



## **SALVO - MT DIABLO POST 246 - JUNE 2022**

### **COMMANDERS CORNER**

Please join me in congratulating our Post 246 elected Officers and Executive Committee Members: Commander / Michelle Lee; First Vice Commander / Mark Heinemann; Second Vice Commander / Alan Scharlach; and Members of the Executive Committee / Michelle Haines, Gary Soto, and Mike Yura and our appointed officers: Third Vice Commander / Eric Ardell; Adjutant / Bob Landy; Finance Officer / Phil Connolly; Chaplain: / Jon Heinson; Historian / Gerald Lindahl; Judge Advocate / Ron Lowe and Mary O'Donnell; Sgt-at-Arms / Floyd Cox; Service Officer / Leroy Vares; Members of the Executive Committee / Neil Giles and Mary O'Donnell. Please attend the installation of Officers and Executive Committee Members at the regular meeting on July 6, 2022.

Please continue to give your suggestions for Post activities and programs to any of the Officers and Executive Committee members. Please also raise awareness about issues affecting veterans, active-duty military personnel, and youth in our community for action by our Post. Best regards, Mark Heinemann

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**\*\*\*\* Every Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Coffee at the Vets Hall**

May 30, Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony, San Ramon Memorial Park, 9:30 am
May 30, Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony (VNVDV), Oak Hill Park, 10:30 am
May 30, Monday	Mount Diablo Beacon Lighting for Memorial Day, 8:30 pm
June 1, Wednesday	Regular meeting – Bill Green, Vietnam Vet, 12:00 pm
June 2, Thursday	Start – Stand Up on the Delta, Antioch Fairgrounds, 12:00 pm
June 6, Monday	End – Stand Up on the Delta, Antioch Fairgrounds, 12:00 pm
June 18, Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
July 4, Monday	Fourth of July Parade, SRVHS to the Livery, Danville, 9:00 am
July 6, Wednesday	Officer Installation / Regular meeting – Vikram Ravi, Eagle Scout, 12:00 pm
July	No Officer and Executive Member Meeting in July
August	No Regular Meeting in August
August 20, Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
September 7, Wednesday	Regular evening meeting – Candace Anderson, 6:00 pm
September 17, Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
October 2, Sunday	Special meeting with Girls State and Boys State Delegates, 12:00 pm
October 15, Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
November 2, Wednesday	Regular evening meeting – Speaker TBA, 6:00 pm
November 11, Friday	Mount Diablo Beacon Lighting for Veterans Day, 5:00 pm
November 19, Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
December 7, Wednesday	Regular meeting – Speaker TBA, 12:00 pm
December 7, Wednesday	Mount Diablo Beacon Lighting for Pearl Harbor Day, 4:45 pm
December 10, Saturday	Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am
December 10, Saturday	Army-Navy Game Potluck, 10:30 am
December 17, Saturday	Wreaths Across America, Alamo Cemetery, 10:00 am



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### **MEETINGS**

Please continue to give your suggestions for speakers to Mike Yura, Program Director. We are planning evening dinners in September and November. Please remember to confirm attendance at our regular meeting luncheons and events by leaving a message at (925) 272-8480 or sending your email confirmation to [commanderpost246@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost246@gmail.com). The full meeting schedule for 2022 is on page 7.

### **DISTRICT 9**

District 9 holds its next regular meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 19 July 2022 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 930 Ward Street, Martinez. Please let Michelle Lee or Mark Heinemann know if you would like to attend this meeting. The meeting provides an opportunity to learn about activities of other Posts in Contra Costa County and about initiatives of the Department of California.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Please renew your membership for calendar year 2022. About 91% of our members have renewed their membership through May 20, 2022. You can renew your membership using two easy ways: 1) go to [www.legion.org](http://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 PO Box 133, Danville, CA 94526 and we will process it for you.

### **VMB LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE**

Interested in military history. Please advise Bob Sada ([sadartdent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sadartdent@sbcglobal.net)) if you are interested in joining the LHCC as a representative of Post 246. Thank you to Ron Ferrell for serving on the LHCC on behalf of Post 246.

### **AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING COURSE**

Learn about the American Legion in this self-paced online course; go to: <https://www.legion.org/membership/254637/basic-training-your-home>

### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee is investigating investment opportunities through the Three Valley Community Foundation.

### **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES**

Please attend the ceremonies at San Ramon Memorial Park at 9:30 AM and/or at Oak Hill Park at 10:30 AM on May 30, 2022 as we remember our fallen comrades.



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### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR MILITARY RECRUITS**

The Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley with the support of VSOs including Post 246 and Scout Troops 60 and 888 recognized eight recruits joining the US Marine Corps, Navy, and Army and six appointees to the US Naval Academy, Military Academy, and Air Force Academy. RADM Mary O'Donnell, USCG, Ret. served as Co-Chair and MG Ronald Lowe, USA, Ret. presented challenge coins

to each of the young women and men.



### **SCOUTING**

Troop 60 advanced three Scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor on April 11, 2022. Alan Scharlach, Post 246 Scouting Representative, presented Post 246 recognition certificates to Troop 60 Eagle Scouts at the Court of Honor.



### **GIRLS STATE**

Five delegates completed orientation to attend Girls State at California State University – Sacramento from June 27 to July 2, 2022. Thank you, Michelle Lee and Harvalee Grimm for your leadership in selecting delegates. Well done!!!

### **BOYS STATE**

Ten delegates completed orientation to attend Boys State at California State University – Sacramento from June 19 to June 25, 2022. Thank you, Eric Ardell and John Rowe for your work to select delegates. Well done!!!



