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A Little Known Veterans Program for Dependents **Steve A Thomas**

The California College Fee Waiver Program benefits spouses and children of U S Veterans who attend California Community Colleges, a Cal State or University of California campus by waiving tuition fees and certain other mandatory fees. The student must meet certain qualifications for one of four plans based on the Veteran's service and current Veterans status. Most eligible students will qualify under Plans A or B. Plan A is for children and spouses of Veterans with 100% service connected disability, an official rated service connected death, or is/was a POW or declared MIA. There is no income limit but certain age restrictions apply.

Plan B is for children of Veterans with a service connected disability rating of 0% or more, had a service connected disability at time of death, or died of service related causes. There are no age limits but certain income limits apply.

Plan C is dependants or surviving spouses California National Guard members who died or were permanently disabled in the service of the State.

Plan D is for Medal of Honor recipients and their children. Benefits are limited to undergraduate studies and children must meet age, income and residency requirements.

Income restrictions normally means a child's adjusted gross income plus the value of parental support falls under the National Poverty Level currently \$10,460 based on the previous calendar years income. Parental support can be the only income the child has or an estimated amount. Documentation may be a 1040 or statement of non-filing by the IRS or CA Franchise Tax Board.

The 0% disability means the Veteran has had his or her service medical records evaluated by the Department of Veterans Affairs and a condition or medical event that occurred during service has been noted in the VA file. This could be an injury that was treated in the military but may cause a condition later in life as arthritis or an illness that may contribute to an illness in the future.

California residency applies only to the applicant and not to the Veteran.

This program is handled by the County Veterans Affairs Offices and they can be contacted for additional information. For San Bernardino County the Main Office is 175 W 5th Street second floor, San Bernardino - 909 387-5516. For internet users go to www.cacvso.org and follow the College Fee Waiver link.

Women Veterans To Be Honored **Arlene Barton, Past Unit 14 President**

The 25th District women veterans will be honored at a luncheon to be held at San Bernardino Post 14 on Saturday, Mar. 10 at 12:00 P.M.

Although several Posts and/or Units did not respond to my request for the names and addresses of their women veterans, I sent out 98 invitations. Of course, age, distance and ACTIVE DUTY will keep the number of honorees down, but we are preparing a tasty lunch of soup, sandwiches and dessert.

All Past Unit Presidents and Unit members are invited, the cost is \$3.50 per person. Please call me at 909 - 882-5901 if you wish to donate and/or plan to attend. If you wish, you can also sponsor the honorees by treating them to lunch.

My thanks, in advance, to Comm. Steve Thomas and the Post 14 staff for helping with the set-up of the hall.

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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)



**Commander's Corner
Steve Thomas**

Greetings Comrades,
Nomination for 2007—2008 Officers are held at the March and April meetings. If you are interested in running for a position or nominating a Legionnaire for a position you must be present to do so. Our March meeting is on March 20 at 7PM —be there! Post 14 is one of the few Posts that support all of its American Legion Family. We not only have the Legionnaires, we also have Auxiliary Unit 14 and Sons of the Legion Squadron 14. The Post is a great gathering place for the family and friends with many programs, events, and festivities. With your help we can do even more for you, our members. Below is a questionnaire to be filled out and returned with your wishes. We want your input to make this the Post you want to come to. Please take a little time to help us help you.

2006 - 2007

Commander
Steve Thomas

Jr. Past Commander
Stan Nichols

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Bill Walker

2nd Vice Comdr
Bill Beamon

3rd Comdr
TBA

Chaplain
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

Post 14 Questionnaire

What is the best day and time for General Membership Meetings? _____

What activities would you like? (circle all that apply)

Karaoke Board Games Card Games Casino Nights Texas Hold'em
Luau's Sock Hops Other _____

What Legion programs would you like to participate in?

Boys State Oratorical Baseball Memorial Day Veterans Day
Community Svc Americanism Vet Affairs Other _____

Name _____ Member Number _____



This month marked the transfer to Post Everlasting of Bruce Stanfield, a member of this Post for thirty-four years. When I talked with Mrs. Stanfield I hope I was helpful, but I felt that perhaps I could have been more so had I known Comrade Bruce. Though he was a member for thirty-four years and I have been a member for twenty-seven years, I don't remember that our paths ever crossed. There could be many reasons for that, foremost that I remember faces rather than names, but it saddened me, none the less. I would like to know every member. As Chaplain I would like to be able to help a member in some way before holding memorial services.

