



American Legion Post #176  
 And  
 American Legion Auxiliary  
 Unit #176  
**SEPTEMBER 2020**  
 602 Pico Street  
 San Fernando, CA 91340  
 (818) 361-4621 (Club House)



<i>Post Commander: Joseph Martinez</i>	<i>Sergeant At Arms: Kevin Valdez</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Manuel Gonzalez</i>	<i>Asst. Sergeant At Arms: Emiliano Magdaleno</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vicw Commander: Jimmy Romero</i>	<i>Chaplain: Tony Olea</i>
<i>Adjutant: Gary Kiser</i> <i>Asst. Adjutant: Scott A. Garig</i> <i>We are still in the middle of the up Officer:</i> <i>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: Elsa Silva</i> <i>Hall Manager: Noreen Healey (818) 720-6343</i>

**Commander's Message**

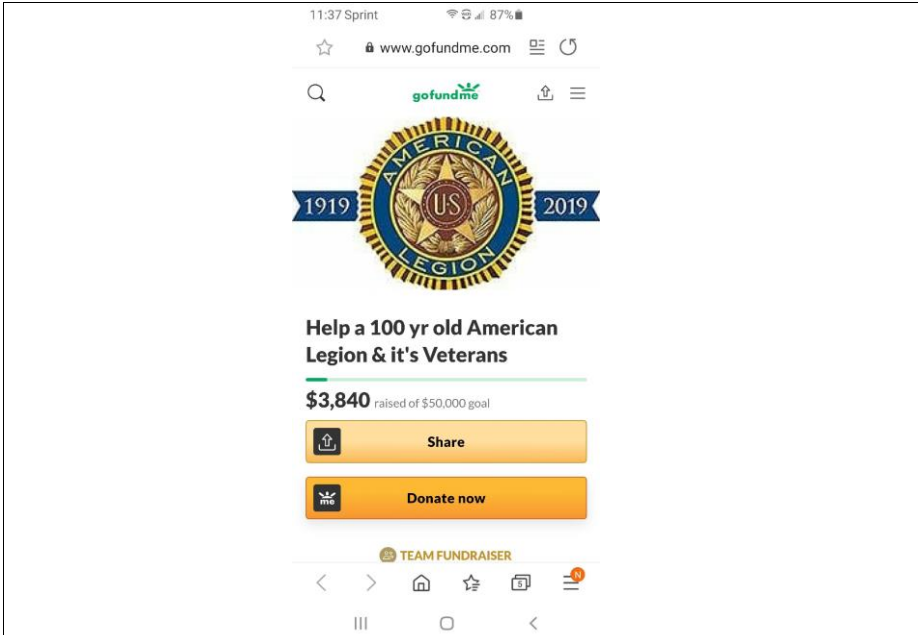
*My Fellow Legionnaires: Welcome to the month of September! Normally, at this time of year we would be looking forward to the football season, and I would be giving you an update of our annual Texas Hold'em tournament. However, due to the Corona Virus and the mandatory shutdown of bars, we are still closed and were unable to host our Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. Fear not, it shall return and so shall we!*

*We will remain closed through the month of September and are reopen date is still unknown. However, WE WILL REOPEN!*

*I would like to thank all those members and friends who joined me in donating to the update of our clubhouse and American Legion Post. Please see the photos attached. I know with these difficult times, Finances are extremely tight so whatever you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Thank you again! So the challenge is still .....*

**I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE ALL MY FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES, AUXILIARY, LEGION RIDERS, MARINE CORP., OUR BOOSTERS AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN ME IN DONATING AT LEAST \$100 TO THE GO FUND ME ACCOUNT. IF NOT \$100 THEN WHATEVER YOU CAN DONATE! BREAK IT UP INTO SEVERAL MONTHLY DONATIONS UNTIL YOU REACH YOUR \$100 GOAL. LET'S ALL INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR POST! THANK YOU.**

*"Help a 100 Year Old American Legion & Its Veterans." That's the name of our Go Fund Me. Please share our Go Fund Me Account with your family and friends especially those that have visited our Post! It's going to take all of us to make this happen.*



*Our Board Meetings have been reduced to once a month, the first Tuesday of the month and are general meetings are suspended until further notice and all business activity at the Legion has stopped until we get through this update and Corona Virus.*

