



Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

Commemorating 100-Year Anniversary of the American Legion Post 119

WHEREAS, the American Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I, originally known as the American Expeditionary Force, they convened their first American Legion caucus in Paris in March 1919. In November of 1919, the American Legion was chartered by Congress and their first convention was held in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion has been significantly instrumental in the creation and/or support of Boy Scouts of America, the Veterans Administration, the GI Bill of Rights, National Assoc. for Mental Health, American Heart Assoc., sponsored a study of Agent Orange exposure to Vietnam War Veterans; pursued legislation for affected veterans, conducts “A Day to Remember” on September 11th and so many other great efforts in support of American lives; and

WHEREAS, since their charter on November 8, 1919, El Dorado Post 119 has been welcoming Veterans from all branches of our Armed Forces. The Auxiliary Unit 119 of American Legion Post 119 was formed on January 20, 1921. The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 119 was formed in 1934, inactive during the Second World War, rechartered in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the first El Dorado County Fair at the current Placerville Dr site was held in 1939 and was conducted by the American Legion Post 119 under contract with El Dorado County. World War II caused the Fair to go dormant from 1942 until 1947 when the American Legion reactivated it; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado American Legion Post 119 raises funds throughout the year so they can provide scholarships to improve opportunities for our youth along with many other programs to benefit El Dorado County residents and communities.

POST 119 PREAMBLE: “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.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County wishes to congratulate the American Legion Post 119 on the 100th anniversary of the formation of the organization with thanks to their members for the many ways they have contributed to our county.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 5th day of November, 2019.

Attest:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chair, Sue Novasel, Board of Supervisors