am at the San Leandro Senior Center 13909 east 14th St. The well attended service last year honored Steve Batura and all WWII veterans.

This years service will honor long time Post member that went to Post Everlasting last year San Leandro's Flag Man Martin Frances and the Merchant Marines.



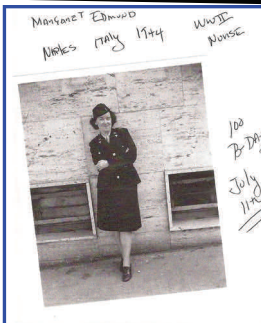
3rd Annual Toys4Tots Fundraising Dinner

On Saturday, December 1, 2012, Post 117 will be having its 3rd Annual Toys4Tots Fundraising Dinner. The cost for the dinner is \$10 when you bring a new, unwrapped toy or \$15 if you don't. There will be a United States Marine at the post to greet you when you arrive; unfortunately, they are unable to accept stuffed animals or gift cards of any kind at this event.

The toys you donate will be distributed throughout the Bay Area to children in need. The money raised from this event goes directly to our activities with the veterans at the VA hospital in Livermore.

The menu for the event is going to be meatloaf, half-baked potatoes, a tossed green salad and French bread.

I hope to see you there!



Above Pictured Margaret Edmonds a long time Post 117 member celebrated her 100th Birthday in July of this year. Margaret served as a nurse in WWII pictured in Naples, 1944. She usually attends our Memorial Day Service in her uniform. Best wishes Margaret on your 2nd Century! The Gang at Post 117

Dates to mark on Calendars!

November 6th time to VOTE!!!!!!

November 11th Veterans Day Service

November 22nd Thanksgiving Day

November Meetings BLACKED OUT!

December 1st The 3rd Annual Toys for Tots Dinner

December 25th Christmas Day!

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January 1st Happy New Year!!! 2013

February 2nd Four Chaplains Inter Faith Service

February 3rd 2013 Super Bowl Party! Announce the Raffle Winners.

February 14th Valentines Day!

April 1st Fools Day!!!

EVERY 4th SUNDAY! Breakfast @ Post!

*LOOK For the your Blue Raffle Tickets and send them back ASAP!

American Legion Riders escort Wounded Warriors Bicycle Ride from SF to LA

For the past 5 years the American Legion Riders have been there at the start of the grueling bicycle ride that takes them from San Francisco to Los Angeles in 7 days. The ALR rides along side these brave determine warriors all the way down the Pacific Coast Highway. With the ALR motorcy-



cles decked out with flags waving in the wind helps keep the traffic away and the bicyclists safe. Your District 10 ALR has been there every year since the start of this Golden State Challenge as they call it. A challenge it is and for those wounded warriors' that take on the challenge it helps heal their wounds and makes them know they can over come all obsta-

cles that are put in front of them. It is truly our honor to be along side these American Hero's. The week started in SF and will end at Santa Monica pier in LA on Saturday October 27th.



Four Chaplains Inter-Faith Service

A San Francisco Bay Area Inter-Faith Service will be held in the St Mary's Cathedral 1111 Gough St SF Saturday afternoon, February 2nd, 2013 at 2:00 pm in observance of "Four Chaplains' Day".

Selected High School Jr. ROTC cadets will participate in the service, which marks the 69th anniversary of the heroic four chaplains who gave up their life jackets so that others might live and went to their deaths when the troop transport "USS DORCHESTER" was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland.

Serving as Chairman Department Chaplain John Aldridge, and assisted

by Richard "RT" Lee, Jr., Chairman of Religious Emphasis.

*It may be possible to setup a ride share in front of the Post for those who wish to go.

Contact the Commander and make your arrangements.



Join us @ the Post for Breakfast every 4th Sunday!



Super Bowl Party 2013

Come ring in the New Year and try your luck in one of the Super Bowl Pools with your comrades at your Post 117 Canteen! It will be a pot luck and lots of fun even if your team is not in it.

This year will also be the venue to announce the winners of the Post 117 raffle prize! You may be the \$300, \$200 or \$100 dollar winner!!

Who knows you may even be one of the first to ride the new Elevator!

Post 117 Auxiliary President Honored

Our Auxiliary has been working very hard on signing up new members and sponsoring various activities for you, our "Biggest Treasure".

We are almost at the halfway point through our year and it has been a very busy and productive one. We have accomplished a lot...through our Craft Fair, No Bake Sale and participation in the Zucchini Festival and B Street Hayward Party.

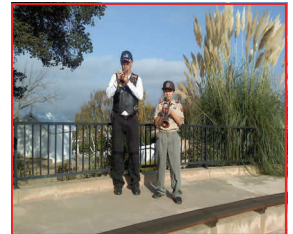
On October 9th, it was a great honor to be recognized by the City of Hayward for my many hours and energy spent volunteering for the American Legion Auxiliary and volunteering at the Hayward and Castro Valley Senior Centers for the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.

Along with receiving "Heart of Hayward" Award, I also received Congressional recognition awards from Congressman, Pete Stark, State Senator Ellen Corbett, County of Alameda Supervisor, Richard Valle and Assemblyman, Robert Wieckowski.

I was truly honored by this very special occasion.

Dorothy Castillo
President

Lone Tree Cemetery Alameda County Flag Retirement Center, Hayward Hills



4 of the United States Code section (C) Cremation of the flag or flags occurs within one week before or after any of the following:

- (i) Memorial Day.
- (ii) Flag Day.
- (iii) Independence Day.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to attempt to restrict or otherwise infringe upon any person's right to free expression under the First Amendment of to the United States Constitution.

SECTION 2: Section 8344.6 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

8344.6. (a) A crematory that cremates an American flag or flags pursuant to Section 8344.5 shall maintain on its premises an accurate record of all cremations of American flags performed as specified in Section 8344.5, including all of the following information:

- (1) Name of the organization or person requesting cremation of the flag.
- (2) Date of cremation of the flag.
- (3) Name of the cremation chamber operator.
- (4) Time and date that the flag was inserted in the cremation chamber.
- (5) Time and date that the flag was removed from the cremation chamber.
- (6) Weight of the ashes of the flag after being removed from the cremation chamber.

SB 197 Flag Retirement Bill Update

SB 1197

The bill as it was presented to the Governor.

Terry McHale (Aaron Read and Associates)

SECTION 1: Section 8344.5 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

8344.5. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a crematory regulated by the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau shall knowingly cremate only human remains in cremation chambers, along with the cremation container, personal effects of the deceased, and no more than a negligible amount of chlorinated plastic pouches utilized

for disease control when necessary.

(b) (1) A crematory regulated by the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau may also cremate one or more American flags, under the following conditions:

(A) Cremation of the flag or flags is performed separately from the cremation of human remains, as provided in subdivision (a).

(B) Cremation of the flag or flags is in accordance with Section 8(k) of Title