



GUY WYNTON MORRIS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 710



A VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION






PURPOSE

After WWII, Black veterans returned with minimal support. The American Legion 710 was instrumental in helping Black veterans in San Bernardino

Negro Vets to Meet

Negro veterans of World war I and World war II, who have taken steps preliminary to the formation of an American Legion post will meet in the Court street U.S.O. at 7:30 tonight. Edward Grear has been named organization chairman. All honorably discharged veterans have been invited to attend.





SOME OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS INCLUDE:

James Guy
Edward Greer
Jack Hill

Talmadge Hughes

Henry Hooks

Willie Roberts

Ed Hooks,

P.K. Blakely

Art Townsend

Edgar Slaughter

Jesse Smith

Curtis Boat

Oscar Hemington

Thomas Bonderant

Jerome Sneed

Milton Johnson

Some became key leaders of the NAACP and longtime advocates for civil rights

Many early members became longtime community leaders, rights.

LEGION BALLS AND DANCES



This photo shows post WWII veterans at a ball. Legion 710 often held balls and dances and other events to celebrate veterans.



FUNDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Smith Fund provided families of fallen veterans with needed funds
- The Action Fund: provided scholarships for children in the community

When Charles Love joined Post 710 in the 1990s he helped the post create several funds to support community needs.



Credits

Charles Love Oral History
Jack Hill Tribute Video
Henry Hooks Oral History: Interview #2
SB Sun Feb 2 1946, p. 9
Black Voice News November 14, 2007

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