









# American Legion Joe Dominguez Post 742 72nd Anniversary Celebration May 11, 2019









# Joe Dominguez Post 742

Founded in 1947
Some Corona legends were among the Charter
Members of Post 742, including: Rey Aparicio, first
Hispanic Corona City Council Member; Onias "Ace" Acevedo;
Zeke Mejia; Sal Perez; Pete Villa.



## Program Agenda

Invocation Chaplain Richard Cortez

Welcome Post Commander Larry Hernandez and

Incoming Commander Adalberto Navarro

Posting of Colors Post 742 Honor Guard

Pledge of Allegiance Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel

National Anthem Bianca Borquez, Corona High School

**Recognition of**Don Williamson, Chairman-elect
Corona Chamber of Commerce

**Event Sponsors** Herencia Mariachi Academy

Mendoza Mobile PA Systems & DJ Services

**Dinner** 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Recognition of** Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the

Post Officers American Legion

Auxiliary Unit 742 Update President Venus Brambila

Building Committee Update Finance Officer David Brambila,

**Recognition of Donors**Building Committee Chairman **Honor Wall Unveiling** 

Closing Prayer Bobby Spiegel, CEO Corona Chamber of

Commerce

**Taps** Fermin Martinez, Executive Board



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#### **AMERICAN LEGIONNAIRES**

Commander — Larry Hernandez

1st Vice Commander — Adalberto Navarro

2nd Vice Commander — Tom Sherman 3rd Vice Commander — Pat Brennan

Adjutant — Chindo Muro

Finance Officer — David Brambila

Chaplain — Richard Cortez

Historian — Don German

Judge Advocate — Bill Cortez

Sgt. At Arms — Fred Garcia

Service Officer — Johnnie Griffitts

Personal Relations—Mark German

Executive Committee: Fermin Martinez, Bill Lanier, Ray Verdusco

#### **AUXILIARY**

President — Venus Brambila

1st Vice President — Delia Alegria

2nd Vice President — Elly Griffitts

Secretary — Gloria Herrera

Treasurer — Elizabeth Urrea

Executive Committee: Emma Navarro, Cindy Lytle,

Angela Hernandez, Annette Reihart

#### **SQUADRON**

Commander — Jay Gomez

1st Vice Commander — Jesus Carizosa

2nd Vice Commander — Joseph Carizosa

Adjutant — Jesse Chavez

Treasurer - Mike Magdelino

Sgt. At Arms — Charlie Gomez

Historian — Ruben Muro



#### 2018-2019 Events



4th of July Parade 2018



Meeting with CA State Assemblymember Cervantes



Veterans Resource Panel



Oktoberfest







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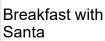
Kids Halloween Party



Annual Christmas Party 2018



New Year's Eve





Veterans Day 2018





## 2018-2019 Events



Post 742 Honor Guard



Honor Guard at Fire and Ice 2019



Coffee & Cookies with Veterans



Cinco de Mayo Parade 2019







## **Building Committee**







**American Legion Post 742 Building Renovation Committee** 

It all began at our 70th Post Anniversary celebration in 2017. We had an event that raised over \$9,000 to renovate the building. In 2018 the Corona Chamber of Commerce Executive Leadership Roundtable Class and newly formed Building Committee combined forces and met every two weeks. By the end of the year, over \$80,000 had been raised to refurbish the hall kitchen, paint inside and out, flooring and the parking lot.

Our 72nd Anniversary in 2019 kicks off the final phase of our fund raising to complete the renovation of the Post's restrooms.

#### Phase I: Kitchen



2017





2019





## **Building Committee**



Corona Chamber of Commerce Executive Leadership Roundtable Class of 2017-2018

In September of 2017 members of the ELR Class of 2018 were introduced to the American Legion Joe Dominguez Post 742 as part of the History of Corona Day. The class was moved by the service our Nation's veterans were continuing to provide to our community and the dilapidated state of the building. The class adopted the renovation of Post 742 as their service project. They set forth raising money toward first renovating the kitchen. Classmates sold opportunities to win huge prizes at the 71st Anniversary of Post 742 and solicited in-kind donations. By March of 2018, together with the Legionnaires of Post 742, they raised over \$80,000 and began the restoration of the kitchen, refinished the parking lot, and secured paint & flooring.

