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The American Legion Family Post 3

June – July 2018

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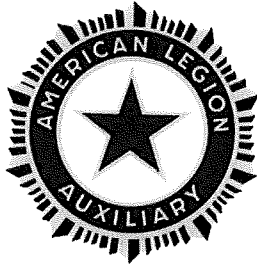
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COUNTDOWN TO 100: THE CENTENNIAL OF POST 3

By Gary Sanger, Past Commander, Post 3

On May 8-10, 1919, American Veterans of World War I met in Saint Louis to discuss the establishment of a Veterans organization. From this meeting, the seeds of the American Legion were sown.

World War I Veterans from Kings County returned to central California and solicited interest in forming a local post in Hanford. The first meeting of the nascent post was held on May 27, 1919, in the Board of Trade Room, 211 North Douty Street. Doctor Ralph Motherall was elected the temporary president of the fledgling post. Such was the confidence of local Veterans in the establishment of an American Legion post in Hanford that the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR—an organization for Civil War Veterans) sent a congratulatory letter to the new Legion post dated May 24th, three days before the Legion post held its first organizational meeting.

Establishment of the post was completed on June 20th, 1919, with W.R. Norrish being elected the first official post commander. The establishment of the Hanford American Legion post predated the Congressional charting of the national American Legion by three months; Congress approved the national charter on September 16, 1919.

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Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1 pm – 3 pm

Post meetings are 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Auxiliary meetings are 1st Wednesday of the month at 3:30 pm

SAL meetings are 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm

From your favorite adjutant:

It is time for my swan song. After 24 years of serving the American Legion Post 3, it's time for someone a lot younger to take over.

I have met a lot of good comrades, visited several and I am glad that I did.

Patricia Lewis will be your new adjutant and I hope you give her the support that you gave me.

My final act will be swearing in the new officers of the post on June 14, Flag Day.

No, I am not going to disappear. I will help the post whenever I can.

Thank you again. Very old man, James Lint

Chaplain's Corner

The last few months have seen people finding multiple lost ships from WW2, and with that closure for some families that lost loved ones during that War. We have also said good bye to several Legion members or family members of Legion personnel. As we prepare for a change of leadership in the Legion, let's all pray that we may continue to grow strong and continue to help our fellow veterans and our community. I have set up a Chaplain's email account to make it easier to contact me. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Larry McDonald

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Scouts: Troop and Pack 432

The scouts have been busy the last couple of months, both Cubs and Boys. The Cub Scouts had 6 boys make rank, and the Boy Scouts saw 11. Along with that, they both continue to go on outings and campouts. Our adult leadership is also growing with more people stepping up and volunteering to work in both the Pack and the Troop, as well as sign up to be merit badge counselors. The Boy Scouts held their annual camporee which was hosted by Troop 432 this year, and the Troop earned 4 ribbons. During April we also had boys attend the annual "Order of the Arrow" conclave, which was hosted by our area this year; so, the last couple of months have been busy for both the boys and adult leaders.

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Joe Gates returning from May 2018 Honor Flight at Fresno, CA

From the Commander:

Two Years, what a difference just two years can make. For better or worse the Post has survived two years of yet another Post Commander. The Post has weathered its storms, some self-inflicted and some completely out of our control. I would like to think that I have tried to maintain an even keel and stayed true to Our mutually determined course.

I thank the Members of Post 3, its Programs, and the Members of the Auxiliary for trusting me with the Honor of being called their Post Commander. There are many things that go on behind the scenes to make an organization like the Post operate; and none of that would happen without a team effort. But even as a team normally has a Head coach, they also have Team Captains. Our team has two very Special Players in my corner that helped me get this two years to the finish line. Those two are Jim Lint and Geni Lefler. I know without a doubt that without their assistance, guidance, and willingness to give more than most, I could not have succeeded. So, I pass on the mantel of Commander to Pat O'Brien. I will endeavor to aid him in every way possible. I look forward to getting back into the trenches. I will admit there is much still to be done and many obstacles still in our path, but I hope that you, the Body, allow me to say that I had a small part in laying a new foundation built on trust, communication, and teamwork as we work toward a common future.

May God continue to look upon Our Post and its Members. May God continue to Bless our Post, Out State, and Our Nation. Thank you again for allowing me to serve the Legion.

James K Landolt

Commander; American Legion Post 3 Hanford



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THURSDAY JUNE 14TH

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