



The Canteen

Spring 2018

Interim Commander

On February 15, 2018, Commander Eddie Romero unexpectedly stepped down as our commander, leaving our post with the task of selecting an Interim Commander.



History was made when four past commanders, Bill Cortez, David Felix, and

Joe Soto came together with our Officers and members of the e-board, David Brambila, Richard Cortez, Larry Hernandez, Fermin Martinez, Chindo Muro, Corky Nieto, Frank Ramirez, and Ray Verduzco to select the Interim Commander and talk about the future of Post 742.



At the end of this meeting Larry Hernandez would be selected as our new Interim Commander. Congratulations

Commander Larry Hernandez - we look forward to your outstanding leadership..

From the Interim Commander Larry Hernandez



Thank you for the honor to be selected as the Post 742 Interim Commander. I have served this post for the last six years, as your Sgt. Of Arms, two years as the Historian, and the District 21's Sgt. Of Arms, as well as been honored with the 2014-2015 Legionnaire of the Year and the 2017 Life Time Achievement Award. I would like to thank Past Commander Eddie Romero, and the Post Legionnaires for the honors and opportunities I have had as a Legionnaire.

My vision and my goals are to be transparent and respectful to every member of this post. Members of this post Legion, Auxiliary & Sons have the right to ask or question the direction we are going. The Legionnaire's vote yes or no on issues that are presented at our meetings. As the Commander, I will lead us in the direction that we as Post Legionnaires choose to go. That direction will no doubt lead is in the direction to serve our Vets, our community and our youth.

We have the American Legion Constitution, Officers Guide, Robert's Rules of Order, and our post by-laws to help us operate and guide us.. Respect is a big part of who we are. As Legionnaires, we chose to serve in the Armed Forces of this Country. We now belong to the American Legion, where we continue to serve our Veterans, our community, and our youth. We've earned respect, and we give and show respect to others. As your Interim Commander, I promise to give the best I have. I will show you the respect that you deserve and earned, for your service then and for your service now. **For God and Country.**

Post 742 Elections Nomination Committee

Post 742 is having their Officers' election on April 19, 2018. Nomination Chairman Fermin Martinez, members Frank Ramirez and David Felix have begun the process of establishing the nominations slate for our forthcoming election. Current officers and potential nominees for the slate are presently being contacted. The first nomination of officers were presented at the post 742 meeting on Thursday, March 15. Additional nomination may be accepted until **election day Thursday, April 19** at our post meeting.

If you are interested in running for any position, or our elected or appointed positions, you may contact any of the committee members before election day. Fermin 909.829.7136 • Frank 951.286.9266 • David 951.735.1396.

Post 742 Events



Shimon Starfury, Events Coordinator

Greetings veterans of American Legion Post 742. First, let us congratulate our new Post Commander, Larry Hernandez.

On February 28, Post 742 hosted a valuable symposium

about burial and memorial benefits. Approximately, 40 veterans and their spouses received valuable information on how both may qualify to be buried at Riverside National Cemetery.



Veterans were given information about the importance of pre-planning for funeral costs. The Veterans Administrations burial benefits only include the plot of land and marker. The veteran's family would be responsible for transportation costs, the funeral home, and casket costs which can reach as high as \$20,000. This may cause family members to experience extreme stress.



Steve Owens is available to assist veterans pre-plan for funeral expenses. If you would like to get this valuable information, please call 951.310.1630.

Upcoming Events

BOWLING LEAGUE

Currently, I'm in the process of researching the criteria for a Bowling League in our post. If you still got what it takes, and would like to be a part of a great night of bowling, then we are happy to bring you on board. This event will be open to family members as well. So, the real question is...How good is your bowling arm??? More information on this event to come soon.

NEW POST POOL TABLE AND OPENING HOURS

Soon, our POST 742 will be getting our very own pool table. We will be opening the post more frequently, for those who want to come out and enjoy a game on the tube or just relax away from home. Once the Grand Opening of our post is complete, we will let you know the new dates and the hours of operation. This is our post veterans....enjoy it!

What's New?

Post 742 is getting a digital upgrade! Welcome to the 21st century! Thanks to the hard work from members of the Building Committee we have now gone digital!

New Website! Check out our website Post742ca.org. You can find pictures of past events, up coming events, community involvement, hall rentals, and you can now donate to the hall online.

New Phone Number! In an effort to get back to our Veterans and Community in an efficient manner we have added a new phone system. Call **(855) VETS-742** and dial anyone of these extensions.

- ☎ Extension 0 – Post Commander
- ☎ Extension 1 – Donations and Finance
- ☎ Extension 2 – Hall Rental
- ☎ Extension 3 – Community Events
- ☎ Extension 4 – Recruiting



New Alarm! Post 742 has a new alarm system in place. If you have keys to the building, they no longer work and you need a code to disarm the alarm. In an effort to protect our post from unauthorized entries and to protect our home we have installed an alarm. See the post commander if you need access to the building.

