



COMMANDER'S CORNER

As 2022 recedes, we traditionally remember our year-end participation in Wreaths Across America as a solemn yet also heartfelt event as wreaths were laid on veterans' graves at Alamo Cemetery. The VSO's collaborated to form a color guard, and many



Assembling to form the Color Guard



Councilmember Renee Morgan addresses the crowd at wreath laying

Scouts and citizens attended to conduct the wreath laying and to remember the lives of these veterans. The Army/Navy game watch party was great fun and good food. Friendly foes and allies gathered in the community hall to see history made as the Black Knights snatched the win from the midshipmen in double overtime.

We had the pleasure of seeing the SRVUSD governing board and district superintendent recognize our Boys State and Girls State ambassadors for their accomplishment of selection and successful attendance at their programs. A few members were able to participate in the LPC Secret Santa activity with the Las Positas College Veterans First Center. This was a heart-warming activity that was much appreciated by the student veterans and their families. Thanks to those who gave.



Boys and Girls State Delegates Recognized by School Board

The focus for January is on the Oratorical Contest and Operation Crab Feed. Judges are needed for the contest, and members are needed to fill several key roles for the Crab Feed on 1/28. The committee has done the heavy lifting in soliciting donations and sponsorships; please assist them. They have also laid out a good event map and clear plan of action but other hands are needed too. Please help fulfil our post mission of being "devoted to mutual helpfulness" by [volunteering](#) and helping make our veterans, youth, Americanism, and service programs and post a success. A new year signals a fresh start, resolutions, and renewal. I hope that your 2023 is filled with wonderful moments, peace, and joy.

In conclusion, please recognize the service of Michelle Haines and Jon Heinson to the post. Michelle is moving to Tennessee and Jon has moved to Texas. Their service was exemplary. We will miss them greatly, and we wish them well!

– Michelle Lee



MEETINGS

Always RSVP for regular meeting luncheon and dinner events by leaving a message at **(925) 272-8480** or sending your email confirmation to commanderpost246@gmail.com **3 days** in advance. Please bring cash for meeting meals.

New Schedule:

General Meetings are first Wednesdays
 –Odd Months from 12:00-2:00 p.m.
 –Even Months from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 In the Second Floor Meeting Room, Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley (VMBSRV), except where noted (June – Thursday at 6 p.m.; August – No Meeting; October 1st Sunday at 1:00 p.m.). EXCOM business meetings are on 3rd Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. at VMBSRV.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**** Every Saturday 8:00 a.m. to noon, Coffee at the VMBSRV, 400 Hartz Ave, Danville.

04 January, Wednesday, General Membership meeting, VMBSRV, NOON, Guest Speaker: SR Councilmember Marisol Rubio

17 January, Operation Crab Feed Committee Meeting, All welcome, 5:00 p.m. Zoom [link](#)

28 January, Post 246 Crab Feed VMBSRV, Community Hall, 5:30 p.m. (Volunteers Needed)

01 February, General Membership meeting, VMBSRV, 6:00 p.m., Renee Morgan, Danville City Councilmember

14 February, AL District 9 Crab Feed, Antioch Post 161, Time TBD

01 March, Noon, General Membership Meeting, NOON, Douglas Davis, Mare Island

18 March, Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser, VMBSRV, 5:00 p.m.

21 March, 7:00 p.m. District 9 Meeting hosted by Post 246, VMBSRV

05 April, General Membership Meeting, VMBSRV, 6:00 p.m., Adam del Castillo, Veteran Services, Contra Costa College

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Third Saturday of the Month from 8:30-10:30 am. in the Second Floor Meeting Room)

- 21 January 2023
- 18 February 2023
- 18 March 2023
- 15 April 2023
- 20 May 2023

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS

District 9 will hold its next regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 18 January 2023 at: Post 331 Pleasant Hill VMB, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Please let Michelle Lee or Mark Heinemann know if you would like to attend.



COMMUNITY

CONGRATS TO LOCAL LEGIONNAIRE

Bill Danko, a member of Pleasanton's American Legion Post 237, is named California Legionnaire of the Year for 2022 for his work with the local veteran's community.

FREE DENTAL CLINIC, 2/14

Give Veterans a Smile 2023 is a Free dental care day for veterans on 4 Feb 2023, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Union City Dental Care Center, 1203 J St., Union City. Register early for this first come first served treatment. See flyer and registration link [here](#). Sponsored by Southern Alameda County Dental Society, UOP School of Dentistry, Dental Care Center of Union City, and VSOs. Questions? Please email: info@sacds.org or call 510-782-5316

VA PALO ALTO MOBILE MEDICAL SERVICES

PLEASANTON LIBRARY, 1/23
[Pleasanton Library](#) will host the VA Palo Alto on Monday, 23 January 2023, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Veterans, spouses, family members, caregivers, and survivors are invited to meet with the VA Palo Alto's Mobile Medical Services Team. Benefits counselors will be on site to review veteran-earned healthcare benefits, register

veterans for care with the VA Palo Alto, answer related questions, and provide information about VA services. Members of the medical staff will provide private exams and referrals for registered veterans. Appointments are not needed for this drop-in event. Veterans, please bring proof of military service document (DD-214) and a list of current medications.

