



AMERICAN LEGION

OWEN COFFMAN POST 519

Palm Springs



400 NORTH BELARDO ROAD • PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262 • 760 325-6229

HOURS OF OPERATION: SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 9 AM TO 8 PM
PSLEGION.ORG

#AmericanLegionpost519 #post519 #palmspringslegion #PalmSprings #ALLVeterans #equality #unity #americanism #coachellavalley #diversity #california

COMMANDERS MESSAGE



Dear Legionnaires and the American Legion Post 519 family, Happy holidays to our great members. It is hard to believe how fast the time flies. We hope that everyone had a great November and you enjoyed the events that the Post has sponsored.

I am very proud of our Post being able to participate in the Pride Parade and then two days later in the Veterans Day Pa-

rade. After the Veterans Day Parade we celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday with a cake cutting ceremony, a day late due to all of the fun activities going on. Along with those events, we also had a TV broadcast telethon to raise money for our Post. Thanks to our Historian James Snow for getting this ball rolling along with the Telethon committee. We had the District 21 meeting at our Post which was well attended. And best of all in a great Thanksgiving giveaway with full meals being provided to our veterans by Honda/Toyota of the Desert. Thank you to Tom Walden (a member and this publications printer) for connecting us with the General Manager of those dealerships

We also served Thanksgiving dinner for our members and their guests. Many of you stay in touch with the our local members and family to keep up with the happenings at the Post. Just a reminder you can see a lot of what we're doing on Facebook and our Website- americanlegionpalmsprings.com

With the Christmas holiday coming up, I want to remind all of you that we are having a Toys For Tots drive, you will see the boxes at the door. Last year we sent 2 truck loads of toys to this wonderful organization. Lets try to surpass that this year. Thanks

Christmas Day we will be closed so our volunteers can enjoy the day with family. New Years Eve will be

cont. on next page...

DECEMBER 2025

POST 519 WEBSITE

www.americanlegionpalmsprings.com



Palm Springs
American Legion
Post 519

American Legion Auxiliary
Palm Springs, CA

Palm Springs
American Legion
Sons of the American Legion

American Legion
Post 519 Color Guard

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 Monday 5 p.m. ALR



EISENHOWER HEALTH

Join us for our in-person and virtual community lectures!
Visit EisenhowerHealth.org/calendar for details.

For free provider referral, call 760-568-1234.



Riviera
RESORT & SPA
Palm Springs

Looking Forward to the Past

**Book our Best Flexible Rate
with breakfast included**

rivierapalmsprings.com or 760-327-8311



another great event with DJ Noriega providing all the dancing music and dinner will be by ticket purchase, (see bartenders). We will celebrate the ball dropping on New York time. Champagne will be provided for a toast.

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

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
Johnrsqman@sbcglobal.net



SAL COMMANDER

Good day everyone. This is the first time that the SAL Commander has been driven in the Veterans day Parade. It was an honor and great experience to represent the entire Squadron. We are hoping that it will be a yearly thing.....On another note the Son's of the American Legion will be sponsoring a Chili Cook off on December 13th. Details to follow in a few days, the flyer is being printed as we work out the details. We know that it will be from 2:30 till 6:00pm. With live Entertainment, and lots of raffles. See you there..

Gregg Morgan, Commander



Serving Since 1981

760.320.5303
1027 S. Palm Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs, CA 92264

PPO#16415

A SPECIAL OFFER FOR VETERANS ONLY!

UP TO 20% OFF

Call to schedule today!

760.303.5899
CalltheGeneral.com



HVAC | PLUMBING | ELECTRIC | INDOOR AIR QUALITY | MAINTENANCE

Not valid with other offers or on previous purchases. See company representative for more details that may apply. Lic #686310



Caring Hearts Premier

HOME CARE

Discover Our Expert
Senior Care Assistance Services

Over 20
years of
service



Call us!
(760) 444-0516

www.caringheartspremierhomecare.com

GIRLS STATE

PRESS RELEASE:

11/12/25

Re: CA Girls State Delegates Presentation to
American Legion
Auxiliary on Tuesday October 14, 2025.
At the October Post 519 Auxiliary meeting our
ALA Girls State
Delegates, Juniors,
Phoebe Goehring
from Palm Springs
High, Sofia Hernandez
from Cathedral
City High and Mia
Mendez from Desert
Hot Springs High,



each gave in-
dividual Power
Point presen-
tations sharing
their Girls State
Experience to
our members.
Auxiliary mem-
bers, Jennifer



