

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 716 – Los Alamitos September 1, 2016

#### President's Update



#### **SEPTEMBER**

Hello Ladies of 716,

It's hard to believe summer is almost over and school has started. I know it's been a relaxing summer since we did not do tacos. Have to admit, it's been nice not melting in the kitchen when it is 90-100 outside.

Membership is due. Please see Linda Jefferson to pay your dues and get your 2017 card.

Our next meeting will be on Sept.12 and it will be potluck style. Bring your favorite dish to share. It is also our Thank You dinner to those that have helped us throughout the year. If you have someone you want to thank, please let me know.

Don't forget to start planning for our Holiday Boutique on 12/3 9am-2pm. Lots of good things to buy for Christmas gifts etc...

This is short, please have a wonderful Labor Day weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Monday, Sept. 12th for our meeting at 7pm.

Remember we are:

"Serving our Veterans from Sea to Shining Sea"

Irene Hallam

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#### SAVE THE DATE

- 9/4 Labor Day
- 9/11 Patriot Day
- 9/12 Auxiliary Mtg 7pm
- 9/16 POW/MIA Day
- 9/24 Junior Auxiliary Mtg
- 12/3 Holiday Boutique 9-2pm





## ALA Programs on Facebook

Interested in finding specific ALA programs on Facebook? Here's a list of programs that have their own Facebook page.







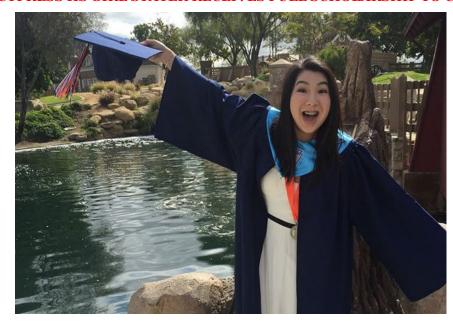




#### **GIRLS STATE**



#### CYPRESS HS GIRL STATER RECEIVES FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO USC



First-year student Taylor Dufour plans to study economics at USC Dornsife, though she is also interested in computer science.

Congratulations Taylor Dufor (2015 Cypress HS Girl Stater from Unit 716-Los Alamitos), who received the Trustee Scholarship for full tuition at USC.

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#### **BOYS STATE**





Congratulations **KC Navarro** (Post 716–Los Alamitos Boy Stater 2015-Sponsored by Unit 716), who just graduated from Boot Camp at the United Stated Naval Academy!





Amazon Smile supports veterans: Take just 10 seconds to sign in to Amazon through this special AmazonSmile link. And your purchases will generate 0.5 percent donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. No added cost. No added fee. No catch. Just log into your Amazon account through the link, and your're now supporting the ALA. Nothing could be easier!



#### JUNIOR AUXILIARY

**Attention Juniors -**

There will be a meeting for all Junior Auxiliary members on Saturday, September 24th at 11 am, Post 716. It will be a short meeting about our Department President's Theme project. A special note to all Juniors who are high school seniors - if you want to be considered for this year's Junior Scholarship, you must attend this meeting and participate in this project. I look forward to seeing all of you soon!



