



# THE MESSENGER

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The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 318  
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## From the Commander:

By Walt Carbaugh

I would like to welcome everyone to a new year (American Legion works off a fiscal year July to June - editor). We are working on our programs for the coming year. I hope to see more members at our general meetings as well as our special events.

## Membership:

By Randy Richmond

The new style of reporting membership by Department of California is real confusing this year. At this point it appears that we have 70 members renewed so far (unknown if that includes the paid up for life members). Final count for last year was 180 members. We are at a little over 38% renewal for this year.

## Activities:

By Raquel Kubinski

The Post had an information booth at the "Remember the Spirit of 45" event at History San Jose park on Saturday, August 14. The event was well attended by a lot of Veterans. We also staffed a booth at the 30th anniversary of the Italian Festa. This year it was held in downtown San Jose. The crowds were very large. We had a great time both working the booth as well as strolling among the other participants and entertainment. Coming up on September 11 in Santa Clara, *Operation Care and Comfort* (OCC-same group that prepares care packages at our hall - editor) will be hosting a mile long Remembrance Walk by our troop as well as a

Troopfest at Neto's restaurant (the old VFW building, Franklin at Monroe streets in Santa Clara). Both the Santa Clara Police and Fire Departments as well as the Santa Clara County Sheriffs Association are behind them 100%. District 13 will be manning a booth. OCC has set aside a separate booth just for Post 318. Commander Carbaugh reported at the last meeting that he is working on the details. *Operation Care and Comfort* has also scheduled two other events. The first is on Oct. 8, a Golf Tournament at Moffett Field. The post has agreed to perform the BBQ for the volunteers and participants. We could use your participation on this. Contact Garry McLeod at (408) 772-8827 if you're interested. The next activity will be a Casino Night at our Post on Friday, October 22. All proceeds go to support *Operation Care and Comfort* sending care packages to our troops overseas. Commander Carbaugh stated at the last meeting he is working on the details. Last item we will be hosting the annual Youth Appreciation Dinner on Saturday October 16. Doors open at 4 pm with dinner at 5. If you have attended in the past you know the wonderful meal Gene and company work up and as always it is free to members. Please RSVP by October 6 to Eddie Siarot at (408) 391-6262. Our next House Meeting and Executive meeting is scheduled for September 10 and October 1 (change in October due to activity on second weekend- editor)

## Health and Welfare:

By Norman Tevis

Reported that comrade Mario Chisessi had surgery. We have been told that complications have developed so keep him in your prayers. Comrade

Clarence Krause has reported to Post Everlasting. God Bless. For those who did not know him, he has been a member of this Post for 23 years. You will be missed. Should you hear of any one in distress or having health issues please notify me as soon as possible. (408) 266-5080

### **Auxiliary Unit 318**

By Patricia McLeod

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

Here is the 2010/2011 Meeting schedule.

Mark your calendars. Please note those with an asterisk (\*) are not the 4th fourth Sunday!!

Meetings start at 1:30pm

<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Aug 22	Jan 23
Sept 26	Feb 27
Oct 24	March 27
*Nov 21	*April 17
*Dec 19*@11:30am	May 22

We are off n running and heading into a great year. Check out the list of events that our members are either hosting and/or supporting. Chairmen are working behind the scenes on programs and events that take months to coordinate. One of those programs is Girls State, last year we sent two girls. Not bad for a first try. This year the goal is to send four girls to Girls State!!

We hit the ground running this year, at our first meeting in July, we started a Children's Miracle Network collection. And the schools started earlier this year and so did we. Our first project out the gates was a very successful school supply drive Give 10 for Education.

This year's motto seems to be Small but Mighty :))!  
The year's sewing circle project will be part of Million Pillowcases Challenge!!

[www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases](http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases)

Volunteers don't need any sewing skills- just ask "can you cut a straight line or tie a knot?"

Jump in and join us - everyone is welcome

**EVENTS** - please see the calendar on the next page for additional items coordinated with our Post. Dates and times subject to change, always check the host information before heading out.

**Sept 05** Some Gave All/Gold Star Poker Run@P564 [www.somogaveall.us](http://www.somogaveall.us)

**Sept 10** POW/MIA Commemorative Candlelight Ceremony 8pm - 10pm @ Post 564

**Sept 11** Patriot Day Memorial Walk 7am flags set out/9am Walk [www.operationcareandcomfort.org](http://www.operationcareandcomfort.org)

**Sept 12** District 13 Aux Meeting @ Post 419 10am

**Sept 17** Air Force Sergeants Association

POW/MIA Dinner 5:30pm@Post564

<http://afsadiv13.org>

**Oct 23** D13 Habitat for Humanity, Morgan Hill

[www.habitatsiliconvalley.org](http://www.habitatsiliconvalley.org)