Hatfield and
Debbie Kroodsma
were appointed
as Ambassadors
to interview
four candidates
selected by their
Counselors at
each high school.
Then a final De-
legate from each
School is chosen. It was a difficult decision
and Jennifer and Debbie reiterated that all
Girls that were interviewed were beyond
qualified. The Delegates attended the ALA
California Girls State nationally
recognized leadership program at Sacramento State University
from June 14th through June
19th. The mission is to provide an
outstanding, coveted educational
opportunity that instills the basic
ideals and principles of Ameri-
can Government. They not only
learned about the structure and re-
sponsibilities of State Government,
but about themselves as well. They

had meaningful participation in all
levels of government: city, county and
state by living for a week as a self-gov-
erning citizen. All three presentations
were enlightening to our Auxiliary
Members learning about the Delegates
Life-changing week and how they
developed leadership skills, self- confi-
dence, speaking skills and building
networks, with peers from all over the
State. They all expressed how much
fun and lasting friendships that were
made in this unique environment!

**Jennifer Hatfield/ALA Girls State
Chair-Person Unit 519**



Riccia's

STEAK, SEAFOOD AND PASTA
Family Owned & Operated Since 1979

Serving Dinner / Lunch • Patio Dinning • Groups • Catering
FEATURING FULL BAR & MARTINI MENU
Contemporary Cocktails & Aperitifs
Cognac • Port • Grappa • Dessert Wine • Exclusive Wine List

CELEBRATING 47 YEARS
DOWNTOWN PALM SPRINGS
760-325-3111

495 N Palm Canyon Dr.
www.RicciosteaandSeafood.com

Honda

of The Desert

HondaOfTheDesert.com
760-904-6585

Toyota

of The Desert

ToyotaOfTheDesert.com
760-969-6977

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

**\$500 MILITARY
REBATE***

Cathedral City Auto Center • Highway 111 at Perez Road • Cathedral City, CA 92234



THE CATHEDRAL CITY EVENING ROTARY'S 20TH ANNUAL FIELDS OF VALOR



**DO YOU SUFFER FROM
NEUROPATHY & CHRONIC PAIN?**
Now people with diabetes, trauma, chemotherapy damage or unknown pain have
HOPE FOR A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE WITH:
NON-INVASIVE THERAPY TREATMENT
a breakthrough in pain management!
Non-invasive • No drugs • No surgery
This cutting edge electrical cell signalling treatment uses a special pneumatic electrical system with suction cups placed on the skin to regenerate nerves by increasing blood flow.
call us TODAY to determine if your pain can be successfully treated by:
HOLISTIC PRIMARY CARE
covered by medicare, PPO's & many insurance companies
760.766.7200 www.H1Cmed.com
1492 N Palm Canyon Dr Palm Springs



Caring for Families & Honoring Lives Since 1996.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE • BURIAL
CREMATION • SHIP OUT

- Crematory on site
- Two locations to better serve you
- Veteran burials

- Pre-planning available
- Online or in home arrangements
- Se Habla Español

Desert Hot Springs FD 1568
66424 Pierson Blvd.
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
Tel: 760-251-7673

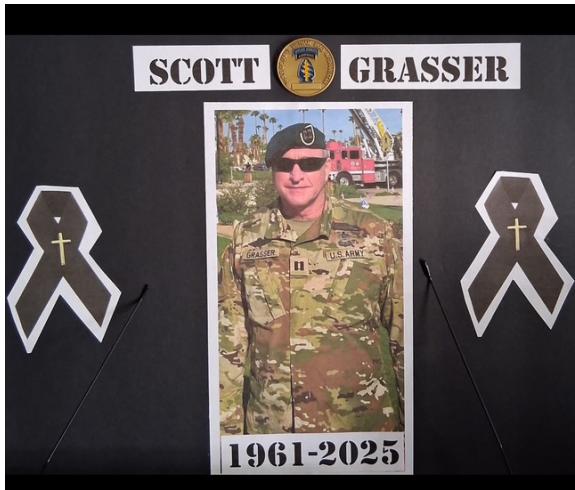
Rancho Mirage FD 2058
71555 Hwy 111
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Tel: 760-773-6500

344 N Sunrise Way • Palm Springs
(between Amado & Alejo)

(760) 322-3955

Visit us at:
www.hallmarkpalmsprings.com
Lic# 336412441

POST EVERLASTING



Commander Grasser served in the U.S. Army Special Forces and did six tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq as a contractor. R.I.P. SIR.

