



Joe Dominguez Post 742



# The Canteen

Fall/Winter 2019

## Chamber Of Commerce Installation and Awards Dinner



### Legionnaires/Auxiliary

Cinco de Mayo Committee and all the boards that he is involved with. David accepted the award on behalf of many individuals, including Bobby Spiegel, Don Williamson, the ELR class of 2017-2018, members of Post 742 Legion who did the work to renovate our post and the Auxiliary for all their support.

On January 24, 2019 two of our very own Legionnaires were honored at this dinner at Eagle Glen Golf Course. David Brambila was honored with the Making a Difference Award for the work he did for Post 742 as the Chairman of the Building Committee and as Finance Officer. His contributions include service to the Corona



### We all made a difference! For God and Country.

Juan Santos was awarded the Ambassador of the Year Award. Juan is a volunteer ambassador representing the Chamber of Commerce. He worked hard and attended many ribbon cutting ceremonies, delivered plaques to members, recruited new

members and promoting their businesses on behalf of the Corona Chamber of Commerce.



## Active Duty News

Legionnaire/Auxiliary Member and now Marine Corps Drill Instructor - Sgt. Vanessa Landeros, our very own Legionnaire is training the next generations of Marines.

Sgt. Landeros also received a Navy Achievement Medal prior to her leaving her previous duty station at Quantico, VA. What makes this award extra special is that it was personally signed for by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Post 742 is very proud of you Sgt. Landeros.





# Community Outreach

## Steak Night

On October 19, 2018 and January 18, 2019 members of Post 742 and Unit 742 Auxiliary attended Steak Night at the Corona Elks Lodge.



## Amber Waves of Grain

Dean, Tom, Johnnie and Michael, members of Veterans Honoring Veterans and Joe Dominguez American Legion Post 742, participated in the Amber Waves of Grain Parade. A special thanks to Mark German, Don German and Tom Sherman for representing Post 742 by working in the beer booths at the Amber Waves of Grain fundraiser for veterans. Thank you for your dedication.



## Salute to the Military

Members of Post 742 attended the Salute to the Military put on by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. We were asked to bring and set up our flags so the veterans and community can feel the patriotism as soon as they pulled up. Great company - great event - great chow.



## Santa and Mrs. Claus

On December 20, 2018 Santa and Mrs. Claus AKA 2nd Vice Tom Sherman & Auxiliary Public Relations Chair MaryAnn Sherman were having fun with Corona firefighters from Station 3. They brought cheer to the students, staff, and parents at Jefferson School.





# Building Committee Update



**Building Committee**

the old floor was going to get covered - we wanted to ensure it was clean, respecting the generation before us who laid this floor down. Plywood was used to cover up the old floor; it got sanded to smooth out rough patches and dips that were there from the old floor. In one week, we had a new floor!

On September 6, 2018 we had our official Kitchen and Canteen Re-grand opening. After passing the final inspection, a printer was installed in the kitchen. The Point of Sale System (P.O.S.) to expedite your order from the kitchen to you table. How about that!

Our Floors have been re-done. On September 30th, members of the building committee emptied out the hall and office. We gave the floor one last sweep and mop. Even though



**New Floor**

Our coffee machine is up and running. Thank you to Don German for building us this custom cabinet by hand and for the donation of your time and materials. Thank you to Crave Coffee who will be donating coffee for our board meetings.



**New Coffee Machine**

Our front door has been replaced. After hanging on and being repaired for many decades, the front door was replaced with a custom steel door that should last our lifetime. Thank you to our Vice Commander Adalberto Navarro for assisting the contractor on the installation of the Dutch door, coffee machine, and front door - this saved us over \$1000 on labor.

We converted our kitchen Door into a Dutch Door – the top half of the door swings out leaving the bottom part of the door closed. This was put in place to keep non-essential personnel out of the kitchen and also provided us a secondary window to serve.



**Old Floor**

The Building Committee met for the last time on October 8, 2018 to put the finishing touches to our building and to get it ready for our Octoberfest celebration. After our meeting, we did a final toast reminiscing how far we have come in a short period of time - Phase II of the renovation was officially complete! The committee took a break for the Winter and will reconvene in the Spring.

