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Special Extra Earnings for Military Service

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1940 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

Special extra earnings are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings are **not** granted for inactive duty training.

Note: Social Security cannot add these extra earnings to your record until you file for Social Security benefits.

How You Get Credit For Special Extra Earnings

The information that follows applies **only** to active duty military service earnings from 1940 through 2001. Here's how the special extra earnings are credited:

Service In 1978 through 2001

For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

Service In 1957 Through 1977

You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

Service In 1940 Through 1956

If you were in the military during this period, including attendance at a service academy, you did not pay Social Security taxes. However, your Social Security record may be credited with \$160 a month in earnings for military service from September 16, 1940, through December 31, 1956, under the following circumstances: You were honorably discharged after 90 or more days of service, or you were released because of a disability or injury received in the line of duty; or

You are still on active duty; or

You are applying for survivors benefits and the veteran died while on active duty.

You cannot receive credit for these special extra earnings if you are already receiving a federal benefit based on the same years of service. There is one exception: If you were on active duty after 1956, you can still get the special earnings for 1951 through 1956, even if you're receiving a military retirement based on service during that period.

Editors Note: I received this information from Donna Scott through email and thought it would be of great interest to all our members and veterans. If you have a computer or can use the local library's computer, additional information can be found at www.ssa.gov/retire2.military.htm or go to your local Social Security Office.

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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)



2006 - 2007

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Commander's Corner Steve Thomas

Greetings Comrades,

Post 14 was praised for its hosting of The Great 25th District Meeting in January by all attendees. Thanks goes out to Jimmy Fowler and his staff for cleaning up after the hall rental the night before, it made my job go smoothly in setting up the hall. The Auxiliary did a fine job the preparations, set up and clean up for the meeting and lunch. The Sons of the Legion did a great job in serving lunch after the meeting.

Changes have come and are coming to Post 14. On the table are hours of operation and general meeting date and time. Mondays and Tuesdays the Post is losing money by staying open and it is recommended that the Post close on these days, some want reduced hours for there own pleasure but that would save nothing. It is also recommended that the meeting day change to Sunday afternoon to get more members to come out. It should be noted that the Auxiliary is changing to Thursday night,. We need to consider this also. Come to the next meeting Feb 20, 7PM and give us your input on these important matters.

1st Vice Commander Bill Walker

Welcome New Year. I have good news and bad news; bad news first: effective the 1st of January the annual membership dues were increased to \$35.00 The good news: there are only forty-four of you procrastinators that have to pay the additional ten dollars. I am sure there are a few members that pay their dues the first of the year because the calendar year is from January to December. However, for reasons yet to be explained, the American Legion's membership year is from July to June.

In fact, membership dues are considered delinquent the 1st of February. Come on comrades get your dues in to



Chaplain's Corner Norman D. "Norm" Weibel

Every day the Post remains open represents a new challenge. Gas and electricity are used any time the doors are open. An employee, either the Bar Manager or a Bar tender must be paid, often both. That's just the cost of doing business. In order for the Post to continue to do business with steadily falling income and no further reserves, we, your officers and you, our members must consider some steps to keep the Post open or consider closing her.

The first thing to consider is whether to change our day of meeting. It has been proposed that we meet at two on Sunday afternoons in an effort to increase the attendance at our general meetings, at which we have failed to have quorums recently. In order to conduct business for the Post we must have a minimum of nine members present at a general meeting. It is sad that a Post that still has over two hundred members sometimes can't count on even that number. Please attend, if to simply let us know you don't want to change meeting days or if you do.

A second reason to consider the meeting day change is the necessity of closing the Post to cut expenses on what have been consistently slow days historically. The two days under consideration for closure are Mondays and Tuesdays. If the Post is going to be closed on Tuesdays, meetings should be scheduled for another day. Since every member of the Post is a stockholder in the Post, your officers need your input regarding closure

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Executive Committee

The general membership meeting is probably the most important assembly at a post. This meeting is the forum where pertinent post business is conducted. At these meetings changes to post policies, programs and procedures are discussed and either accepted or rejected by majority vote. In other words, this is where the members have their say. Unfortunately, attendance at this meeting has been far less than desirable. In fact, on several occasions during 2006 we lack the necessary attendance to obtain a quorum to open the meeting. Consequently, with the aim of improving participation, it has been suggested to conduct the general membership meetings at 2 PM on the third Sunday of the month. Unless we receive strong objection at this month's general membership meeting this change will be implemented in March 2007.



