



**District 13 Area 2**

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- President: Faith Thompson
- 1st Vice: Helen Hymes
- 2nd Vice: Donita Faltesek
- Sec./Treasurer: Joyce Henderson
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**POST 564 - MISSION CITY NEWS BULLETIN**



**August 2024**

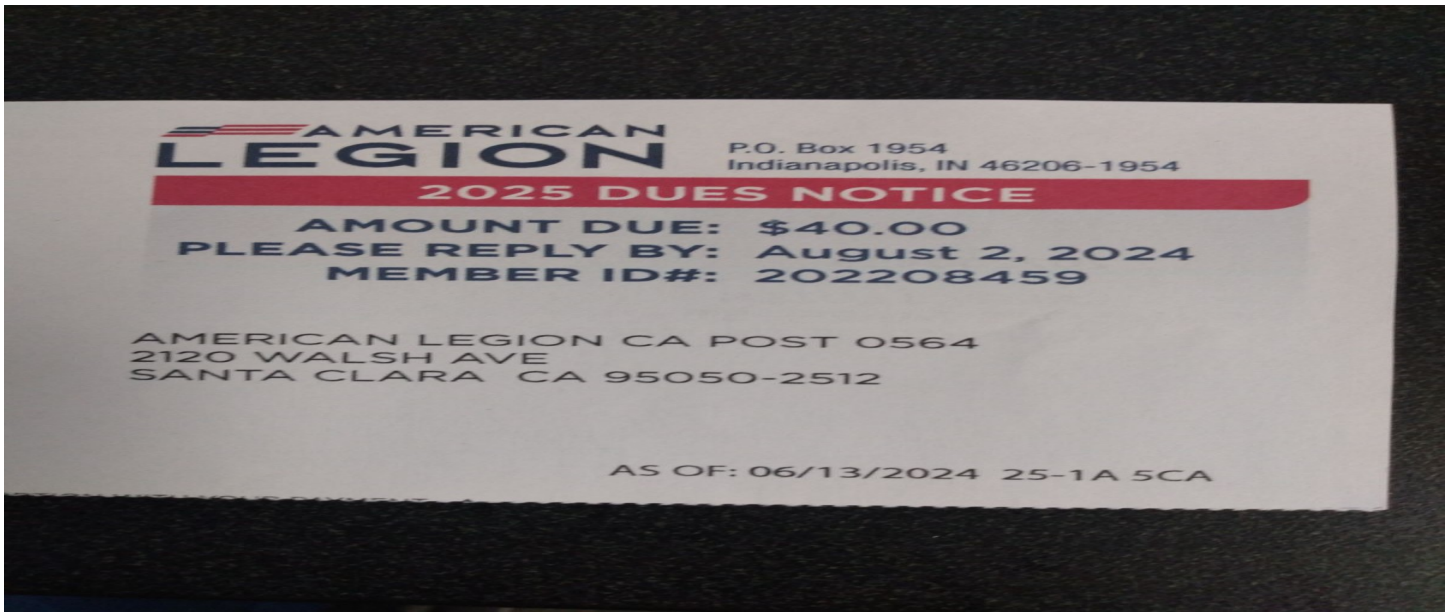
**From the Desk of the Commander**

I've been working with Mario A Ramlirez. He is a Veterans outreach program specialist. We are working on one day a month for him to come into our post with a nurse. Together, we would like to help everyone that needs any help with medical and dental. Anything else you may need? The new post commander for the sons is Brian Tarlet. Brian and I are working on updating everyone's email. If you are a son or dual member can you please forward your email and address to my email, which is [lindaguida10@msn.com](mailto:lindaguida10@msn.com). We will be sending out the date for the next meeting for the sons. We are renting out the hall for weddings, memorials, business meetings, Bridal showers, baby showers or most any occasion. For information please contact Ron Soucy @ 650-520-8324

**American Legion Riders**



## **From the Desk of the Adjutant**



All of our Members at Mission City Post#564 have received this notice. September Last year at American Legion National Convention they raised the dues to \$50.00 and at our monthly meetings we voted on to raise the dues. Saying those of you who have sent in your dues, thank you, but I sorry to say I need you to send in Another check for \$10.00 to cover the Post dues.

I just got back from Department Executive Meeting in Bakersfield which is 741 Posts are represented to see who made this mistake, it turns out that American Legion National sends out these notices and yes they are going to fix this problem but not until October mailing

Yes, PEASE send me the remaining \$10.00, and if you have not sent in your membership PLEASE send in \$50.00, I will send you your card very soon.