**Oct 29 & 30** Aux 318 Halloween Fundraiser Event

**Nov 02** V O T E

**Nov 11** Veterans Parade 10AM [www.uvcsc.org](http://www.uvcsc.org)

**Nov 13** U318 Coat & Blanket Drive @ Post 318

**Nov 14** D13 Aux Mtg Dept. Pres Visit@419 10am

**Nov 26** U318 Christmas in the Park Tree

Decorating

**Dec 19** Combo Post & Aux. Pot Luck 11:30pm

@318

**Dec 20 & 21** Christmas Store, Menlo Park VA

Hosp

**Jan 28** U318 Fundraiser/Event details TBA

**Feb 05** Four Chaplin's Ceremony details TBA

**Feb 06** D13 Aux Mtg. hosted by U318 10am @318

Please collect the Sunday comics for care packages more to follow, just run out of room, see next issue!!

### **Wanted:**

The Post is looking for someone to coordinate the web site with the web master. You do not have to know how to do web design. Your job is just to stay on top of the material listed inside. Email will be necessary.

### **Scouting Programs:**

We support both Cub Scout, Boy Scout as well as a Girl Scout packs and troops. We are always looking for help. If you can contact Raquel Kubinski at (408) 420-2220.

### **Blue Star Flag:**

The Blue Star Flag first appeared in 1917, when an Army captain who had two sons serving on the front line designed it as a tribute to their dedication and service. The flag quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in the service. Today families who have a loved one serving in the military display a blue star flag in the inside front window of their homes to show the family's pride for their loved one who is serving and to remind others that preserving America's freedom demands much.

(S.3477) "To ensure that the right of an individual to display the Service Flag on residential property not be abridged." was passed in the House.

Congress has referred it into committee as of May 20, 2010. Contact your State Senator and voice your support. Again this is S. 3477.

**About Operation: Care and Comfort**

Since April 2003, (at our Post since 2004-editor) the all-volunteer Operation: Care and Comfort Program, unique to the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, has shipped nearly 250 tons of care packages for distribution to Marine, Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard personnel deployed in conflict regions. Adopted military units receive care packages monthly, until they return home. Operation: Care and Comfort is a member of the Department of Defense "America Supports You" program, and has received national awards and recognition for its work on behalf of the military. For more information on how you can support this worthy program, please visit [www.operationcareandcomfort.com](http://www.operationcareandcomfort.com)

(This past July fourth weekend the Old Navy Stores Nationwide teamed up with Operation Care Comfort. They held special buy one have one donated to our troops. All customers who participated also receive an additional 10% off their entire order and as a follow-up Old Navy mailed out a 30% coupon to those customers who participated. I worked at the Old Navy store at West Gate shopping Center. (we had members at Valley Fair and at Oakridge Mall) I met the CEO for Old Navy as well as the regional managers and store management. I can tell you I walked away knowing that this Corporation is aware that America is AT WAR and is willing to put our troops first. My hat goes off to them for this.-editor)

**Veterans Park San Jose:**

The City of San Jose is holding a public Meeting on September 14 at 6pm at the Roosevelt Community Center on Santa Clara Street. It is unknown what is proposed at this time. We will keep you update as soon as we know something. (a special note I was informed by Gilroy Post 217 of this meeting. It seems they were notified but not a San Jose post?-editor)

**Troopfest 2010:**

Tickets are \$10.00 per person. You get a BBQ meal, 6 hours of entertainment and entry to the raffle

(need not be present to win). Contact Garry McLeod at (408) 277-8722 to purchase tickets.

**BAE SYSTEMS**  
OPERATION: CARE AND COMFORT'S  
**TROOPFEST 2010**  
at **Neto's**  
featuring a Music Festival, Comedy, a BBQ Meal, and the 2010 Freedom Walk!  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2010**  
A benefit concert and festival to support overseas Troops and local military families

Guest Emcee: **GREG KIHN**  
Comedy by: **TINA ALLEN**

Featuring  
**MIDLIFE VICES COCKTAIL MONKEYS**  
**CRIMES OF PASSION T. CLEMENTE BAND**

All funds raised by TroopFest will help Operation Care and Comfort send care packages to our deployed Troops in Afghanistan and Iraq and support local military families. The event is open to the public.

TroopFest 2010 tickets are only \$10 to admit to the wonderful entertainment, your ticket also includes a BBQ meal and all other entry for some great prizes (Prizes will not be passed down)

TroopFest 2010 will be held at Neto's Market and Grill, located at 1212 Franklin Street in Santa Clara

Actual ticket include:  
• BBQ Dinner with live entertainment, raffle, and more  
• Live coverage assembly  
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Purchase tickets at: [www.operationcareandcomfort.com](http://www.operationcareandcomfort.com) or at Neto's

**BAE SYSTEMS** **98.5 KFOX** **408 FM**  
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American Red Cross  
Silicon Valley Chapter  
Marine Corps  
Army  
Air Force  
Coast Guard  
U.S. Navy

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The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Messenger is December 15, 2010. Please submit in Word format.