Palm Springs resident Dorothee Irwin served as a Corporal in the US Marine Corps in WW2. She broke barriers in the Women's Reserve in the 1940s, and today she's almost 103 years old.



Our ALA President, Danielle Pantanella presented 103 Birthday cards to Dorothee Irwin on Veterans Day. Dorothee is the oldest veteran in the Coachella Valley! Standing next to the President is Palm Springs Fire Chief, Paul Alvarado. Next to Dorothee is her 2 children Jim and Marie.

VETERANS DAY AT THE POST

It couldn't of been a more amazing and particle sun-shiny-cloudy day with 28th Annual Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade. Our Auxiliary gathered with the Color Guard at Hallmark Assisted Living in Palm Springs, in the morning. The residents and veterans were in a state of euphoria, watching and listening to us speak and honor the veterans and Gold Star Family Member. Especially concluding with the Color Guard and their 21 gun salute. Onward to the Legion to decorate our Auxiliary Float. The volunteers were absolutely amazing; from decorating to undecorating and overall participation. I believe this was our Best Year and we just keep growing with positive team work!

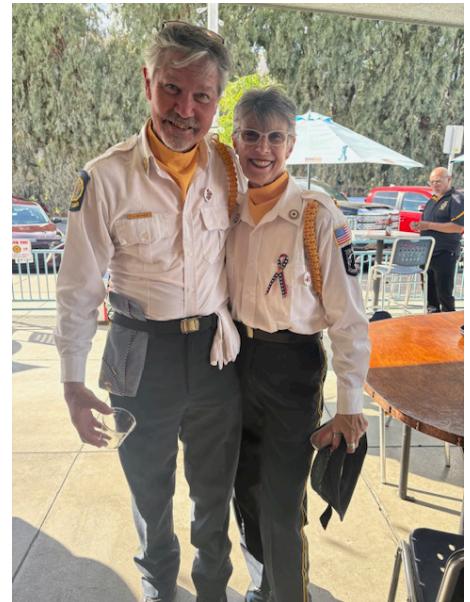
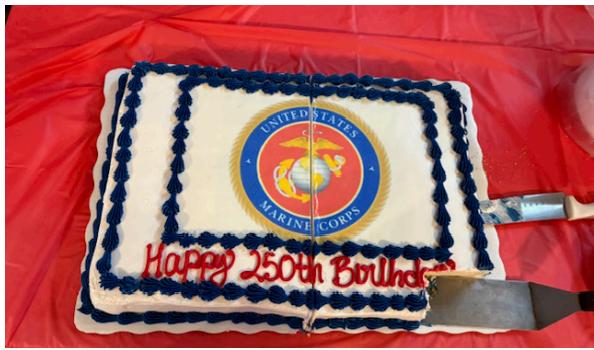
Thank You all for taking part in this Special Veterans Day. To recognize and honor all.

April O'Neil/2nd VP of ALA Unit 519



cont. on next page...

VETERANS DAY





HALLOWEEN AT AL POST 519

The American Legion passed out candies at the Street Fair for Halloween.

Halloween at The Post, was an interesting evening, with all the well talented and decorated costumes.

The winners were : Best Costume for Female was Lesly Romen, Best Male was Glenn Flood and Best Couple Lia and Tsia Schultz. Congratulations!



**VISIT FROM OUR
PAST POST
COMMANDER,
MIKE
TEMPLETON**



HATS FOR THE HOMELESS



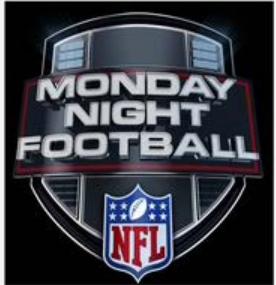
In the pictures, Venna O'Farrell, Auxiliary member, volunteers every week, with the church to feed the homeless. Along with that, our other Auxiliary member June Delphia, knitted hats for the homeless. Thank you ladies for all you do! April J O'Neil/2nd VP of ALA Unit 519