It got me to thinking. We, all people, often put off doing things, both pleasant and unpleasant, waiting for a *better time*. We wait to patch up that old friendship and when we call find our friend has passed, or moved and we know not where his services. Worse, we leave disputes with those we love unresolved, sadly, including those with our Maker. Friends, there is no better time than now. Talk to your loved one, your friend, your God. Get on good terms with them and stay there.

It might be a good idea to do the same with your organizations. Keep in touch. When a fellow legionnaire passes attend whether you knew him personally or not, if you can. Your respect for him conveys to his family that he was a member of a group who truly honor their members, both dead and alive. In days past officers of the Post believed it to be a part of their duty to attend the services of a fallen member. When I attend and find myself the lone Legionnaire there, I am forced to wonder if some of our new officers know any Legion traditions, but then remember many today work full time. It must be, of course, a personal decision. It is my prayer that more officers and members will make the time to pay final respects to our Comrades transferring to Post Everlasting, remembering the admonition, "Do unto others as ye would have that they do unto you."

Arrangements are pending for Bruce Stanfield as this is written. Please contact the Post for the latest information at 909-885-4090. As always I can be reached at your convenience at 909-379-5023



**Auxiliary President
Sonja Thomas**



**AUXILIARY
OFFICERS
2006 - 2007**

**President
Sonja Thomas**

**1st Vice President
Ilona Thomas**

**2nd Vice President
Nancy Nichols**

**Secretary
Mavis Kanka**

**Treasurer
Mavis Kanka**

**Parliamentarian
Arlene Barton**

**Sgt.-At-Arms
TBA**

**Historian
Ilona Thomas**

**Chaplain
TBA**

Well, it is March already and we have a busy month in store. To start things off, on Thursday, March 1, we will be having a baked chicken dinner with salad, scalloped potatoes, corn, rolls and butter, and for dessert fresh baked pie. The cost is only \$6.50 so come and join us, we'll cook and clean all you have to do is eat!!!

On March 10, at 12 noon, our unit will be hosting the District PPP luncheon. We will be honoring women veterans. All members are welcome to join us for the luncheon. We will be having soup and sandwiches, cost only \$3.50.

The District meeting will be held on March 11 at Ontario Post 112. Come join us and find out what's been going on in the district and what is still to come.

Our Unit meeting will be Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 pm. This is the start of our new meeting nights. We will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday from March 15th on. Please come and join us. If there are any questions, concerns, comments, or problems please let me know at either (909) 864-0335 or at jettasheba@sbcglobal.net. We will be meeting at 6 pm to fill plastic Easter Eggs for the Candlelighters. If you would like to help please come to the Auxiliary room at 6 pm.

On March 31st the District will be hosting the Bowl-A-Thon at Redlands Empire Bowl from 2-4 pm. Anyone interested in bowling or sponsoring a bowler please give me a call or email so I can pass on any other information

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**1st Vice President
Ilona Thomas**

There are still a few members that have not yet paid their dues for 2006 / 2007. If you are not sure whether you paid or not please give me a call at (909) 798-3369. We only need a few more renewals or new members to reach our goal set by the Department of California.

Our meeting night has been changed to the 3rd **Thursday** of each month now. The time is still the same 7:00 PM. Please make an effort to attend the meetings so we can have your input

On March 10th Unit 14 will host the District 25 Past Presidents Parley Luncheon. I know that Arlene Barton, the District Chairman, has put a great program together. Please join us for a fun event.

**2nd Vice President
Nancy Nichols**

Effective March 15th our Auxiliary Unit meetings are changing from the third Tuesday of each month to the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We need more of our members to attend our meetings. We want to keep our unit alive by having more of our members attend our meetings and participate in our events.

