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"Home of the Entertainment"



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Commander's Message

Welcome to the American Legion Post 589, the Home of the Entertainment. Our membership has increased and we are proud to be over the 100% mark.

There are lots of activities going on at the post, from Karaoke, Saturday Night Live Bands and Sunday's Jam Session. We invite you to visit us and to bring your family and friends.

Post/Canteen doing well

by Stan Young

The Home of the Entertainment is rolling! Karaoke every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's from 6 to 10 pm. On Saturdays come down and enjoy live bands from 7 to 11 pm.

On Sundays you can start the day off with a "Post 589 Margarita Special". The special is from 8 am to 12 noon.

I want to thank all the volunteers bartenders and those who help around the post.

Get ready for the American Legion 28th District Car & Truck Show to be held at the American Legion Post 593 in Prunedale. The activities will start at 8 am and Post 589 "Cooking Crew" is taking care of the chicken BBQ.

American Legion 28th District
CAR & TRUCK SHOW
 FUND RAISER
 April 24, 2010 from 8 am to 6 pm
 LIVE BANDS - BBQ - BELLY DANCERS

Why Do We Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day?

Submitted by Roberto Rullan

St. Patrick's Day celebrated annually on 17 March is named after St. Patrick, a patron saint of Ireland who is believed to have died on that day. The life and work of St. Patrick is shrouded in vagueness. We rely on the works of some 7th century hagiographers and the anonymous writer of the Annals of Ulster for information about his life and activities.

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain in AD 387. When he was 16 years old, he was captured and taken to Ireland. During his six years in Ireland as a captive, he became deeply religious. When he returned to England he became a priest.

In his Declaration, he claimed that he had a vision in which the people of Ireland appealed to him to come and walk

among them. He returned to Ireland and converted many people to Christianity. He cleverly incorporated the pagan beliefs of the day into his Christian teachings. He introduced and explained the concept of the Holy Trinity to his followers by using the Shamrock with its three leaves as symbol. He had to face a lot of opposition from his co-religionists, as he was not Irish.

St. Patrick died in AD 493 and is believed to be buried under Down Cathedral in Downpatrick, County Down like the other two patron saints of Ireland, St. Brigid

and St Columba. Though Saint Patrick has not been officially canonized, he is still venerated in Ireland and many parts of the world.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated as feast

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American Legion Post 589 presents

St. Patrick's Day Dance
 featuring VINTAGE
 March 13, 2010
 from 7 - 11 pm
 NO COVER CHARGE
 by R. Rullan 2010

St. Patrick's Day

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day by the Roman Catholic Church thanks to efforts of the Franciscan scholar Luke Waddin in the 17th century. In Ireland, the celebrations have a religious tone to it. The celebrations extend over 5 days. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in Ireland was held in Dublin only in 1931.

The first parade was held in Boston, U.S in 1762 and the largest parade in New York City. The credit for the oldest parade in North America goes to Quebec in Canada. Today, non-Irish people too relish the idea of being Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Wearing green color (associated with the green leaved Shamrock), consuming Irish food and drink, and parades mark the festivities.

Impressive parades are held in many cities of the U.S. like the ones in Seattle, Savannah in Georgia, New Orleans, Syracuse, and Las Vegas. Other countries like Canada, Argentina, the U.K, Denmark, Germany, Mexico, Russia, and South Korea too mark the day with parades.

St. Patrick's Day is an official holiday in Ireland. However, in the U. S, Australia, U. K, and New Zealand, though celebrated with much fervor, it is not an official holiday. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated not only as a mark of respect to a great saint but also as a reflection of the cultural tradition of Ireland and the growing sense of its nationalistic pride.

The Irish government has been trying to showcase this tradition to woo tourists to the Island. However, many Christian leaders condemn the fact that it is being increasingly secularized and commercialized.

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JUST A COMMON SOLDIER

(A Soldier Died Today)

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy
and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, tell-
ing stories of the past.

Of a war that he had fought in and
the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neigh-
bors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened,
for they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer
for old Bill has passed away,

And the world's a
little poorer, for a soldier
died today.

He will not be
mourned by many, just
his children and his wife,

For he lived an ordi-
nary and quite unevent-
ful life.

