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Welcome

Hey Hula Girls,

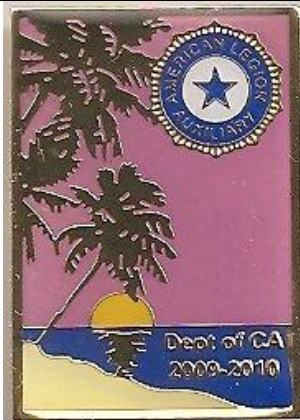
This year has started off with a bang. Unit 593 is 50 years old, and how else do you recognize if not with a party. We planned a dinner and dance, and everybody had a blast. Thanks to everyone that helped out and donated food and time to make it a success.

Lets keep the year going, with more events and lots of fun. We are already planning our Kids Halloween Party and we hope to see lots of Kids there.



Officers and Chairmen

Over the last year our meetings have blossomed. We have s many new faces. We've also recruited many of them as chairmen. But we've now selected the majority of our chairman, but we are still missing a few. If anyone would like to step up. These are the ones we are still missing: Parliamentarian, Americanism, Constitution and Bylaws, Legislative, Public Relations, Resolutions, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. If you would like to learn more about these programs check out our website under Programs.



Department Presidents Special Project

Every Year the Department President has a special project that they focus on. This year our Department President and selected Operation Mend Care Giving Fund- Healing the Wounds of War. This fund helps compensate for the expenses a soldier accrues when coming back from war wounded.

The ways this program helps soldiers:

- Covers the cost of multiple, lengthy, and complex plastic and reconstructive surgeries
- Covers the costs of travelling multiple times over the course of one or more years and the expenses for the families to join them

- Supports for Care Coordination of injured soldiers.
- Provide psychosocial needs during treatments to manage issues surrounding post-traumatic stress.

Brooke Army Medical Center and Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center are working closely together to help these soldiers and are working to expand the treatment options available.

Here are two links where this program has already helped patients

[Story #1](#) [Story #2](#)



Monthly Meeting Review

We had lots to discuss at our meeting this month. Here is a brief outline so everyone knows what's going on.

- This years theme is "Tropics." To go with that theme our unit will be known as the Hula Girls.
- We decided to donate \$150 to the Department's Special Project and there may be future discussion to have an fundraiser for it.
- We are ordering 1,000 poppies this year.
- We have one new member- Judy Souza- Welcome!!!!
- The first district meeting this year is at Post 31 on Sept 20th. It will also be a chance to learn about the programs. Koni and Diana are attending and if anyone else would like to join them, it's a wonderful learning experience.
- SAL may be replacing the refrigerator again and it is going to be a gift to us for our Anniversary. Thanks SAL
- We are ordering POWMIA Italian Bracelet Charms. If anyone would like one let us know. We plan on re-selling them to get the money back.

Get Well Cards were signed and sent to Liz Woodard and Renee Yaqub



Calendar

- Sept 11-13- West Coast Rally- Post 593
- Sept 12 - ALA Hotdog Stand at West Coast Rally
- Sept 19 - POWMIA Presentation- Post 593
- Sept 24 - Fishing Derby Brownie and Sandwich Prep- 10AM- Post 593
- Sept 25 - ALA in the Kitchen for Dinner
- Sept 27 - ALA in the Kitchen for Breakfast
- Oct 1 - Unit 593 Meeting

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