



American Legion Post #176
 And
 American Legion Auxiliary
 Unit #176
DECEMBER 2021
 602 Pico Street
 San Fernando, CA 91340
 (818) 336-6776 (Club House)



<i>Post Commander: Joseph Martinez</i>	<i>Sergeant At Arms: Kevin Valdez</i>
<i>1st Vice Commander: Manuel Gonzalez</i>	<i>Asst. Sergeant At Arms: Emiliano Magdaleno</i>
<i>2nd Vice Commander: Jimmy Romero</i>	<i>Chaplain: Tony Olea</i>
<i>Adjutant: Gary Kiser</i> <i>Asst. Adjutant:</i> <i>Finance Officer: Robert Woodford</i> <i>Judge Advocate: Ed Moore</i> <i>Past Commander: "Monie" Magdaleno</i>	<i>Directors: Nick Frontuto, Robert Noriega,</i> <i>Jay Jakar</i> <i>Club House Manager: Erica Anderson</i> <i>Hall Manager: Noreen Healey (818) 720-6343</i>

Commander's Message

My Fellow Legionnaires: Here we are once again in the month of December. We've had a challenging year once again. We were closed for most of the year due to Covid restrictions, however, we were able to reopen late August early September. Since then, your newly remodeled Clubhouse has been busy with much needed rentals. Your American Legion still needs your support! We cannot be dependent on rentals alone. We need membership to come into the Clubhouse and support.

The holiday season can be difficult for many not just veterans. Make sure you do a "buddy check" on all your friends and family. You never know that 1 phone call can save a life. We have a meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. I will be buying all the drinks at the next 2 meetings in December for all those members who attend the meeting. Starting in January, we will be returning to our attendance drawing and 50/50 drawing at the meetings. Please make every effort to attend these meetings. We have a lot of business that the membership needs to hear. If you want to get more involved, attending a meeting is a great way to start. Next year every seat on the Board will be open for nominations.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I will see you at the post.

Post #176 Commander – Joseph Martinez

1st Vice Commander's Message

Hello Legion Members: I hope you are staying in good health. We are having a good 2022 membership year. You can pay your dues on line at American legion.org. Please let me know, and I'll send you your card. It takes me a couple of weeks to check the roster on line. If you have a problem, just leave your name and phone number at the Clubhouse bar and I'll give you a call back. On December 11 is the Army and Navy game. Come by and support your team. Hope to see a lot of Army Veterans there, and bring your colors. Stay healthy and take care of your family. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Post #176 1st Vice Commander – Manuel Gonzalez

2nd Vice Commander's Message

Dear Fellow Legion Members: I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and pleasant November. As we near the end of the year, 2021 has brought positive things to our Post. Clubhouse completed. We opened the Post after many months of being closed. Please support our Post functions. Come to the Clubhouse and enjoy some sports on our many TV's. Everyone's support is greatly appreciated. Well that's all for now my friends. Have a great Holiday season. Hope to see you at our next General meeting.

Post #176 2nd Vice Commander – Jimmy Romero

Patriot Bingo

The Bingo Committee members would like to wish all of our post members, and the Auxiliary members, and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Patriot Bingo will be closed on December 22nd and 29th. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022.

Bingo Manager – Bob Woodford

President – American Legion Riders Message

Your POST 176 Legion Riders wish you and your families a great Holiday Season. Please come out and celebrate this holiday Season with us at the POST. Look twice for BICYCLES and MOTORCYCLES and keep the greasy side down.

President Post 176 – American Legion Riders – Jay Jakar

Auxiliary President's Message

Tickets have now started to go on sale, for our January dance, Hello, 2022 on Sat. Jan. 8th with our fabulous DJ Mario providing great music throughout the night. Please remember to wear your mask. We are asking for you to bring in your immunization card for your Covid vaccine record and that you have received your booster as well. Or that you have had a Covid test for those of you that haven't been vaccinated in order to attend this event. For tickets or any questions, please call (818) 515 2429. Tickets are \$20.00 Non-Refundable. Bring your own snacks. We just ask when you leave to clean up your area.

We are all excited about our Rummage Sale on December 4th. It starts at 8 am and ends at 4:30pm. We will have hot dogs, chips and soda to sell. All proceeds will benefit our Veterans and community. Please save the date. If you have any questions please call me at 818 365 8892 and leave me a message. Please remember all items donated must be clean and in good condition. All are welcome. No bulky items. Our next meeting will be Monday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. I want to wish all of you a Very, Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe!

