



# American Legion Auxiliary

## Unit 593

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## Welcome

Hey Hula Girls,

We're off to an amazing year, and we have lots planned. October is packed with fun things to do around the district, so check out the calendar.

A Special Thanks goes out to the girls and guys that helped make and pack up brownies and sandwiches for the fishing derby. Thanks for all the hard work.

## Membership

This year has started off with a few hiccups for membership. With the PO Box mix up, we are coming along pretty slow. Most know that our year runs from July to July, but we would really like to have 100% or more membership by the end of December. Here the list of our target dates this year. Let's try to get our membership in as soon as possible so we can be recognized for our membership

Goal Date	# of Members we should have	# of Members we have
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	60 (55%)	28 (25.93%)
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	71 (65%)	
December 28 <sup>th</sup>	81 (75%)	
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	92 (85%)	
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	108 (100%)	
June 16	111 (102+%)	

We are having a couple of events to try to boost our membership. On October 17<sup>th</sup> the Post is having a Car and Truck show with a Membership Booth. On October 24<sup>th</sup> we are holding a Membership Dance. There will be free burgers and fries for anyone that is paid up for the year.

## Monterey Bay Vets Fishing Derbies

Twice a year, our unit, along with other volunteers, makes sandwiches and brownies to send with wheel chair vets that go fishing. September 24<sup>th</sup> we came together to make these and I figured, this would be a good place to teach some of our members a little more about this program.

The Monterey Bay Vets is a non-profit organization that provides disabled veterans and others with physical challenges a program of recreational rehabilitation therapy with special emphasis on marine activities.

They hold two annual events; The Wheelchair Salmon Fishing Derby and the Wheelchair Rock Cod Fishing Derby. Participants come from all over the U.S. They get to go out for a day of fishing and fun. They come back to a ceremony and dinner to recognize those who participate and those who make the program possible.

Monterey Bay Vets has been holding these Derbies for over 20 years. It started when patients from the Spinal Cord Patients from Palo Alto came to Monterey for rehabilitation. It has grown tremendously since this time and continues to grow.

The Monterey Bay Vets is always looking for help, both in their office and for those who would like to help with the derbies. Please check out their website (<http://www.mbv.org>)



## Monthly Meeting Review

Our meeting this month was quick and fun. Here are a couple of the things we discussed.

- Thanks to all our supporters and all they do for us throughout the year. This goes to those who stepped up in the kitchen, the fishing derby, and those who have donated to use throughout the year.
- We have 3 members currently in hospitals: Teri Bradofrd, Liz Woodard, and Linda McIntire. Let's pray for their health and hope to see them all healthy soon. Also, Marilyn Yaqub has the flu. We hope you get better soon too.
- The Halloween Kid's party is coming pretty quick. We have most thing set up for it. We will be decorating on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a mini horse, goat, and dog present for the party. Thanks Ellen!!!
- Our new, (hopefully) permanent mailing address is PO Box 1661, Castroville, CA 95012. Jenny is

getting address labels for it and as soon as we can will switch the name to the Auxiliary.

- Auxiliary will be helping the post decorate and serve Early Bird Dinner on November 14th



## Calendar

October 5	R2R Run in Carmel
October 15 7pm	Decorate for Halloween
October 17 10am-10pm	Car and Truck Show at 593
October 18 12-10 pm	Oktoberfest at 694
October 23 6-8 pm	Schnitzel for Dinner at 593
October 24 1-3 pm	Halloween Kid's Party
October 24 7-11 pm	Membership Dance at 593
October 25 9-11 am	Auxiliary in the Kitchen
November 5 7 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
November 14	Early Bird Dinner