



The Jameson Reveille



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City of Corona Historical Landmark Designation Presented at 4/5/2021 Post 216 Meeting

Post 216 Legionnaire Rich Winn, also an officer in the Corona Historical Preservation Society, took on the task of applying for City of Corona Landmark Designation for our 1929 constructed Legion Hall building; and his labors have paid off. Rich researched and wrote up an extensive historical survey of the building; and presented it to the City Planning Commission on 9 November 2020, where it was approved. The application was then passed on to the City Council on 1 December, where it was likewise accepted and approved by then Mayor Jim Steiner. After long Covid related delays and an election, new Mayor Jacque Casillas presented the Landmark Proclamation to the Post at a meeting on April 5, 2021 along with Council members Jim Steiner and Wes Speake. Great thanks to Rich for his efforts, and to Joe Giehm for appearing at the City meetings in support of the landmark designation.



L to R: Council member Jim Steiner, Rich Winn, Mayor Jacque Casillas, Post Commander George Brightenburg, and Council member Wes Speake during the Landmark Proclamation presentation at the Post 216 Legion Hall.

Corona High School NJROTC Awards and Boys State Candidate

The Covid-19 health advisories again this year postponed the Corona High School NJROTC Annual Awards Banquet at Post 742 in May; and the Department of California Boys State conference at Sacramento in June was changed to a virtual event. Corona High School NJROTC Senior Instructor Captain Jeffery Dale accepted the Post 216 awards which he subsequently distributed to the cadets. The awards were: **Whitcomb Vocational Scholarship Award** to Andrew Tuong with a certificate and check for \$500; **Gold Award** to Emily Baird with a certificate, medal & ribar, and check for \$200; **Silver Award** to Bridget Reyes with a certificate, medal & ribar, and check for \$150; and the **Bronze Award** to Britney Garcia with a certificate, medal & ribar, and check for \$100.

Corona High School NJROTC student Reuben Vasquez was selected as our candidate for this year's virtual Boys State Conference.



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Posts 216 and 742 Memorial Day Ceremony at Corona Sunnyslope Cemetery

The Covid-19 health advisories again hampered our usual Memorial Day ceremonies at Sunnyslope Cemetery on Saturday 29 May and Monday 31 May. Post 742 and Auxiliary still led the way again with a limited number of volunteers who placed flags on the graves of veterans on Saturday. Post 216 Adjutant Glen Roosevelt also helped with flag placement on Saturday; and he made sure that US and American Legion flags were placed at the grave of Captain W. H. Jameson, Jr. The usual commemorative ceremony on Monday Memorial Day was for the second year scaled down to the Honor Detail of Post 742 and Post 216 Commander-elect Al Navarro who along with Post 742 Commander David Brambila represented their Posts. The Post 742 Honor Detail fired a rifle salute; and Post Commanders David Brambilla and Al Navarro placed a wreath at the Soldiers Monument. The ceremony was attended by a limited number of guests including Corona Mayor Jacque Casillas.



L: Sunny Slope Cemetery Honor Guard. Alyssa Arnold, Juan Fernandez, 742 Commander David Brambila, with Mayor Jacque Casillas, Incoming Post 742 Commander Kevin Button, Incoming Post 216 Commander Adalberto Navarro, and Elizabeth Mory. **C:** The wreath presented by Posts 216 & 742. **R:** The eternal resting place of our Post 216 namesake Captain W.H. Jameson, Jr. at Sunnyslope.

Post 216 Adjutant Supports Memorial Day Revitalization in Compton

Post 216 Adjutant Glen Roosevelt helped coordinate the first Memorial Day Ceremony in 20 years to be conducted at historic Woodlawn Memorial Park in Compton, California. The cemetery is the resting place for more than 980 veterans including a central plot for Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) veterans, and the burial plot of the Thomas C. Galbraith Camp 93 of the United Spanish War Veterans (USWV), along with other veterans from WW1 through Vietnam scattered throughout the cemetery. The cemetery had been neglected and mismanaged for the past 20 years; and a local non-profit volunteer organization is working to restore and revitalize the cemetery from its bad state-of-affairs.



Left: L to R: Sherman Watson – VFW, Dean Smith – SUVCW, Glen Roosevelt – American Legion, and Joe Collins – VFW reenact the 1930 transfer of responsibility from the GAR and USWV to the VFW and American Legion with the presentation of a wreath at the GAR Plot. **Right top:** Glen Roosevelt and Dean Smith present recognition plaques to Celestina Bishop of One-Section-At-A-Time who manages the cemetery.



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★★★★ Post 216 4th of July Parade Entry ★★★★★

The City of Corona resumed the 4th of July annual parade which was canceled last year due to the Covid-19 advisory. The Post 216 entry for 2021 consisted of Legionnaire vehicles driven by Joe Giehm in his 1939 Dodge, Rosemary Capuano in Fred's prized 1972 VW Van, Norman Wade in his 2008 Chrysler Sebring convertible along with back-seat drivers Adrian Yates and Larry Summers, and the Big Blue Raptor driven by Post 216 then newest member Afghanistan veteran Anthony Granillo. Post Commander-elect Al Navarro marched as the Commander of the combined Legion color guard.



