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MESA POST, UNIT, SQUADRON AND CHAPTER 26**

# " CHATTER "

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**COMMANDER'S REPORT**

By Kristine Marler

There is a proposed bylaw change being made, and it is:

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Section 6. Imposition of disciplinary action by the Club Committee.**

**The Legion "family" members may have their club privileges suspended upon a proper showing of cause to the Club Committee. Charges can range from physical to verbal harassment of employees to fellow patrons; any use of vulgarity in the club, fraudulent behavior and/or conduct unbecoming of a member of the Legion "family".**

**Renumber the current Section 6 to Section 7.**

We furthermore have two openings on the Club Committee, one with the death of Rick Wilson and the other with the resignation of Chris Keenen.

First nominations were held in September with the following being nominated:

- Jim Armstrong                      George Robinson
- Tony Motley (invalid, as nominator was not a Legionnaire).

We finally had a meeting in December with second nominations being made for the Club Committee, and the following person was nominated:

Nacho Rivera

The election for the two Club Committee vacancies and the proposed Bylaw change will be held at our January meeting, which is **JANUARY 19, 2012** at 7:00 PM.

Club hours for minors (anyone **under the age of 21**, member or not):

Monday and Tuesday, as the kitchen is closed, is 6 PM  
Wednesday through Sunday, as the kitchen is open, is 9 PM

I have been monitoring the donation card sign-out sheet and I have noticed that several of our members have numerous cards. You are **AUTHORIZED** only one (1) card from this Post. If you lose your previous card and purchased a second card, then the original card **MUST** be turned in for destruction. I have assembled a list of every member with cards for the donation machines. I also review the daily reports and have indicated on the list those cards that have been used, and eventually this list will be turned in to the Company that runs the program and they will be canceling all card numbers that have not been used. In short, if you have more than one card, please surrender those excess cards to the bar or to the office. It is not fair to those members who have abided by the rules and regulations for those members who have chose to ignore the rules and regulations to possess more

than one card from the Post. Furthermore, the only individuals who can have a card is a member; however, if your spouse or friend wishes to use your card, you must be in the building and YOU, as the member, must sign the redemption slip.

The Pull Tab machine falls under the same guidelines. Only members can redeem the tickets. This is not our rules but the State's, as this is a State ran program under the Lottery.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's.

For God and Country.

### **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT**

By Santiago Bautista

For 2011-2012 our membership quota is 922 and to date we have 717 paid members, or 77.77% of our goal for 2012 and only need 205 to reach 100%.

Shortly we will be checking members' membership cards to see if everyone has a 2012 card in their possession. Please check your wallets to see if you have a 2012 membership card in your possession; if not, please come in and pay your dues.

**IF YOU MOVE**, please notify the office of your address change. We're getting membership cards returned for insufficient address and attempted, not known at the address provided. Also, if you live in an apartment, please provide the apartment number because the mailman just returns your mail without attempting to get the apartment number from your apartment manager.

For God and Country.

### **JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT**

By Don Suffield

Hope everyone had a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year, and looking forward to the remainder of the 2012 year. Upcoming events will be the Super Bowl Party, Valentine's Day and in March, St. Patrick's Day.

For God and Country.

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### **TAPS**

We have lost the following members, most of whom notified Department and picked up through the Department newsletter, who will be missed from our ranks:

John Beck  
William Jostes  
Dean Manigold  
Jack Brause  
Walter Free  
James Roehl

Ronnie Stauffer  
J. H. James  
Buell Russell, Jr.  
Charles Ahring  
Leo Labelle  
Joseph Simone

### **ODE TO A COMRADE**

When the call to arms was sounded  
You went and gave your best  
And now our heavenly Father's called you  
For peace and eternal rest.

Goodbye dear friend and comrade  
Your passing makes us sad  
But, knowing God has called you  
Somehow that makes us glad.

Dear God, receive our comrade  
Whom we give to you today  
Bestow your blessings on his soul  
And guide him on his way.

Written by Pablo Cortez, Past Commander of Post 26

### **NEW MEMBERS**

The Post extends a hearty welcome to the following new members:

Blake Johnson  
John Cocilova

Robert Valenzuela

### **TRANSFERS**

The Post extends a hearty welcome to our new transfers, as well.

Joaquin Rodriguez  
Roger Ott

Rollie Benson

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### **AUXILIARY REPORT**

By Rose Ficklin, President

Our membership meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM, except for the months of June through August.

First, I want to thank all of those who have renewed for another year and signed up new members. Since everyone has been eager to pay their 2012 dues, we won the challenge with Unit 35 in Chandler and they entertained us at a recent meeting.

Bar bingo has resumed and we are doing well. We can always use more players. Bingo is held every Monday at 3:30 PM. The cards cost \$1 per sheet for games 1 through 9 and \$5 per sheet for game 10, which is the coverall. Come out and have some fun.

The Chinese Auction and Bake Sale held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> was a success. Thank you for your participation in this event.

Holiday Auxiliary calendars will be on sale starting December 3<sup>rd</sup> for \$15 each.

Many thanks to the ladies because when I ask something of you, you are there. YOU ROCK.

For God and Country.

### **SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT**

By Bill Chitwood

Our meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM for anyone who is interested in attending these meetings.

The gas card raffle has started and we are doing just fine.

For God and Country.

### **LEGION RIDERS**

By Jim "Big Dog" Armstrong, President

The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 PM is our regularly scheduled meeting date.

For God and Country.

### **ADJUTANT'S REPORT**

By Kristine Marler

Just a friendly reminder that the dues for everyone is below:

#### **Dues are as follows:**

- Legion -- \$30.00
- Auxiliary -- \$25.00
- Auxiliary (Under 18) -- \$5.00
- ALR -- \$20.00
- SAL (Regular) -- \$25.00
- SAL (Dual) -- \$10.00
- SAL (Under 21) -- \$10.00

**IF YOU HAVE MAILED IN YOUR DUES AND HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CARD, BUT STILL RECEIVE ANOTHER NOTICE FROM NATIONAL REGARDING YOUR DUES, JUST THROW IT AWAY, AS YOU FELL BETWEEN TWO MAILING CYCLES. I HAVE TO SEND THE DUES TO DEPARTMENT, WHO, IN TURN, FORWARD THEM TO NATIONAL, SO IT MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO GET EVERYTHING RECORDED AT NATIONAL.**

If you have a friend that wishes to join The American Legion or The Sons of The American Legion, have them fill out an application and bring a copy of their military discharge papers to the Post. For the SAL and Auxiliary, if the sponsor is still living, they must be a member of The American Legion or if deceased, the sponsor must have been eligible for membership in The American Legion. To be eligible for membership in the SAL, only the sons, grandsons, adopted sons or stepsons are eligible, not brothers, nephews, etc. For the Auxiliary, the applicant's relationship to the veteran must be a mother, wife, daughter, sister, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, grandmother or the veteran herself.

Just a reminder, the Post meetings are the third Thursday of the month. We extend a hearty welcome to the Legionnaires

to attend these meetings, as they can be informative at times and it takes the membership to approve any action taken by the Executive Committee.

Just a friendly reminder to all members of the Legion family; if you move, **please notify** the office of your change in address to keep your mail coming in a timely fashion.

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**Flag disposal please take to Meldrum's Mortuary at 52 N. MacDonald in Mesa (corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and MacDonald, across from the Queen of Peace Catholic Church).**

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### **KITCHEN HOURS**

**9 AM TO 8 PM, WED THROUGH SUN (FALL)  
AND 11 AM TO 8 PM, WED THROUGH SUN  
(SUMMER)**

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