**New mission; Phase III - raise enough capital to redo the bathrooms. Stay tuned!**



**Bazooka - AKA Frank Ramirez**



**Building Committee**



**David, Don and Shimon**

# Post 742 Events

## Octoberfest



On October 13th we had our first annual Octoberfest as well as a day to celebrate the completion of phase II of our renovation. We had plenty of German beer, games, bratwurst and German potato salad prepared by the Auxiliary Unit 742.

During the festivities, we honored selected members of the ELR and all of the building committee by giving them each a painted canvas of the Post with ELR logos of their military branch of service or ELR logo and this bible passage:

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then said I, "Here am I. Send me." - Isaiah 6:8.* This painting thanks those who raised their hands and answered the call to save our home.



## Veterans Day

On November 11, 2019 we had our annual Veterans Day Event at Post 742. We had a great panel of speakers, District 21 Commander Monique Clemons, Legionnaire Manuel Cano, Vice Commander Adalberto Navarro and 3rd Vice Commander Shimon Starfury. This panel represented veterans who served during the War on Terror. After the panel of speakers - Commander Larry Hernandez awarded some the Legionnaires awards. The Legionnaires cast their written votes at the board meeting and the winners were:

**Fermin Martinez - Lifetime Achievement Award**  
**Tom Sherman - Lifetime Achievement Award**  
**David Brambila - Legionnaire of the Year**

Thank you to the Cinco de Mayo Committee who volunteered and served food to the veterans and our guests so that Auxiliary can also enjoy the festivities. Also thanks to Juan Santos and David Brambila who teamed up secure sponsorships for our Annual Veterans Day event.



## New Year's Day

We celebrated the upcoming New Year with our annual dance on New Year's Eve. Mariachi Mexicapan started the event while our guests ate Jugos Vallarta catered food. We continued on the celebration with dancing while the band Soul What played. It was a lot of fun and we had a good turnout.





## Valentine's Dance

Post 742 Legionares and Unit 742 Auxiliary collaborated on this years Valentine's Dance. The event was a sell out! Our guests were offered long stem roses and chocolates for their valentines. Soul What played and attendees danced the night away. Part of the proceeds of this event helped to fund our veteran and youth programs.



**Lisa Urrea - Historian**  
**Liz Urrea - Treasurer**  
**Delia Alegria - 1st Vice**  
**Elly Griffiths - 2nd Vice**  
**MaryAnn Sherman -PR Chair**



**Newest SAL Member Jacob Brambila and mom Venus**

## Save the Date!

- Law and Order District Event  
April 14, 2019
- Corona Cinco de Mayo  
Parade & Fiesta  
May 4, 2019
- Post 742 honor guard will be in the parade and Unit 742 and Post 742 will have a booth.
- Post 742 72nd Anniversary  
May 11, 2019  
5:00 pm
- Come join us in celebrating our birthday. Invitations to follow. Purchase tickets at [post742ca.org](http://post742ca.org).

## Canteen News



**Commander Larry, John & Elly**  
**Kitchen and Bar Chairs**

On September 5, 2018 we had our grand reopening of the kitchen and canteen. The kitchen passed final city inspection after more than \$30,000 was spent upgrading our kitchen.

The Building Committee ensured the canteen and kitchen were communicating with one another keeping those orders coming. Events committee ensured that the hall was clean, tables were set up and our guests felt welcome. The bar and kitchen committee ensured our food and beverages were plentiful for our guests and the Auxiliary did an amazing job cooking and serving our guests. **Great team effort!**

For Oktoberfest, we added the Ration a pint size glass and the Vessel a 23 oz commemorative glass. These glasses commemorate our 71st anniversary and are available for purchase at the canteen. We upgraded our draft beer system so that we can serve multiple types of draft beer. Stay tuned for more upgrades to our draft beer system.

For the holidays we added gift cards to our Point of Sale system. These gift cards are a great gift to any Legionnaire, Auxiliary or Sons member. Stop by the canteen to purchase your cards – you can load the gift card with any dollar amount.