Held a job and
raised a family, quietly going his own
way,

And the world won't note his pass-
ing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
their bodies lie in state,

While thousands note their pass-
ing and proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell their whole life stories,
from the time that they were young,

But the passing of a soldier goes
unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the
welfare of our land

A guy who breaks his promises
and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who, in
times of war and strife,

Goes off to serve his Country and

offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the
style in which he lives

Are sometimes disproportionate
to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier, who of-
fered up his all,

Is paid off with a medal and per-
haps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it
was so long ago,

That the old Bills of our Country
went to battle, but we know

It was not the politicians, with
their compromise and ploys,

Who won for us
the freedom that our
Country now enjoys.

Should you find
yourself in danger, with
your enemies at hand,

Would you want
a politician with his
ever-shifting stand?

Or would you pre-
fer a soldier, who has sworn to defend
His home, his kin and Country
and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier
and his ranks are growing thin,

But his presence should remind
us we may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict,
then we find the soldier's part

Is to clean up all the troubles that
the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while
he's here to hear the praise,

Then at least let's give him hom-
age at the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
in a paper that would say,

Our Country is in mourning, for a
soldier died today.



American Legion Post 589

Happy

St. Patrick's

Day

March 17, 2010



A CALL TO DUTY Attention Legionnaire Attorneys

The Department of California and American Legion Posts throughout California have to deal with occasional legal issues. In an effort at "Mutual Helpfulness" I am seeking Legionnaires who are attorneys licensed to practice in California to become part of the Judge Advocate's Advisory Council.



Council members are composed of attorneys of various areas of legal expertise who are willing to assist the Department and California Posts, Pro Bono, to deal with various legal issues that arise throughout the year. Actual costs will be borne by the Department or Post being assisted.

If you are willing to help or want further information please contact me at:

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KARAOKE
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KJ Mark
Tue, Thurs & Fri. 6-10 pm

**The American Legion
28th District, Area 2,
Department of California
is now on line:
www.al28thdistrict.org.
District and posts
information now available!**

Be a Star for a day...

Salinas, CA - 02/26/2010 - by Roberto Rullan - Karaoke is a form of interactive entertainment in which amateur singers



sing along with recorded music (and/or a music video) using a microphone and public address system. The music is typically a well-known pop song minus the lead vocal. Lyrics are usually displayed on a video screen, along with a moving symbol or changing color and/or music video images, to guide the singer.

At the American Legion Post 589, Karaoke is the main entertainment during

weekdays. You can visit the post on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and there you will find DJ Mark spinning the records for you; the one day stars.

According to the "one day stars" Karaoke at Post 589 has become a weekly routine. "I love to come here weekly, enjoy the music, sing some tunes and overall; enjoy the crowd.

During Karaoke nights you can enjoy tunes from the oldies to the new style. What it is amazing is when you have few Philippines performers doing the Julio Iglesias tunes, Frank Sinatra and others. As they say; music is the heart of countries.

The American Legion Post 589 is known to be the "Home of the Entertainment" and the title goes well.

DJ Mark is one of the best in town and to prove it – just come to the post on a Karaoke night.

Celebration of Easter

Easter is the oldest and most important Christian festival, marking the end of the fasting season of Lent and the death, on Good (derived from God's) Friday and resurrection of Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday. It has deeper and more complex associations than Christmas, particularly in the Orthodox Christian world.

Why have rabbits and eggs become linked with Easter?

Eggs, of course, are ancient symbols of fertility, for very obvious reasons, while the Seder meal incorporates a hard boiled egg as a symbol of new life.

The ancient Persians also painted eggs for Nowrooz, their New Year celebration falling on the spring equinox. An egg has also been seen to be associated with the rebirth or resurrection of Christ.

The custom of eating them also derives from the fact that they were forbidden during Lent.

There are a great many rituals associated with eggs, mainly dating from Medi-

eval times in Europe, usually involving decorating, throwing, rolling or hiding eggs for children to find them.

The Easter bunny or rabbit comes from the hare, another ancient, pre-Christian symbol of fertility associated with spring. But it gets even more complicated than that.



Anglo-Saxon mythology says Eostara changed her pet bird into a rabbit to entertain a group of children, and the rabbit laid brightly coloured eggs

for them.

The chocolate bunny, like the chocolate Easter egg, is a much more recent idea, stemming from 18th and 19th-century middle European confectionery traditions, many of which were adopted in Britain.

American Legion 28th District presents



Car & Truck Show

April 24, 2010

Registration from 8 am -12 noon
Car Show 10 - 3 pm
Entertainment from 9 am to 6 pm

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