



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our nearest military installation, Parks Reserve Forces Training Center, aka Camp Parks, celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month with leadership from the Parks installation, Ft Hunter Liggett, and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Readiness Division on hand to recognize contributions of the Soldiers,



*Army Leadership at 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Camp Parks*

Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coasties, and DoD civilians who worked at the site. Even some of our own Post members were attached or assigned there throughout the decades. During the WWII years, Camp Parks and adjacent Camp Shoemaker and Shoemaker Hospital--together fondly known as Fleet City--contributed significantly to the growth and development of the surrounding areas. And, the local citizens gladly supported the veterans. Our

efforts to support the active duty and reserve service members and their families continues today as we sponsor MWR and Army Community Services activities regularly.

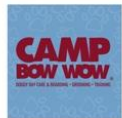
Our Crab Feed will be a solid success this year thanks to the outstanding efforts of our hardworking planners and volunteers and our generous donors, sponsors, and guests. A special shout-out to the Scouts from Troops 60 and 888, their leaders, and parents. We couldn't do it without you. THANK YOU!!

### CRAB FEED SPONSORS



U.S. AIR FORCE

Veteran



Dr. Mahsa Khodabakhsh

THANK YOU!!

p.m., VMBSRV, and around the town! -- Michelle Lee



*LTC Chalas, PRFTA Commander, and Michelle Lee*



*Delicious Crab table ready*

Looking ahead, we are exploring more social activities for a good cause which will appeal to members and the public alike. Get ready for a good-time Poker Tournament and/or a hotly contested Chili Cook-Off. Never underestimate the ability of a good poker hand or a steaming bowl of chili to lift your spirits and your outlook. Hope to see you at our next meeting, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00

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## 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday at 6 p.m.; August – No Meeting; October 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 1:00 p.m.). EXCOM business meetings are on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. at VMBSRV.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**\*\*\*\* [Every Saturday 8:00 a.m. to noon, all Vets Coffee at the VMBSRV, 400 Hartz Ave, Danville.](#)**

01 February, General Membership, **6:00 p.m.**, VMBSRV, Speaker - Renee Morgan, Danville Town Council

04 February, AL District 9 Crab Feed, 5:00 p.m., Antioch Post 161, 403 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Antioch

24 February, Scout Pack 997 Blue and Gold Ceremony, 6:00 p.m., Live Oak

Elementary, San Ramon. Contact Alan Scharlach.

01 March, Noon, General Membership Meeting at VMBSRV, Speaker - Douglas Davis from Mare Island

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 Service Contra Costa College

### **OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

(Third Saturday of the Month from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room)

18 February 2023  
 18 March 2023  
 15 April 2023  
 20 May 2023

### **DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS**

Post 246 will host the District 9 regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 21 March 2023 at the VMB Community Hall, 105 East Prospect Avenue, Danville. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## COMMUNITY

### **POST SUPPORTS SCOUTING**

As many of you may know, Post 246 is the organizational sponsor for two Scout Troops, (T-60 and T-888) and two Scout Packs (P-995 and P-997) in



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our local area. Members are invited to attend special Scout events, such as Courts of Honor, Blue & Gold Ceremonies, etc., as they arise. Please Contact Alan Scharlach if you are interested in attending a future event, such as the Pack 997 Blue & Gold event on 2/24.

## LAS POSITAS COLLEGE INVITES VETS TO BASKETBALL GAME 2/8

**MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Please join us as we honor our local heroes during Military Appreciation Night at The Nest. Admission to the games is FREE for veterans, reservists, active duty, and military family members. Scan the QR Code to reserve your seat(s) TODAY!

**WED, FEB 8TH 2023**

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:**  
5:00 PM PST  
Las Positas College  
Gym Building 2500

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:**  
7:00 PM PST  
Las Positas College  
Gym Building 2500

For more information!  
Call 925.424.1570  
Virtual Veterans Welcome Center  
Meeting ID: 885 1925 8951 (passcode: veterans)  
www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans

SAFeway Foundation

Women's Basketball at 5:00 p.m.  
And Men's Basketball at 7:00 p.m.  
3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

## THE MAKING OF DEVOTION, 2/9, 6:00 P.M. MARINES MEMORIAL

The director of the movie Devotion talks about the making of the movie about two U.S. Navy fighter pilots during the Korean War. Ticket info is available [here](#).

## 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](mailto:info@sacds.org) or call 510-782-5316

## MAKE THE GRADE AT THE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

**CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE 2023**

**MARCH 17, 18 & 19**

Course begins at 8:00 a.m. Friday 3/17.  
Graduation should be completed by 1:00 p.m. on 3/19.

**ONLINE STUDENT APPLICATION**  
<https://calegion.org/cale-application/>

Application Deadline: 1 March 2023  
Class size is limited to 25 participants

**PREREQUISITES:**  
Complete The American Legion Basic Training  
<https://www.legion.org/alei>

**LOCATION:**  
The American Legion, Hollywood Post 43  
2035 North Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90068

The Department of California will reimburse participants for mileage from their home Post to Post 43 and back home.  
We will also provide \$50.00 per day (3 days) for per diem.  
Questions? Contact [calc@calegion.org](mailto:calc@calegion.org)

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### FREE GOOGLE CLOUD TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS

The American Legion Department of California is pleased to announce that we've worked with Google to provide free training for its **cloud services to veterans**. To take advantage of this free training for Google Cloud Services, you must be a member of The American Legion Family, 18 years of age, and committed to completing this self-paced program in 6 months. For more information, check out the website below and contact Autrey James or Roberto C. Arnold to enroll:

<https://calegion.org/google-cloud-training/>

### SCOUTS EAGLE PROJECT SEEKS DONATIONS -- LAST CHANCE



Post 246 is collecting donations to support a Troop 888 Eagle Scout candidate who is documenting and

marking veteran's grave sites at Alamo Cemetery. Please provide a check made payable to American Legion Post 246 with your donation to help the Scout pay for permanent grave site markers. Bring to 2/1 general meeting or mail by 2/7. Mail to AL Post 246, P.O. Box 133, Danville, CA 94526

## POST OPERATIONS

*Alan Scharlach serves*

### ORATORICAL CONTEST

Post level U.S. Constitution speech contest on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the VMBSRV. Time TBD. Contact Neil Giles for more information, (925) 272-8480.

### MEMBERSHIP

It takes less than 5 minutes to renew. 1) go to [www.legion.org](http://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.

### VMBSRV FUNDRAISER HAS A NEW LOOK -- FROM IRELAND TO ITALY

In place of the past Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraiser, the VMBSRV will hold a Tips-for-Change dinner event at Gianni's Restaurant later this year. More details to come.

### POST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Adjutant is an easy entry position for anyone with no adjutant experience. In practice, the adjutants and assistant adjutants keep our admin house in order including membership, minutes, and more.



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We are looking for multiple post photographers to take pictures (sample left) at post activities and other activities, as available.

Content Coordinator -- Looking to do a low-effort/high-impact support to our mission? Please volunteer to push content to update our website.

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

### **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](mailto: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  
1<sup>st</sup> V. Cmdr: Mark Heinemann  
2<sup>nd</sup> V. Cmdr: Alan Scharlach  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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](#)