**Event Chair Shimon & Building Committee Chair David**



**Kitchen Crew**

For New Years we added Bottle Service as an added service to the canteen. Avoid the canteen lines. For \$120 you can order a bottle of mid shelf liquor that will come in a nice holder; ice with two types of juices or sodas. The bottle service is \$108 and a \$12 tip is added for our excellent canteen staff! Looking for a top shelf option? Call us, for a little more we can get you the premium bottle that you like.

We have removed the large booth that was in the canteen and replaced it with more functional tables and chairs. Come see the new things happening at the post!



## President's Address

Venus Brambila

Earlier this year, we reported that the unit was placed on probation. Since then, the unit has grown, developed structure, ran our required programs, met our goals and submitted all required documents timely. Most importantly, we have learned from prior mistakes made by others. Additionally, we've established practices and procedures to mitigate such issues in the future.

In January, the Treasurer and I traveled to Modesto to attend the Departments Executive Committee Meeting. This visit was to ensure the American Legion Auxiliary Joe Dominguez Unit 742 would be removed from probation based on its progress. We are happy to announce we succeeded in our efforts and were removed from probation!

Thank you for all your continued support during this time. We could not have done it without you. I look forward to our coming year and all that is in store for us.

**Sincerely,  
Venus Brambila**



**Venus Brambila - Unit 742 Pres.  
Joan Cannon - Depart. Pres.  
Liz Urrea - Unit 742 Treasurer**

## May is the American Legion's Poppy Month



The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars.

It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.

This year the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 742 will be in our community to bring awareness to all. We plan on collaborating with our Junior's at events, partnering with other local organizations such as the Veterans Honoring Veterans, and the Cinco de Mayo Committee. A presentation is also planned at the Corona City Council meeting. Keep your eyes open for posters, poppies and other events in support of those that have served.

All donations received will be used for our programs that support veterans and their families.

**For more information,  
contact Elly Griffiths at  
(951) 847-2699.**



## Renew Your

## Membership

Over the past six months, membership has reached its 30%, 50%, 65% and 80% District goals. We've received both District and Department recognition in meeting these goals. We could not have done it without you!

Our next membership goal of 100% is fast approaching. We are hoping to reach this goal by April 25th.



If you have not already, please pay to bring your membership dues up to date. Our senior price is \$25 and juniors are \$6. Please help us continue to reach our goals of paid members!

In appreciation of those that have paid early (by November 11th), we had an Early Bird dinner in collaboration with the Legionnaires and Sons. The dinner was held on Feb. 1st at the Post. If you haven't paid, no worries we accept membership dues at our monthly meetings for your convenience.

**For further information, contact Delia Alegria at  
(909) 816-4350 or Happyd1968@yahoo.com**

## MaryAnn Sherman as the 2019 Woman of the Year

On Monday, March 4, 2019, Assemblymember **Sabrina Cervantes** (D-Corona) honored lifelong Corona resident **MaryAnn Sherman** as the 2019 Woman of the Year in the 60th Assembly District.



"I am proud to have selected MaryAnn Sherman as the 60th Assembly District Woman of the Year. Throughout her life, MaryAnn has dedicated her time, energy, and attention to improving the quality of life in our community.

Her exceptional leadership, combined with her selfless service to others, is inspirational and most deserving of this honorable recognition," said Assemblymember Cervantes.

MaryAnn has been a part of Corona's history for over 50 years. Through her work as a librarian of 25 years with Corona-Norco Unified School District, a Corona Public Library Trustee, and even in retirement, MaryAnn has demonstrated her unwavering commitment to advocating for those who are in need of assistance, attention, and care. She currently serves as the second Vice President of Blue Star Mothers H.O.M.E., Public Relations Chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 742, and is an active member of Circle City Kiwanis and St. Edwards Parish. Additionally, she coordinates a produce distribution program, donating approximately 20,000 lbs. of organic produce twice a month to churches, nonprofit organizations, veterans, seniors, and low income families.

