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## The American Legion Family Programs Editor Steve Thomas

Auxiliary Unit 14 sponsored another successful Christmas Party for our children. Co-Hosted by Post 14 and Son's Squadron 14, over 25 children enjoyed a great Christmas Party making crafts, enjoying Christmas treats and meeting Santa. Santa handed out Christmas Stockings to all the children. This is an excellent example of how the American Legion Family works together to support our youth and community.



Christmas Party co-hosts Post Commander Steve Thomas, Auxiliary President Sonja Thomas and Son's Commander Valentino Martinez.

The American Legion Family include Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion who sponsor programs for Veterans, children and the community. Volunteering at Veterans hospitals, programs at schools, community events as Veterans Day and Memorial Day Ceremonies, Boys and Girls State sponsorship, ROTC Awards, American Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contests are but a few of the programs we support in our Post, Unit and Squadron. We all like to get out and enjoy camaraderie with others at our Post and it is a great place to go. Indeed, that is one of the perks of being part of the American Legion Family. I propose that we as Veterans are much more than just enjoying some time out. We have defended our nation and supported each other through out our lives and can continue to do the same through the American Legion Family.

We make our lives fuller by our participation in programs sponsored by the American Legion Family. It may be only one program for a couple of hours a month. We can be at the forefront leading a program or offer important behind the scene work from the home, it all adds up. The important thing is staying involved supporting our troops, veterans, community and children. There are many programs available that could use our knowledge and experience in helping others and enriching our own lives.

Of course the American Legion Family does not stop there. Remember we are all a part of that family. Sometimes we need help, too. As a family we can offer help to each other, it may be only a little support for your time in need or needed assistance from District, Department or National and other organizations that may meet your needs.



Santa Brings gifts to kids at Christmas Party

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### Special points of interest:

- Post & Aux Meeting 3rd Tuesday Each Month 7PM
- SAL Meeting 2nd Tuesday 7PM
- Free Darts Every Sunday
- Lounge  
Mon-Fri 2PM- 10PM Sat 10AM-10PM Sunday 12PM- 8PM  
(earlier if Breakfast is scheduled)



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Commander  
Steve Thomas

Jr. Past Commander  
Stan Nichols

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Bill Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Comdr  
Bill Beamon

3<sup>rd</sup> Comdr  
TBA

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Norman Weibel

Finance Officer  
Charlie Harrison

Asst Finance Officer  
TBA

Sgt. -at-Arms  
TBA

Adjutant  
Judy Bryant

Service Officer  
TBA

Historians  
TBA

Judge Advocate  
Paul Kanka

Web Master  
Steve Thomas



## Commander's Corner Steve Thomas

Greetings Comrades,

2nd Vice Commander Bill Beamon and his staff have been doing a Great job with their Friday Night Fish Fry's. The funds they have raised will help fund many of Post 14's Veteran and Community Programs. Come out on Fridays and enjoy some good food.

For the first time in many years, Post 14 will host the District 25 meeting. It will be held on January 7th at 10:00 AM. Come out and meet our District Officers and get news of what is going on around The Great 25th District. The 25th District Auxiliary will be meeting across the street at the Lighthouse for the Blind. After the meeting there will be a Spaghetti Luncheon at the Post. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget the General Membership Meeting on January 16th at 7PM. Come out and tell us how we can support you.

## 1st Vice Commander Bill Walker

Perhaps the most important document a veteran should safeguard is their DD form 214, "Report of separation from active duty." this document is required to join the American Legion but more importantly it is required to establish eligibility for most veterans entitlements, including arranging burial in a VA national cemetery. Unfortunately, some times veterans either misplace or lose this valuable document. In most cases the veteran can contact one of the national archives and records administration depositories and acquire a replacement 214. However, that might not be so easy for those veterans whose records were destroyed in the fire at the National Personnel Record Center (NPRC) in St. Louis in 1973, which destroyed about 80 percent of the records for Army personnel discharged between November 1, 1912 and January 1, 1960, and about 75 percent of the records for Air Force personnel with surnames "H" through "Z" discharged between September 1947 and January 1964. Therefore, it is imperative that veterans falling within either of these groups, that do not possess an original copy of their DD 214, contact the NPRC, 9700 Page Blvd, St. Louis, Mo 63132-5100 to determine if their records were destroyed during the fire. If so, they should contact the Department of Veteran affairs at (202) 273-5221 for advice on obtaining a NA form 13038, "Certification of Military Service" considered the equivalent of the DD 214.