House Committee



Due to a lack of patronage on Mondays and Tuesdays the post's bar operation doesn't cover operating expenses. Unless post bar patronage increase substantially we cannot justify maintaining the status quo. We will have two options to consider at the this month's membership meeting on the 20th of February: (1) Close the bar completely on these days or (2) reduce the operating hours on Monday and Tuesday to only cover the peak patronage period. (1 to 7 PM.)

Thanks to our smoking members for complying with the post's no smoking restriction and for respecting our non-smoking members. Of course, there are a couple of members that believe their right to smoke supersede post policy and other members right not to smoke second handedly. Member violating the post and the state of California's smoking restriction will be verbally reminded on the first occasion; receive a written warning on the second occasion and receive a thirty (30) day suspension of post privileges on the third occasion.

Commanders Note

Concerning House Committee Article. The article suggests that there are two options to consider. The second option has no basis other than 'bar talk' by some Post members and a number of people not members of Post 14 for there own personal convenience and not for the benefit of the Post. It has not been discussed or brought up at Post or Board meetings. There would be no savings in reducing hours. Minimum wage is now \$7.00 and we are losing money with or without reduced hours.

Smoking violations have not been brought up either. Violators of the no smoking policy subject the Post to a \$500.00 fine and or closure. As Commander and a smoker, the following procedure will be followed. Anyone who lights up will be asked to extinguish the cigarette, pipe, cigar or take it outside. If the violator refuses or causes a scene they will be reported to the commander in writing the first time and each succeeding time. Upon receiving multiple reports, I will take appropriate action. If the violation is incidental and the violator complies with the request, no action should be taken. This is another important issue and should be bought up at the General and Board meetings.



Post 14 Hosts 25th District Meeting

For the first time many years, Post 14 had the opportunity to host the Great 25th District for its January meeting. The Post was complimented by the District officers and all attendees for a job well done. Many were impressed at the facilities of Post 14. Thanks go to all who helped make this a success including Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion.



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2006 - 2007**

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Ilona Thomas**

**2nd Vice President
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**Historian
Ilona Thomas**

**Chaplain
TBA**

**Auxiliary President
Sonja Thomas**

The year is moving right along. This month will start with our Thursday Night Dinner on the first. We will be having a Spaghetti Dinner. We will be serving food from 6 -7:30 pm and also have a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from this dinner will be going to our Education program for our scholarship.

At our January meeting it was determined that we will need to change our meeting night. The members at the meeting decided that the Third Thursday would be the best night. The starting time will still be 7 pm. The changes will go into effect starting in March (the 15th). We will be voting on this at our February meeting. As always I urge any and all members to attend our meetings. If anyone has a problem with transportation please call or email me so we can figure something out. (909) 864 -0335 or jettasheba@sbcglobal.net .

**1st Vice President
Ilona Thomas**

On January 18th we reached the target set by Department. We are now only 17 renewals or new memberships away from reaching our goal for 2007. Lets all work together to accomplish this. I know we can do it.

In April we have to send reports to Department of all the different program areas. As in last months newsletters I am asking again to please let us know how you have helped your community – either donating time , making things (like afghans or quilts) for

different organizations, helping a veteran do shopping or taking them to medical appointments. These are just a few samples. We know that our members do a lot of

different things, but if we are not told, we cannot get credit. So please take the time and just give us the information. Just in case you need my address: 949 Doyle Ave., Redlands, CA 92374 – or if it is easier e-mail me at handarbeit@earthlink.net. I will make sure that the information gets to the right chairman to be included in their report.

**2nd Vice President
Nancy Nichols**

We are changing our Auxiliary meetings from the Third Tuesday of each month until the third Thursday of each month effective Thursday, March 15, 2007, 7:00 p.m. We hope these change of dates will not be conflicting nights for you to attend our meetings and you can attend every month. Our last Tuesday night meeting will be February 20, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Our next fund raising dinner will be Thursday, February 1, 2007, 6:00 p.m., for \$5.00. Our menu will be a delicious spaghetti and meatballs dinner with garlic bread, salad and ice cream. These dinners are fund raisers for Girl's State and High School Senior Scholarship. We hope you can attend our dinners to help us raise the needed funds.