Our next dinner will be Thursday, March 1st, with delicious Baked Chicken for \$6.50. Auxiliary members have spent many hours preparing dinners, serving, cleaning up and decorating for these dinners. Remember these events are fund raisers for our educational funds which includes Girls State and Scholarships.

Our last three dinners for the year will be April 5th (Beef Stroganoff - \$6.50), May 3rd (Lasagna - \$5.50) and June 7th (Tacos - \$5.00). Mark these dates on your calendars!

**Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
Mavis Kanka**

Changes are being made to Unit 14 Bylaws Effective March 2007.

- (1). The regular meeting is now changed to the 3rd Thursday 7PM.**
- (2). The office of Chaplain is changed from elected to appointed.**



**SONS OF THE
LEGION
OFFICERS**

Squadron Commander
Valentino Martinez

1st Vice Commander
Steve Thomas

2nd Vice Commander
Vacant

Finance Officer
Norm Weibel

Sgt.-at-Arms
Justin Weibel

Adjutant
Brandon Weibel

Chaplain
Norm Weibel

Jr. Past Commander
Steve Thomas

**SAL Chaplain's Talk
Norm Weibel**

It is hard to report much. We have had to cancel our last two meetings and our last two dinners. The good news is we have sixteen members now. The bad news is that no one is attending meetings. The Post and Auxiliary are considering changing their meeting time and/or day. Would a change of day get any of you to come to meetings?

Please fill in the coupon below. It is redeemable for one beer or well drink when turned in to the bartender on meeting night if you are over twenty-one (21) and for a soft drink of your choice if you are not or if you prefer.

Redeemable for One Beer , well drink or soft drink

I, _____, prefer to meet _____

Must be signed to be redeemed. Norman D. Weibel, Finance Officer, SAL

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you may need. We'd like to see you there and could use the support!

Ronald McDonald House: Collect a Million

If you collect tabs from cans for the Ronald McDonald house the drop off date is Friday March 9 from 8 AMAM to 4:30 PM, The location for drop off of the pull tabs has been changed to: University of Redlands, 1200 E. Colton Ave, Redlands, CA (it is near the chapel)

The change was needed for more room to do this project.

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 _____



House News
Steve Thomas

The American Legion Membership

Friday Night Fish Dinners are going strong. Come out and enjoy a great meal while supporting Post Programs and Events.

Starting March 1st, hard drinks will increase by 50 cents—beer and soft drinks remain the same.



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

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

ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE

Renew now at \$35.00.

Please make check payable to: American Legion Post 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

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
C. W. Kelly
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

Bruce Stanfield

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. Rinehart	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



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*

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Automart Radiator Company
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 VISA • MASTERCARD • DISCOVER • AMERICAN EXPRESS
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 www.automartradiator.com • Email: automartradiator@earthlink.net
Lee Angelus

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A Professional Financial Service Co.
C.W. KELLY
 3514 Morningside Dr. • Stockton, CA 95219
 Business: (209) 951-7367

Lee Angelus, ARC Owner, said that if you are a Legionnaire or Veteran, he will give a 10% discount on your repairs.

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.

ANNUAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE

We are starting a new year, renew now.

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

Iiona Thomas, 949 Doyle Ave, Redlands, CA 92374

NAME: _____ MEMBER NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____

ZIP _____

Thank You for your kind attention to this matter

MARCH 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

3 Star Spangled
Banner made
National Anthem
1931

2 Post 14 Fish
Dinner

1 Aux Baked
Chicken Dinner
6PM

10 PPP District
Luncheon

9 Post 14 Fish
Dinner
R McDonald
House Redlands

8 Sons of the Le-
gion Squadron 14
Dinner

17 EBoard and
House Cmte
12:30PM
St Patties Din-
ner

16 Post 14 Fish
Dinner

15 Auxiliary Meet-
ing 7 PM
American Le-
gion Birthday

24 Post 14 Fish
Dinner

23 Post 14 Fish
Dinner

22 Post Meetings
7PM

31 Aux Dist 25
Bowl-a-thon

30 Post 14 Fish
Dinner

29 Post Meetings
7PM

11 District 25
Meeting 10AM
At Post 112
Ontario

12 Girl Scouts of
America founded
1912

13 Sons of the
Legion Meeting
7PM

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