## Events .....

### Chick-Fil-A

March 26, 2019

2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Come hungry, bring a friend and plan on great conversation, laughter and let's not forget about the delicious freshly prepared food!! Be sure to sign the clipboard when you order your food.

For More information Contact Chairpersons:  
Elly Griffiths (951) 847-2699  
MaryAnn Sherman (951) 532-5932

### Turn Around to Harrah's

April 27, 2019

9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Join us for a day of fun! Bring your dollars and coins and try your luck..

For More information Contact Chairperson:  
Annette Riehart (951) 317-3688

## Helping Veterans At Corona Care Center

Auxiliary members and Legionnaires joined forces on December 21st to provide some Christmas cheer to veterans at a holiday party at the Corona Care Center. This is one of our sponsored events where Veterans received personal gifts graciously donated by members of the Auxiliary and Legion.

### Breakfast with Santa

The Auxiliary Breakfast with Santa was a great success! The unit provided 100+ presents to local children in the community. Some of whom would not have received a gift otherwise. We could not have done it without our Legionnaires and community partners.



**Commander Hernandez** (AKA Santa), greeted the children with a present and a jolly, Ho! Ho! Ho! Additionally, the Legionnaires cooked and served breakfast from the kitchen.

We received monetary donations from the Corona Chamber Foundation, Creative Marketing and Law Offices of Amador L. Corona. Our food was co-sponsored by the YMCA. The unit also received presents from the SAL's, Corona Fire Department, Landmark Health, Legionnaire and Auxiliary members.

We thank you all for your support!



**Jeni Carnizosa - Member**  
**Delia Alegria - 1st Vice**  
**Julia Elizarraras - Member**  
**Annette Riehart - Girl State/ Junior Chair**







## Honor Guard

The Legion's pillar of Americanism embodies its devotion to law and order; the raising of wholesome youth, an educated and law-abiding citizenship, and respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances.

**Patriot Day, September 11** - Post 742 Honor Guard was out in full force. Two details were sent to educate our youth at Jefferson Elementary and Pollard High School. Americanism in our community, in our state and in our nation is what we strive for.



L/R Freddy Garcia, Tom Sherman, Bryan Reece, Ray Verduzco and Woody Muro.

### September 21, 2018 -

Post 742 Honor Guard presented the colors at Norco College. Assembly member Cervantes

presented a 6 million dollar check to President Bryan Reece for the building of an early Childhood Education Center to support the Veterans Resource Center on campus.



From L/R David Brambila, Fred Garcia, Commander Larry Hernandez, Chindo Muro, Frank "Bazooka" Ramirez, Richard "Dickie" Cortez and Ruben "Woody" Muro with Adalberto Navarro taking a selfie.

### Post 742 Honor Guard

performed the three-rifle volley and played taps at a military funeral at Riverside National Cemetery. We did this for Robert Macias,

WWII Navy Vet, an American Legion Post 1000 member and a Corona businessman.

**On November 10** - Members of the Santiago High School JROTC program came to Post 742 to drill with our M1 Garand's. Commander Larry Hernandez and Vice Commander Adalberto Navarro provided instruction on loading and unloading the M1.



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## Elections For Post 742

**Nomination of Officers  
will take place**

**March 21, 2019 and April 4, 2019  
Elections will be held on April 18, 2019**

## District 21 and Area 5 Involvement

In November at a District Meeting. Our Finance Officer David Brambila was elected as 3rd Vice-Commander for District 21 American Legion. One of the projects that he is in charge of is Boys State. District 21 will be sending 44 delegates which consist of High School kids to send

to Sacramento for a week-long trip. District 21 covers all American Legions in Riverside County.



**Adalberto Navarro – Sgt. at Arms  
Larry Hernandez – Executive Board West  
David Brambila – 3rd Vice Commander**

Our Vice Commander Adalberto Navarro is the membership chair for Area 5. Post 742 hosted Area's Post 1000 membership drive. This membership drive is sent out to

Legionnaires who have joined the American Legion but have not specifically selected a

home post. This drive is to recruit them to join a post and get involved at the local level. Legionnaires from Area 5, Our District 21 Commander and Post 742 worked hard to get this mailing out.

