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Newsletter
The Mighty Fifth District
Department of California

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (Paul del Rosario)

Free Training!

The American Legion continues to provide **Be the One** suicide prevention training. Legion Family members are encouraged to register to this free 90-minute training session. There are two training sessions this month: Feb 4, 5:30 pm - 7 pm (EST) and Feb 19, 2:30 pm to 4 pm. (EST) Visit betheone.org to register.

A short training video for Post Convention Delegates, developed by the Media & Communications Commission of the Department of California, the American Legion. Please follow this link: <https://calegion.org/post-convention-delegate-training/>

There are still five posts on Administrative Probation for failing to submit their financial statement on Nov 15. If you need help, please contact me or any of the district officers.

My visits to the posts are currently on hold because of health issues.

Therefore, I've asked 1st Vice Commander Christy Hickey to conduct the visit for the month of February on my behalf.

Post commanders, do forward the newsletter to your membership so they are also aware of what is happening within their District.

As always, If you need any help, please reach out to me or any of the district officers.

Airborne!

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ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE (Ted Mar)

Many Fifth District Post Commanders and Officers have received a scam phishing email purportedly from DISTRICT 5 CaLegion. The text of the email used legitimate names and looked like this:

*Hi Theodore,
Are you there?*

I'm currently on vacation with limited phone accessibility. Could you handle an urgent outstanding payment for DISTRICT 5 American Legion Department of California ?

Terry Thurman the finance officer is unavailable to get it done and also due to my bad cell phone reception right now, I'm unable to put out calls. Please let me know if you can pay for it through PayPal or bank transfer so I can send you the payment information. I will have your reimbursement processed as soon as I get hands on Terry.

*This is urgent, Kindly get back to me as soon as you can.
Best regards,*

Paul Del Rosario

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I knew it was fake because no one but the nuns at parochial school called me "Theodore," but especially not Paul. If ever you have a question on the authenticity of an email from the Fifth District, don't hesitate to contact the Commander or myself.

Just a heads up that the Post Data Report is due at Department by April 15th. The report form can be found in the Resource Library at Calegion.org or at this link: <https://calegion.org/post-data-report/>

The minutes of the November 17th Fifth District meeting can be found at this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1T7VTbaz4zad-R1zKkGAuSGk958fummk2R6qmzKWI9iY/edit?usp=sharing>

If there are any edits or corrections please let me know before the next Fifth District meeting on March 16, 2025 at Konocti Post 437.

The January 31st Membership Report can be found at this link: <https://calegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/TAL-Membership-Report-1.31.2025.pdf>

The Fifth District, at 79.84% of its membership goal, has dropped two places in January to 15th out of 30 districts. So we've dropped nine places in three months. The membership milestone for January (01/15/2025) was 80%. Ten of our 23 Posts attained the January milestone. The February milestone is 85%.

Also, as a reminder, the revised Fifth District Bylaws were sent to every Post Commander. Please have your post review the new bylaws and send any comments to me prior to March 16, 2025 (the date of our next Fifth District meeting). The second reading of the bylaws will occur at our next meeting.

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You sink 'em, we save 'em. Go Coast Guard!!!

POST EVERLASTING

Post 199 Don Fraser USMC

FEBRUARY CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun 02/02 Breakfast at Post 113 Napa

Mon 02/03 National Commander's Dinner (5:30) at Post 165 Vacaville

Wed 02/05 National Commander's Lunch (12:00) at Post 113 Napa

Sat 02/22 Applebee's breakfast fundraiser Post 603 Vallejo

If you want anything put in the newsletter, please contact Adjutant Ted Mar at Coastey@aol.com