



COMMANDER'S CORNER

The thoughts of gratitude and sacrifice evoked from the multiple Memorial Day Events in our area continue to linger as we enter into June. I am reminded of how fortunate and thankful we are to live in a community, with town and city governments, VMBSRV Veterans Service Organizations, and citizens who honor those service members in multiple ways. The remembrance programs at San Ramon Memorial Park, Oak Hill Park in Danville, and the Beacon lighting were well-attended events. Earlier in the month, the joint effort VMBSRV Swearing-in, Chaired by Mary O'Donnell, was also a tremendous success as attested by the proud faces of the students and parents who were honored. Finally, in May, we participated in the San



*USA MG Lowe (Ret)
Congratulates Service
Inductees and Academy
Appointees*

Ramon Art and Wind Festival where we handed out poppies, promoted the meaning of Memorial Day, and informed residents of the local veterans service organizations, membership benefits and service opportunities.



*Sharing a laugh at the VMBSRV
Swearing In*

In surveying the 2022-23 Post year, we can take pride in the good works we have completed, money and time donated, programs supported, friendships strengthened, and joys and sorrows shared. Our team accomplished much and worked together well, despite occasional challenges of timing, scheduling, health, travel, et cetera, we pulled together and delivered our best team effort. Because of your talents, abilities, commitment, dedication, and character we thrived. Thank you to everyone, including spouses and family members, who contributed to the work of our Post this past year. Whether you rolled-up your sleeves and got to work, or, because of circumstances, you cheered us on from the bench or the sidelines, donated funds, or even provided critical feedback, sage advice or wisdom, your encouragement and support, no matter how small or, just as often--how big, made all the difference in accomplishing a successful year. It was a pleasure to serve as your Post Commander; and it's an honor and



*Mark Armstrong, San Ramon
Vice Mayor, Delivers
Memorial Day Remarks*



*Jim Hill, Vice-President,
VNV DV, MC's 31st Memorial
Day Remembrance*



*Alan Scharlach, 2nd Vice
Commander, Works
Booth at Festival*

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experience that I will always treasure. Our Post will be in good hands with Mark Heinemann at the helm once again in 2023-24. He and your officers and Executive Committee members for 2023-2024 will be installed at our July meeting and I hope that you will join me in applauding his leadership and service and supporting him as commander.



*Mark Heinemann
Assumes Command
July 2023*

In looking ahead, **Please note that this month's Post Meeting is on Thursday, 08 June at 6 p.m.** I will be serving as a counselor at Boys and Girls State 17-24 June and look forward to giving a report on this newly imagined program next month. We will be well-represented at the Department Convention 23-25 June by Executive Committee Member, Judge Advocate, and Chaplain -- Mary O'Donnell. Please join me in thanking Mary for stepping up to represent us as our Post's state delegate. Our participation in the annual Kiwanis 4th of July parade is secured and thanks to Mark Heinemann, Alan Scharlach, Ed Ott, and others we will have vehicles to ride in and Scouts to walk with us at the parade. Have a great summer and see you around the VMBSRV! – 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 2023:

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 8th – Thursday at 6 p.m.; August – No Meeting; October 1st Sunday at 1:00 p.m.). EXCOM business meetings, 3rd Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. at VMBS except no meeting in July.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

05 June, 11:30 a.m. Post 246 Women Veterans Tea, Contact Michelle Lee, Leave a message at 925-272-8480 with contact info, or at commanderpost246@gmail.com
 RSVP Required

08 June, 6:00 p.m., General Membership Meeting at VMBSRV, Speaker: Braydon Drevlow, Concert Pianist, Adventure Traveler, providing international travel perspectives about his journeys to the remotest corners of the earth.

23-25 June – American Legion State Convention, Visalia, CA

04 July, Kiwanis 4th of July Parade, Downtown Danville (Contact us if you would like to ride in the Parade)



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05 July, Noon, General Membership Meeting at VMBSRV, Autry James, Past Department (CA) Commander

August, No General Meeting

06 September, Noon, General Membership Meeting at VMBSRV

01 October, 1:00 p.m. TAL Boys & Girls State, and ALA Girls State Recognition Luncheon, VMBSRV, (this is in lieu of our regular monthly meeting)

01 November, Noon, General Membership Meeting at VMBSRV, TBD

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Third Saturday of the Month from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room). For 2023:

- 17 June
- July No Meeting
- 19 August
- 16 September
- 21 October

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS

District 9 will hold its next regular meeting on July 18, 2023 (Tues) Martinez Veterans Memorial Building 7:00 PM. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring \$15 in cash/check for dinner.

