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COMMANDERS CORNER

Well my prediction that we are going in the right direction with the pandemic proved to be a bit premature. We have gone backwards here in Contra Costa County so live meetings are not going to happen until into the new year. We will continue with Zoom meetings and really encourage you join us online or via call-in. We are working on a speaker for the December meeting and will let you know by email if we can confirm scheduling.

We will bring everyone up to date on our planning for our ~~NO-Crab~~ Crab Feed Silent Virtual Auction at our December meeting. We will be looking for volunteers to assist in several of the aspects of putting on the Auction such as Marketing, Volunteer Coordination, Item Management, or Checkout / Item Distribution. We have leaders for each of these subcommittees, so contact us and let us where you can best contribute.

We are on our third round of "Buddy Calls" and we are concentrating on those of you who we have not been able to reach yet. We want to make sure you are doing well and ask if you need any assistance. If we have left you a voice mail, please consider giving us a call back and checking in. You support our post, and we are here to support you.

The state is still mandating you wear a mask and social distance. Let us do our part and wear them in any public setting. I am seeing information from county officials that there may be some changes coming soon so we will try to keep you posted.

We have now reached 80+% of members renewed as of 11/15/20! Please take a minute and renew on line or send us your check for your dues. Thank you all for your continued support for this great organization and our local post.

Be sure to see our new website at www.americanlegionpost246.org. Check it out!!

Be sure to support the Blue Star Moms! See note below.

Stay safe and wear your masks!!!

Eric, Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

****** Every Saturday 9 to 12**

November 26th, Thursday

December 2nd, Wednesday

December 19th, Saturday

Coffee at the Vets Hall ** Still on hold**

Thanksgiving Day

Zoom meeting with speaker (?), 12:00 pm

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am



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December 19 th , Saturday	Wreaths Across America, Alamo Cemetery. 10:00 am
December 25 th , Friday	Christmas Day
January 1 st , Friday	New Year's Day
January 6 th , Wednesday	Zoom meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm TBD
January 16 th , Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
January (TBD)	Post Oratorical Contest
January 24 th to 31 th , Sunday to Sunday	No Crab Crab Feed Auction Fundraiser
February 3 rd , Wednesday	Regular meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm TBD
February 20 th , Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
March 3 rd , Wednesday	Regular meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm TBD
March 20 th , Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
April 7 th , Wednesday	Regular meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm TBD
April 17 th , Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. ALAMO CERETERY

Our post is co-host of the Wreaths Across America Ceremony honoring the veterans in the historic Alamo Cemetery. Because of the participation limits placed on public events this year, the Alamo-Lafayette Cemetery District will allow only 30 people in the Cemetery at one time.

With this limit in mind, there will be a very brief opening ceremony of the pledge of allegiance and playing of taps and a 2-hour period for placing wreaths. Beginning at 10 AM, December 19, 30 people will be allowed in to place wreaths. As individuals exit, others will be allowed to enter and place wreaths. So, it will go, until every veteran is honored, ending at 12 noon. We will provide unloading and stationing support before Saturday as we have in the past. On Saturday we will provide entrance control. We intend to have a short ceremony. No color guard and no speeches. This year we will help remove all the wreaths with Boy Scouts.





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ALAMO WOMEN'S CLUB / BLUE STAR MOMS OF DANVILLE

Together We Give for Blue Star Moms of Danville. Dec. 9th, Wednesday, 2 to 5 pm. Curbside drop off donations at Alamo Women's Club at 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. We will also take monetary donations for them. Make checks payable to Alamo Women's Club and on memo line note Blue Star Moms. Items wanted are listed at www.bluestarmoms.org. or on the website at www.alamowomensclub.org.
Let's all pitch in, check the Moms website (above) and provide whatever you can.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Together We Give



**Blue Star Moms of Danville, Chapter 101
CARE PACKAGE PROJECT**

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 2-5 pm

**Curbside Drop-Off at Alamo Women's Club Clubhouse
1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo**

Shopping List:

All items individually wrapped/packaged, please

Socks (Black or white, men's sizes, crew length, not tube or dress), Bags of cookies, crackers, corn nuts, dried fruit/fruit leather, Protein bars (i.e., Clif), Pouches of Tuna, Chicken, Nutella & Go, Jerky (not pork), Deodorant, Floss, Water drinks (i.e., Crystal Light), Batteries, (2- or 4-pack), Small Puzzle Books

Gift cards welcome!