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### **AMERICAN LEGION SCAM ALERT**

Please note recent email messages from National and Department of California warning members about phishing emails requesting donations for various causes. When viewing American Legion emails, please remember that The Department of California Commander's valid email address is [commander@calegion.org](mailto:commander@calegion.org) and the National Commander's valid email address is [legion@em.legion.org](mailto:legion@em.legion.org).

### **POST PHOTOGRAPHER**

We are looking for a post photographer(s) to help capture pictures and videos of our post activities. Please call or contact a Post Officer or Executive Committee member if you are interested.

### **KEEP YOUR VA MEDICAL RECORDS UPDATED**

If you received a COVID-19 vaccine outside of VA, please help keep your medical records updated. How can you do that?

1. Bring your COVID-19 vaccination card to any VA NorCal location and present it to one of the VA clerks.
2. Take a picture of your COVID-19 vaccination card. Send a copy of the card to your care team in a Secure Message on the [My HealtheVet website](#).
3. Fax a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination card to 916-366-5376.

If you have questions, please call 1-800-382-8387.

**COVID-19 booster vaccinations are available at the VA – Martinez Building AB6 Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.**

### **CCC VETS SERVICE OFFICE**



The virtual office is accessible from the County's Veterans Service Office website at [contracosta.ca.gov/vets](http://contracosta.ca.gov/vets). In the virtual office, Veterans can receive assistance with filing for VA benefits from an accredited Veterans Service Representative.

The Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office (VSO) is accepting appointments for meetings at the Veterans Memorial Building, Room 208, 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA. Veterans can schedule appointments every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call the VSO office at (925) 313-1481 to schedule an appointment.



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### **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>

### **CITY OF SAN RAMON**

The City of San Ramon website contains links to notices, alerts, news flash, calendar, etc. about all things in San Ramon: <https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/home>

### **STAND UP (PREVIOUSLY, STAND DOWN) ON THE DELTA**

Stand Up on the Delta 2021 was postponed to 2022. The event will take place at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds in Antioch per the following schedule:

2 June 2022 / Set Up

3 to 5 June 2022 / Stand Up

6 June 2022 / Take Down

Please consider signing up to volunteer at:

[https://dvregistration.ivolunteer.com/volunteer\\_2022](https://dvregistration.ivolunteer.com/volunteer_2022)

### **FLAG & EMBLEM STORE**

Alan Scharlach is serving as our “Supply Officer” and will order items for post members. Go to <https://emblem.legion.org/> to do your shopping; then email Alan with the item number, quantity, color, and any other details needed to purchase the item you want. If you call Alan, please leave a detailed message including your call back number.

### **UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM POST 246 INVENTORY**

Contact Eric Ardell or Mark Heinemann if you would like to purchase Legion uniform items (no shipping or taxes required) from Post 246 inventory:

Plain Short-Sleeved Uniform Shirt with patches (size Med) (2) - \$20.00 ea.

Legion Metal Collar Devices (8) - \$10.95 ea.

Navy Blue Polo with white neck trim (Medium) - \$29.95

Black Polo with white neck trim (Medium) - \$29.95

Navy Blue Polo no trim (X-Large) - \$29.95

Navy Blue Polo no trim (X-Large) - \$29.95

Legion Cap (size 7) new - \$49.95

Legion Cap (size 7) used – \$19.95

Baseball Cap (size – adjustable) - \$21.90

Assorted Polo Shirts (X-Large) - Donated by Carol Reid – No Charge





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## POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Post Officers for 2021-2022:

**Commander:** Mark Heinemann  
**1<sup>st</sup> V. Cmdr:** Michelle Lee  
**2<sup>nd</sup> V. Cmdr:** Alan Scharlach  
**3<sup>rd</sup> V. Cmdr:** Eric Ardell  
**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  
**Past Commander:** Eric Ardell

### Executive Committee:

Neil Giles  
 Ron Roe

Michelle Haines  
 Mike Yura

Gary Soto  
 Mary O'Donnell

### Appointed Officers & Committee Chairpersons

**Asst Adjutant:** Michelle Haines  
**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

**VMB Ops Committee:** Bob Landy  
**Museum Committee:** OPEN / TBA  
**Protocol Officer:** Floyd Cox  
**Board of Trustees:** Ron Lowe / Eric Ardell  
**East Bay Standdown Rep:** Mark Heinemann  
**Veterans Outreach:** Mark Heinemann  
**Program Dir:** Mike Yura  
**Scouting Rep:** Mike Yura

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**Keep saving your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters for donation to Helmets for Heroes at a future meeting!!**





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### **2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Regular Meetings (First Wednesday of the Month from 12:00 to 3:00 PM in the Second Floor Meeting Room, Veterans Memorial Building)**

**05 January 2022**

**02 February 2022 – Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Danville Black Bear Diner**

**02 March 2022**

**06 April 2022**

**04 May 2022**

**01 June 2022**

**06 July 2022**

**No meeting in August**

**07 September 2022 – Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Danville Black Bear Diner**

**02 October 2022 – Meeting at 1:00 PM at the VMB Community Hall to recognize 2022 Boys State and Girls State Delegates (No regular meeting on 05 October 2022)**

**02 November 2022**

**07 December 2022 – Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Danville Black Bear Diner**

**10 December 2022 (Army-Navy Game Potluck)**

**Officers and Executive Committee Meetings (Third Saturday of the Month from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Second Floor Meeting Room)**

**15 January 2022**

**19 February 2022**

**19 March 2022**

**16 April 2022**

**21 May 2022**

**18 June 2022**

**No Meeting in July**

**20 August 2022**

**17 September 2022**

**15 October 2022**

**19 November 2022**

**10 December 2022 (Changed due to expected conflict with Wreaths Across America at Alamo Cemetery on 17 December 2022)**

### **DISTRICT 9**

**Next regular meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 19 July 2022 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 930 Ward Street, Martinez. Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of odd numbered months.**