



AMERICAN LEGION Post 694 MARINA CA  
PO Box 565 Marina CA 93933 (831-384-6616)



We are a service organization with over 200 members plus Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. We need everyone to step up and volunteer. The following are events we need volunteers for. Please email or call the post if you are able to volunteer.

May 4: Teacher's Appreciation—volunteers needed from 12—6:30 pm

May 6: DAV Fishing Derby—volunteers needed from 3-7 pm

May 28: Marina Foundation VTC Fundraiser—volunteers needed 5-9 pm

May 30: Memorial Day Ceremony/Lunch—volunteers needed from 10—2 pm

June 4: Airborne BBQ for VA Hospital at MENLO PARK—volunteers needed all day



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**KARAOKE IS BACK**  
**MAY 13TH &**  
**JUNE 10TH**

**CLOSED FOR HEROES**  
**OF THE AMERICA BALL**  
**MAY 20-21ST**

**NO MONDAY NIGHT**  
**DINNER MEMORIAL DAY**

American Legion Post 694  
**HEROES OF AMERICA BALL**

MAY 21, 2016

*"An Evening of Elegance, Fine Dining, and Dancing, Honoring America's Heroes."*

Ballroom Dancing  
Lessons are offered  
the first Thursday of  
the Month at 7 pm.



Cocktails: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Dancing: 8:00 pm

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Entrée choices: Prime Rib, Salmon, Vegetarian

Dress: Formal, Civilian or Military  
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Advance tickets: **\$35.00** per person  
"Adults ages 18 and older"

CDR	Jon Baker	324-0191
1st Vice	Steve McDougall	455-8665
2nd Vice	Gary Deaton	596-4364
Director	Teo Colon	383-9236
Director	Carlos Estrada	384-0152
Director	Czec Panek	394-8180
Director	Belle Jones	



Sgt-At-Arms		
Chaplain	Mary Estrada	384-0152
Finance	By Committee	
Svc Officer	Mary Estrada	384-0152
Judge Adv	Mike Hohler	659-4754
Adjutant	Cathy McDougall	455-8665
Historian	Sherryl Panek	394-8180

### Commander's Corner...

As we come to the close of another year and the end of my second term as Commander, I want to thank everyone in the Post 694 Legion Family for all the support I have received during my tenure. We have done so much together. I must acknowledge one specific individual who mentored me through my terms and took over the overall management of the Post, and who has worked so hard to keep the Post running smoothly. That person is Past Commander and current Chairman of our Board of Directors, Czec Panek. There are so many others in our Legion Family who have always been there for support and hard labor but it would take an entire page to list them all. You know who you are, and my deepest gratitude goes out to you, I could not have done it without you. Our Thursday Hamburger Night continues to be a success, and in the coming year we are once again looking to expand our meal options. I hope to see many of you at the Heroes of America Ball on May 21<sup>st</sup> and our annual Memorial Day Service and Luncheon on Monday May 30.

For God and Country, **Jon Baker, Post 694 Commander.**

### Chaplain's Corner....Matthew 5:4 – Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

It is with great sadness that I must report that two of our comrades have recently passed on to Post Everlasting: Les Sturgis and Allan MacDonald. Les was also an American Legion Rider, a member of our local chapter, Chapter 694. Both will be greatly missed. We honor their service to our post and to our country and send prayers of sympathy and comfort to their family and friends. Please let us know if one of our comrades is ill and/or when one of our members pass away so we can offer our prayers and assistance. You can do this by calling 831-384-0152 or e-mailing me at [chaplainpost694@yahoo.com](mailto:chaplainpost694@yahoo.com).

Don't forget to attend our annual Memorial Day Service on May 30th.