~Deborah Driscoll | Email: jetts1grma@gmail.com

#### **LEGISLATIVE**

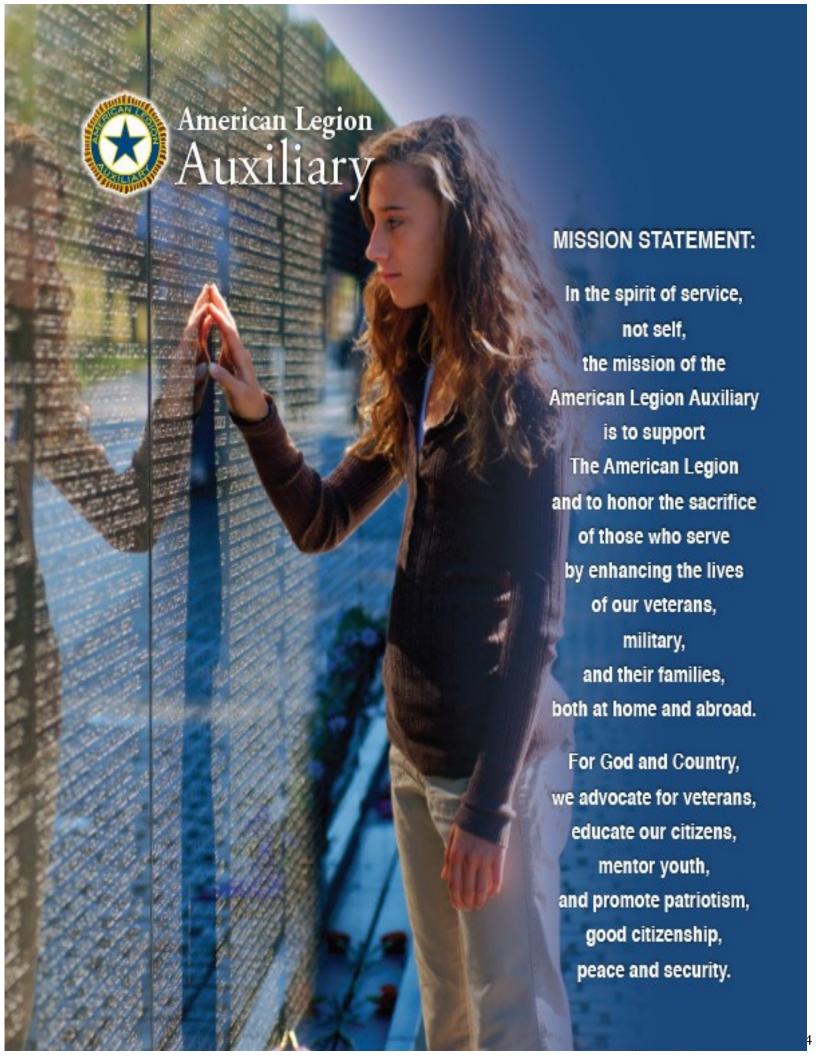


Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,

As the legislative days of the 114th Congress dwindle, there is still vital legislation for lawmakers to address. At the top of the list is legislation to address VA's benefits appeals process.

<u>Take action: Click here to contact your members of Congress</u>





#### NATIONAL SECURITY

Update on deployed soldiers:

Sharon and I would like to inform everyone that the 210 soldiers from JFTB, that we sent 105 packages to in Kuwait and Iraq are back home in the US safe and sound. They are currently stationed in Texas for a couple months before they arrive back to California.

It was a pleasure sending them a little comfort from home.

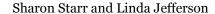
There will be another small unit deploying in a couple months from JFTB and we will send them care packages once they are settled.

Sharon and Linda had made a donation to the Gary

Sinise Foundation with a letter hoping to have him come to one of our meetings to speak about his foundation, but due to his heavy schedule, is unavailable.

We received great letters from the foundation thanking us for the generous donation. Letters are attached, so please read.

Thank you



**National Security** 



In memory of the nearly 3,000 people who were killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, each year in the United States we observe Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

#### **September 11, 2016**







#### 2016 NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY SEPT EMBER16

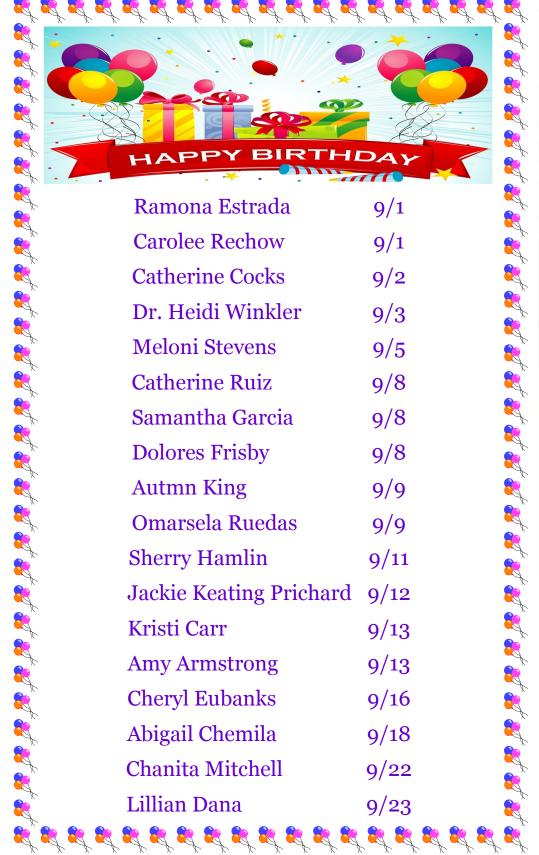


National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be observed on Friday, Sept. 16, 2016. More than 80,000 men and women from World War II to the present day are still unaccounted for. Their families have not been able to lie to rest a loved one, nor have they been rid of the worry that still remains.

American Legion Auxiliary members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military and their families both here and abroad.

Support for these missing Americans and their families is deeply felt. America's POW/MIAs should be honored and recognized, rather than memorialized, with the focus on continuing commitment to account as fully as possible for those still missing. Strong, united support by the American people is crucial to achieving concrete answers.

