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COMMANDERS MESSAGE



and fellowship. We are approaching over 1000 members with all of our combined family groups. This is great.

The kitchen is doing well and hopefully we will continue to bring in members to eat as we expand our days of being open.

Another huge shout out and hearty THANK YOU to our Sons of the American Legion, for their donation of the new barstools, a much needed item that was so graciously done. Their fundraiser in September was well attended. Look for more events sponsored by them in the near future.

Oktoberfest also was well attended, and thanks to the Auxiliary and especially Leslie Vondra for coordinating the event.

Veterans Day, we will have entertainment most of the day with a DJ in the early afternoon and a band after the Parade, please come on in and enjoy.

As I mentioned last month, we are holding the District 21 meeting at the Post on December 8, we will try to accommodate all our meetings and
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Dear Legionnaires and the American Legion Post 519 family, Wow, November is here already, how quickly the time flies by. As we approach the Holidays, Lori and I wish everyone much happiness and hope that all of you have a great holiday season.

The past few months have brought many changes and challenges to our Post and our members. We continue to increase our membership

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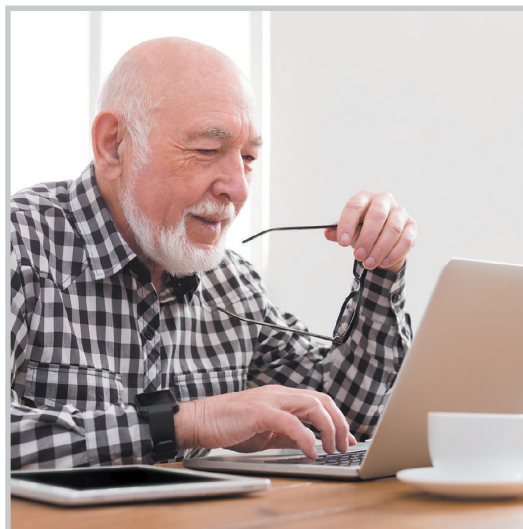
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Monthly Meeting Schedule

- 2nd Tuesday 5 p.m. General Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Auxiliary
- 2nd Monday 6 p.m. Color Guard
- 4th Wednesday 6 p.m. SAL
- 1st Thursday 5 p.m. ALR



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still have our Sunday brunch, I ask for your patience while we conduct this important meeting which will be the last one of the year.

While at the Post please remember to be respectful of all members and practice non-partisan attitudes while at the bar.

As we continue to grow and prosper, let us keep in mind what we stand for at the Legion, as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness, we are here to help, provide guidance and social activities to all our veterans.

Again as always thank you for your continued support.

John Picken
Commander Post 519
Johnrsqman@sbcglobal.net



SAL CORNER



Yikes! we had a great event on September 28th. Great food (burgers and hot dogs). Special thanks to the whole son's crew for being present and making sure that those in attendance had a great time! We had great music from Woody and the Retros. Thank you to Woody and gang for putting on a great performance for this event. It was awesome to gain some funds from this event to replenish part of all the Son's have

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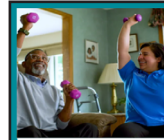
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contributed to the post, our veterans and our community. Special thanks to Jan who challenged all to make a contribution to the Son's. We have some great things coming up so please look for future announcements.

I would like to call out to all members of the Son's to take part and help. Our meetings are on the 4th Wednesday each month at 6 pm. Would love if you could join our meetings when you are able. Please also know that we work very hard to support our post, veterans and community. Any Son's member or others that can assist with a donation would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Mark Renner
Commander of the Son's of the
American Legion post #519
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A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BETTYE COTTON!

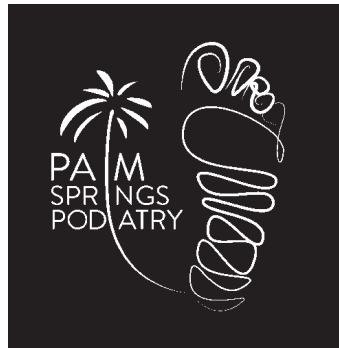
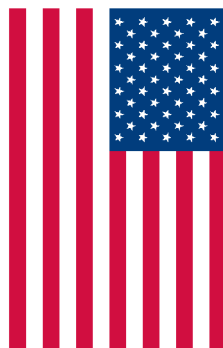
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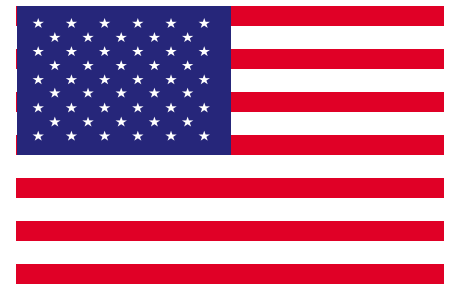
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ALA PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The definition of the word fun is what provides amusement or enjoyment or relating to fun especially to social fun. And the definition of fundraising is to engage in the organized activity of raising funds to support a cause, campaign, etc. Well, I must say that the Auxiliary puts the fun in fundraising. We would like to thank all that supported our Oktoberfest fundraising event. What a great time. Our Unit is very active with providing help to our military, Veterans, their families and the community. We have been providing money to the Veterans Village in Cathedral City for their laundry funds and helping to stock their pantry. We send funds to the ASYM-CA at 29 Palms, helping with costs of events for children of the active mil-

itary. We help with local girl scout and boy scout troops. Girls State is one of our programs, and we send three girls every year. During the holidays, we help three families, along with other various holiday cheer events. These are only a few activities that we do during the year. Our next event for Fun-raising will be our Bake Sale on November 30th. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying the kick off to the holiday season. A huge thank you to our members that volunteer and donate their time and to our Post member that support us. We could not do it without you. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

