

13TH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
Commander Stephen Villegas
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Comrades,

Six months of the Legion year have now passed us, and it is now time to reflect upon your Post's goal attainments that were set in July, and look to your years end plan. For now please share the following information with your members, especially your Post Delegates:

DISTRICT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010
LOS ALTOS POST 558
347 FIRST STREET
Buffet Served 6:00pm Meeting Start 7:00PM

There is much to catch up on and there are many District and Post events and programs to share information about. There are many new subjects to be covered at the meeting also, since we are entering the last half of the year. Don't isolate your Post from District functions and activities, or the opportunity to interface with other Legionnaires of the District. Entice your new members to also attend the District meeting. It will be a good opportunity for them to learn more of the Legion.

COMING EVENTS:

District 13
February 6, 2010 Saturday 10:00AM
Four Chaplains Inter-faith Memorial Service
St. Frances Cabrini Church
15333 Woodard Road, San Jose
(Between Bascom Ave. and Union Ave.; south of Camden Ave.)

Posts are encouraged to bring their Colors for a procession at the service opening. Ensure that Post flag stands are brought for posting of flags during the service. Please share the contents of the flyers sent with this memo with your members.

Casino Day
Monday, February 15, 2010 9:00 AM
Hospital Gymnasium, Menlo Park Veterans Hospital

Membership participation is needed for this event to be a success. We have been short of volunteers the past few years, and the patients who look forward to a break from the doldrums of hospital life are the ones who suffer the disappointment of a great day. A few hours of your time will mean so much. Our Legion's mission: serve our veterans.

Also, if your Post can or would like to provide prizes for the patients that day, please contact Gene Fanucchi, 408-266-0596, GBF22SJ@aol.com, so that gift inventories can be determined. Any donation for this event can be made to District 13, American Legion.

District Oratorical Contest
February 7, 2010 Sunday 1:00 PM
West Valley-Memory Post 99
Campbell

Boys State Commitment
April 20, 2010
Yellow Card and Fee
Send To District Commander

MEMBERSHIP: LETS DO IT NOW

Here it is January 1, 2010. Any member who has not paid his dues for 2010 will lose membership entitlements of The American Legion, and the right to attend their Post meetings. Get your First Vice Commanders to step up contact with the delinquent members. Let's look good for 2010. We need active members to enable Posts to function and serve our veterans, and we need the membership headcount to enable the American Legion to be a strong voice for all veterans.

POST FINANCIAL AUDITS ARE DUE

According to Department By-laws each Post of the Department is required to conduct an audit of its financial books within 90 days following the installation of new officers. That pretty well means we should have had all our District Post audits completed and reports sent to District and Department at the end of October. There are several of us that are delinquent in this area, and said delinquency should be corrected by the time of the Spring DEC in March (TBA).

CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT OFFICE 2010-2011

If you are considering to be a District Officer for the 2010-2011 legion year you may want to give consideration to announcing your intentions at our next District meeting. If you are to be a candidate for office you are asked to show your DD214, or other appropriate document of service and honorable discharge to the District Adjutant before the District Caucus, June 6, 2010.

Commander Steve and his officers extend their best wishes to each of you during the coming year, and look forward to your Post's success in meeting it's obligations to the American Legion by increasing active membership participation; assisting the families of active duty personnel; visiting those in our local VA hospitals; educating the youth of our community on the merits of patriotism and civics; and keeping informed of what elected officials are doing, especially when the subject pertains to "promised" entitlements and medical treatment of veterans.

Bless you all, and best wishes for health, happiness, and wealth. Your service to God and County, and your fellow veterans is valued.....

Yours in comradeship

Gene Fanucchi
Adjutant