God Bless all are Veterans, our Communities and our Country.

Unit 176 Auxiliary President – Hila Estrada

Auxiliary 1st Vice President's Message

Hello Ladies: I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe

New Year.

The American Legion Post 176 is now open and several fundraisers will be happening. We are also having our monthly auxiliary meetings. Our next meeting will be on December 13th at 6:30pm. Please come and join us and bring a visitor who may be interested in joining our organization. The Clubhouse may ask to see your membership card so please carry it with you while visiting the post. Membership dues are \$33.00. Hope to see you soon! Health & Happiness!

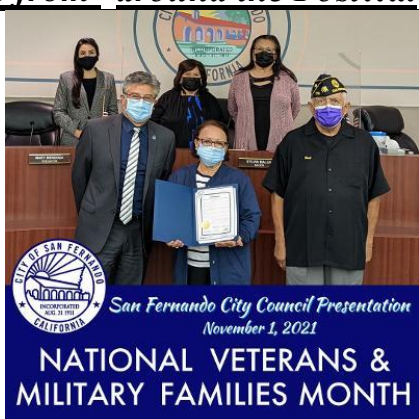
Unit #176 Auxiliary President – Antonette Valdez

Hall Manager's Report

We are now taking Hall reservations for events. Please call me at 818 720-6343 or text me at the same number with any questions. Thank you!

Post 176 Hall Manager – Noreen Healey

News from around the Post.....



Auxiliary President Hila Estrada wrote to City Hall asking that the City of San Fernando proclaim the month of November as Veterans and Military Family month and she was successful. Mayor Sylvia Ballin and other council members presented Hila with a Proclamation Certificate designating the month of November National Veterans & Military Families Month. Thank you Veterans! Accompanying Hila was Legionnaire Raul Rey. Thank you Hila for making this happen!

Legionnaire Bennie Najar's wife Diana shares an update on her recent liver transplant.....



I wanted to give an update on My Living Donor Liver Transplant given by My sister Libby Padilla. The Surgery was a success. Our Transplant Team at Keck USC was amazing. We are both home now recovering. I want to thank The San Fernando Sun for being interested in our story and for putting out information to the community about Liver disease and Living Donor Transplantation. We had so many people inquiring about how they can help and through the link you provided we had people we never met willing to try and help. I truly believe this surgery saved my life and I intend to give back to the community, and honor my sister by donating my time and energy to those suffering with Liver Disease.

My recovery will not be easy and I have many post op appointments and medications I need to take for rejection. My journey isn't over but I feel stronger every day. My sister is doing very good too and although she is uneasy about being called a hero she truly is.

Here is the link again if there is anyone who is interested on helping someone in need of a donor. There is no greater gift than the gift of life. [USCLivingDonor.org](https://www.usclivingdonor.org)



20th District Meeting Calendar: 2021 - '22

(06-Sept-2021 LVK)

Date	Day	Meeting	Location	Time (Exec/Gen'l)
13-Sep-21	Mon	Combined Exec + Gen'l	Newhall-Saugus Post 507	6/7PM
11-Oct-21	Mon	Combined Exec + Gen'l	Antelope Valley Post 311 (tentative)	6/7PM
8-Nov-21	Mon	Combined Exec + Gen'l	Sunland-Tujunga Post 377 (tentative)	6/7PM
TBA	Sun	Annual Hospitalized Veterans' Christmas Party Location TBA		12PM (noon)
10-Jan-22	Mon	Combined Exec + Gen'l	Woodland Hills Post 826 (tentative)	6/7PM
14-Feb-22	Mon	Combined Exec + Gen'l	San Fernando Post 176 (tentative)	6/7PM
14-Mar-22	Mon	Combined Exec + Gen'l	Panorama City Post 817 (tentative)	6/7PM
11-Apr-22	Mon	Combined Exec + Gen'l	Burbank Post 150 (tentative)	6/7PM
1-May-22	Sun.	Combined Exec + Gen'l	Verdugo Hills Post 288 (tentative)	11/12PM (noon)
(1 st -round nominations of officers & delegates to National Convention 2022-'2023				
5-Jun-22	Sun.	Ann'l Mtg (no Exec.)	Newhall-Saugus Post 507 (tentative)	12PM (noon)
(2 nd -round nominations & elections officers & delegates to National Convention 2022-'23				