For God & Country, Mary M. Estrada, Chaplain – Legion and Riders

## More from **Monterey Cypress Unit 694**

**Americanism Chair Elisabeth Billingsley** is pleased to announce the winners of the **2015-2016 Americanism Essay Contest**, and we extend hearty congratulations to all, as follows:

#### Group I Grades 4-5

**Title: Why Should We Stand as Our Flag Passes By?**

##### **Ione Olson Elementary School**

- 1st Place – Fernando Ortega-Pinedo, 5th Grade
- 2nd Place – Isabella Cepeda, 4th Grade
- 3rd Place – Hannah Brearton, 5th Grade

##### **Marina Vista Elementary School**

- 1st Place – Annie Dorantes, 5th Grade
- 2nd Place – Sasha Stephens, 5th Grade
- 3rd Place – Jasmine Case, 5th Grade

#### Group II Grades 6-7

**Title: What Can I Do for My Country?**

##### **Los Arboles Middle School**

- 1st Place – Zion Jasso, 7th Grade\*
- 2nd Place – Haysten Trinity, 6th Grade
- 3rd Place – Sashana Gore

#### Group III Grades 8-9

**Title: What is "Patriotism"?**

##### **Los Arboles Middle School**

- 1st Place – Rabecka Johnson, 8th Grade\*
- 2nd Place – Edrienne Castillo, 8th Grade
- 3rd Place – Shawnee Hought, 8th Grade

#### Group IV Grades 10-11-12

**Title: What Freedom Means to Me**

##### **Marina High School**

- 1st Place – Jimmy Ngo, 11th Grade\*
- 2nd Place – Nashal Naicker, 11th Grade
- 3rd Place – Yulissa Ramos-Sanchez, 11th Grade

# Monterey Cypress Unit 694

General Meetings 2nd Thursday of the every month except July at 7 pm

Auxiliary Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1746, Marina, CA 93933



President	Carol Yates	905-8886
1st Vice	Sandra Rodrigues	905-7965
2nd Vice	Connie Raya	594-0226
Secretary	Sherryl Panek	394-8180
Treasurer	Jennifer Johnson	917-0463
Chaplain	Michelle Soares	324-0848
Historian	Dallas Johnson	917-0463

Sgt-At-Arms	Japana Hohler	659-4754
Marshal	Roberta Brown	656-9811
Parliamentarian	Ruby Kapsalis	394-4514
Executive Board	Lis Billingsley	384-9038
Executive Board	Barbara Ferguson	384-6598
Executive Board	Renee Nichols	384-5117
Jr Past Pres	Judi De Arana	682-0007

**From the Podium...** Hello Unit Members! As your President for the past two years I cannot begin to list in this newsletter all of the accomplishments made by our Unit during this time. I can only say how proud I am of our Unit and the countless hours that have been volunteered for our veterans, their families and the community. Our Unit is definitely committed to "Service not Self."

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919 and we are fast approaching our centennial anniversary. Although many things have changed in the last 97 years, our members' unwavering commitment to honor those who serve remains the same. I encourage each of you to take a few minutes and make time to visit the Auxiliary's national website – [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) – and view the video, "Decades of Making a Difference" which covers the history of the Auxiliary. You will, no doubt, come away with a new appreciation for the American Legion Auxiliary!

A special thank you to all of my officers and chairmen for the support you have given me over the last two years. I really appreciate your help.

Our next meeting will be on May 12th at 7 p.m., and the election of officers for 2016-2017 will be held. If you are interested in helping in one of the programs, this would be a great meeting for you to attend. See you there!

For God and Country, **Carol Yates, President.**

**The Chaplain's Corner...** Chaplain **Michelle Soares** would like to convey our sympathy and prayers to the families of recently deceased members, Mickey Vaughn (26 year member), and PUFL member Lieselotte Purcell (25 year member). Prayers are asked for our members Dolores Vercoe and Vivian Raymer who are ill, and Inge Henderson, who recently underwent knee replacement surgery.

**Membership...** Hello all Auxiliary members, I would like to welcome our new members and thank the members who have renewed for 2016. We are still trying to reach our goal of 269 Auxiliary members and we currently stand at 210 (78%). Please send in your \$25 membership renewal fee to American Legion Auxiliary P.O. Box 1746, Marina, CA 93933.

