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Greetings Legion Family:

As I write this, I am enjoying, perhaps, the first fall weather day of 2020. A comfortable 70 degrees with low humidity is a welcome prelude to my favorite weather of the year.

This weekend, the clocks “fall back” and as darkness comes earlier each day, we will spend less of the evening hours outdoors. Now is the time of year for us to increase our time at Legion Posts. Please look at the calendar and participate in the activities of ours and other Posts.

I am happy to report that our Post remains third in the District for membership and our SAL Squadron remains in 4<sup>th</sup>. Both entities are at or above the 75% requirement. If we can hit 100% of our goal by December 31<sup>st</sup>, I’m sure we will move into 1<sup>st</sup> place in the district. More importantly, we will maintain a healthy and growing post.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Legion Riders have received a lot of help from our chapter for their annual, month-long, Merry-Go-Round ride. Our Mighty 5<sup>th</sup> District is currently 1<sup>st</sup> in the state! Let’s hope they can hold onto that position for the last 2 days of the competition. The Merry-Go-Round raises money for children and youth services.

Our Post 372 is sponsoring a food drive to assist the Mandarin food bank for the Christmastime holidays. Please see our post website for instructions on how to donate.

Remember Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to veterans and thank them for their service. (And while you’re at it, invite them to our Post to become a member) This Veterans Day in Mandarin, our San Jose Winn-Dixie will have their Grand Re-opening. As part of the reopening ceremony, they have chosen to donate \$2500 to Post 372 to help fund our community legion programs. There will be a ceremony at the new San Jose Winn-Dixie at 0730hrs on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. All Legion Family members are encouraged to attend. Please dress in Legion Family attire and wear your Family service cap.

Our Legion Riders Chapter sponsored a “Fireside Chat” on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> the back yard of the Elks Lodge. Both Legion Family and Elks members attended. It was a fun family night with hot dogs and marshmallows over a bonfire. Simultaneous Corn-hole games rounded out the evening. All had a great time just relaxing and enjoying each other’s company. Watch the website for a repeat in November!

Let me close by thanking all of our Family members and leaders for making our post a valuable part of the Mandarin community. I am proud to be a member of the Mandarin Fallen Heroes American Legion Family.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Joe