



Coastside Post 474 Newsletter

April—May 2009

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American Legion
Coastside Post 474
P. O. Box 826
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
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Club Hours of Operation:
Monday—Sunday—9:00 am—10:00 pm
Happy Hour:
Monday—Friday—4:00 pm—7:00 pm

Notice: Nominations and Elections - Attend the April General meeting to make your nominations. We will vote at the General Meeting in May. Nominations will be open until the vote in May. Check the Club for a list of nominees.

From the Commander—Robert Cotnoir:

Happy allergy season!

The news in bites:

We have our usual spring mix of events coming up. Watch the event schedule and stop by for some entertainment. Support your post and community.

Our 2nd Vice Commander, Larry Gasbarri has organized a "Build your own Burger" event on Fridays. It has been a big success and is open to the public as well as members.

Note to all: You can not sign in for the Daily Draw unless your membership is current.

I'm looking for volunteers interested in working a full or half shift bartending at our Club (days only). My vision is to have a volunteer day shift in order to save money and get the Post out of a negative cash flow situation. Please leave a message at the Club with your contact information if you're interested.

From the First Vice Commander—Ron Denchfield:

Half Moon Bay Post 474 membership now stands at approximately 86 percent of its District assigned membership quota. We have 251 members out of a District goal for us of 292. To achieve full membership takes some doing by current members. Almost all of you know someone who says "I used to belong to that Post." We need to get them back. We need also to recruit membership from veterans we know or ones we meet who do not belong yet. We need their comradeship, their participation, their efforts in volunteering to help other veterans and to bring our Post up to its full potential. There are talents, interests, energy, capabilities that even those potential members don't know they have. They can also have a lot of fun doing things alongside those of us you are already here. And many of those potential members don't know that they can get assistance through the Post to avail themselves of VA medical care. The VA sends a medical van here with a doctor and service rep every month. A number of local

members have, for instance, learned that they can get help in dealing with service-related disabilities, such as hearing loss through the VA and we as a Post are helping them do it. Take advantage of this wonderful service.

In addition to acquiring new members, please also remember once you belong, to use the Post. We need not just your participation, but also your business. The Legion bar serves the best and cheapest drinks on the Coast. Many don't believe that because we have had to raise drink prices recently. However, do a comparison with any other favorite bar to see what you get for our price. The pours are generous (maybe even too generous) but you get more for your money than anywhere else around here. We have frequent events as well that provide good meals at low prices and are often accompanied by live band music. There are now regular Friday hamburger nights. There was a special night for the Super Bowl and the NCAA Basketball Championship. And there were during the football season Monday Taco Nights, with excellent tacos at very reasonable prices. Post 474 runs a booth at Dream Machines (coming up on April 26) that sells hot dogs and polish sausages, chips and sodas, to raise money for the Post's operation. Volunteering to work in it gives you a great chance not only to meet people from the Legion, but interact with hundreds of local citizens and out of town visitors in a truly exciting event.

If you don't drink alcoholic drinks, the bartenders can provide soft drinks and Italian flavored sodas (which I can testify are delicious). There are chips, hot dogs, pizza and popcorn available as snacks.

In short the Legion offers a lot for its members and there is a lot of room for your friends (even if they are not members, they can come in as your guests). Come in, sign on, sign up others and enjoy it. It's your own personal Club.

From the Auxiliary President—Charlotte Johnson:

Is it Spring yet? Finally starting to seem that way with all our activities at the Post.

First of all a couple of big thank you's - first is to Dale Larsen, our Newsletter Editor, for over 17 years of service. She has decided to take a well deserved rest. Enjoy not having a deadline to stress about Dale.

Second is thanks to our all-round "worker bee" Dee Johnson. She and Gary are moving to Oregon soon. Dee collects, cuts and counts coupons, cooks, filled the Chaplain's post, sent cards and in general took on many jobs others didn't. She will be sorely missed and we all wish her and Gary well.