Unit members, it is time to update your information, I have recently tried to contact members and found that a lot of phone numbers are no longer in service. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or know of a member who is in assisted living, please let us know so that we can update our roster. Please send your updated information to Monterey Cypress Unit 694, PO Box 1746, Marina CA 93933 or email Sandy at [sandy.marina@comcast.net](mailto:sandy.marina@comcast.net). Thank you for all your support, **Sandy Rodrigues, Membership Chairman.**

**Scholarships Awarded...** Education Chair **Elisabeth Billingsley** is pleased to announce that Unit 694 member, **Summer Maras**, has been awarded the Edna Cruz Memorial Scholarship for 2016-17. Summer is a student at Monterey Peninsula College. The Unit has also awarded financial assistance to **Justin Gennette** and **Madison Henderson**, both Seniors at Marina High School. Justin plans to enter the Nursing program at Monterey Peninsula College this fall, while Madison will attend California State University Sacramento. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

**Community Service...** If you know of any students who can use volunteer hours to satisfy a school credit requirement, they can join us Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and/or Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Thomas Carman Food Pantry, located at the Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal Church at the corner of Carmel and California (425 Carmel Ave, Marina). Contact **Community Service Chair Sandy Rodrigues** at 831-905-7965.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Relay for Life in Salinas will be held at the Salinas Sports Complex in the Softball Fields. Please contact Sandy Rodrigues if you would like to participate or donate to the American Cancer Society. Sandy is also selling Car Raffle tickets for \$5 for a chance to win a 2016 Honda Civic LX, all proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society; drawing will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Salinas and you do not need to be present to win. If you know of a student who needs volunteer hours they can contact Sandy for this event as well. Sandy's contact information is Phone: 831-905-7965 or email: [sandy.marina@comcast.net](mailto:sandy.marina@comcast.net). Thank you.



## POST & UNIT 694 CALENDAR

For more information, call (831) 384-6616 or web site [www.caalpost694.org](http://www.caalpost694.org)  
MEETINGS 2ND THURSDAY...POST EXEC 6PM...POST/UNIT GENERAL 7:00PM



# May 2016

### NOTICE

*Post 694 now accepts all major credit/debit cards*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CLOSED	2 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	3	4 3 pm Teachers Appreciation 6 pm Board Meeting	5 Hamburger Night 7 pm Ballroom Dancing Lessons	6 DAV FISHING DERBY Friday Night Dinner	7 12 pm Unit 589 Classic Car Show & Sock Hop
8 CLOSED Mother's Day	9 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	10	11 7 pm Marina in Motion	12 Meeting Night Hamburger Night	13 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm Karaoke	14
15 CLOSED 10 am Private Party	16 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	17	18	19 Hamburger Night ALR Meeting 6 pm	20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED FOR BALL
22 CLOSED	23 Happy Hour 5-6 pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	24	25 5 pm MST Meeting	26 Hamburger Night	27 Friday Night Dinner	28 5 PM MARINA FOUNDATION VTC FUNDRAISER
29 CLOSED	30 11 am Memorial Day Ceremony/Lunch NO MONDAY NIGHT DINNER	31	<b><u>Monday Night Dinner</u></b> <b>For specific menu information please contact the Post at 384-6616 the week prior! Join us for a great meal at the affordable price of \$7 per person (Take-outs - \$8)</b>			

**Friday Night Dinner** For specific menu information please contact the Post at 384-6616 for menu selections.

# June 2016

Check our website or call the post for up to date times on all events!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Hamburger Night	3 Friday Night Dinner	4 AIRBORNE MENLO PARK BBQ IN MENLO PARK
5 CLOSED	6 Happy Hour 5-6pm Mini Dinner 5:30 pm	7	8 6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm Marina in Motion	9 MEETING NIGHT Hamburger Night	10 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 pm Karaoke	11
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