Top L: Post 216 drivers & riders before jump-off.
Top M: Joe Giehm's 1939 Dodge street rod.
Top R: Cmdr. Al Navarro his wife & daughter.
Mid L: Rosemary Capuano in Fred's VW Van.
Mid M: Norm Wade drives Larry Summers and Adrian Yates in his 2008 Chrysler Sebring.
Mid R: Post friend Alejandro Hernandez (R) with And brother and his Desert Storm "Growler".

Unit 742 of The American Legion Auxiliary Meets at Post 216 on 7 July 2021

Post 216 hosted a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 742 on Wednesday, 7 July 2021 which was headed by Unit President Carol Conway so the Auxiliary ladies could become familiar with the Post Hall: and look at helping Post 216 reestablish an Auxiliary Unit in the near future.



Auxiliary Unit 742 President Carol Conway and the ladies look towards helping reestablish a Post 216 Auxiliary.



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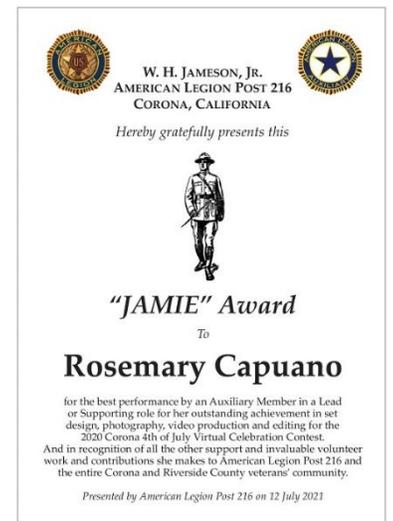


Rich Winn Named Post 216 Legionnaire of the Year

Outgoing Commander George Brightenburg presented two awards before relinquishing his post on July 12, 2021.

Rich Winn was presented the Post 216 Legionnaire of the Year Award for all his efforts to get the Legion Hall recognized and designated as a Historical Landmark on the City of Corona register of historical resources. His name was engraved on a plate on the perpetual trophy; and he was allowed to take the trophy home for the year.

Rosemary Capuano of the Auxiliary was presented with a “Jamie” Award plaque for her contest winning efforts in preparing, photographing, and producing a video of the Post 216 building and virtual parade for the 2020 City of Corona July 4th Virtual Event; and for all the other volunteer work she does for the Corona and Riverside County veterans’ community. She was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation Plaque for her Platinum Level donations to the building renovation fund.



Post 216 Installs Officers for 2021 – 2022 on July 12, 2021

District 21 Commander David Brambila was the guest of honor as he performed the Installation of the Post 216 Officers for 2021-2022 at the July 12, 2021 meeting. City Council Member Wes Speake was also a guest; and he gave remarks about Post 216 and the Legion Hall.

Commander Brightenburg then introduced District 21 Commander David Brambila of Post 742 to perform the Installation of Post 216 Officers for 2021-2022. After Commander Brambila performed the Installation of the Post 216 Officers, outgoing Commander Brightenburg presented incoming Commander Navarro with a Commander’s badge and the Post gavel.





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Adjutant Roosevelt presented Past Post Commander Brightenburg with a Citation of Meritorious Service Plaque in honor of his 4 years of service as Post Commander.

The meeting was turned over to Commander Navarro who made introductory remarks; and his hopes for the future of the Post.

Commander's Message

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Legion Year! I would like to extend a warmest welcome to our newest members. We hope you find Post 216 to be your home away from home. To our renewing members, thank you for continued membership and service we greatly appreciate you.

My priorities as your commander are: Continuing Membership Growth, Continuing Our Community Service and Engagement, Start to Support Our Youth by Sponsoring a Boys Scout Chapter, Start an Auxiliary Unit and A Sons of The American Legion Chapter, Refurbish the Bathrooms, and Securing a Vibrant Future.

A major factor in our post revitalization program is membership. It takes active members to operate a post. And, it takes an active post to draw new members and to motivate members to spend time at the post. We have a great site; and I am determined to make it as inviting, friendly, and a "go to" place for not only our members, but local veterans. These are not just words, they are what we, as American Legionnaires are committed to do. Thanks to a revamped website we have been able to get information out to our Legionnaires at a faster pace. Now you can refer a new member by just pointing them to coronaamericanlegion.org/membership

Our members are leading and involved in community service projects. We need to continue to foster and facilitate members who wish to contribute to service and important American Legion Programs like Boys State, Girls State, and High School JROTC support.

In this past year a lot has happened at our Post. We have been working really hard on modernizing our operation and improving our business practices to make sure we are running a tight unit that reflects the scope and scale of our organization. Change is hard and slow, but we must be properly structured and organized and ready to meet our obligations to our members today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

More designs and renovations are on the way to refresh and restore our beautiful and historic building that was built with the hands and sweat of those that have served as Commanders and leaders of this Post. We must never forget our patriotic obligation to remember those we have lost and to mark in remembrance the events that have shaped our country's history in combat.

I hope you join me as we start our new chapter in history.
For God and Country,
Adalberto Navarro