

**COMMANDER.....**  
**BOB LIND**

Don't throw away your old cell phones. Bring them in to the post and we will send them to "Cell phones for soldiers" overseas.

Another item we are looking into. During the past storm we lost all three of the tents in the back forty and this was the second time. We are looking into spending approx. seven thousand dollars to put in a cement slab and a cover that is guaranteed for 10 years.

We also need new facia boards painted and installed along the front and one side of the post. If you're interested please let me know.

Our next general meeting will be Feb. 10th at 6:30 pm.

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**1st VICE CMDR & BUILDING FUND CHAIRMAN**

All members you are part of our membership team. Carry an application with you and sign up a new member. Membership is the American Legions lifeblood we need to add new members to replace those who have passed on and also to replace active duty military who have transferred to other duty stations.

To all paid members you are entitled to a free \$1000.00 accidental death and dismemberment insurance as part of your membership. You must sign up for it-to put it in force.

National mails out all dues notices. If you have paid your dues for 2005 and still receive another notice please ignore it as it takes some time for them to get caught up to the local post level.

Building fund is doing well.

We have lots of goodies in our showcases for everyone.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT .....DAVE**  
**PANKRATZ**

I am sad to say that we lost another one of our comrades, Gamer (Jack) Maddox on Christmas day.

We have two comrades in local hospitals. Jim Rosene and Larry Boyett. Our prayers for speedy recovery. Russ Cooper was in but is now home and doing better. If you hear of a loss of one of our members or someone in the hospital please let me know. Home 472-5068, cell 855-1152.

**SAL COMMANDER ..... JIM**  
**PENROSE**

Our next dinner will be Feb. 11th for Valentine's Day. Menu will be Prime rib, red potatoes, veg., and dessert. The price is \$8.50. Dinner served 6pm till 7:30pm. Music by the Royal' Ts 8pm till 12 midnight. Don't forget your raffle tickets. We will raffle off 3 \$50.00 bills. Hope to see you here.

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**CLUB NEWS .....CHRIS  
HOLTRY**

No Club can run without extra help. Thank god we have a great group of people who are always willing to help us around our post home.

Everyone can help with this next thing. Please watch out for the person or persons who are dumping their ashtrays in the parking lot. This has been just awful lately. There is a trashcan at each door, please use them not the lot.

Special thanks to Ruth Long and her crew for a great job on New Years Day. Saturday Feb 5th Chris is going to try her hand at making French Dip sandwich with Fries for \$4.25. Served 11 am — 2pm.

Friday Feb 11th SAL dinner. Prime rib with all the fixings for \$8.50. Served 6pm till 7:30pm. Music by Royal `Ts 8 pm till midnight.

Saturday Feb 12th Shrimp with fixings \$3.50. 11 am — 2pm.

Saturday Feb 19th dogs with all the fixings \$3.25. 11 am — 2pm

Friday Feb 25th Linh and 'Chris will serve Swiss steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, veg., salad, roll, dessert for \$6.25. Served 6pm till 7:30pm. Music by Midnight Fire 8pm till midnight.

Saturday Feb. 26 82nd Airborne will be serving burgers with all the fixings for \$3.50. 11 am — 2pm. George James will be doing Karaoke for us. 4pm till 8pm.

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**2nd VICE COMMANDER ..... BOB HERRING**

We have a trip scheduled to Laughlin departing on 4/3/05 at 8 am and returning on 4/5/05. We will be staying at the Edgewater. The cost will be \$75 p/p double and \$88 for singles with 3 free Buffets. Sign up will start on 2/12/05 at 8 am. I tried to set up a Las Vegas trip but couldn't get any reasonable offers.

**PRESIDENT ..... LOIS CORNISH - 427-3966**

It's the new year and many things are being planned for the last six months of this Legion/Auxiliary year. At our meeting in January, the District President made her official visit with our Unit and was very impressed by all that we accomplished the first half of the year. We held a mass initiation and had 14 seniors and three juniors initiated. District President Glenna was honored to give our ladies their obligation. Thank you to all the ladies who attended and welcome. We have many programs that you may be interested in.

