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JAN & FEB
2013

Welcome home for the holidays, Sgt. Jordan Sisco.



January & February 2013

- Every Wednesday, Lunch Special @ 11:30AM
- ALR Dinner January 18th 6 - 8 P.M. - Frank Roberson
- Valentine's Dinner and Dance by the Legion - February 15th 6 P.M.
- Fundraiser for Color Guard Uniforms, Feb 16th 6 - 11 PM

	American Legion ~ 3 rd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM <i>Commander: Lewis Wright</i>
	American Legion Auxiliary ~ 3 rd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM <i>President: Penny Minchella</i>
	Sons of American Legion ~ 3 rd Wednesday @ 7:00 PM <i>Commander: Rod Perkins</i>
	American Legion Riders ~ 1 st Saturday @ 9:30 AM <i>President: Carlene Warren</i>

Mark your Calendar

Support your Post!

	SAL Breakfast	Every Sunday @ 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	Lunch Specials	Every Wednesday @ 11:30 AM
	Dinner & Music	Friday Night Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM Music 7:00 – 11:00 PM
	Tacos	Every Saturday @ 12:00 – 3:00 PM

JAN & FEB EVENTS

1 st Friday of the Month	S.A.L. Prime Rib Dinner @ 6:00PM
17 th of Jan	Horseman's Dinner by the SALs @ 5:30 PM
15 th Feb	Valentines Dinner & Dance – BB Wolf



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From the Commander: Well my term as commander is half over. We have had a few ups and downs but as a whole it's been a good year. We have come together as a family with a main objective of improving the Post. Sharing the work and the functions has brought us to a better understanding of each family organization. There are a whole lot of people I would like to personally thank, but to do so would take a whole page. You know who you are and I sincerely want to thank you for your assistance, time, and effort given to make the first half of the year successful. By this time we will have the second half year scheduled and with the continued support it will be even better than the first half.

Again Thank You All for the Support.

-Commander
Lewis L Wright

From 3rd Vice: On December 19th, the Legion family put together a Christmas Party for the VA hospital patients. Shaving kits filled with items were given to the guys there.

On December 12th, Norma, Penny, Joyce, Desi, Sabrina, Ann Marie and Annie assembled and stuffed the kits that were donated by the SAL with things the veterans could use.

Ray, Penny, Ann Marie and I went out to the hospital that day of the party. Lunch and treats were served as they played bingo and had a great time. The food and treats were donated by the Auxiliary and Ann Marie did a great job of serving. I liked the cookies.

I called Ray the banker in charge of the books and Penny was everywhere helping out. Everyone had a great time and our Legion family helped to make those veteran's holiday a little brighter.

Jimmy Walsh
3rd Vice Commander

A little levity ☺

Teacher: Now, Sam, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

Sam: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

American Legion Post 328 welcomes home a Hero!

CORONA (CBSLA.com) — Hundreds of people lined Corona's Main Street Tuesday to welcome home Army Sgt. Jordan Sisco for the holidays. Sisco, 22, lost both legs in an explosion in Afghanistan last July, enduring multiple surgeries with more to come. "It made me teary eyed to see all the support," Sisco said. "It's great to see all these people." He felt the love from his hometown, but said he didn't deserve the grassroots effort to honor him. Sisco said the soldiers who died in Afghanistan or Iraq were more deserving.

"I got a parade. Those guys didn't get anything," he said. "Those are the real heroes."

Sisco is among the critically wounded servicemen and women rehabbing at a center in San Antonio, Texas. He has been told it normally takes about two years in the program to be physically ready to take on the world. When he's ready, Sisco says he plans to teach high school English Literature.





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From the Editor: Dear Readers, A little note to introduce myself and say hello! I am, by no means an accomplished writer or professional journalist, however, I will do my best to bring you the information and stories about the events, present and past, which affect our Legion and our family here at Post 328. In this edition are stories and commentary from our Commander, 1st and 3rd Vice, our ALR President and our members. There's also a short story on pg. 7 about a true American hero's welcome home parade and the perils endured by the men and women that risk everything for our freedom.

-The Editor

Paul Ohashi

**** A big shout-out to Jack! Get better - we miss you, brother! ****



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FROM CARLENE, ALR PRESIDENT: Here we are at the beginning of another year. A

time to look back and assess the past year and learn from those experiences, and to look forward and plan for the upcoming year. A time to set goals for all aspects of our lives; personal, financial, business, family, legion and ALR. Looking back at the past year with the Legion Riders I have learned many things, had experiences that never thought I even wanted to experience, had the opportunity to help veterans both in our post and outside and have developed so many strong friendships.

My goal for the Legion Riders for the upcoming year is to continue to build on the foundation that was set forth this past year. To increase in membership, but making sure that we provide an organization that makes our members want to participate and volunteer, gives them a strong sense of patriotism, generates a feeling of camaraderie, and provides a great social outlet to escape the stress of our daily lives. Through the next five months of my term as President, we have many events, worthy causes, parades, fundraisers, social outings and rides that I believe will help us to accomplish that goal. We welcome everyone, ALR members and non-members alike, to participate in our events.

