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## Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest Winner Arlene Barton

Auxiliary Unit 14 is proud of Jessica Kircher, an 11th grader from San Bernardino High School, for her winning Americanism Essay. She was also selected as the 25th District Auxiliary Americanism Essay contest and will compete at the Department Level of completion. Below is Jessica's winning essay.

### How Veterans Made America Free

The dictionary's definition of a veteran is "a person who has served in the armed forces" or "an old soldier who has seen a long service". America's definition of a soldier is "a hero". Veterans are the men who risked their lives and fought in wars like the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the American Civil War, and World War I. If it were not for the men who fought so bravely for the freedom of America, we would not be the country that we are proud of today.

The American Revolution was a great victory for the veterans of America. The soldiers in this war were fighting for freedom. They fought for a new nation. They fought for America's freedom from Britain. The veterans of this war are the soldiers who set the standard. Not only did those brave souls win the war, but America's freedom and independence as well.

Another great victory for America was the War of 1812. In order to keep Britain from regaining control over America, the soldiers had to keep them from defeating us in that bloody war. Thousands of men fought tirelessly in order to emerge victorious. Therefore, the veterans from the War of 1812 are just as responsible for our freedom as the veterans from the American Revolution.

Occasionally new nations have some internal issues. The Civil War is a good example. It was yet another great victory for America. Because of all of the soldiers and their valiant efforts, slavery no longer exists in America. If it were not for the veterans, slaves would still be considered property instead of people and there would not be equality in our nation. So in a sense, the soldiers who fought in that war are also responsible for our freedom.

World War II was won by the Allies with the help of America. If it were not for all the soldiers who fought in this war, America would have probably lost its freedom and be under the control of the Nazis. America tried to remain neutral in this war, and was until Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Then America joined the Allies and aided them in defeating the Axis powers. The veterans of this war were not just fighting for America they were fighting for people all around the world. The American veterans and all the men who fought in this war were heroes to everyone.

All in all veterans made America free by fighting in wars and winning our freedom, for our children and our children's children.

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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

Commander  
Steve Thomas

Jr. Past Commander  
Stan Nichols

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Comdr  
Bill Walker

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Commander's Corner Steve Thomas

Greetings Comrades,  
Congratulations go out to our newly elected 2007-2008 Post officers, Bill Walker-Commander, Bill Beamon-1st Vice, Jesse Green-2nd Vice, Sgt At Arms-Alex Hill, Susan Scott-Finance Officer, ,Jimmy Fowler and Stan Nichols Executive Board Members.

Post 14 has been busy in our youth programs. We selected 3 boys for this years Boys State thanks to the hard work of Bill Walker and Norm Weibel. Bill Walker had the honor of presenting the American Legion Military and Scholastic Excellence Awards to two San Bernardino High School AF Jr. ROTC cadets. (See Boys State picture page 4)

Our Memorial Day Ceremony was well attended by over 100 people. First Vice Bill Walker was Master of Ceremonies. Norm Weibel did a fine job with the Invocation and Benediction. Jr. Past Commander Stan Nichols introduced distinguished visitors who attended the event. Mavis Kanka directed the laying of the wreaths by AmVet Auxiliary 100, DAV Auxiliary 12, Unit 14 Gold Star Mother, Unit 14 and Unit 14 Juniors. I had the honor of being keynote speaker and emphasized the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Program which gives scholarships to the children of active duty, activated National Guard and Reserve members who have died since September 11, 2001 in the service of their country. Music was provided by the MacPherson Highlanders, Jess Ledessma, and Shaunice Cox. Unit 14 did a great job passing out poppies before the ceremony and decorating the hall for our gathering after the ceremony.

After the ceremony, everyone gathered at Post 14 for refreshments. Bill Beamon, Jimmy Fowler and their staff did a good job cooking up a turkey meal for all and Unit 14 provided salads and deserts.

There will be no meeting in June for the Post, Unit or Sons of the Legions as our Officers will be busy at the Department Convention in Palm Springs.

I want to thank everyone for your support of Post 14 this past year and hope you have another successful year. My Thanks also go out to Auxiliary Unit 14 and SAL Squadron 14 for their outstanding help this past year.