Happy New Year



## Chaplain's Corner Norman D. "Norm" Weibel

The New Year is upon us! May I wish you all a Happy and prosperous one. I hope that it can be a good year for all of us and that we can find our dreams coming true.

The year has ended with the sad note of President Gerald Ford's passing. Our only unelected president or vice president, Mr. Ford will be most remembered for his unconditional pardon of Richard Nixon, his predecessor in the White House. Though, at the time, a highly disputed act, it is seen in the view of historians as a step toward bringing peace to a shaken nation, after the admissions of Watergate. He was known in the end as a man of honor humility and integrity.



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**SAL Chaplain's Talk  
Norm Weibel**

Happy New Year to all! Though it's a new year for the world for the SAL half our year is gone and with the mid-term, we have some key personnel losses. Your Adjutant, Brandon Weibel resigned his position as he along with his brother, your Sergeant at Arms, Justin Schmitz, who also resigned, is moving to Clearwater in Northern California. Now is the time for *you* to contact Commander Valentino Martinez or myself and volunteer to fill either position.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can still do it, and your membership is sorely needed. For your Squadron to soar to its rightful place as a leader in the Twenty-fifth District, your participation is required.

Let's work together to support each other and our Post.  
For any need or information, contact me at 909-379-5023.

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After the last couple of months upon which my appeals to you, the unseen members of our Post, went unheeded, and meetings had to be held informally for lack of a quorum; our Thursday night dinners have had scant attendance and few have stayed to patronize our club, one must wonder how long it will be before one must memorialize the former San Bernardino American Legion Post 14. If our own members no longer care to support our beloved Post, and this truly seems to be the case, she must surely close.

Will 2007 be the year Post 14, because she has a membership that *does* care rebounds and becomes, once again, a vibrant leader in the Inland Empire or will she quietly slip into oblivion, unable to be kept afloat by too few caring officers and members? The answer lies in your hands folks. I pray it is the former and you will make your New Year resolve to act to save your Post.

I can be reached at 909-379-5023.



**SONS OF THE  
LEGION  
OFFICERS**

Squadron Commander  
Valentino Martinez

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Steve Thomas

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
Vacant

Finance Officer  
Norm Weibel

Sgt.-at-Arms  
Vacant

Adjutant  
Brandon Weibel

Chaplain  
Norm Weibel

Jr. Past Commander  
Steve Thomas

**ANNUAL SAL MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE**

At \$12.00 per year this is a steal. Renew now!

Please make check for \$12.00 payable to: SAL Squadron # 14 and mail to:  
**American Legion Post 14, 732 N. Sierra Way, San Bernardino, CA 92410**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You for your kind attention to this matter**

**GOOD FOR BIRTHDAY DRINK**

Happy Birthday Post/Auxiliary member. Present this filled coupon to the bar for a free drink. Redeemable during Birthday Month Only!!!

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_



**AUXILIARY  
OFFICERS  
2006 - 2007**

**President  
Sonja Thomas**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ilona Thomas**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Nancy Nichols**

**Secretary  
Mavis Kanka**

**Treasurer  
Mavis Kanka**

**Parliamentarian  
Arlene Barton**

**Sgt.-At-Arms  
TBA**

**Historian  
Ilona Thomas**

**Chaplain  
TBA**

**Auxiliary President  
Sonja Thomas**

Happy New Year!!! With the holidays over and the New Year in, it's a great time to get involved with the unit. We have a lot of things going on this year and can sure use some help. To start out with on January 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Meatloaf dinner. Come support us as we raise money for our Education/Scholarship and Girls State programs. Dinner is only \$6.00 and will be served from 6 to 7:30. If there are any Juniors that would like to help we could sure use it. Give me a call at (909) 864-0335 or email me at jettasheba@sbcglobal.net .

On January 7<sup>th</sup> Unit 14 will be hosting the District meeting. We will be meeting at The Lighthouse for the Blind, right across the way. After the meeting come join us for a great Spaghetti and Meatball lunch!

Our usual meeting will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Come join us and find out all that we have planned for the next few months. Any ideas and suggestions are always accepted and welcomed. If transportation is a problem please let me know. My phone number is (909) 864-0335 or my email jettasheba@sbcglobal.net .