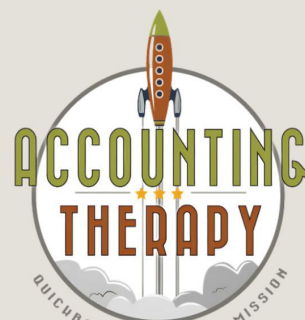
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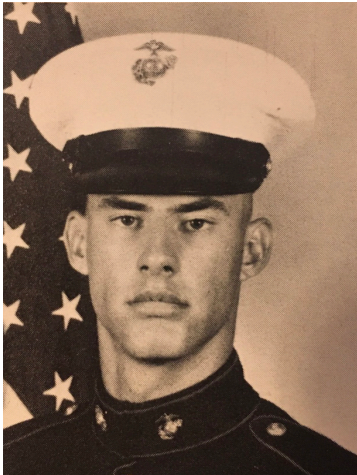
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VETERANS CORNER



John Picken joined the United States Marine Corps in 1977, he did his basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. From there he went to artillery training in 29 Palms, CA and spent 2 years there, he subsequently was sent to Okinawa for a year, then back to the U.S. to Camp Pendleton, CA.

He was discharged in 1981. He started working as a recurrent lifeguard for the City of Huntington Beach where he stayed working part time for 33 years, He concurrently began working for the City of Redondo Beach as a Harbor Patrol officer in 1985, The Harbor Patrol was originally operated by the cities police department and then moved over to the fire department where John was trained as a firefighter as well as his law enforcement training, the Harbor Patrol was used as supplemental firefighters when needed. He worked his way up the Deputy Harbor Master working until his retirement in 2014, Johns career was highlighted by well over 1000 swimming and boat rescues while conducting both his jobs. He was instrumental in training over a hundred of water enforcement/rescue officers in basic boating rescue operations under a state training program, which he ended up operating as the lead instructor. He also qualified for Boat Captain status as a Coast Guard 100 ton license holder.

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For his work in the City of Redondo Beach he was awarded a medal of valor in 2009. After his retirement he worked as a yacht salesman until moving to the desert permanently in 2022. He plays golf whenever he can and enjoys being a foodie. He has been married to Lori since 2000, and his blended family include 3 daughters, 2 granddaughters and 1 grandson and 1 great granddaughter.



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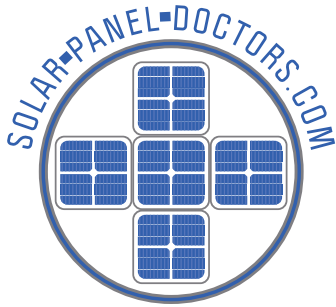
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ALA UNIT 519 VISITS AL POST 426

There was a Face Book blog of, families that were affected by the Line Fire. Me living in Yucaipa, decided to go visit Post 426 on September 11th and meet The New ALA President Heather Nelson.

She continued to speak of the families that became suddenly homeless, No clothes or food. So our Unit voted to donate Walmart Gift Cards to support the needy.

Continuing our mission, to assist, support the needy and take care of our veterans.



April O'Neil/2nd VP ALA 519 (left) and ALA President of Unit 426 in Yucaipa, Heather Nelson (right)



Our Mission

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

ALA JR. WINS AWARD

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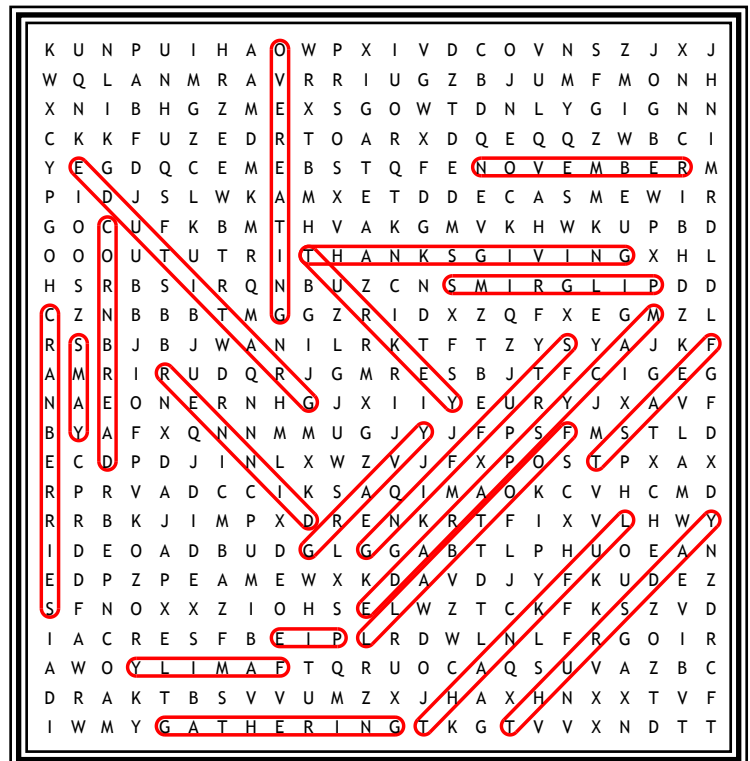
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10	 Brunch 10am-2pm	11	 Veteran's Day Monday Night Football	12	 General Meeting @5pm A.L.A. Meeting @5:30pm	13		14	 Lunch 11-2pm	15	 Lunch 11-2pm Dinner 5:30-8pm Reggie 'Vision' Alexander	16	
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24	 Brunch 10am-2pm	25	 AL Riders Burger Night \$10 5-7pm Monday Night Football	26		27	 S.A.L. Meeting @6pm	28	 Happy Thanksgiving! Events TBD	29	 Lunch 11-2pm Dinner 5:30-8pm Brian Scott	30	 ALA Craft Festival & Bake Sale 9am-3pm