COMMUNITY

VETERANS VOICES

Contra Costa County Veterans TV Show airs on 2nd Mondays on Comcast Channel 27, ATT/Uverse channel 99, Wave Channel 32. Check out past episodes [here](#).

VA Mobile Medical Team, 6/19

Military Veterans

Meet the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Team!

- Review and claim earned health care benefits
- Register with the VA Palo Alto for services
- Receive information about other VA services
- Receive care from the VA medical team

Bring Veteran DD-214 (Proof of Service Document) and list of current medications.
Drop-in -- no appointment needed.

Monday, June 19, 2023
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Pleasanton Public Library



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WHAT A COURT OF HONOR!

Eight (8) Boy Scouts, all from the same patrol in Troop 60 (sponsored by our Post 246) achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. In the history of the Golden Gate Bay Area Council, never have so many Scouts in the same Troop, let alone the same Patrol, earned their Eagle. This was such a momentous achievement that a





representative from the National Boy Scouts of America was present to open and close the Court of Honor. Several representatives from the Golden Gate Bay Area Scouting Council were also present. Additional dignitaries presenting special Certificates of Achievement, books, or challenge coins were **Mayor of Danville Robert Storer**, Ed Stevenson from the Marine Corps League Detachment 942, and Alan Scharlach, as the Chartered Organizational Representative for American Legion Mt. Diablo Post 246. Supporting Alan and the Post was our Past Commander and 1st Vice Commander Mark Heinemann. Alan had the honor of not only presenting Certificates of Citizenship from our Post, but also Acclamations of Achievement and Certificates of Recognition from Congressman Mark DeSaulnier of California's 10th District, and California State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer Kahan. The Eagle Scouts achieving these honors were:

Varun Desai, Aalyan Aamir, Sanjiv Simha, Amandip Dutta, Madhav Nair, Ayan Bhatia, Arnesh Peddi and Anirudh Krishna.



These Scouts were all from the "Fast and Furious" Patrol of Troop 60. For their projects, the Scouts made wood cabinets, wood bookshelves, picnic tables with built-in benches, wooden planters, wooden garden boxes, and built and placed mile markers on a Mount Diablo hiking trail.

After the closing of the Court of Honor, the troop welcomed all guests to a fabulous feast in celebration.

Alan Scharlach 15 May 2023

POST OPERATIONS

TAL BOYS AND GIRLS STATE ALA GIRLS STATE SELECTIONS

Thanks to Eric Ardell, Michelle Lee, Harvalee Grimm, and Heidi Kenniston Lee, all The American Legion (TAL) Boys and Girls State and American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State delegate selections were completed. Delegates will attend their programs in the 3rd or 4th week in June. These signature American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary national programs help millions of young people understand local government, develop their leadership skills, and inspire their life-long civic engagement.

TAL Boys and Girls State:

Christian Chang	San Ramon Valley
Rubin Jain	California
Jax Milasincic	California
Alexander Shen	California



Surya Devasenapathy Athenian
 Steven Staelin Athenian
 Abigail Chen Monte Vista
 Ethan Chen Monte Vista
 Ehem Guluc Monte Vista

ALA Girls State:

Sanika Saleem Monte Vista
 Ananya Pinnamaneni Dougherty Valley
 Alyssa Yu California
 Molly Schinnerer San Ramon Valley
 Aria Capelli Athenian

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal

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. **Dues will increase to \$50/yr. in July 2023 for the 2024 membership year.**

Welcome back to Daniel Young, who has rejoined our Post! Welcome to new member, Tom Silva!

AMERICAN LEGION WEAR

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.

HELMETS FOR HEROES DONATIONS

Bring some loose change and bills to our next meeting for [Helmets for Heroes](#).



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
 Sgt. At Arms: Floyd Cox
 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



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Asst. Scouting Rep: Mike Yura
VMB Ops Committee: Bob Landy
Museum Committee: Bob Sada
Protocol Officer: Floyd Cox
IT Coordinator: John Farmer
Asst. IT Coordinator: Neil Giles
Board of Trustees: Eric Ardell / Alan
Scharlach
East Bay Standdown Rep: Mark
Heinemann
Veterans Outreach: Mark Heinemann
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