**MONDAY
NIGHT
FOOTBALL
AT POST 519!**

**Watch Monday
Night Football on
our wide screen
TVs! PLUS, enjoy a
Smash Burger from
Dad's Burgers!**

**Every Monday EXCEPT the last Monday
of the Month; which is sponsored by our
American Legion Riders 519! 5pm-8pm!**

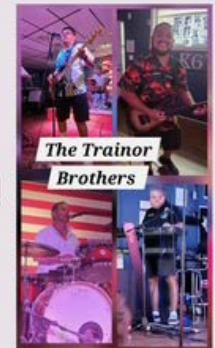


Son's of the American Legion CHILI COOK OFF!

Saturday, December 13, 2025,
12pm-6pm.

Entries should arrive at
11am for Setup. 1st, 2nd
and 3rd place awards for
the Best Chili! \$5 a bowl
with cornbread.

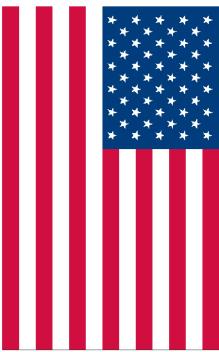
Live Music with
THE TRAINOR BROTHERS!
Music starts at 230pm!



Tickets will be sold for
Opportunity Drawings!

Tel: 760-325-6229 Web: americanlegionpalmsprings.com
Facebook: American Legion Palm Springs Owen Coffman Post 519
Legion members, active duty, veterans and their guests welcome!

Tel: 760-325-6229 Web: americanlegionpalmsprings.com
Facebook: American Legion Palm Springs Owen Coffman Post 519
Legion members, active duty, veterans and their guests welcome!



707 E Tahquitz Canyon Way Suite G-9,
Palm Springs, CA 92262

760-507-4000

- All Foot & Ankle Conditions
- Custom Made Orthotics
- Nail Fungus Therapies
- Foot & Ankle Surgery
- Aesthetic and Cosmetic Procedures
- Corrective Foot Surgery
- Stem Cell Therapy PRP (Platelet Rich Plasma)
- Varicose Vein Treatments
- Nurse Provided Sterile Medical Procedures

We accept Most
PPO Insurances & Medicare
VA Referrals Welcomed
www.PalmSpringsPodiatry.com

760-322-1951

1785 E Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262

10% OFF FOR VETERANS

Exclusions may apply. see store for details

Palm Springs Festival Of Lights Parade PREGAME at the Post!



**Saturday, December 6, 2pm-5pm!
Parade starts at 545pm!**

**Music with
WOODY AND THE RETROS!
Kitchen will be open
2pm-5pm!**



**Come and party
before the parade!**



Tel: 760-325-6229 Web: americanlegionpalmsprings.com
Facebook: American Legion Palm Springs Owen Coffman Post 519
Legion members, active duty, veterans and their guests welcome!

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HI, MY NAME IS CLAUDETTE BRADLEY. I MADE MY FIRST CONCERT DEBUT WITH THE MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. I ATTENDED THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN LONDON AND STUDIED PIANO MUSIC THEORY AT THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY.

I AUDITIONED FOR THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BAND AT THE AGE OF 16 AND WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE MARINE CORPS AFTER COMPLETING BOOT CAMP AT PARRIS ISLAND. AT THE AGE OF 17, MY MARINE CORPS BAND HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE PERFORMING FOR PRESIDENT CARTER, AND LEADING THE ROSEBOWL PARADE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND PERFORMING AT THE KALAUPAPA MOLAKAI LEPER COLONY.

MY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POST INCLUDE: VOLUNTEERING DURING COVID IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE POST OPEN, AS A BARTENDER AND WAITRESS DURING 120 DEGREE TEMPERATURES OUTSIDE. CLEANING AND PAINTING THE BAR AS WELL AS REUPHOLSTERING THE BAR.



OHANA CANNABIS
DISPENSARY | LOUNGE | DELIVERY

**40% OFF
ON 1ST ORDER!**

C10-0001406-LIC

395 N PALM CANYON RD, PALM SPRINGS

TEAM SANTA

CREATED BY
AMERICAN LEGION'S
BETSY SPRATT

P R A N D D I P U C **DASHER**

H I R S X A Q Q B A **DANCER**

X P V E O M S X P Y **PRANCER**
N E L V C Z A H R F

E D D O N N E R E X **VIXEN**

Z V A V D X A C V R **COMET**

T I R N A U O R E U **CUPID**

I X W E C M R Z P A **DONNER**
L E R U E E A I J Z

B N Y T F L R C G D **BLITZEN**

RUDOLPH



Never too early for a Christmas
announcement! Toys for Tots 2025!
Now collecting non-wrapped toys at the
post through Sunday, December 14.
Look for the box near the front door!





