



COMMANDER'S CORNER

First, please join me in recognizing and thanking Michelle Lee for leading our Post during the past year. Michelle represented the Post at multiple, high profile Veterans Day and Memorial Day events in Danville and San Ramon. She expanded our outreach to women veterans by organizing and hosting the inaugural Women Veterans Tea with Mary O'Donnell, to student veterans at Las Positas College, and to active-duty military personnel at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area. She continued her vital support of Girls State and acted as a counselor at the new combined Boys and Girls State, helping it to succeed in its first year. She raised awareness of our Post and its activities in the local community through participation in Chambers of Commerce and other events in Danville and San Ramon and authoring newspaper articles.

A special thank you goes to PG&E which provided a stake truck for Post members to ride in the Danville Fourth of July Parade. Ed Ott, Mike Gilmore (Livermore VFW Post 7265), and Lyle Perry added their WWII era jeeps to our convoy. Photo on Page 3.

Please join your fellow Post member at these special Post activities coming up: October luncheon recognizing our delegates to Boys and Girls State and to Girls State; Veterans Day weekend VMB pop-up museum featuring robotics; Wreaths Across America at the Alamo Cemetery where some 250 veterans are laid to rest; the High School Oratorical Contest; and finally, our one and only Crab Feed Dinner & Fundraiser. As I am sure that you can imagine, these activities take time and effort on the part of many of our members, their significant others, and other community members. Get involved and come help make these many activities a success; give me a call at (925) 272-8480 or drop me a line at CommanderPost246@gmail.com to find out how you can help.

Finally, please welcome these new members; Kelly McHugh, an Army Vietnam Vet; John Reese, a Navy Vietnam Vet and former Commander of the Walnut Creek Post; Janine Hollenbeck, a Gulf War Vet; Arjun Kasturi, Boys State Delegate who is entering the US Military Academy; and Ethan Haldezos, who is also entering the US Military Academy.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mark Heinemann



MEETINGS

Please always RSVP for the general 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.**

GENERAL MEETINGS

First Wednesdays

– Odd Months from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

– Even Months from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Second Floor Meeting Room, Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley (VMBSRV), except where noted (August – No Meeting; October 1st Sunday at 1:00 p.m.).

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

****** Every Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, All-Vets Coffee at the VMBSRV, 400 Hartz Ave, Danville.******

August, No General Meeting

21 August, 4:30 – 8:00 PM, VMBSRV Fundraiser, Gianni's Italian Bistro, San Ramon

25 August, 7:00 – 10:00 PM, FREE Dance Night with British Invasion Cover Band The Landbirds, VMBSRV

06 September, Noon, General Membership Meeting at VMBSRV
San Ramon Police Officer Keith Testerman

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,
Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Representative

09-12 November, Veterans Day Pop Up Museum, VMBSRV

06 December, 6:00 PM, General Membership Meeting at VMBSRV, TBA

07 December, 4:45 PM, Mount Diablo Beacon Lighting for Pearl Harbor Day

09 December, 11:00 AM, Army-Navy Game, VMBSRV

16 December, 10:00 AM, Wreaths Across America, Alamo Cemetery

The American Legion | Mt. Diablo Post 246

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OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Third Saturday of the Month from 8:30-10:00 a.m. except 2nd Saturday in December, VMBSRV Second Floor Meeting Room). For 2023:

- 19 August
- 16 September
- 21 October
- 18 November
- 09 December

DISTRICT 9 MEETING

District 9 will hold its next general meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 19 September 2023 (Note: Date Subject To Change) at the Brentwood Veterans Memorial Building, 757 First Street, Brentwood. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring \$15 in cash/check for dinner.

COMMUNITY

DANVILLE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE



Three historic military vehicles driven by our own Ed Ott, Mike Gilmore (Livermore VFW Post 7265), and Lyle Perry added color to our contingent of Post 246 members, Scouts from Troop 888, Boys and Girls State delegates, and Girls State delegates. PG&E volunteers provided a ride in a patriotically decorated stake truck. VFW Post 75 continued its tradition of hosting a great BBQ lunch after the parade at the VMBSRV Community Hall.



VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING FUNDRAISER

Please help raise funds for the VMBSRV operations fund by joining your fellow veterans and neighbors from 4:30 to 7:30 PM on Monday, 21 August at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon. Reserve a table or order takeout: (925) 820-6969

<https://giannissanramon.com/>



DANCE NIGHT

VFW Post 75 is sponsoring a FREE "Dance Night", featuring British Invasion Cover Band – The Landbirds, at the VMBSRV Community Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 PM on Friday, 25 August. Reservations Required:

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084faaac2ba1fbc52-live>

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 delegates and American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State delegates attended their programs in June. We will recognize the delegates at a luncheon at 1:00 PM on Sunday, 01 October in the VMBSRV Community Hall:

TAL Boys and Girls State Delegates:

Christian Chang, Rubin Jain, Jax Milasincic, Alexander Shen, Surya Devasenapathy, Steven Staelin, Abigail Chen, Ethan Chen, and Ehem Guluc

ALA Girls State Delegates: Sanika Saleem, Ananya Pinnamaneni, Alyssa Yu, Molly Schinnerer, and Aria Capelli

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE STUDENT VETERAN OUTREACH

Mary O'Donnell and Mark Heinemann represented Post 246 at LPC Operation Gateway – new student veteran orientation. Several student veterans confirmed their interest in joining Post 246



MILITARY ACADEMY MEMBERS

Post members Matt Jao, USNA Midshipman, and Lewis Hare, USMA Cadet, met Eric Ardell and Mark Heinemann at the VMBSRV for a museum tour and lunch. Matt and Lewis shared interesting perspectives of their experiences in their first year at the academies during their visit.





VETERANS VOICES

Contra Costa County Veterans TV Show
airs on 2nd Mondays on Comcast
Channel 27, ATT/Uverse channel 99,
Wave Channel 32.

POST OPERATIONS

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal

We met the Department of California
target of 153 new and renewed
members for 2023. We are very close
to reaching 100% renewal based on
the National roster. Renew by
1) going to www.legion.org and clicking
on the RENEW button, filling out the
form, and you are done; or, 2) sending
the Post a check for \$45 to P.O. Box
133, Danville, CA 94526

FLAG & EMBLEM STORE

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

POST OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Post Officers for 2023-2024:

Commander: Mark Heinemann
1st V. Cmdr.: **OPEN**

2nd V. Cmdr.: Alan Scharlach

3rd V. Cmdr.: Michelle Lee

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 Members:

Eric Ardell, Neil Giles, Mary O'Donnell

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

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

Program Dir: **OPEN**

Salvo Editor: Mark Heinemann

Asst. Editors: Eric Ardell, Bob Landy,

Michelle Lee, Adriana Santos, Alan

Scharlach

Post Webmaster: Rusty Orvik and Sons