In the 35 years in the Legion, I have never seen this happen. I am sorry for the inconvenience

### **Mission City Building Foundation Information**

**We are looking for a few great communication Business wise Veterans**

**To be on our Foundation Board**

**Please come to our next meeting**

**4th Thursday, August 22nd, 6:00pm**

**Help and be part of our Post**

## From The Office of the 1st Vice

Greetings to all legionnaire members. I am learning new things as I go and as John Carlson mentors me. One of our legionnaire members asked me about getting the word out for legionnaire membership benefits and discounts. I was lucky to find some information and I have copied those links and I can send those to whomever wishes to review it. One area which I saw which gives benefits and or discounts are rental car agencies selected travel and some healthcare choices and retail shopping. I urge you to look at these websites and decide what is best for you and your family. As the National Commander mentioned "Be the One!" Behavioral health is one of the most important areas we as veterans tend to overlook. Please take that first step and when you're ready meet with a behavioral health specialist and/or counselor when you are ready. We as legionnaires will do our best to look out for one another. Be the one if you find a veteran and he or she needs assistance point him or her in the right direction. I will continue to share any information. As I continue to work at the VA, this organization where I am employed is a medical center which provides the best doctors and clinics that I have seen in years. Reminder post 564 still needs a chaplain, as well as a VSO. The new members and current members arriving, signing up and paying their \$50 annual dues. Our Post Commander and I welcome you to set in our post meetings. See you on The high ground! r/ Julius 1st Vice



**1790 For 230 years, the Coast Guard has held fast to the core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty since the Revolution, through World War II, Vietnam, and in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, all Marines honor your service sacrifices, and unique contribution to our nation.**

# THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE HAS ANSWERED MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION CALLS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2022



Two years ago, [the launch of 'Dial 988 then Press 1'](#) revolutionized access to the Veterans Crisis Line, making it easier for Veterans and their families to get support from the VA.

Since the rollout of 'Dial 988 then Press 1' in July 2022, over 10 million total communications — calls, texts, and chats — have been handled by the service.

The introduction of 'Dial 988 then Press 1' has simplified access to the Veterans Crisis Line's lifesaving services with a memorable number. The average response time for calls has been impressively quick, at just 9.17 seconds. Alongside the increase in calls, the Veterans Crisis Line has seen a 76.7% rise in text communications and a 27.5% rise in chat interactions over the past two years.

“Our Veterans Crisis Line has been providing Veteran-centered support for nearly two decades, and two years ago we made it even easier for Veterans in crisis and their loved ones to reach out for help by launching 'Dial 988 then Press 1,’” VA Secretary Denis McDonough said. “One Veteran lost to suicide is one too many. We’re supporting more Veterans than ever through the 988 initiative and will not rest in our continued efforts to spread the word that this resource is available and saves lives.”

The two-year anniversary of this initiative coincides with the 2024 VA/DOD Suicide Prevention Conference in Portland, Oregon. This event is important for advancing the Biden-Harris Administration's strategy to reduce military and Veteran suicide. Over 2,000 VA and Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, leaders, allies, and experts will gather to share the latest research, evidence-based approaches, and data improvements.

The VA is committed to ensuring that every Veteran and their loved ones have access to the Veterans Crisis Line in times of crisis. With over 1,000 responders, many of whom are Veterans themselves, the Veterans Crisis Line provides immediate support. Veterans in need of confidential support, or those worried about a Veteran, can reach out to the Veterans Crisis Line 24/7. No VA enrollment or health care is required to connect. For assistance, Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat), or text 838255.



**AUXILIARY UNIT 564**

**The American Legion Auxiliary is a separate entity from the American Legion that shares the same values. It is composed of spouses, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and sisters of American war veterans. Founded in 1919, the ALA is dedicated to serving veterans, military, and their families.**

**Officers for the Auxiliary for 2024-25:**

**President - Faith Thompson Vice President**

**1st Vice: Helen Hymes**

**2nd Vice: Donita Faltesek**

**Secretary - Treasurer - Joyce Henderson Mcleod**

**Sgt. of Arms - Cathy Spinelli**

**COME AND SUPPORT VETERANS**

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-COFFEE-**

**American Legion  
Mission City Post 564**

**Presents**

**Veterans  
Fundraiser**

**Smash N Dash Burgers  
Ice Cream Truck  
And other Vendors  
\* Music \***

**2120 WALSH AVE, SANTA CLARA**

**AUG. 24th  
11:00 to 3:00**

**Vettes for vets**

**Come and make a Donation**