



THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 257 & AUXILIARY LAGUNA WOODS



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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

As a reminder we are dark in July and August but we will continue with the visitation to the VA hospital on the second Sunday of each month. We meet at 5:00pm at Clubhouse 3 and depart by carpool at 5:15pm and are back by 8:30 pm. I trust you will make time to join us. It is a very rewarding experience.

Please continue to save your hotel size sundries from your trips so the Auxiliary can continue to pack them for the Veterans.

JoAnn Kilian's term as President starts the first of July and I trust you will continue to support her.

Vanda Bresnan 581-6287 vanda@cox.net

Old Fashioned 4TH of July Concert and Cookout!

sponsored by your American Legion Post, From 10:30 am to 1 pm on the 4th at Clubhouse 1, Featuring internationally acclaimed musical artists Patrick and Catharine Layton along with "The Flashback Duo" singing great patriotic songs and favorite oldies from the past. Bring family and friends to celebrate our country's Freedom



COOKOUT FEATURES A HAMBURGER, HOT DOG AND POTATO SALAD PLATE WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS WITH A SODA AND ICE COLD WATERMELON!!

*****LIMITED TO 300 TICKETS*****

ONLY \$9.00 if you buy tickets before June 26th.

Mail checks to:

American Legion Post 257

729 Ave. Majorca Unit C

Laguna Woods 92637

\$10.00 at the door (while food lasts)

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 25 – Legion Dinner
July & August – Legion Board & Dinner Meetings are DARK
July 1 - Veterans Outreach
July 4 – 4th of July Celebration
July 9 -- Polly's
July 12- VA Hospital
Aug 5 - Veterans Outreach
Aug 9 - VA Hospital
Aug 12 -- Polly's

DINNER

Thursday, June 25th Doors open at 4:45 pm Ceremony begins 5:30 pm

Meal served at immediately after ceremony Location: Clubhouse #1 Main Dining Room, Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes, Cherry Pie

Cost \$13.00 per person RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED For reservations, call

Ken Sigmund (949) 455-0608

The program will be Installation of the Officers elected 2015 -- 2016.

Post web site at AL257.org/

3RD VICE COMMANDER

James Shaffer

We are pleased to report checks turned in totaled well over \$2,500. This is the second best income since I have been keeping records. This year the Poppy Platoon totaled 12 troops, down 4 from last year. We were in the trenches at Stater Bros, Vons, Ralphs on El Toro Road in the Arbor Center, and Ralphs at Valencia and Alicia Pkwy.

The biggest collector in the trenches was co-chair Jerry Anderson with \$1017.83, an all-time record.

The Platoon in the trenches consisted of

Jerry Anderson
Jim and Kathleen Mathews
Joe Rainey
Commander-elect Warren & Bivian Marr
Ann and Sam Higa
Maggie and Hugh Seamster
Commander Mike and Dorothy Thayer
Charles and Jeannie Luce
Kevin Pryle and Susan
Mara Hodgkins
Jim Shaffer

Sam and Ann Higa also worked The Submarine Club in Seal Beach and Shaffer worked a TGIF's Friday session

All members who contributed to the Poppy Platoon are awarded the Panorama Poppy Plaque with Poppy Petal Clusters.

SERVICE OFFICER QUOTES

By Mike Evans 770-0708

Did you know that GI benefits are not taxable for Federal tax? Under IRS Publication #970 any benefits paid under any law administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs is not considered as taxable income for Federal taxing. That means that payments you receive from VA for education, training or subsistence plus some extras (that should be researched), should not be reported on your Federal tax records. We hear of Veterans making this mistake then trying to get the money back. Usually the money is gone because of the red tap, The Veteran is the loser. Get free professional advice. Just call Sylvester Senior Center @ 380-0155, and register for the first Wednesday of the month, to speak to Eva of Orange County Veterans Service Office. Ref: Valerie Vigil, member of Post 27.

**LAST MONTH'S LEGIONNAIRES WERE
VINCE HOWLEY AND ART DEFRANCO**

Memorial Day 5/25/15





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 Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 480-6555
 Email: ocvso@occr.ocgov.com

**First Wednesday of each month
 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
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Walk-ins are welcome
If available, please bring your DD214 or Discharge

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