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NEXT MEETING

POST: Monday, April 13, 2009; 7:30 pm - Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center.
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy Spring!

This newsletter may arrive a bit later than usual as I wanted to report on the latest news from the District and their meeting was Sunday (3/22) at the Norman P. Murray Community Center. But before going into that I want to mention the passing of one of our members, William Poore. William wasn't an active member and I've never met him, but maybe some of you knew him before I became involved in this Post. William, thank you for your service to this country.

On February 25th, I attended a Saddleback Veterans Memorial committee meeting and items discussed were when to have a dedication ceremony for the memorial and who should be invited. It was agreed that the dedication will be held on April 30th at 5:00 PM at the memorial site and contributors to the memorial campaign would

be invited by special invitation. That means that our Post members are invited since we are one of the first contributors for this special memorial. You will notice that included in this newsletter is an application form for you to sponsor a stenciled brick for yourself, a family member, friend, loved one or anyone else for a nominal fee, to be placed on or near the memorial site as a tribute to that individual(s), group or company. Please consider a contribution for this worthy project and put VFW Post 6024 in the referral section at the bottom. Ponder this!...a U.S. Veteran's Memorial on a college campus! Whoa!...who'da ever think it??

I'd like to thank our Color Guard for their duty in presenting the "Colors" at the "opening day" ceremony for the local Mission Viejo Little League baseball season on Feb. 28th. This was performed on short notice, but our guys got the job done and their presence gave the Post some additional visibility to the community. Thank you Gary Portas, Dick Vaughn, A.J. Summa and Dan Rickert....well done men!!

Our March 9th business meeting was abbreviated due to having guests arrive for our Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award ceremony which began around 8:00 PM. Just prior to the award presentation, our Eagle Scout OTY nominee (Michael Tobia) was present to report on his trip to Valley Forge and the Freedom Foundation event that we helped fund and support. Following Michael's report, it was noted that member Jim Clements was our nominated choice for Scouter of the Year and his name and resume will be sent to Department for further endorsement.

It was at this point that chairman A.J. Summa introduced our choice for Law Enforcement Officer of the year, Lt. Steve Bernardi of the Mission Viejo Sheriffs Department. Lt. Bernardi was instrumental to the success of our city, as it was during his watch that Mission Viejo was named the "Safest City in America" a couple of years ago. He was presented a plaque and a certificate. In turn, Lt. Bernardi was grateful to receive the awards from our Post and humbled by the veteran's and their service who honored him.

Guests who were on hand to witness the award presentation were Mission Viejo's former Mayor and current Mayor Pro Tem Lance McLean, former Mayor and current city council member Trish Kelley, Eagle Scout Michael Tobia and his parents Anna and David, Lt. Bernardi's son Jamie, OC Sheriff Sgt. John Meyer and his daughter Michelle, Gale Goodall (my wife), Barb Summa, (A.J.'s wife), and Jim Voelkl (Jackie's son). The Ladies Auxiliary was also present; Auxiliary President Vanda Bresnan, Mary Reseter, Liz Ramirez, Sue Pollard, Lea Falcone, Kathleen Walker, Betty Kaskinen and representing the District, Mary Peck. All in all, it was a nice turnout for this special occasion. Post meeting refreshments of sliced fruit, cookies, coffee and bottled water were provided by Gale Goodall.



Lt. Steve Bernardi (center) accepts his Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award. On hand to witness the event were from left city council member Trish Kelley, Post Commander Tom Goodall, Lt. Steve Bernardi, Mayor Pro Tem Lance McLean and Sgt. John Meyer, who had some kind words for his boss.

On Friday March 13th, Dick Vaughn, Dick Latham and I arrived at St Anne's School in Laguna Niguel to attend the school's award assembly and to pass out awards to the school's Patriots Pen winners. The \$75.00 1st place award went to Jordan Kelterer (unfortunately, she was absent), 2nd Place \$50.00 award to Micayla Chade and 3rd place \$25.00 award to Anne Pankowski. Jordan Kelterer was our 1st place choice over all of the contestants from five different participating schools and was given an additional \$100.00 for her outstanding effort. The other school winners will be handed out during their award assemblies which take place later in the school year.

The District 2 Commander and Presidents Homecoming was attended by Al and Liz Ramirez who represented our Post for this special occasion which took place at the Anaheim Post on Saturday, March 14th.