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ilona Thomas**

Thank you for sending in your membership renewals. Just in case you have not yet had a chance to do so, please take the time now. We have almost reached the January 25th target of 85 % set by Department, only 8 more renewals or new memberships are needed.. The Unit is only 26 members away from reaching this year's goal. Let's make our unit a goal unit again

On March 10<sup>th</sup> Unit 14 will host the Past Presidents' Parley luncheon. If you are a past president of Unit 14 and have not yet paid your dues, please consider doing so. The cost is only \$1.50 per year. Please send the dues to my address 949 Doyle Ave, Redlands, CA 92374 so that I can forward them to our District Chairman Arlene Barton. On April 29<sup>th</sup> Unit 14 will host the District Girls State Get Together. As you can see the unit is very involved in district functions. As our president mentioned we really could use some help with all the different programs. I know that everybody is very busy, but maybe you can find some time to help our worthwhile organization.

I know that a lot of our members are volunteering in and donating to other organizations. Would you please take the time to drop me a note or give me a call so that we can include

this information in our annual reports to Department.

I wish everybody a Happy New Year.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Nancy Nichols**

Our December Auxiliary meeting was cancelled because of a lack of quorum. We need more members to attend our monthly meetings. Our meetings are the third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. We post the meeting dates and times in our monthly bulletin. Many of you have been members for many years and a number of you are new members. We want to keep our Auxiliary alive with memberships and Auxiliary participations. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Hope you can attend.

Don't forget our monthly fund raising dinners the first Thursday of each month. Our dinner is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Our dinners this year have been a great success!

Wishing all you a happy and prosperous new year!



Post 14 House Committee

The American Legion Membership

# Happy New Year



Editors Note: There was no input from the House Committee for our members.

You are eligible because of your service of at least one day during the following periods:

- WWI  
Apr 6, 1914-Nov 1918
- WWII  
Dec 7, 1941-Dec 31, 1946
- Korea  
Jun 25, 1950-Jan 31, 1955
- Vietnam  
Feb 28, 1961-May 7, 1975
- Granada & Lebanon  
Aug 24, 1982-Jul 31 1984
- Panama  
Dec 29, 1989-Jan 31, 1990
- Desert Storm  
Aug 2, 1990 until a date of cessation of hostilities to be determined by the U.S. Government

**ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE**

Renew now at \$35.00.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You for your kind attention to this matter

## A SALUTE TO THE EXTRA MEASURE OF DEVOTION POST 14 BOOSTER CLUB

2006—2007  
Ed & Arlene Barton  
Daniel Gaffney  
Charles Harrison  
James & Bethel  
Hlister

Mavis Kanka  
Paul Kanka  
Martin Keplinger  
Roy McKeehan  
Ilona Thomas  
Steve Thomas  
Larry Vizard

**JOIN OR RENEW NOW**

Anyone who belongs to the Booster Club and has not renewed their membership, PLEASE do so now! The cost is only \$5.00.



**Members Transferred to Post Everlasting**

**None, Thank God**

### POST 14 GIFT OF LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

Donor Name	Don	LTD	Gallons
Robert King	0	166	20.75
Luis L. Abrego	0	108	13.50
Ellen L. Abrego	0	85	10.62
Norman Weibel	0	68	8.5
Robert Tau	0	61	7.62
Frank W. Thom	0	61	7.62
Mary J. Thom	0	57	7.12
Andrew Abrego	0	24	3.00
Robert I. Tuel	0	13	1.62

Don = #Donation this Period to your Group  
LTD=Life to Date Total Donations  
Gallon=Life to Date Gallons

**Give the Gift of Life**

**San Bernardino Donor Center**  
384 Orange Show Road  
909-885-6503  
**Riverside Donor Center**  
4006 Van Buren Blvd  
951-687-2530



**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

**Our thanks to our local businesses and their ads which help defray the cost of publishing and mailing our *Bulletin* to our membership each month. Members: Show your appreciation by doing business with them. And, when you do, thank them for their support of San Bernardino Post 14 by placing their ad in our *Bulletin***



**Hall Rentals**

Hall Rentals are available at San Bernardino Post 14, 732 North Sierra Way, San Bernardino. Call (909) 885-4090.

Argonne Room (Capacity 200)	\$100.00	Salon Argonne (Capacidad 200)
Korean Room (Capacity 100)	\$90.00	Salon Korean (Capacidad 100)
Normandy Room (Capacity 60)	\$80.00	Salon Normandy (Capacidad 80)
Kitchen	\$100.00	Cocina

Other services available—Call for prices.

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ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You for your kind attention to this matter**

# JANUARY 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Years Day			Aux Dinner 6PM		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
District 25 Meeting 10AM At Post 14		Sons of the Legion Meeting 7PM				EBoard and House Cmte 12:30PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Martin Luther King Day	Post and Aux Meetings 7PM	Operation Desert Storm (1991)			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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