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March & April 2013

- Fundraiser for Color Guard uniforms - March 16th - dinner from 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Connie Roener providing the entertainment for this event.
- St. Patrick's Day dinner starts at 3:00 PM on March 17th
- AUX Fashion show – March 23rd from 12:00 – 5:00 PM
- Easter party - March 24th from 1:00 - 3:00 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

MAR & APR EVENTS


1 st Friday of the Month	S.A.L. Prime Rib Dinner @ 6:00PM
March 2 nd	Marathon Bunco 1:00 – 5:00 PM
March 15th	American Legion Birthday. Happy Birthday Legion Family!!!

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I Speak Spanish

From 3rd Vice - Children and Youth are getting ready for a fun filled, super exciting Easter party on March 24th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Come out and join us for good food, games, an Easter egg hunt and a real Easter Bunny to entertain the kids. And, of course it wouldn't be a party without cup cakes and fantastic cookin' so make plans to attend. I'd like to thank everyone that helps out for all we do as a family here Post 328. Boys State is doing well and has worked hard for this Post. We've done a great job and we're sending seven youths to Sacramento State College for one week in June. This accomplishment required a combined effort from Legionaries, Riders and SALs to make this work. A very special thanks to Scout Troop 99, the FFA and Norco High for all of their help and support.

-Jimmy Walsh

3rd Vice

!NOTICE!

The name plates below the 8 foot level on Club Room the wall will be moved to the strip above the 8 foot mark. If you do not want yours or your family plate placed up there you may request to have it sent to you. Please advise us of your wishes as this will take place at the end of March. You can contact me at 951-264-8887 or call the post and inform the bar tender.

-Lewis Wright

Commander

!NOTICE!

A little levity ☺

Q: Why did the turtle cross the road?

A: To get to the Shell station... Hahahaha, thanks Dave!

From 2nd Vice - THANK YOU LEGION FAMILY! The New Year's Eve Party was a great success thanks to our volunteers and everyone that attended. The potluck on Super Bowl Sunday was truly a wonderful Legion Family function for all! Big thanks to all of the folks that helped out, your continued support and contributions are invaluable to our cause. The Valentine's Day dinner and dance was here before we knew it and our volunteers worked very hard to make it a night to remember, special thanks to those who purchased your tickets in advance! The ALR did a great job at this year's 2nd fundraiser for Color Guard uniforms on February 16th and Frank Roberson was there to entertain us all. Our 3rd fundraiser for Color Guard uniforms is March 16th and dinner is from 6:00 – 8:00 PM with Connie Roener performing, and, we'll celebrate the American Legion's Birthday that night too. St. Patrick's Day dinner starts at 3:00 PM on March 17th, Skip and Dennis will be cooking corned beef and cabbage, Mmm :) To all of our Legion Volunteers; your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated and there's always room for more. So, if you'd like to volunteer - we'd love to have you.

-June Wright

2nd Vice Commander

The Club Room – (speakeasy)

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From the Editor: Dear Readers, I gotta tell ya, we have a fantastic Legion here at Post 328 and I am extremely proud to be a part of this association.

as-so-ci-a-tion [uh-soh-see-ey-shuhn, -shee-]
 noun

1. an organization of people with a common purpose and having a formal structure.

The definition above comes from www.dictionary.com, however, my definition (and I'm sure I'm not alone) is "one big happy family". We have good times and bad times, happy and sad times but at the end of the day we are always there for one another. And, that's what makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside ☺

-Paul Ohashi

From the Commander

Our past few months have been quite busy with a visit from the National Commander, the Children's Christmas Party, New Years Eve Party, Horseman's Associations Dinner and the Norco Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner. I want to thank everyone who helped make them successful.

We have procured a 110-Watt Electrical Steam Table and a 4 door Refrigerator to help out in future events.

A very special thank you to Frank Roberson, your talent and efforts decorating the stage wall are much appreciated. It is a truly magnificent piece of work and the motto really is fitting for the post (see cover photo).