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS





Easy, 3 Ingredient Cookies & Cream Ice Cream Cake



Ingredients
(Vegetarian)

Baking & Spices

2 Cups Cool Whip

Snacks

1/2 package Oreos

Frozen

12 Ice Cream

Sandwiches



# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9.11.01 PATRIOT DAY	AUXILIARY MEETING 7pm	13	SALS MEETING 7PM	LEGION MEETING 7PM	THE NOT FORESTITUTE	17
18	19	20	21	22	6-8PM STEAK NIGHT	JUNIORS
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Volunteers

### Legion of the Silver Rose Induction Ceremony

Honoring the Victims of Agent Orange



To recognize the Courage, Heroism and Contributions of American Service personnel found to have been exposed to Agent Orange in a Combat Zone, whose exposure resulted in internal, invisible wounds which are revealed only by the passage of time.

### October 15, 2016 American Legion Post 716 Los Alamitos, California

Honoree will be transported to "Joint Forces Training Center" with an escort of Riders.

Our rally point will be at Los Alamitos American Legion Post 716 3252 Florista St, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 Departure will at 1100 hrs Please be at the post no later than 1045 hrs

1100 hrs Departure to Joint Forces Training Center

1200 hrs Ceremony - American Legion Post 716

3252 Florista St, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

1400 hrs Luncheon

Contact Big Rick Guerrero 909-440-0670 for information
While Honorees are at Joint Forces Training Center all families and
guest will be seated at their tables for return of Honorees.
Induction ceremony will be promptly at 1200 hrs

## ASSEMBLY WOMAN YOUNG KIM FOR A

# Veterans = Resource Fair =

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 | 10AM | 1PM

**EHLERS EVENT CENTER | HERITAGE HALL** 

8150 Knott Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS FIRST, & THE CITY OF BUENA PARK

Government and nonprofit agencies will be on-hand with information about health care, housing, education, and employment benefits available to veterans.

Assembly staff will be available to discuss legislation affecting veterans.

For more information, please contact the District Office at **714-521-6505**.

Sharon Starr 3901 Farquhar Ave. Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Hello Sharon & Linda,

Thank you for reaching out to the Gary Sinise Foundation and, more importantly, your passion to help and honor our veterans. Gary has the highest respect for the folks in our U.S. Military and the people who support them. We thank God every day for those who are serving or have served and sacrificed for our country. The men and women who are willing to go into harm's way to protect and defend our freedom and look out for our safety are truly deserving.

Regarding your letter, thank you so much for the kind words regarding Gary and the foundation. We truly appreciate all you are doing at the American Legion Auxiliary to support our veterans and deployed soldiers. As honored as Gary would to attend and speak, right now he is fully booked. With fundraising for our most severely wounded, troop support concerts, troop support appearances and now filming for his show, Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders, his hectic schedule leaves little time for rest and family. Again, thank you for reaching out and all your support in our mutual mission of helping and honoring our veterans.

Sincerely,

The Gary Sinise Foundation

# American Legion Auxiliary Unit 716 ANNUAL HOLDAY BOUTLOUE

Ho-ho-ho your way to the American Legion Auxiliary Holiday Boutique.

Get a jump on your holiday shopping for your family or yourself!



# Saturday December 3 9am-2pm

3252 Florista Street Los Alamitos, CA 90720 562-430-6033



#### ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 3rd 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You will not want to miss this affordable opportunity to display and sell your unique, custom and handcrafted items!

To participate in the Holiday Boutique, please complete the form below and return with your check for \$20.00 per space. Vendors who donate a raffle item \$10 or more, will receive fan recognition in our newsletter (logo & link) through February.

For more information or to reserve a table(s), please contact: Irene Hallam at (562) 477-6102 or by email at: allwoman90706@vahoo.com.

The deadline to submit form and payment is Wednesday, November 23rd.

Mail payment directly to
American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 716- Los Alamitos
11278 Los Alamitos Blvd., Rm# 323
Los Alamitos, CA 90720
A 501(C)(19) Non-Profit Organization — Tax ID 95-6026515

# Name of Contact: Email: Phone: Type of Item Selling: Address: City Suite # ZIP Code Additional Info:



## **Growing the Legion Family for Veterans**

#### **WHAT WE DO:**

Scholarships, Support Veterans & their families, Poppies, Americanism, Leadership, Community Service, Children & Youth, & Much More President-Irene Hallam

1st Vice President-Linda Jefferson

2nd Vice President-Cindy Mayfield

Treasurer-Deborah Driscoll

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