VETERANS GROUPS & LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORTS POST

Crab Feed Sponsorships fuel our veterans and youth programs. Thank you to our kind and generous sponsors:

GOLD – Bay Area Navy Nurse Corps Association (BANNCA), Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley, Navy Veteran

RED – Heritage Bank of Commerce

WHITE – Air Force Veteran

BLUE – Bagel Street Café, Navy Veterans, Empowered Chiropractic

We are eagerly seeking sponsorships of our annual Crab Feed on 1/28. Gold - \$1,000, Red - \$500, White - \$250, Blue - \$100

As local [Danville](#) and [San Ramon](#) chamber members, the Post encourages members to shop locally.



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SCOUTS EAGLE PROJECT SEEKS DONATIONS



Post 246 is collecting donations to support a Troop 888 Eagle Scout candidate who is documenting and marking veterans' grave sites at Alamo Cemetery. Please provide a check made payable to *American Legion Post 246*, (note for Eagle Scout Project) with your donation to help the Scout pay for veterans' markers as soon as possible. Mail to AL Post 246, P.O. Box 133, Danville, CA 94526

POST OPERATIONS

OPERATION CRAB FEED

Crab Feed planning and fundraising is fully underway. Donors and Sponsors are needed. All Post members are asked to solicit for donations and sponsorships for the auction or at the least, to provide gift card(s), gift basket, or auction item. This is a critical, only once a year fundraiser, which provides funds for many of our most important programs, like Boys State and Girls State, Americanism activities, veterans projects and more. Please do your part, if you're able. Sign up [here](#).

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Oratorical contest is in full swing. We're proud to sponsor this contest where young people can gain

knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship and the U.S. Constitution. Standby for the Post Level Speech contest to take place in late January. Date TBA.

MEMBERSHIP

It takes less than 5 minutes to renew. 1) go to www.legion.org and click on the RENEW button, fill out the form, and you are done; or, 2) send the Post a check for \$45 to P.O. Box 133, Danville, CA 94526, and we'll process it promptly.

POST 246 NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Do you like to be a part of a well-functioning team? Do you enjoy being part of something bigger than yourself? Do you get things done? Why waste good talent? Volunteer for our Crab Feed [here](#).



Lindsey Lowe and Georganne Seavey

We are looking for a post photographer to take pictures (sample left) at post activities and other activities. No experience needed--just a willingness to help.

Content Coordinator -- Looking to do a low-effort, high-impact support to our mission? Volunteer to coordinate content to update our website.



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JANUARY 2023

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Contact Mark Heinemann if interested in any of the open positions.

KEEP YOUR VA MEDICAL RECORDS UPDATED

If you received vaccines or treatments outside of V.A., please help keep your medical records updated. Two ways: 1) Bring your COVID-19 vaccination card to any V.A. NorCal location and present it to one of the V.A. clerks. Or 2) Take a picture of your COVID-19 vaccination card. Send a copy of the card to your care team in a Secure Message on [My HealtheVet website](#).

FLAG & EMBLEM STORE

Want AL wear or supplies? Contact Alan Scharlach. See what's available [here](#), then Tel: 925-858-4199 or send email cab1ho@sbcglobal.net include the item number, quantity, color, and size; etc. and telephone number. Send or give him a check for your items.

POST OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Post Officers for 2022-2023:

Commander: Michelle Lee
1st V. Cmdr: Mark Heinemann
2nd V. Cmdr: Alan Scharlach
3rd V. Cmdr: Eric Ardell
Adjutant: Bob Landy
Finance: Phil Connolly
Chaplain: Mary O'Donnell
Historian: Gerald Lindahl

Judge Advocate: Mary O'Donnell
Service Officer: Leroy Vares
Past Commander: Mark Heinemann

Executive Committee:

Neil Giles Gary Soto
Mike Yura

Appointed Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Asst. Adjutant: Open
Asst. Finance: Raoul Miranda
Asst Sgt-at-Arms: Raoul Miranda
Supply Officer: Alan Scharlach
Boys State: Eric Ardell
Girls State: Michelle Lee
Oratorical: Neil Giles
Scouting Rep: Alan Scharlach
Asst. Scouting Rep: Mike Yura
VMB Ops Committee: Bob Landy
Museum Committee: Bob Sada
Protocol Officer: Floyd Cox
Board of Trustees: Ron Lowe / Eric Ardell / Alan Scharlach
East Bay Standdown Rep: Mark Heinemann
Veterans Outreach: Mark Heinemann
Program Dir: Mike Yura
Salvo Editor: Michelle Lee
Asst. Editors: Mark Heinemann, Eric Ardell, Bob Landy, Alan Scharlach, Adriana Santos
Post Webmaster: Rusty Orvik and Sons

Helmets for Heroes Donations



Bring some coins and bucks to our next meeting for [Helmets for Heroes](#)