-Lewis Wright
 Commander

NOTE: The American Legion is an exempt veterans' organization under Internal Revenue code section 501(c)(19). Donations are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

ALR chronicles: I joined the American Legion as a Son of American Legion and my mom joined as an Auxiliary in 2009. Being kind of new in town it was a great way to meet new friends and have a place for my mom, my wife and myself to hang out and meet new friends. I also wanted to do something in remembrance of my dad Sgt. Richard M. Kennedy, Company M, 168th Regt., 34th Division (P.O.W. WWII for 2 1/2 years). He and my mom were members of the South Gate post 723 and I knew that she would enjoy this. I knew this guy and his wife (Keith & Sabrina Grissom) that belonged to the American Legion Riders and every time I would see him or her, mostly her, they would hound me to join the riders. At the time I was riding as a Patriot Guard Rider. One of the Patriot Guard Rider captains would always encourage us to join the American Legion Riders. I finally broke down and joined in 2011 and what a great thing I did. When I joined there were about 25 riders in the club and now we are over 50 strong. We have a "GREAT" president (Carlene Warren) in our rider chapter and I believe that's why we have grown so fast and strong. I have met so many new people and have done some great rides with our chapter as well as with other chapters. We (the wife and I) enjoy working the fundraisers that the riders put on. I am looking forward to the years to come as a rider and now that we (several other members) have persuaded my wife to join it will be more rewarding.

- ROY KENNEDY
 AMERICAN LEGION RIDER
 NORCO, CHAPTER 328

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Community News: A final tribute to slain Riverside police Officer Michael Crain. Thousands attend the funeral for Crain, an 11-year veteran officer who was shot and killed in an ambush blamed on Christopher Dorner, the fugitive former LAPD officer. Our American Legion Riders Post 328 and Patriot Guard Riders were there to support.



ALR Post 328 supports Officer Crain



Riverside police officers salute as the casket carrying slain Riverside... (Gina Ferazzi, Los Angeles...)

From ALA President - Just wanted to say "THANK YOU" to the whole Legion Family for all your help and support for this year so far. We have had sooo many great functions. Let the good times continue to roll!! A special Thank You to Best Buy, Home Depot and Lowes for all the support with donations for our fundraisers and all of the Ladies for your hard work and wonderful contributions. We are now over half way through our year and I know it will just get better. We have a Marathon Bunco for education on March 2nd and our Fish Fry on Good Friday 3/29/13. Hope to see you there!! Remember, we have Wednesday Lunches hosted by the Legion Family. In these trying times I am truly grateful that our ALA represents our Post with gracious STYLE and enthusiasm. See you soon.

-Penny

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From Post 328 Adjutant - As of today, 2/15/13, our 2013 membership stands at 93.3%. We need approximately 60 new members or renewals to reach our 100% goal. Typically, the last 10% is the most difficult to accomplish, but this year we have a good chance to reach 100%. We will need the help of our existing members to recruit a new member or encourage members who have not renewed for 2013 to do so. I will make sure that any Legion Family member who recruits 1 or more new members receives a recruiting award for 2013. I am sure many of you know someone who is eligible for membership. Sign them up and help your post reach 100%!

Thanks,

Denny Morton, Adjutant

FROM CARLENE, ALR PRESIDENT: As nice as the holidays can be, it is nice to get back to the usual routine! Through the holidays, the American Legion Riders stayed very busy even though we scaled our rides back to just one recreational ride each month, due to the holidays and the questionable weather. January took us to the Morongo Casino for lunch and fun and back to a couple of posts on the way home. In February, we supported the Julian post with one of their fundraising events and then also took a ride to Old Towne Temecula for lunch and back through the picturesque Santa Rosa Plateau. In the upcoming months we have planned many fun and interesting rides and a few events. In March, we will be doing a local brewery tour and tasting. We have set up a "behind the scenes" tour of a brewery and tasting, and will be hopping over to a couple of other breweries for tasting as well. In April we will be visiting a few of our local posts to promote a Poker Run that will take place on Saturday, May 4th. This Poker Run is a joint effort between our ALR 328 Chapter, the Elsinore, Perris and San Jacinto Chapters and will bring hundreds of people through each of our posts on that day. On April 13th and 14th, we will be going on our second overnight trip and will be riding to Laughlin this time. Along the way we will visit Oatman, Arizona and then stop in Bullhead City, Nevada at the American Legion Post before arriving at our destination in Laughlin. We currently have over 40 people going and anticipate about another 20 to join in before we leave. This trip, and most all of our trips are open, not only to Riders but to all of our American Legion family. On Sunday, May 19th, we plan to ride to the Reagan Library and Museum for the day, to see Air Force One, Presidential Limousines, secret service cars, Ronald Reagan's burial place and much more. I will be posting more information on the details as this trip gets closer. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for these upcoming events.

-Carlene Warren (Reaper)

American Legion Riders President
Chapter 328 Norco

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