

MAIL CALL

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FROM LEGION POST 31 COMMANDER BOB ADAMS

September is here almost already and with its arrival comes the busiest time of the Legion year, starting with a tri-tip BBQ put on the SAL and Auxiliary Unit 31 on the 5th. Also there will be entertainment and raffles for your enjoyment. Make plans to join us for this event.

I am happy to say that from what I have seen the new entertainment committee is working and has come up with entertainment for all interest groups of the Post 31 Legion family. Attendance at these functions has increased considerably. If you have any request or ideas, contact your committee representative. The committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Thanks for the work Don Borrelli and Art Gallegos are doing with membership, we are well on our way to making goal for 2011. If you have not renewed your membership for 2011 yet, now is the time to do so. The Early Bird dinner will on November 14 and **not in October** as I said in the last issue of the *Mail Call*. I hope to see you there **in November**.

I am looking for someone to represent Post 31 as a United Veterans Council member. Actually we could use two

members. As a council member you will attend council meetings to obtain information concerning veterans' programs such as the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord, VA benefits, and many other programs for our vets; then you will share the information you picked up at the council meetings with those members attending our monthly general membership meetings. If anyone is interested, contact me at our next monthly meeting or give me a call.

The Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation is hosting a golf tournament on Friday, November 12. It will be a four-player scramble to be played on the Blackhorse Course at Fort Ord. This is a fundraiser for the Veterans Cemetery. The entry fee of \$150 includes green fees, carts, range balls, closest to pin, BBQ dinner, raffle, and live auction. If interested, see or call me for more information.

For God and Country. **Bob Adams**

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DEFINITIONS TO FILL SPACE

ADULT: a person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

CANNIBAL: someone who is fed up with people.

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ADJ. ADDRESSES THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE RULES

Because many of our members continue to ignore the guest sign-in rules posted in the lounge, I will reprint the rules again.

1. It is the responsibility of the Post member to sign in guests in the sign-in book. Guests are not to sign themselves in.

2. Post members are responsible for the conduct of their respective guests while they are present at Post 31.

3. Each Post member is entitled to sign in a maximum of 4 guests.

4. The Post member signing in a guest must print the name and mailing address for each guest.

5. The Post member must print his or her own name in the book as the sponsor of the guest(s).

6. All of the sponsor's guests must leave if the sponsor member leaves.

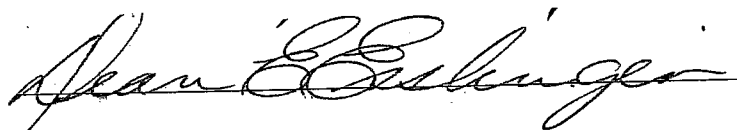
7. Failure to follow these rules will result in the sponsoring member and his guests being asked to leave the lounge. A written report of this action shall be delivered to the

adjutant. The adjutant shall deliver a copy to the Executive Board at the next scheduled Board meeting for possible disciplinary action.

TO MORE PLEASANT SUBJECT

Someone suggested that I share the following with the membership. I was (am) a marine and so was (is) Leland Knisley. I am a member of Post 31; so is Leland Knisley. He was on the first wave when he landed on Okinawa on April 1 (Easter Sunday) in 1945. I was on the first wave on that occasion also.

After Japan surrendered in August 1945, I returned to the United States and landed in San Francisco. Leland also came back about the same time and he too landed in San Francisco. From San Francisco I was shipped to San Diego to be discharged. Leland also was shipped from San Francisco to San Diego to be discharged. When Leland applied for membership in Post 31 he showed me his discharge papers. I noticed that his discharge papers and mine had some similarity. It was the signature. Both Leland's discharge and my discharge papers were signed by



SECOND LIEUTENANT, U. S. MARINE CORPS

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to report that four of our Legion members have transferred to Post Everlasting. They are Homer Hayward, a 66-year member; Lewis Freetag, a 65-year member; Harold Boyd, a 24-year member; and Earl Rustin, a 33-year member. (By the way, Comrade Harold Boyd was not a member of Post 598 as reported in his obituary.) To the families of these four, we send our thoughts, prayers, and condolences.

FROM CHERYL ANCOG, UNIT 31 PRESIDENT

September 17 is POW/MIA Recognition Day. On that day we honor the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. By custom, POW/MIA Day is on the third Friday in September. Take a moment to say a prayer for our POW/MIAs.

I was happy to see a big crowd attending our membership meeting on August 5 and I hope to see more members attending as the months go on. Remember to start renewing your membership early if you have not done that yet. Our Early Bird dinner will be on November 14. Paid members will eat free. Remember also that if you know anyone who is interested in joining and eligible to do so, you should ask them to contact Pat Dion at 261-0897.

My thanks go to Bob and Karol for the delicious meatloaf dinner served last month. It's great to see that our commander had a different hat on for that evening. It was a big hit. On September 10, Vivian and her volunteer crew will be serving dinner. (See the menu page of this issue for September dinners).

My thanks also go to all members and guests who come to the post to enjoy our meals prepared by our Auxiliary chefs and served by our Auxiliary volunteers. It is because of the efforts of all these that we are able to put on these meals. THANK YOU.

On September 5 the Auxiliary and the SAL will be serving barbecued tri-tip, beans, corn on the cob and Only 100 tickets will sold so get yours before they are all sold out. Tickets will be \$10. Music will be in the hall and we will have door prizes and 50/50. If you would like donate any items for door prizes, by all means bring them with you.

We will deeply miss Lucille Palmer, one of our longevity members. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family. If you know of any Auxiliary chaplain matters, contact Sabrina Orozco at 796-0686.

If you are not busy on Saturday, Sept. 11, come to the lounge and enjoy good dancing music by the Cheeky Spanks Band. This band was voted one of the best in Monterey County and is well known. So put on your dancing shoes and I hope to see you there.

I also hope to see many Auxiliary members at our September 2 membership meeting.

God bless America.

Cheryl Ancog

FROM THE LOUNGE COORDINATOR

Hello, all,

Thank you, brunch crew. Our next brunch will be on Sept. 12, from 10 to 12.

Don't forget the Labor Day weekend BBQ. You can get your tickets in the lounge. They are \$10. A band will play in the hall from noon until 4 p.m. See you there.

Football is here again. Come in and enjoy the games on Sundays and Monday nights. We will have hot dogs (\$2), and nachos (\$1.50). Proceeds will go to put on our Super Bowl party.

Our cook-off in September will be on Saturday, Sept. 11, starting at 11:30. The theme will be submarine sandwiches.

Finally, please make sure that all guests are signed in properly. Thank you.

Debbie

UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

As of August 17 the 2011 membership of Post 31 stands at 430.

This adjutant congratulates and thanks all those who have already renewed their membership for the coming year. He also invites those who have not renewed yet to do so soon.

Art
