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COMMANDERS MESSAGE



Dear Legionnaires and the American Legion Post 519 family,

Happy Birthday to our nation, as we move into the heart of our summer season, we are continuing to try to keep our Post as cool as possible. As you may have seen in the Post we have added a couple of portable evaporative coolers to

try and combat the heat. Hopefully in the next few weeks we will start on repairs to our electrical panels depending on the City and SCE coordinating a start date with our electrical contractor.

As we move into the new fiscal year, the officers of the Post look forward to continuing with the good work that we have begun with the renovations of the Post. As a heads up if all goes according to plan we will start very soon, we plan on doing things in stages so as to keep the Post open as much as possible. We will update our Facebook and website with any changes in hours or closures as we move along.

The past month brought a number of great events along with Flag day which was attended by the Palm Springs Fire Department, Jeff Bernstein, council member, a local cub scout troop, and our Color Guard. Thanks to all the members and guests that also attended.

At the end of the month we sent a number of Delegates to the Department Convention in Visalia, CA. More to follow on what we learned at this event. Also speaking of conventions the National Convention is coming up next month. We hope to have a number of

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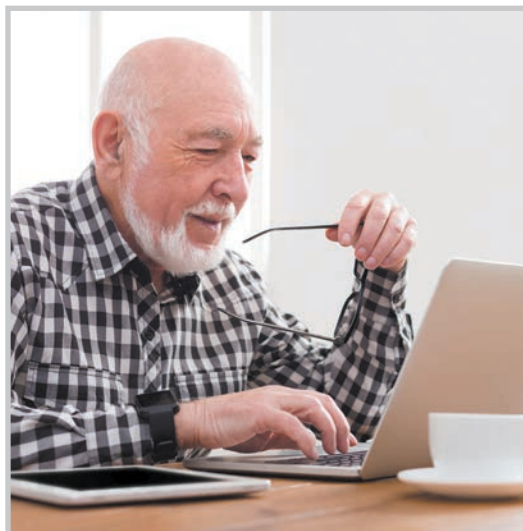
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Monthly Meeting Schedule

2nd Tuesday 5 p.m. General Meeting
5:30 p.m. Auxiliary
2nd Monday 6 p.m. Color Guard
4th Wednesday 6 p.m. SAL
1st Thursday 5 p.m. ALR



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delegates attending that also.

As usual our family of associations continue to do great work for the Legion. The Auxiliary continues, SAL's and ALR always make things work around the Post. Stay tuned for more events being sponsored by these members.

Please stay in touch with our happenings here at the post by checking out our Facebook Page and our Website. (www.americanlegionpalmsprings.com). We are always updating both.

Please contact me or a board member if you have any suggestions or ideas to keep our Post a fun place for all of you.

As we continue to grow and prosper, let us keep in mind what we stand for at the Legion, as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness, we are here to help, provide guidance and social activities to all our veterans.

Again as always, thank you for your continued support.

John Picken

Commander Post 519

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MESSAGE FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

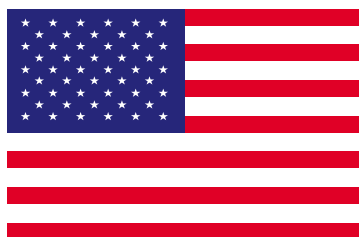


Hello Everyone
I am Gregg Morgan, your newly elected Sons Commander. I am so excited and looking forward to working with all the members, and all the groups at the American Legion. We have excellent ideas for future events

and fundraising that will support our legion baseball teams and Owen Coffman Post 519, and most important our veterans. I am extremely excited and looking forward to a wonderful year.

Thanks Again

Gregg Morgan



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ALA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the end of the year comes around, I would like to express thank you to all that make our Unit a huge success. Our membership has increased by 92 new members this year. This is due to the enthusiasm of not only our unit members but along with the members of the Post, Sons and Riders. Thank you to all our Unit members that work events, decorating, serving food, cleaning tables and working the front door. Visting Veterans at local facilities. Feeding the Homeless. Thank you to all that donate to our poppies. This is our biggest fundraiser. Thank you for your participation in our Bake Sale. We are a successful Unit because of our great leadership and the support of our Post. I know I am forgetting things to be thankful for so please accept my apology if I omitted something. Our Unit works very hard, and I am reminded at the end of the year when reports are done, how much we contribute to not only our Post but to our Veterans, their families and our community. Congratulations to Venna O'Farrell for earning the District 21 Carol Mullowney/Menetta Mills Best Community Service award. Congratulations to Jennifer Hatfield and Debbie Kroodsma for earning the Madelyn Hammon Perpetual Award for the Best Unit Girls State Supplemental Report. (This is the first time since before 2008 that our Unit has earned this award). Congratulations to Danielle Pantanella for earning

District 21 Estella Avina Perpetual Plaque to the unit with the best all-around Americanism Report. Congratulations to Venna O'Farrell for another year as District 21 Sargent at Arms and to Danielle Pantanella for another year as District 21 First Vice. I am very proud of our Unit. I can't thank you all enough for making our Unit a huge success. With appreciation.

Danielle Pantanella
Unit 519 President

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the Post, presented the Framed
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Appreciation awards from the
Congressman/Mayor and a new
2025 Proclamation. Great food
from The American Legion Kitch-
en.

Thank You all for all you're par-
ticipation in the Event, and all
the great entertainment from the
MC/Prince Fleet Easton and Miss
Doris Day/aka Kristi King. All the
volunteers efforts and our Unit to
make this a very successful event.
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See you next year!