**YOUR LOCAL VETERAN
ATTORNEY FOR:**

- Estate Planning -
- Probate -
- Trust Administration -

www.BuildingYourTrust.com

760-668-5586

74-710 Highway 111, Suite 102
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Our Mission

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.



SUNDAYS! MONDAYS! THURSDAYS!

NFL AT THE POST!

**FROM NOW UNTIL THE END
OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON,
COME AND WATCH YOUR
FAVORITE TEAMS PLAY ON
OUR PLETHORA OF TV'S AT
POST 519!**



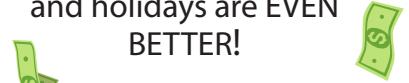
**ON MONDAYS, ENJOY A DAD'S SMASH BURGER!
(EXCEPT THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
WHERE OUR ALR 519 WILL PROVIDE MUNCHIES!)**



**Tel: 760-325-6229 Web: americanlegionpalmsprings.com
Facebook: American Legion Palm Springs Owen Coffman Post 519
Legion members, active duty, veterans and their guests welcome!**

REMEMBER

All you Veterans need to know about your DISCOUNTS
All Year Round and holidays are EVEN BETTER!



Just Google
"Veterans Discounts"
and/or
legion.org

to know your benefits.



**ALLEN LANE
REALTOR**
DRE # 01952730

Desert Lifestyle Properties
200 N Sunrise Way suite B
Palm Springs CA 92262



760-408-2963

realtor.allenlane@gmail.com



Looking for the way?
Every move begins
with a conversation.

ALA PRESIDENT MESSAGE



For the past few years along with Post 519 Color Guard, our Unit has participated in Wreaths across America. This event is held every year in December at the Welwood Murray Cemetery. There are more than two million volunteers and supporters that gather to remember and honor our fallen heroes. The mission of Wreaths across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and to teach the next generation the value of freedom. Unit 519 sponsors wreaths that are delivered to the cemetery. The wreaths are placed on Veterans gravestones as their name is read along with the branch of military they served in. Burials in Welwood Murray Cemetery commenced in 1984. I encourage not only our Unit members to join this event, but also the Post members, SAL members and AL Riders. Looking forward to seeing you on December 13, 2025 at 11:45 am. The event starts at noon and lasts a little over an hour. The cemetery is located at Vine Avenue and Alejo in Palm Springs.



519 AL RIDERS



[Chapter 519 ALR](#) and [Chapter 739](#) Run to Loma Linda VA Hospital Veterans Day BBQ. We had the privilege of meeting Snoop Dogg who showed up to meet and greet Veterans.

CATHEDRAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS AT 519



The Cathedral City High School Band put on an outstanding show at our Post. It was a very enthusiastic crowd. Donations received from : The Post \$200, The SAL \$100 and The Auxiliary \$300! To assist in their Band.



Alzheimers Coachella Valley

Community. Care. Connection.

www.cvalzheimers.org

(760) 776-3100

Your local source for dementia support. Offering cognitive screenings, caregiver support groups, caregiver training and social groups for couples all at no cost to our families.



KIN
DEFENSE

Jason Brosamle

FFL / Secondhand Dealer

CA DOJ CCW Instructor

NRA Cert. Pistol Instructor

NRA Cert. Inside/Outside Home



(951) 585-4685

771 Williams Rd.

Palm Springs, CA. 92264

info@kindefense.com

kindefense.com

SERVICES ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



AMERICAN LEGION PALM SPRINGS
OWEN COFFMAN POST 519

Post Hours

Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am - 8:00 pm

Kitchen Hours

Thursday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

AMERICAN LEGION PALM SPRINGS OWEN COFFMAN POST 519

400 N. BELARDO ROAD
PALM SPRINGS, CA. 92262

**ATTENTION
POST 519!**

 MARINE CORPS RESERVE



**WE ARE A TOYS FOR TOTS
COLLECTION SITE. PLEASE BRING
IN A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY FOR A
DONATION. PICKUP BY THE
MARINES IS ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 14. COLLECTION BOX IS
BY THE FRONT DOOR. THANK YOU.**