Dena Reiner has agreed to be Chaplain. Our thanks for taking on this duty. We know she will do a great job.

The Auxiliary is sponsoring a brunch on Sunday, April 19th from 10:30am to 1:30pm. All you can eat for \$10. Come out and join us for some good food.

We will be hosting District 26 and Salon 288 on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00am. It would be great to see some of our members at the meeting.

Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00pm is our next meeting and it will be the elections of officers.

Those nominated are as follows:

President
Charlotte Johnson

1st Vice President
Bernice Marshall

2nd Vice President
Linda Collette

Secretary
Cheryl Lesser

Treasurer
Jane Major

Nominations may also be made at the May meeting prior to the election. Please come and make your choices known.

We want to congratulate the American Legion on their successful "Burger Night". The food is great and everyone has a good time.

At our May meeting we will be discussing fund raising. There is a suggestion box and we hope there will be a lot of good ideas in it!

Remember to keep our Veterans, military and their families in your hearts and prayers.



THE AMERICAN LEGION IS GOING GREEN

In an effort to save a tree and cut costs, we are encouraging members to receive their monthly newsletter via email. If you are not receiving your monthly newsletter via email and would like to start, please send an email to Newsletter@post474.com



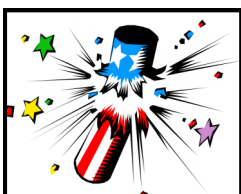
FOR SALE: Coastside Fireworks black t-shirts and sweatshirts
T-shirts—\$15
Sweatshirts—\$35


To purchase, contact Debbie Isely at 650 740-8446 or Sherry Hinshaw at 650 766-4754

April—May Upcoming Events

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|  | <p>Every Friday Night - 5:00 pm</p> <p>“BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER “ (veggie burgers too) - \$7</p> |
|  | <p>Sunday, April 19—10:30 am—1:30 pm</p> <p>BRUNCH ALL YOU CAN EAT— \$10</p> |
|  | <p>Saturday, April 25—3:00 pm</p> <p>PIG ROAST—\$12 Meal includes: rice pilaf, vegetable, green salad and dessert Dessert donations welcome.</p> |
| <p>DREAM MACHINES</p> | <p>Sunday, April 26—10:00 am—4:00 pm American Legion will have a booth selling: Hot dogs and polish dogs—\$5 Chips—\$1 Water—\$1</p> |

COASTSIDE FIREWORK FUNDRAISERS



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|  | <p>Saturday, May 9—12:00 pm—4:00 pm</p> <p>COASTAL CUISINE—\$20 Local restaurants will be cooking a dish with filet or fish. Meal includes side dishes. In addition, for \$5 each “BOB’s SUPER SHOOTERS (oyster shooters) Special under 12 children’s meal—\$5</p> <p>Music by Wall of Blues</p> <p>For Advance Ticket Purchase—contact Debbie Isely at 650 740-8446 or Sherry Hinshaw at 650 766-4754</p> |
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Saturday, May 28 @ Sam’s Chowder House

More details to follow

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 7:00 pm— Auxiliary Meeting | 2 | 3 5:00 pm— Build Your Own Burger | 4 |
| 5 | 6 5:00 pm—NCAA National Champion- ship—BBQ Chicken Dinner | 7 6:00 pm—E- Board Meeting 7:00 pm— Events Com- mittee Meet- ing | 8 | 9 | 10 5:00 pm— Build Your Own Burger | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 7:00 pm— Son's Meeting | 15 5:00 pm— 7:00 pm— Midweek Madness Social - Appetizers | 16 | 17 9am-3pm VA Vet's Medical Van, lunch 12 noon 5:00 pm—Build Your Own Burger | 18 |
| 19 10:30 am—1:30 pm Auxiliary Brunch | 20 | 21 7:00 pm— General Meeting | 22 | 23 | 24 5:00 pm— Build Your Own Burger | 25 3:00 pm—Pig Roast |
| 26 10:00 am—4:00 pm Dream Machines | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

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