Building Committee Update



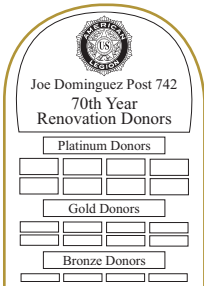
David Brambila, Finance Officer & Building Committee Chairman

Great things are happening at the Post! The newly formed Building Committee is working hard on getting our building renovated. We have partnered with the Executive Leadership Roundtable from the Chamber of Commerce to redo our kitchen, restrooms and hall! Our Honorary Lifetime Legion Member Don Williamson gave a tour to these 20 executives and community leaders and they have selected our Post to be their class project. These two teams are working and meeting bi-weekly to raise funds and planning of for our renovation.



Adalberto Navarro, Pat Brennan, Finance Officer, David Brambila, Commander Larry Hernandez, Chaplain Richard Cortez and Events Coordinator Shimon Starfury. Not pictured Don German, Mark German, and Fermin Martinez.

With the help of the Executive Leadership Roundtable and Lucas Oil we have launched our campaign video to help in our efforts. Go to www.post742ca.org/donations to view the video and see your hard team at work!



Do you want be part of history? We are building an honorary wall of donors that will be permanently displayed at the post. Help restore our home to honor our past, current, and future vets. Donor categories are as follows: a \$2500 gift is the Platinum Donor level; a \$1000 donation is the Gold Donor level; and \$500 a Bronze Donor. Contact our Finance Officer David Brambila at 714. 502.4316 for more information. All donations are tax deductible.

You want to win a trip to Hawaii, Puerto Vallarta, how about San Francisco, Las Vegas or how about Napa? We are raffling off a trip for one of 13 resorts, a TV, and 4 Angel Tickets with a \$100 gift card. Call any of our officers or building committee members to purchase a ticket for only \$25!



Save the Date!

Post 742 Grand Re-Opening

Friday, May 25, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Come see the unveiling of our home!! Join us for food, drinks, entertainment

Bar News

- In an effort to speed up our ordering, with better inventory control, faster service, and credit cards use, our Canteen is getting a point of sale system.
- History meets history. With the moving of Chuck Wagon, we were able to get some booth seats from the famous Chuck Wagon for practically nothing. Come enjoy a drink on the Chuck Wagon – Now Canteen Seats!





Chaplain Message

Richard Cortez

I am pleased to extend my greeting to the Auxiliary members, Legionnaires and Son's of the American Legion of the Joe Dominguez American Legion Post 742 in the first issue of our newsletter. We have recently been faced with challenges that have tested our character, commitment, and faith. As we embark on a new and exciting journey, I offer this prayer of healing.

Dear God,

We confess our need for you today. We need your healing and your grace. We need hope restored. We need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully and completely. Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own. Forgive us for running in all different directions and spinning our wheels to find help, when true help and healing must be found first in you. Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you, above everyone and everything else. We come to you and bring you the places we are hurting. You know the pain we've carried. The burdens. The cares. You know where you are able to do far more than we could ever imagine. We reach out to you, and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory. Thank you that you will ease our pain and suffering. We love you. We need you today and always. Amen.

Thank You!

• Thanks to our Finance Officer,
• David Brambila for donating the
• design, editing, and printing of this
• newsletter, *The Canteen!*

• If you would like to contribute a
• story, idea, or any news,
• please contact David at
• 714.502.4316 or email at
• davidthecreativemarketing.com.

• Our goal is to have a quarterly
• newsletter celebrating our post, and
• giving Veterans updated information
• about Post 742!



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Post Everlasting

When a legionnaire passes, it is said that he or she has transferred to the jurisdiction of Post Everlasting of The American Legion. The following is the Post Everlasting prayer:

O God of all our yesterdays, our todays, and or tomorrows, we pause together in the quietness of remembrance to linger in thought over our comrade whose name has rung out in our hearing as one who has transferred from our ranks to Post Everlasting. A short time ago he/ she stood before us. We laughed with him/her and labored and lived out a portion of our lives in a common cause. He/she contributed, in some fashion, large or small to what we all were when he/she was in our midst. We have not been untouched by what he/she did and who he/ she was. In such a moment as this, we are keenly aware of Your own everlasting presence, and as our only remaining link with our former comrade, we salute You and commend him/her to You with trust and expectation. Whatever battle stars or ribbons he/she may have deservedly won, perhaps unknown to us on the battlefields of life, You will award. May he/she stand before You now as before a beloved captain in eager readiness for whatever is to come, Amen.

On March 7, 2018, as his fellow Legionnaires and brothers in arms, members of the Joe Dominguez American Legion Post #742 Honor Guard participated in providing military honors for Corona's Marcello Arguelles at Riverside National Cemetery. Marcello was a longtime member of our post and a World War II Army Veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Marcello was wounded by mortar rounds during the battle for which he was awarded the Purple Heart medal.

Marcello was also a member of our Post's Honor Guard and is depicted in the honor guard photograph (circa 1950's) that was taken in front of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Our brother is now at rest and in endless Peace.