Or, make checks payable to AWC with memo: Blue Star Moms

Link for Costco Shoppers:

https://78c0cf65-a78d-4893-99ec-a9f9c079f8df.filesusr.com/ugd/67f352_e137671b871742bd93269f7995b6d06e.pdf

*Please know that **everything you give** is a morale booster for the soldier who receives it, as well as a practicality.*



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MEMBERSHIP

Of our 155 members (including new transfers), we now have 124 who have renewed your membership for 2021 (that's 80.5%). Again, THANK YOU!!

For those of you who have not renewed your membership yet, there are two easy ways to renew: 1) go to www.legion.org and click on the RENEW button, fill out the form, and you're done. Or send us a check for \$45 and we will process it for you.

THE NO CRAB CRAB FEED ONLINE AUCTION EVENT

Hi all – I want to remind you of my recent email about our most important event for our post – the Annual Crab Feed dinner and Fundraiser, or I should say the No Crab-Crab Feed Auction Fundraiser.

Due to the pandemic, the Executive Committee, has been discussing alternatives to a live event in the banquet hall of the VMB. We have settled on working on a standalone online auction to be held in late January 2021. To that end we have moved ahead with soliciting donations by sending some 100 letters to previous event donors asking for donation support. We have already received many donations. There are many things that all of you can do to help the post gain exposure for our auction (more on that later) and to receive donations such as:

- **Recommend to us businesses or service providers that would consider merchandise, gift certificates, services, gift baskets, or cash donations.**
- **Personally, contact friends and acquaintances that might approach their companies for donations or provide donations themselves/yourself. We are not planning tickets or fees for participating in the auction.**
- **Have a timeshare or vacation rental that you might donate?**

I attached to my email a list of things that could be donated (and maybe a few that can't be due to the pandemic). You may email me directly, but please be specific with names, contact info, and or complete description of donation.

Thanks in advance for your help. Let's make this work and successful!!

FLAG & EMBLEM STORE

The post now has a Tax-Free account with the Flag & Emblem Store. Alan Scharlach is our post "Supply Officer" and is available to order items for individual post members. Go to <https://emblem.legion.org/> to do your shopping; then email Alan with the item number, quantity, color, and any other item details needed to purchase the item you want.



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CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALES – Still time to buy & support our cubs!!

Need popcorn for all those Netflix movies you are watching these days? Well here's the answer: **BUY POPCORN FROM OUR CUB SCOUT PACKS!!**

Cub Scout Packs 997 and 995 are run by parent volunteers. Popcorn fundraiser accounts for half of the packs budget which is used to cover:

- BSA National and Council Fees
- Boys Life Magazine Subscription
- Awards: Rank Badge, Adventure Belt loops/pins and participation patches
- Subsidize outdoor/STEM activities like camping, pinewood derby, space derby
- Supplies and Facilities Fees

2 ways to buy:

1. Go to Online Store: <https://www.trails-end.com/store/scout/BK8FDLT1> Your order will go to PACK997 and for a limited time, shipping is free for orders >\$30. Popcorn will ship within a week.
2. You can also email also pack997.sanramon@gmail.com for pack 995 and they can start an online order for you via email/phone. They can text you a link to enter credit card and address info and the products will be shipped to you same as Online Order.

POST PHOTOGRAPHER

Like to take pictures with an iPhone or camera? We need YOU!! We are looking for a post photographer(s) to help capture pictures and videos of our post activities. There is a requirement to attend many our functions, etc. Please give me a call.

AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING COURSE

Learn about the American Legion in this self-paced online course; go to <https://www.legion.org/alei>.

USAA INSURANCE

To further USAA's mission of being the provider of choice for the Military Community, they have opened their membership up to all military retirees and those who separated with a 'discharge type of honorable'.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots"

--

Albert Einstein



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Keep saving your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters for Helmut for Heroes at a future live meeting!!