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



OWEN COFFMAN POST 519

400 NORTH BELARDO ROAD
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262

THE SOLAR PANEL DOCTORS LOVE AND APPRECIATE OUR VETERANS



- INSTALLATIONS
- CLEANING
- INVERTER REPLACEMENTS
- MONITORING
- REMOVAL & REINSTALL
- POOL SOLAR
- SUB-CONTRACTING
- CLEANING
- SERVICE

Proudly Serving Southern California

ELECTRICITY RATES ARE NOT GOING DOWN, CALL OR ORDER TODAY

Info@SolarPanelDoctors.com - (760) 925-7983 - (714) 944-5868

SCAN TO
ORDER NOW



Specializing in Modern Collision Repair

Bob's
AUTO BODY REPAIR



*Family owned and operated
for over 40 years.*

68-399 Perez Rd.
Cathedral City, CA 92234

760-324-3300

bobsabrepair@gmail.com

www.bobsabrepair.com

(Powder Coating Available)

ROOF REPAIR & LEAK SPECIALIST

ALL PHASES OF ROOFING:

- Roof Saver Clear Shingle Coatings
- New Roofs • Flat • Tile
- State-of-the-Art Silicone Coatings
- Metal • Shingles • Shakes

COOL ROOF COATINGS

Asphalt • Polyurethane Foam
Tile & Metal Roof Painting



Family owned
and operated
for 25 years.

ROOFING • PAINTING • WATERPROOFING

Residential • Commercial • Industrial • Mobile Homes



BARTLEY CORRIGAN CONTRACTOR

Old School Quality and Service.

Call "Bart" **760-895-5599**
TODAY: **760-601-5557**
- OR - **714-353-6748**

CA Lic #743322 • Bonded • Insured • Workers Comp.
10% Discount for active military and veterans

**10%
OFF**
SENIOR DISCOUNT



SERVED
Mon. Tue. & Wed.

Donation
\$3

HOT DOG
& **CHIPS**

THERE'S NOTHING
BETTER THAN A
COLD BEER WITH
YOUR HOT DOG!

Not included in \$3 price.



Wanna Sell Your Car?

- Any Model
- New or Classic

CASH DEALS \$\$\$

The hassle free, safe and fast way to sell your car!



Call us or go to our website

760-910-1980

DesertCashForCars.com

Licensed • Bonded • Insured



Hello,
I'm your local
Licensed
Insurance
Agent.

I am a local, licensed and trained Insurance Agent. I am certified with many top Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug and Medicare Supplement insurance plans.

I represent most major companies with a Medicare contract and am qualified to answer any questions you may have.

At no cost to you, I will help you find a health plan that best suits your personal healthcare needs and your budget.

By educating you on all the options available, I will give you the power to compare and the freedom to choose.

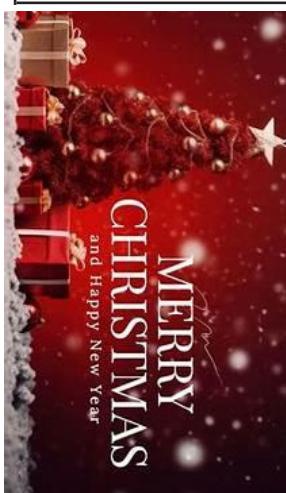
Give me, a licensed insurance agent, a call! I look forward to helping you.

Vijay Nelson
(909) 957-1847
License # 0B48153
vjnelson2001@yahoo.com

For any Advertising in this newsletter please
contact Tom Walden at (602) 739-3663

Word Scrabble Answers!

P	R	A	N	D	D	I	P	U	C
H	I	R	S	X	A	Q	Q	B	A
X	P	V	E	O	M	S	X	P	Y
N	E	L	V	C	Z	A	H	R	F
E	D	D	O	N	N	E	R	E	X
Z	V	A	V	D	X	A	C	V	R
T	I	R	N	A	U	O	R	E	U
I	X	W	E	C	M	R	Z	P	A
L	E	R	U	E	E	A	I	J	Z
B	N	Y	T	F	L	R	C	G	D



**December
2025**