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COMMANDERS CORNER

As the pandemic, in the short term, appears to be going in the wrong direction, there is good news. **The vaccines are here!!** And some us, sorry just some over 75, can get a shot now at the VA Martinez. You need to call for an appointment at 382-8387, selection 4 or 5. Be persistent, you may not get through right away. Raoul Miranda already got his shot and I have an appointment on January 14. Meantime keep **wearing a mask and social distance**. Let us do our part and wear them in any public setting.

There is an important message from our Department Commander below; please read completely.

Our ~~NO Crab~~ Crab Feed Virtual Auction is here! The site has gone live for browsing and will go live on 24 January. See the notice below for all the details. We have sent the Auction flyer and notice to all of you and ask for your help by sending it on to your family, friends, neighbors, and business associates.

We still want to say hi to **Robert Denison, House, Sally Malone, Dr. Conrad Rougeux, Lee Sarty, William Shewry, Bob Wattles, Kenneth Winters, and Richard Zaslove**. We want to make sure you are doing well and ask if you need any assistance. We will keep trying to reach you.

We have now reached 88% of members renewed as of 1/8/21! That's 137 out of 157 members that continue support of our post and the Legion. Thank you!! We did not reach our goal of 100% by 31 December, but we will continue to pursue that goal.

A great big thank you to the Boy Scouts of Troop 888 who showed up in big numbers to remove all the wreaths at the Alamo Cemetery and then follow Roxanne Lindsay to the dump to dispose of them properly.

Our Boy Scouts are looking for Eagle Scout projects, especially for ones that support veterans. If you have ideas, contact Alan Scharlach directly.

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

Stay safe and wear your masks!!!

Eric, Commander



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**** Every Saturday 9 to 12

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

January/February (TBD)

Post Oratorical Contest

January 24th to 30th, Sunday to Saturday **No Crab Crab Feed Auction Fundraiser**

February 3rd, Wednesday

Regular Zoom meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm **TBD**

February 20th, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

March 3rd, Wednesday

Regular Zoom meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm **TBD**

March 20th, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

April 7th, Wednesday

Regular meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm **TBD**

Nominations for Officers/Exec Committee

April 17th, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

May 5th, Wednesday

Regular meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm **TBD**

Election of Officers/Exec Committee

May 15th, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

May 23rd, Sunday

VMB High School Swearing-in Ceremony

May 30th, Sunday

VNVDV Memorial Day Ceremony, Oak Hill Park

May 31st, Monday

Memorial Day

June 2nd, Wednesday

Regular meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm **TBD**

June 19th, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

THE NO CRAB CRAB FEED ONLINE AUCTION EVENT

We have received numerous donations from our members and local businesses for the auction. We also have five sponsors donating up to \$2,500 for the event:



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COMMANDERS MESSAGE - THE AMERICAN LEGION WON'T TOLERATE HATE

The American Legion, like the rest of society, enters 2021 with a sense of reflection about what place we have in this world. The problems of 2020 would seem to be out of our control, but we are all responsible for our actions and reactions to that world.

As a non-partisan organization, The American Legion typically abstains from public political debates, but we exist in this world and so do our members. Of particular focus these days is our divided nation and the emergence of radical thinking and groups that leverage that perspective into hate.

When the scenario turns to hate, The American Legion cannot stand silent. It is no longer about free speech or simple political discourse, rather it morphs into an affront to both Legionnaires and our communities, states and nations. As sworn defenders of this country, when lines are crossed, we must take a stand. A prime example occurred in 2017, when a resolution was passed that reaffirmed an 84 year old position of The American Legion. The original resolution resolves that:

“The American Legion considers any individual, group of individuals, or organizations, which creates, or fosters racial, religious or class strife among our people, or which takes into their own hands the enforcement of law, determination of guilt, or infliction of punishment, to be un-American, a menace to our liberties, and destructive to our fundamental law.”

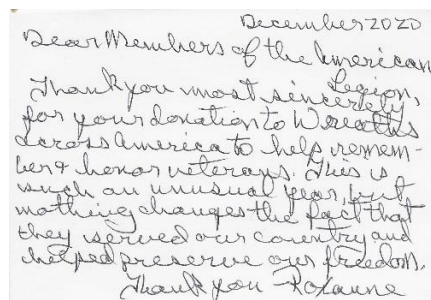
Each member of The American Legion takes an oath and lives under the Preamble to the Constitution of the organization. That Preamble is recited at the start of every meeting and is printed on the back of the very membership card that all members carry. These words are defining of both the individual and the larger organization. We pledge, among other things, to support ideals such as:

- – **“to promote peace and goodwill on Earth”** – In this promotion of peace and goodwill, we endeavor to be an inclusive organization, and in that mission, must reject the principles of hate.
- – **“to maintain law and order”** – To this end, we cannot become lawless by creating, encouraging, or magnifying the chaos of violence, even if the individual feels a sense of moral justification.
- – **“to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation”** – This clause binds us to the larger world. In this world, we lead by example, thus conducting ourselves with conduct becoming a Legionnaire. Violating this principle can be grounds for expulsion.