April J O'Neil/2nd VP Unit 519



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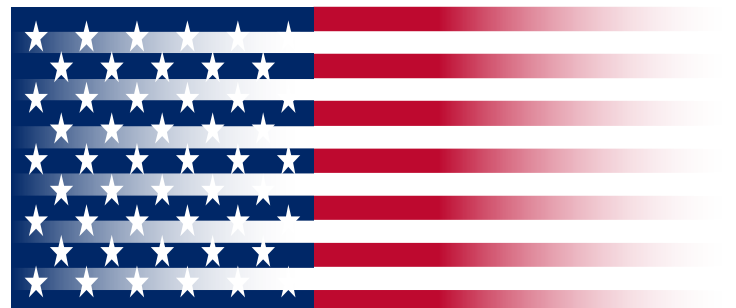
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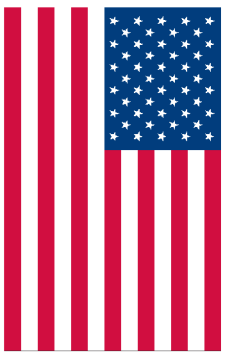
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FLAG DAY CEREMONY

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Thanks to the Palm Springs Fire Department for stopping by. Thanks to all our members who participated and viewed the ceremony. 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸 A special thanks to Jeff Bernstein Palm Springs Councilman and past Mayor for stopping in! Also to our cub scout troop members and parents for assisting in the ceremony A great ceremony to honor our Flag on this special day and to retire in a traditional and respectful way our flag after a honorable time of service.





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ALA CORNER



A Big THANK YOU! to Lisa Schindler (Captain of the Color Guard)(on the left) and Kim Gomez (Sergeant At Arms) for presenting our Unit with the Preamble in a big frame! Unit 519 ROCKS!



CONGRATULATIONS to ALA Unit 519, for the following awards.
From left to right: Danielle Pantanella (President-Americanism), April O'Neil (2nd VP-Unit Member of the Year/Poppy), Venna O'Farrell (Secretary-Community Service), Kim Gomez (Sergeant At Arms), Members- Jennifer Hatfield and Debbie Kroodsmas, for Girls State. ALA Unit 519 Thanks You for your Dedication



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

On Memorial Day, some of us Honored the veterans at Hallmark Assisted Living in Palm Springs: ALA ,Color Guard and residents.

This year we Specially Honored a GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBER, Mary Ellen Ames, who lost her brother during WWII testing an aircraft plane and got shot down in the seas and was never found.

Some of us were present during the Palm Springs Air Museum, with Lee Wilson Jr manning it all! The "FLOWER DROP HAPPENS".

Remembering the ones who fought for us . The Fallen Soldiers.

April J O'Neil/2nd VP Unit 519

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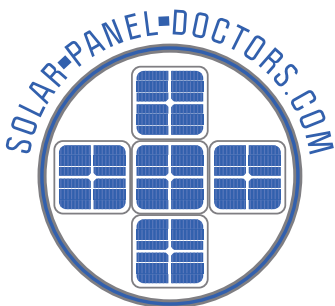
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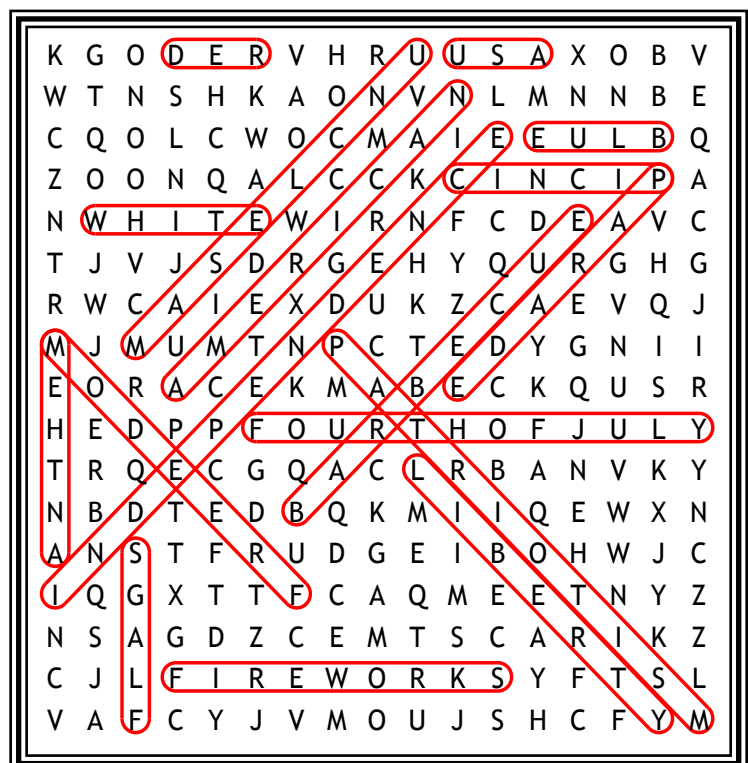
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6 Brunch 10am-2pm	7 Color Guard Meeting @6pm	8 House Committee Meeting @ 10am General Meeting @5pm A.L.A. Meeting @5:30pm	9	10 Lunch 11-2pm	11 Lunch 11-2pm Dinner 5:30-8pm Kevin & Lynn	12 A. M. Vets Meeting @11am
13 Brunch 10am-2pm	14	15	16	17 Lunch 11-2pm	18 Lunch 11-2pm Scholarship Dinner 5pm Sean Taylor Jackson	19
20 Brunch 10am-2pm	21	22	23 SAL Meeting @6pm	24 Lunch 11-2pm	25 Lunch 11-2pm Nina Henderson	26
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