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

June is convention month, consequently there will be no meetings scheduled for the month. During this time you might be thinking of what you can add to Bill Walker's new administration. There are still some appointments to be made before the installation ceremony takes place. If you have a special interest you'd like to get involved in, let any of your officers know.

On a sadder note, long time member Jim Walters has transferred to Post Everlasting. He transferred while at Saint Bernadine's Hospital after a long illness. Jim was a former Chief Master Sergeant at Norton where he served as the maintenance superintendent of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Avionics Maintenance Squadron. Following his thirty-three year military career Jim was owner of the Jet Bar and Grill on Third Street across from the base. James is survived by his wife, Sue; daughter, Cathy Smedley; granddaughter Ashley; Step children: Mike, Marty, Rick, Sherri, Terri and Shawna. Jim had many friends in the Post and on their behalf I am expressing our condolences to the family. As this goes to press arrangements are pending.

Should you have a need or question, as always you can reach me at any time at 909 -379-5023.



**Auxiliary President  
Sonja Thomas**



**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**

I would like to start out by announcing that Ilona Thomas has been elected to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the Great 25<sup>th</sup> District. Congratulations, Ilona. Ilona has been an active member for the past 7 years holding the offices of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice in our unit as well as several of the chairmanships. We are here to support you!!!

Our June meeting will be dark due to the Department Convention in Palm Springs. Our July meeting has been moved to Tuesday, July 17, at 7 pm for Installation. Please come and support your new officers and chairmen. Refreshments will be served.

Our officers for the year 2008 will be: President – Sonja Thomas; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Ilona Thomas; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Nancy Nichols; Secretary – Arlene Barton; Treasurer – Mavis Kanka; Executive Board – Elizabeth Jones, Viola Jackson, and Adrain Patterson. Gloria Watson will be our Chaplain and Musician. Mavis Kanka will be Parliamentarian. Please come and support your unit at all functions.

This year we have 6 Delegates going to the Conventions and 6 Alternates. Beverly Sparks and Mavis Kanka are Delegates in their own right as Past Department President and Jerry L. Pettis VA Representative respectively. Our elected Delegates are Sonja Thomas, Arlene Barton, Ilona Thomas, and Nancy Nichols. The Alternates elected were: Elizabeth Jones, Viola Jackson, Gloria Watson, and Allison Alexander.

**Auxiliary District 25 Girls State Luncheon**





**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  
Justin Weibel

Adjutant  
Brandon Weibel

Chaplain  
Norm Weibel

Jr. Past Commander  
Steve Thomas

**SAL Chaplain Talks  
Norm Weibel**

While no meetings are scheduled for June, the fact that Commander Valentino Martinez canceled the meeting last month means that no elections were held. Valentino has personal obligations which preclude him from remaining in office in the 2007-2008 year. If you can fill any of the offices (all are vacant except First Vice, Chaplain and Finance Officer) please contact me. We desperately need your participation. We have nineteen members. It would seem reasonable to expect that a quarter of our members could actively participate.

Not only is our Squadron's purpose to serve the needs of the Post and help it thrive, but it is also an opportunity for you to learn and grow in service to your community. I urge you to come forward and experience a rewarding experience.

May you be blessed with health and prosperity, but should adversity strike, feel free to contact me at 909 - 379-5023 at any time.



**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.



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

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**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**

**James Walters**

**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



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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**



## JUNE 2007

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
1-4	-	The Moving Wall	Sylvan Park, Redlands
6	-	D-Day, Allied invasion of Europe (1944)	
7	6:00-7:30PM	Auxiliary Thursday Night Dinner— Taco's	Post 14
9-10	-	5th Area Meeting	Rialto Post 422
14	-	US Army Founded 1775 / Flag Day	
16	9:30	District Golf Tournament	San Bernardino
18	-	Fathers Day	
20-24	6:00PM	89th Department of California American Legion Convention	Palm Springs
21	-	Summer Begins	
22	-	Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942)	
22	-	GI Bill Signed into Law (1944)	Post 112
25	-	Korean War Began (1950)	
29	-	First US Ground Forces Arrived in Korea (1950)	Post 14



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