Best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Carlene Warren (Reaper)

American Legion Riders President

ALR chronicles: It has been my pleasure to become part of the American Legion Riders family. I purchased my first motorcycle the spring of 2011 and when I got home from Afghanistan in the summer my two wheel adventure began. Owing a Harley-Davidson has really changed my life and even led me on a path that I had not foreseen. That was the path that brought me to the Chapter 328 American Legion Riders. My father who is a very active member of the American Legion in Iowa had mentioned the ALR to me before and when I moved back home to California in April I figured that I should check it out. I decided to visit post 328 since I had moved only a few blocks away and talk to someone about joining the post. It just so happened that the first person I met was the Sergeant-at-Arms for the post and the ALR. He easily convinced me to join both. Since April of 2012 I have had many great adventures with my ALR brothers and sisters. I have been on some nice rides to the desert and mountains which are always great. Even simple things like visiting different posts is a blast with our group of riders. I am not sure how unique it is to our post but even legion members who don't ride follow us on our excursions and support us. The Chapter 328 ALR has given me great comradeship and even some adventure. Our enthusiastic and outgoing President always has fresh ideas and the whole group comes together to have fun and even help out other people in the community and of course within the ranks of our veterans.

-Eli Shultz AKA (Boot)

A note of thanks! Just a note to say, "thank you" for all the help from the Riders, SAL, Auxiliary and the best legion. This is the way a family works. All the crazy stuff it takes to do this job, I always have a great time for the kids.

We have been busy with a great Halloween a lot of kids, great food, prizes with 45 kids and 60 adults it was busy. A great turn out at the Navy/Marine birthday with singing games and Frank Roberson always makes everyone welcome. We had a lot of kids at the car and bike show and Oktoberfest outside. The ROTC had a Halloween party. Thanks to Bob Burris for making that happen.

Things are busy, June Wright and I are trying to get oratorical going again. The kids Christmas party was a big success again and "thanks" again to the Legion, SAL, Riders and Auxiliary for the help and donations to make it fun for the kids. We are looking at having a family Christmas party in July, for fun!

We are thinking of Easter and Boy's State. Please remember we are a great Post and family. Let's work together for the kids.

Thanks,
Jimmy Walsh
3rd Vice Commander
Children and Youth

From 1st Vice: Well here we are again nearing the end of another year. For the American Legion a year of organizing, building, fundraising, making new friends, all our new officers working together, supporting each other making our post a cheerful place for veterans, and family to come and enjoy themselves with good company and conversation. I also want to say GOOD JOB to Carlene Warren (The Reaper) for doing such a fine job as President of the (ALR) American Legion Riders, and the support of all of the ALR members in supporting the Legion on all levels. Thank you Carlene . . . Well we seem to be gaining ground on membership for the post almost got 100%. We need just a few more so I hope we can all work together in meeting that goal. I also want to say we are having a New Year's party with Marie Alcantar as our entertainment for New Year's so I hope you all will make this a fun New Year's beginning for year 2013, remember to be kind and happy in what we have on this world of ours. I'll leave you with these words – thank you.

One of the most difficult
things to give away
is kindness, for it is
usually returned.

Your 1st Vice Donnie Gouthro

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ALR chronicles: I first became aware of the American Legion Riders about a year ago. I was at the Legion attending the annual awards banquet for the Sea Cadets, when I saw a couple of people wearing their ALR vests sitting nearby. I love to ride, but I didn't have anyone to ride with, and going solo is just not as much fun. I approached Carlene, and got more information, she sold me on it quick! I served in the Navy, but I never was a part of a legion or patriotic club. She explained the riders belong to the legion, and I really liked the idea of joining a motorcycle club that does more than just ride. I picked up my application that same day.

I enjoy this group because not only do we have fantastic rides, Solvang was my favorite so far, but they also help the community and provide support to veterans. The camaraderie within the group is second to none, each member genuinely wants to be part of the group and contribute. Earlier this year I unexpectedly lost my job. It was about the time patches were being ordered, and I will never forget the generosity of a fellow Legion member. He had heard I lost my job, and he pulled me aside. He didn't even know me very well at that point, but he said, "Look, I know you lost your job, so I just wanted to tell you, don't worry about your patch, I will cover it for you". Luckily, I was able to find work quickly and did not need to take him up on his offer, but it demonstrated to me the caliber of people I am fortunate enough to associate with.

I have missed a few of the most recent events due to prior commitments, but I am very proud to be not just an American Legion Member, but a Rider as well. Carlene does a superb job at organizing fun events where we can ride and enjoy great friendships at the same time, and I look forward to volunteering and helping whenever I can. I tell everyone I know about this group, and I encourage them to come ride with us and hopefully join up. The Riders group makes you feel like you have known them forever, and I'm really grateful they let me be a part of them.

--Darrin

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