



# The American Legion Association's Of Kings County

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

In contrast to other veteran's organizations, the Legion offers a number of local programs and activities to strengthen its commitment to our nation's grass roots and the people we serve. American Legion Baseball is one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs; it continues to educate youths on the importance of sportsmanship and develops the quality of our country's citizenship. The Heroes to Hometowns program is the only nationwide reintegration assistance service for wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. Additionally, millions of dollars in donations have been given to fellow veterans and their families in times of grief, and various scholarship opportunities ensure the future success of our youth.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvements in the legislation process. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to their community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands not behind politics, but the issues and people that institute progress by focusing on veteran's rights and quality of life.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

We associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

## Who We Are

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veteran's organization. A community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members men and women in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. These Posts are organized into 55 Departments one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines.

The American Legion's national headquarters is in Indianapolis, Indiana, with additional offices in Washington, DC. In addition to thousands of volunteers serving in leadership and program implementation capacities in local communities to the Legion's standing national commissions and committees, the national organization has a regular full-time staff of about 300 employees.

### LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION POSTS

#### **American Legion Post - 3**

401 North Irwin Street

Hanford, CA 93230

Jim Lint - POC

(559) 585-2531

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each Month

Time: 6:30pm

#### **American Legion Post – 100**

411 West "D" Street

Lemoore, CA 93245

Bill Overby -POC

(559) 924-3907

Cell 639-3934

1st Wednesday of each Month

Time: 7:00pm

#### **American Legion Post - 144**

1000 Vandorsten Street

Corcoran, CA 93212

Bob Geissler - POC

(559) 992-5571

2nd Thursday of each Month

Time: 1130am