We have sent letters to various organizations requesting donations for our educational funds. Unfortunately we have received negative responses. If you have any suggestions of who we can contact, please let me know c/o American Legion Unit #14, 732 N. Sierra Way, San Bernardino, CA 92410 or e -mail me at the address shown below.

**SAL Chaplain's Talk
Norm Weibel**

Hi, guys! I know you're out there. What we need is to have you come in to the Post. We still have a shortage of officers. If you are holding back because you don't know how to do the job, I'll help you learn the ropes. So will our Commander, Valentino Martinez, or our First Vice Commander Steve Thomas. We need help, but more importantly, the Post needs our Squadron's help.

As you can read elsewhere, the Post is in desperate need of any action that can help it to survive and continue to be a viable entity in our community. Your commitment to work through your organization can support Boys State, the VA Hospital and other worthy projects of the Post. Helping Veterans help Veterans and their wives and children is what we do. We can't do it staying uninvolved.

Need prayer, a burial service, or to get married? Are you sick and shut in? Call me at 909-379-5023.



Sons of the Legion Commander Val Martinez and family served up a Great lunch after the 25th District Meeting in January.

Many THANKS for a job well done.

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as well.

At this point, closure may be temporary, or the beginning of more closures. It all depends on how quickly and decisively we can act to reduce expenses, which, again depends on participation. Board members understandably want input from you, our general members before acting. So far our appeals for it seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

The District faced the loss of one of its true gentlemen with the loss of Charlie Berlengeri at the age of 90. He served as District Chaplain for years and was jointly with his late wife Redlands Man & Woman of the Year in 1992.

Tom Laskowski, a long time member and frequent visitor to Post 14 after transferring to another Post transferred to Post Everlasting at the age of 59 last month, as well. Both men will be missed.

You can reach me for any need at 909-379-5023.



**SONS OF THE
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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

The American Legion Membership

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



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

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

C. W. Kelly
Martin Keplinger
Roy McKeegan
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.

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 _____

Give the Gift of Life

Blood Bank Of San Bernardino And Riverside Counties

San Bernardino Donor Center
384 Orange Show Road
909-885-6503

Riverside Donor Center
4006 Van Buren Blvd
951-687-2530



Members Transferred to Post Everlasting

**None,
Thank God**

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



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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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Renew now at \$35.00.

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American Legion Post 14, 732 N. Sierra Way, San Bernardino, CA 92410

NAME: _____ MEMBER NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____
ZIP _____

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ANNUAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE

Please make check payable to: Auxiliary Unit 14 and mail to:

Iona Thomas, 949 Doyle Ave, Redlands, CA 92374

NAME: _____ MEMBER NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____
ZIP _____

Thank You for your kind attention to this matter



*Thursday Night Dinner
at Post 14*

February 1st, 2007 - 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Salad

Spaghetti & Meatballs

Garlic Bread

Ice Cream

Donation: \$5.00

50/50 Raffle

for Scholarship Fund

Provided by Auxiliary Unit 14

Proceeds will go to Education / Scholarship Fund

FEBRUARY 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DJ in the Lounge Fridays 5PM — 7:30PM				1 Auxiliary Thursday Night Dinner 6PM — 7:30PM	2 Friday Night Fish Fry 6PM — 7:30PM	3 Friday Night Fish Fry 6PM — 7:30PM
4 Super Bowl Pot Luck 2PM	5	6	7	8 Boy Scouts of America Founded (1910)	9 Friday Night Fish Fry 6PM — 7:30PM	10 House & EBoard !PM
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Sons of the Legion 7:00PM	14	15 Sinking of USS Maine (1898)	16 Friday Night Fish Fry 6PM — 7:30PM	17 Friday Night Fish Fry 6PM — 7:30PM
18	19 Presidents Day Marine Land on Iwo Jima (1945)	20 Post & Auxiliary 7PM	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23 Friday Night Fish Fry 6PM — 7:30PM	24 February Birthday Bash Pot Luck
25	26	27	28			



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