It should be clear that The American Legion has no room for hate in its membership, nor will we silently tolerate hate in any form. With the current tone of the nation’s dialog, these principles, without discipline and attention, can be lost in the fray. This cannot and will not be tolerated. The American Legion has internal mechanisms to deal with actions of malintent that violate the core values of the organization, as voted on by the members of the organization.

The core values are not a reaction to any news of the day. They are printed and carried in our wallets. They are recited at our gatherings, and they reside in the hearts of those members who conduct themselves in congruence with the principles expected of Legionnaires.

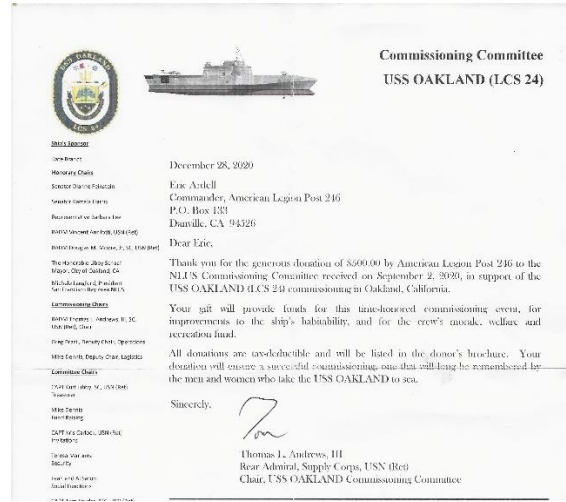
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USS OAKLAND THANK YOU LETTER & CARD FOR DONATION



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AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING COURSE

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

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Welcome to the Veterans Service Office where we help local veterans, and their families obtain veteran benefits from federal, state and local agencies.

*****Notice To All Visitors and Veterans*****

All Of Our Office Lobbies Are Currently Closed For Public Safety

We still look forward to serving Veterans and their families. Veteran Service Representatives are currently working from home and ready to help.

Please email Veterans@vs.cccounty.us for assistance!

A Veterans Service Representative can assist you virtually. We are available Monday thru Thursday 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm, and Fridays 9am – 12pm.

*****Please Note: We are not open online beyond these hours*****

Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link

[CVSO Virtual Office](#)

Or connect to our virtual office at: (669) 900 9128 Meeting ID: 979 2501 6051

POST PHOTOGRAPHER



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Still no takers? 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 need to attend many our functions. Please give me a call.

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.

TOWN OF DANVILLE

The Town of Danville website contains links to notices, alerts, news flash, calendar, etc. about all things Danville: <http://www.danville.ca.gov/list.aspx>

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"When the debate is lost, slander becomes the tool of the losers."

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Socrates



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POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Post Officers for 2020-2021:

Commander: Eric Ardell
1st V. Cmdr: Mark Heinemann
2nd V. Cmdr: Alan Scharlach
3rd V. Cmdr: Randy Reid
Adjutant: Bob Landy
Finance: Phil Connolly

Chaplain: Jon Heinson
Historian: Gerald Lindahl
Judge Advocate: Ron Lowe
Sgt-at-Arms: Floyd Cox
Service Officer: Leroy Vares

Executive Committee:

Gary Soto	Ron Roe	Michelle Lee
Dick Seavey	Neil Giles	

Appointed Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Asst Adjutant: vacant	Scouting Rep: Alan Scharlach
Asst Finance: Raoul Miranda	VMB Ops Committee: Bob Landy
Asst Sgt-at-Arms: Raoul Miranda	Museum Committee: Ron Farrell
Supply Officer: Alan Scharlach	Protocol Officer: Floyd Cox
Boys State: Eric Ardell	Board of Trustees: Ron Lowe / Eric Ardell
Girls State: Michelle Lee	East Bay Standdown Rep: Mark Heinemann
Oratorical: Neil Giles	Veterans Outreach: Mark Heinemann
Pgm Dir: Michelle Lee	

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