On March 17th, Dick Vaughn was in attendance for the El Toro Cemetery Memorial Day committee meeting. The details of this annual ceremony were discussed and looks like we will again be posting our "Colors" and our Rifle Squad will perform the event ending rifle salute. Of course this will happen on Memorial Day (observed), May 25th.

On March 21st Al Ramirez and I attended the annual Swallows Day Parade in San Juan Capistrano. We marched alongside the members of Sierra VFW Post and American Legion members from SJC. It's al-

ways a great time and the crowds are fantastic. Our group followed the Marine Corps Band so we were actually able to stay in step to the beat of the drums...No! It was a little overcast and a bit chilly, but we had fun anyway.

The following day on Sunday, March 22nd our Post hosted the District 2 business meeting that was held at the Norman P. Murray Community Center. The center's doors were opened at 0800 and as scheduled some members of our chartered Cub Scout Pack 727, dressed in their class A's were on hand to escort the arriving members and Auxiliary members from posts throughout Orange County to their proper meeting rooms. This special attention to detail was greatly appreciated by all. (I wish I could take credit for this special courtesy, but the idea was proposed to me by Scouting Chairman Jim Clements). Pre meeting snacks of sliced fruit, breakfast bars (granola, trail mix, etc.), coffee and bottled water were provided by our Post. The District meeting went on as scheduled at 0930 and wrapped up around 1230. The facilities were admired by all of the attendees and the rooms were set up perfectly in both venues. Our Post had eight members present; A.J. Summa, Gene Rigg, Casey Cliendeinst, Pat Rizco, Al Ramirez, Dick Vaughn, Jim Clements and yours truly. Liz Ramirez, Mary Reseter and Lea Falcone represented the Auxiliary on the ladies side. A huge thank you to our Scouts and their parents and thank you all for the nice turnout.

Please note that during our April 13th business meeting we will hold our annual nominations for Post officers and appointed chair positions. Please consider taking the next step for this fantastic organization and the veterans and community we serve. It's a painless move that you will take personal pride and satisfaction knowing that you are in a decision making position to move this Post forward.

I promise that you will get the necessary support to do a great job!

Tom Goodall, Commander

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Membership: No new members to report at this time.
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Post Script Boosters: The Booster program grew by one as Carroll "Snuffy" Brown contributed for a years worth of "boosting". Thanks Snuffy, we appreciate your donation and friendship. Your contribution will aid in the printing and mailing process of this newsletter so that all of our members can learn and know of our activities.
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From the Military Order of the Purple Heart

(I received this letter dated 3/11/09; maybe it will be helpful to some of you-- ed.).

Dear Veteran,

The Marine Corps is actively seeking individuals who resided or worked aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC between 1957 and 1987. During this period unregulated chemicals were discovered in some of the base drinking water systems in the early 1980's. At this time the Marine Corps is funding health studies to determine when the drinking water was first impacted, who may have consumed it, and whether or not there may be an association between exposure to the water and certain health conditions. The United States Marine Corps encourages all those who resided at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune register at www.marine.mil/cisurvey to receive updated information and notifications regarding the ongoing Water Study.

Our records indicate that you may fall into this category, and as a result, we are sending you this letter. MOPH cares about your health and welfare, and want to ensure that you have all the information and resources you need. For complete details regarding the registry, on-going studies, or history of events, please visit the USMC website addressed in the above paragraph or call the USMC toll-free line (877-261-9782) to speak to a representative who can assist you.

We appreciate your support in helping the United States Marine Corps reach all former residents and employees as the United States Marine corps wants to ensure the widest dissemination of information to their Marine family.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph M. Phillips
National Service Officer

MONTHLY POWER QUOTES

"That most delicious of all privileges—spending other people's money."

John Randolph of Roanoke (1773-1833)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 1, 2009 — April Fools' Day.
- Apr. 6, 2009 — Army Day.
- Apr. 9, 2009 — Passover.
- Apr. 9, 2009 — Nat'l Former POW Recognition Day.
- Apr. 10, 2009 — Good Friday.
- Apr. 12, 2009 — Easter Sunday.
- Apr. 13, 2009 — Post & Auxiliary Meeting 1930 @ Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center.
- Apr. 15, 2009 — Income Tax Day.
- Apr. 30, 2009 — Dedication of Veterans Memorial @ Saddleback College; 5:00 PM.