Just a reminder to all of us the six major programs that we work very hard on each year are: PEARLS - Poppy, Education, Americanism, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (R), Legislative, and Children and Youth (S). Of course Membership is the BIGGIE. Without members there is no Unit, no Units, no District, no District, no Department, no Department, NO ORGANIZATION. Many of our other programs cross over and contribute to those listed above. Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) - is "women helping women". A fund is held to help members who have exhausted all means of financial help. The requirement of membership was just recently reduced from five years to three years continuous. Our Unit has a AEF to help our members who may be in need. We use the same criteria as Department. Everything is kept confidential. The Executive Committee, made up of the elected officers and the Executive Committee Woman, investigates and makes the decision to offer assistance. February is AEF month and Americanism month. We usually have a special dinner to fund special donations in addition to our yearly donations to each of these programs. Some of the other programs are: Community Service - helping our community. Collecting clothing, etc for those in need, giving blood, signing up as an organ donor are just a few of the areas of assistance that we provide. Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, and Public Relations are others that we will attempt to define in later issues of the Legion Lite. If you are interested in getting involved, call me or talk with Chris and we will work with you and get you started. We don't expect you to work any program alone. We, here at Chula Vista Unit 434, work all our programs together.

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**1ST VICE/MEMBERSHIP ..... PATT FISHER, 934-9429**

Just a reminder, if you haven't renewed your membership by now, don't be

surprised if the bartenders ask for your membership card and if it is not the current card, you may not be served. You don't want to let your membership lag, do you? Among what you lose are: your continuous membership, you will have to re-apply and start all over again; and your right to Auxiliary privileges. We need you. Your membership means a great deal to us. We would like to see you at our meetings. We meet at 5:30 pm the second Wednesday of each month. Our meetings last about one hour. After that is the opportunity to socialize with your fellow members. If you need a ride, we can see that you get one. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization.

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH ..... EDIE PENWELL,  
425-0312**

Our biggest part of the year is over and we did have a number of happy kids to show for it. Our Christmas families had a total of seven kids.

Our next big thing is April. April is Children and Youth month. If you think of something special that we can do for our kids or the kids of Chula Vista, let me know, it's not too early to start planning.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE .....PATT  
FISHER, 934-9429**

Rachel Center is still on our list of donation areas. I hear that there is a winter shelter for women veterans. For those who have donated to Rachel Center, may we have your OK to start helping the women veterans in the winter shelter? Thank you for your continued support of our Community and the homeless.

**GIRLS STATE .....LOIS  
CORNISH, 427-3966**

It is interview time for our Girls State Candidates. Hilltop High School has chosen the five girls for us to interview. They are scheduled for January 28 from 9:am to 11:30am. We have to get the interviews done as soon as we can. All the paper work has to be into the Department office by March 12. We hold the interviews at the school and if you would like to get in on the interviews, call me and we will add you to the schedule. It is a lot of fun and we do have sample interview questions.

**VA&R .....LOIS  
CORNISH, 427-3966**

LEGION DAY at the VA Hospital in La Jolla will be on Saturday, February 12.

The day begins at 9: am, visiting with the patients and then bingo. This year the South County units, National City Unit 255, Imperial Beach Unit 820, Dennis T Williams Unit 310, Leyte Unit 625 and our Unit 434 are the hostesses. The district is divided into four groups of Units who host each year. North County, East County, Center City and South County. The units provide salads, chips, cakes, etc and the district buys sub sandwiches. If you can spare a day for our hospitalized veterans, please get in touch with me. As all of you know, Legionnaires and SAL are welcome. We can take some of our juniors as long as they are accompanied by a senior members. We invite the juniors to make valentines for our hospitalized veterans.

Thank you to all who have provided me with small soaps, shampoos, etc. These are taken along with men's clothing to the homeless veterans winter shelter. It is more sanitary and less costly than full size bottles of

these items.