



## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Our Post continues its missions to support veterans, active-duty military and their families, youth, and our local community in many significant ways. Unfortunately, we are facing a critical issue for our Post - Leadership of the Post. Nine of the twelve current leaders are Vietnam era or earlier vets. Vietnam era vets carried on after our WWII and Korean vets who picked up from our WWI vets who started our Post in 1922. Our Post was founded over 100 years ago and we want to see it continue as a force for good in our community for another 100 years and beyond.

Six post-Vietnam era vets agreed to form a steering committee to address two key issues. First, develop a transition plan for the leadership of our Post following the current July 2023 to June 2024 term. Second, develop a list of activities on which to focus for the future. We need to engage in activities that will attract a much greater number of members who want to increase their level of participation in our Post and to attract new members who will want to participate in our Post's activities.

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 "Space and Robotics" pop-up museum; Army-Navy Football game at the VMB; Wreaths Across America at the Alamo Cemetery where some 250 veterans are laid to rest; the High School Oratorical Contest (Please encourage any high school students interested in the Constitution to participate in the contest. For more information <https://www.americanlegionpost246.org/oratorical>); and finally, our one and only Crab Feed Dinner & Fundraiser. 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 email [commanderpost246@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost246@gmail.com) to find out how you can help.

Several members of our post had a fun time at the Veterans Memorial Building fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro on Monday evening. See note below.

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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

10-12 November, Veterans Day Pop Up Museum – Theme: “Space and Robotics”, VMBSRV Community Hall

11 November, 4:45 PM, Mount Diablo Beacon Lighting for Veterans Day

06 December, 6:00 PM, General Membership Meeting at VMBSRV, Speaker 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, 11:00 AM, Wreaths Across America, Alamo Cemetery

### OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month from 8:30-10:00 a.m. except 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December, VMBSRV Second Floor Meeting Room). For 2023 and 2024:

16 September	18 November
21 October	09 December
20 January	17 February

### DISTRICT 9 MEETING

District 9 will hold its next general meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 26 September 2023 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

### VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING FUNDRAISER

Our Veterans Memorial Building fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon raised \$6,618 on August 21. Additional donations directly to the VMB are expected to increase the total to more than \$8,000. Please thank Mary O'Donnell who worked as a server with the Blue Star Moms and Bob Sada and Lee Halverson who delivered take-out orders. Diners included Mary and Eric Ardell who are pictured along with Jon Robbins, Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley, in the outdoor tent. Other Post 246 diners included Neil Giles and Jill Lifter, Mark and Corrienne Heinemann, and Bob and Nancy Landy.



### ALAMO WOMENS CLUB COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Mary O'Donnell represented our Post at the Alamo Women's Club Community Fun Day on August 20. Our information table created much interest and several potential members asked for membership information.



### DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENT VETERAN OUTREACH

Mark Heinemann represented Post 246 at an open house for the Veterans Resource Center at Diablo Valley College on August 17. DVC Veterans Program staff presented an update on student veteran enrollment, a successful new student veteran orientation, and plans to rebuild the DVC student veteran community.



#### **BLUE STAR MOMS**

Please support the Blue Star Moms' Care Package Event from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 9 at the Veterans Memorial Building. Items needed (along with cash donations): Personal Care: toothbrushes and travel size deodorant, body wash, and toothpaste

Food: Belvita cookies and biscuits, protein bars, cliff bars, granola bars, Rice Krispie treats, flavored packs of chicken and/or tuna, and single servings of nuts, jerky (not pork), dried fruit, and instant coffee (See flyer.)

#### **DANVILLE CAR SHOW**

Please help staff a Post 246 information table from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, September 10 at the Veterans Memorial Building, corner of Hartz Avenue and East Prospect Avenue. Email [commanderpost246@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost246@gmail.com) if you can help.

#### **9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

Please attend the ceremony at Oak Hill Park at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 11.

#### **SRVHS VETERAN RECOGNITION**

San Ramon Valley High School will recognize veterans at a football game at 7:00 PM on Friday, September 15. Tickets plus hot dogs, apple pie, and drinks are free. See Lee Halverson or the Museum Docent at the Veterans Memorial Building for your ticket.

#### **TAL BOYS AND GIRLS STATE ALA GIRLS STATE SELECTIONS**

We will recognize The American Legion (TAL) Boys and Girls State delegates and American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State 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 Ethem Guluc

#### **ALA Girls State Delegates:**

Sanika Saleem, Ananya Pinnamaneni, Alyssa Yu, Molly Schinnerer, and Aria Capelli

#### **VETERANS DANCE**

District 9 (the eight American Legion Posts in Contra Costa County) and Brentwood Post 202 are co-sponsoring a family-friendly dance at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 20 at the Brentwood Veterans Memorial Building, 757 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Brentwood. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$20 per family. Contact Phil Pezzella at (925) 354-2868 for tickets.

#### **LAS POSITAS COLLEGE EVENT**

Post 246 is a sponsor of the 2.2 for 22 Challenge. We need members to staff a station at the on-campus event from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 21. Funds raised are used to support student veteran mental health and to sponsor a mental health professional on campus. Email [commanderpost246@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost246@gmail.com) if you can help.





### 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](http://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](mailto: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  
1<sup>st</sup> V. Cmdr.: **OPEN**

2<sup>nd</sup> V. Cmdr.: Alan Scharlach

3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Michelle Lee

### 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 & Delta Standdowns Rep:

Mark Heinemann

Veterans Outreach: Mark Heinemann

Program Dir: Michelle Lee

Salvo Editor: Mark Heinemann

Asst. Editors: Eric Ardell, Bob Landy,

Michelle Lee, Adriana Santos, Alan

Scharlach

Post Webmaster: Rusty Orvik and Sons



### CARE PACKAGE SHOP and DROP EVENT

September 9, 2023 Veterans Memorial Building  
400 Hartz Avenue Danville, CA  
9:30 - 2:00



#### ITEMS NEEDED

<p><b>Travel size:</b> Deodorant Body Wash Tooth paste  Tooth Brushes</p>	<p>Belvita Protein Bars Cliff Bars Granola Bars Rice Crispy Treats Flavored packs of chicken or tuna</p>	<p><b>Single Serving of:</b> Nuts Jerky (not pork) Dried Fruit Instant Coffee</p>
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