*Again, thank you for your donations and your time.*

*If you have any questions or concerns about the Legion's remodeling or upcoming events, please feel free to contact me by email at [commander@americanlegionspost176.org](mailto:commander@americanlegionspost176.org).*

*Have a great month and stay safe!*

**Post #176 Commander – Joseph Martinez**

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Message*

*Hello Legion Members: I hope you are staying in good health. We are into a new membership year, and I have already received a lot of renewals. I will be sending out your . We are doing good, almost to 50%. You can also go on line to renew your membership. Just go to [American Legion. org](http://American Legion. org).*

*Our Clubhouse is getting a much needed face lift, but we need help in buying material so get*

*the word out to family and friends to come by the legion to help us. We have started a GO FUND ME Account that you can donate to. Any donation will help.*

*Stay healthy and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!*

*Post #176 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Manuel Gonzalez*

### *2nd Vice Commander's Message*

*Hello Fellow Legion Members: I hope everyone had a nice and safe month of August. As we currently continue to deal with this pandemic, things are pretty much on hold as far as any functions and events at our Post. We are currently doing a much-needed upgrade to the Clubhouse. All and any donations are greatly appreciated as it does take funds to do this. With everyone's help, we will complete this mission. That's all for now. Stay healthy and safe. Have a nice month of September.*

*Post 176 2nd Vice Commander - Jimmy Romero*

### *President – American Legion Riders Message*

*BUMMER SUMMER!! Usually this time of year is a great time for weekend and evening rides. Not this year with all of these fires. And, the heat!! You probably don't really notice it in your cars with the AC on. But, out on a bike you can really feel it. Living here in the Northeast Valley you have to ride through the smokey air and heat to get to somewhere cool. I am sure by now that everyone knows about the Clubhouse remodeling at the Post. It is all being done by volunteers. Material and Labor. On Facebook there is a GO-Fund-Me for the Post. Log on and make a donation. If you know someone who can help us with materials and/or equipment, let us know. Our Post is an IRS 501 C (19) tax exempt organization. Donations of money or materials can be claimed on the donor's taxes. Ask around. You never know who knows who or knows somebody that can help us. Until next month, be good, be safe, keep the greasy side down and look twice for bicycles and motorcycles.*

*Post # 176 President , Legion Riders – Jay Jakar*

### *Patriot Bingo*

*The Summer is gradually coming to an end, and we are still patiently awaiting the day that we will be able to restart Patriot Bingo. We have discussed some procedures which we will put into place when we are eventually allowed to commence our bingo program. We will ensure that all of the necessary precautions are taken, as required by the County and City officials, to create a safe playing environment, for our dedicated players and guests to enjoy.*

*We hope that you all and your families stay healthy and safe during this pandemic.*

*Bob Woodford, Bingo Manager*

***Auxiliary President's Message***

*Hello Auxiliary Members: I hope and pray everyone is safe and healthy. This pandemic has really affected all our lives. Although we are still not having meetings at this time, I will keep in touch with you and let you know when they will resume.*

*The Auxiliary would like to thank Legionnaire Art Valdez for his generous donation on our behalf to the BBQ honoring VA front line staff and doctors that was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Sepulveda location. The BBQ was hosted by the Operation P.T.S.D. San Fernando Valley Veterans and was enjoyed by all that attended. Thank you Art for your generous donation on our behalf to our Veterans!*

*We are collecting membership dues which is \$33.00. Payment can be mailed to ALA PO Box 1228, San Fernando, CA 91341.*

*Stay Safe , Stay Healthy!*

*Unit #176 Auxiliary President – Antonette Valdez*

***Hall Manager's Report***

*Until further notice, due to the Corona Virus pandemic, we are not renting out the Hall and will reopen when we receive the approval to do so.*

*Hall Rental is yet to be determined based on the guidelines we receive. However, we are "penciling in" reservation dates for the end of the year and 2021 and will finalize as soon as we receive approval. If you've already booked for later in the year and would like to change your date to next year, please call me to discuss.*

*Noreen Healey, 818 720-6343. Thank you.*

*Post 176 Hall Manager – Noreen Healey*

***PHOTOS OF CLUBHOUSE REMODELING.....***

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