#### Phase 2: Flooring

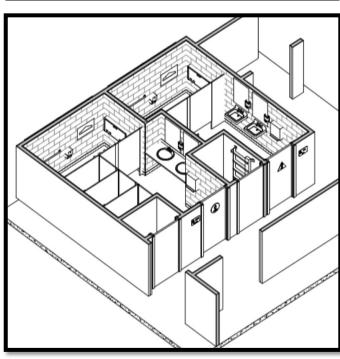
2017



2019



#### Phase 3: Restrooms





## Wall of Honor Donors

#### \$2,500+ Platinum Level

MavTV
NIR Plumbing
Don Williamson
All American Asphalt
Dick & Christine Haley
Richard & Anna Cortez
Albert & Emma Navarro
David & Venus Brambila
City of Corona, Jason Scott
Corona-Norco Family YMCA
Corona Chamber Foundation
Riverside County Board of Supervisors, John Tavaglione

#### \$500 Silver Level

Lions Club Kiwanis Club Danny Macias Right at Home Kathy Scheffer Glen & Carrie Allen All American Riders Nancy Fay & Family Don Wallace Minium **B&J** Portable Welding City of Corona, Karen Spiegel US Congressman Ken Calvert Kana Resurfacing Engineering Corona Police Officers Association American Legion Auxiliary Unit 742 Elio Moreno, Brothers Construction



## Wall of Honor Donors

#### \$1,000 Gold Level

**ABC Hopes** Kana Pipeline Moore Family Ray Verdusco Top Pipe Supply Vulcan Materials Ware Disposal Co. Blue Star Mothers Don & Lu German Allied Pest Control Chindo & Rita Muro Corona Rotary Club Mark & Cindy German Circle City Rotary Club Tom & Mary Ann Sherman Mark & Ellie Van Doornum John Dalzell & Sarah Mellor **Veterans Honoring Veterans** Riverside Community Hospital Pat & Judy Brennan and Family Kenneth & Catalina Blankenbeker Women's Improvement Club of Corona Larry H. Miller Toyota & Nissan Charities Tom Sherman & Colonel Thomas Sherman California State Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes

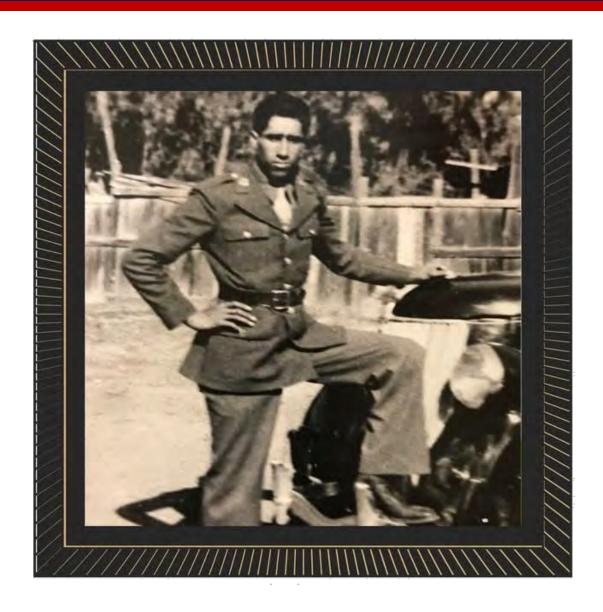
#### \$250 Bronze Level

Veg Fresh
Moira Fisher
Elizabeth Urrea
Allegra Marketing
Alex & Delia Alegria
Rosemarie Whitaker
Victor & Nancy Garcia
Alfred & Veronica Garcia
Juan & Alyssa Fernandez
Amador & Dubrina Corona









# Joe Dominguez

November 11, 1921 - December 27, 1943
Died in the Battle of Arawe in New Britain
Awarded the Purple Heart, Texas Federal Medal,
WWII Medal and the Pacific Medal.