

American Legion

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, The American Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of WWI into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.



American Legion Los Angeles Sheriff's Star Post 309

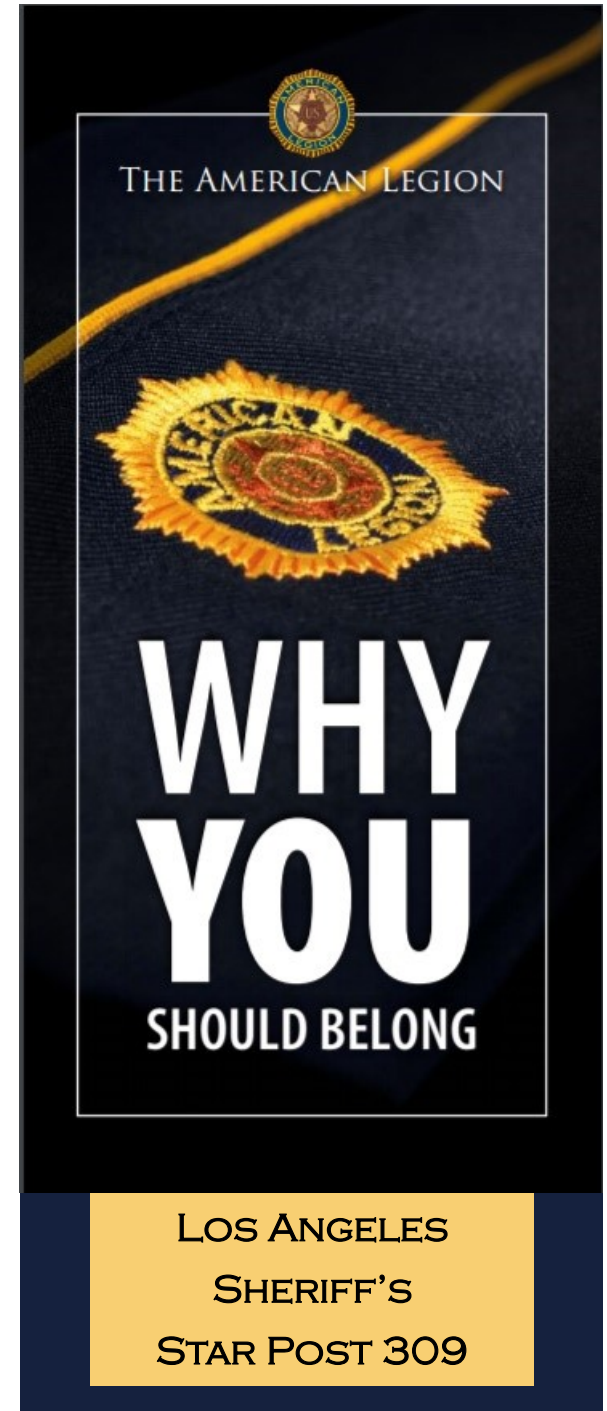
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History of Star Post 309

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Star Post 309 received its temporary charter on December 6, 1927. The Post was founded by 70 Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies who were veterans of WWI. Sheriff William Traeger of Los Angeles County (1921-1932) was one of the original founding members.

The Star Post is unique among other American Legion posts. We are a veterans' service organization comprised primarily of Los Angeles Sheriff's employees and family members of the same who are military veterans. Our ranks include active and retired LASD members from all work classifications: sworn, civilian, reserve, and volunteer. We also welcome eligible military veterans who are spouses, siblings, or children of LASD members into the Star Post.

Why should I join?

As a military veteran *AND* as a member of the LASD family, you already know how important and special it is to be a part of something greater than yourself. Star Post gives you the opportunity to be a part of a veterans organization made up primarily of law enforcement personnel and others who share many of your common values.

What does the Star Post do?

Star Post is involved in many initiatives which support veterans. We also participate in many events that give back to the community. Our community events include supporting various youth programs like the Young Marines, the Devil Pups of America, and the Southern California Special Olympics. We also support American Legion Boys State and the Boy Scouts of America.

We oftentimes collaborate with other American Legion posts and other veteran orgs. We honor our active duty members by assembling care packages for our deployed military personnel.

What types of activities are there?

We have participated in the Military Appreciation Night at Dodgers Stadium, host our annual charity golf tournament, and have various other functions throughout the year. There's always something going on.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q- Is there a physical Post?

A- YES! We've just recently acquired access to a building in Glendale to hold our meetings, dinners, and other functions.

Q- Do I have to attend meetings?

A- We have monthly meetings, but our focus is not solely on meetings, but rather on the various events throughout the year. So if you can't make a meeting, we understand as most of our younger members work various schedules. We do our best to keep you up to date through email, social

media, and our website.

Q- How do I qualify?

A- If you are or have been an LASD member (sworn, civilian, volunteer, reserve), and if you served at least one day of active federal duty (including basic training/boot camp) during the specified war eras with an honorable discharge, or if you're still serving, then you are eligible to become a member

Parents, children, and siblings of current Star Post members are also eligible to join even if they have never worked for the LASD, provided they are qualified military veterans eligible for membership in The American Legion.

Visit www.LEGION.org for more information.

Q- How much does it cost?

A- Dues are \$48 annually and can be deducted through automatic payroll deduction at \$4 per month. For our retired members, we can also deduct \$4 monthly from your monthly LACERA account. Or, you can pay the lump sum amount annually. It's your option.

Q- How many members are there?

A- Our ranks have been growing steadily with a combination of retired LASD, active LASD, new employees from the academies, and family members. For our hard work in recruitment, we have been awarded the Membership Award for three years consecutively. As of July 2019, our membership has exceeded 550 members for the first time in our over 90-year history!

Our active LASD members are from the rank of the Sheriff to Deputy, along with civilian ranks of LETs, nurses, cooks, and facilities personnel. BUT, in the American Legion, there is no rank—we are all equal.

So why not join now?

Email info@starpost309.com for more information and to receive a membership application.