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COMMANDERS CORNER

FLASH!!! The really good news is we are back to live meetings!! We only had 12 intrepid souls to join us but that is a great start, including: Robert Mixson, a member who we had not been able to contact for some time because of bad info but reconnected based on a personal visit; and Ed Ott who we had not seen for over a year. Don McInnes a long-time member checked in on Zoom. Glad to see you all! We will continue with live meetings going forward as well as Zoom for the time being. We will work on making the Zoom hookup more inclusive so maybe everyone can see everyone else if that will work.

The Officer election was held at our May regular meeting. The following officers were elected:

Commander – Mark Heinemann

1st Vice Commander – Michelle Lee

2nd Vice Commander – Alan Scharlach

Executive Committee – Neil Giles, Gary Soto, and Ron Roe

Appointed Officers are:

3rd Vice Commander – Randy Reid

Junior Past Commander – Eric Ardell

Adjutant – Bob Landy

Finance Officer: Phil Connolly

Chaplain: Jon Heinson

Historian: Gerald Lindahl

Judge Advocate: Ron Lowe

Sgt-at-Arms: Floyd Cox

Service Officer: Leroy Vares

Executive Committee – Dick Seavey

We are planning on Officer installation at our regular meeting on 7 July 2021.

Please plan to attend in person.

I know I have been tracking our membership status for 2021 but guess what. 1 July we move on to start 2022 membership renewals. I hope you will consider renewing your membership at your earliest opportunity and thank you for your continuing support.

We are going to start a fourth round of Buddy Calls and focus on those members who we have not reach so far and those members who we have not talked since last year. We would really love if members would volunteer to help.



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

Stay safe and wear your masks!!!

Eric, Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May 23rd, Sunday

May 30th, Sunday

May 31st, Monday

June 2nd, Wednesday

June 14th, Monday

June 19th, Saturday

June 19th to 25th

June 25th to 27th

June 28th to July 3rd

July 4th, Sunday

July 7th, Wednesday

July 17th, Saturday

August 4th, Wednesday

August 21st, Saturday

September 1st, Wednesday

September 6th, Monday

September 18th, Saturday

October 3rd, Sunday

October 16th, Saturday

October 31st, Sunday

Coffee at the Vets Hall IS BACK!!

VMB High School Swearing-in Ceremony

VNVDV Memorial Day Ceremony, **CANCELLED**

Memorial Day

Regular meeting with speaker Alberto Aranda, 12:00 pm

Flag Day

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

California Boys State (virtual)

Dept of California Convention (virtual)

California Girls State (virtual)

Independence Day

Kiwanis Parade (**CANCELLED**)

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

In-Person Installation of Officers

NO Executive Committee meeting

NO Regular meeting

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

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

Labor Day

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

Boys & Girls State Recognition Luncheon, 1:00 pm

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

Halloween

SPEAKER FOR JUNE

Our speaker for June will be Alberto Aranda, M.S., Faculty Counselor-Veterans/General, Diablo Valley College, USMC/OIF Veteran. He will speak on issues facing student veterans, in general; and about issues the DVC Student Veteran Alliance faces, anything on the horizon for student vets, any good news or success stories.

FROM THE DESK OF NATHAN JOHNSON, CCC VETS SERVICE OFFICER

VA announces public virtual listening sessions on development and implementation of the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program

The VA will be holding two public virtual listening sessions to help inform VA's development of the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP) and its implementing regulations. **The virtual sessions will occur on May 25 and May 26, 2021 from 10:00**



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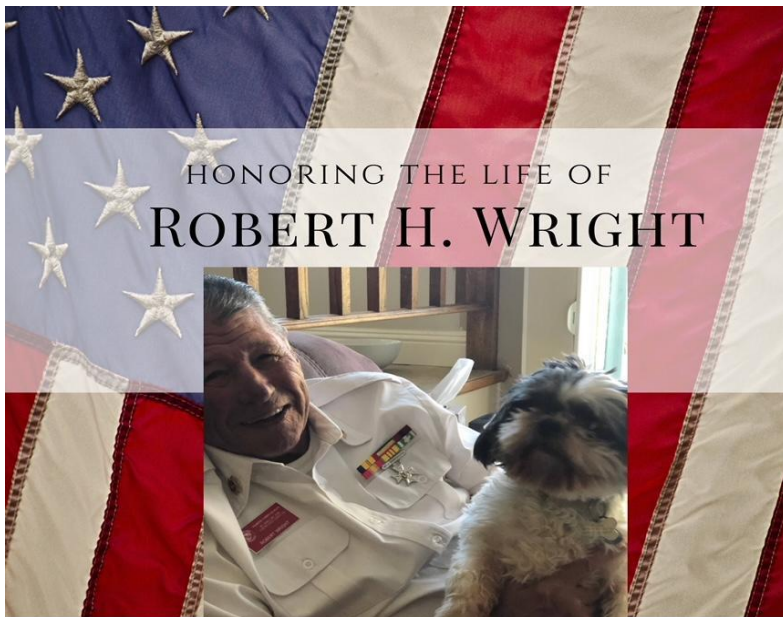
a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern standard time. Virtual check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. for registered speakers. Oral comments, testimonies, and/or technical remarks will be time limited based on the number of speakers (see notice for details).

Registration information is located in the [Federal Register](#).

The SSG Fox SPGP, created pursuant to Section 201 of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019, is a three-year community-based grant program that would provide financial assistance to eligible entities to provide or coordinate providing suicide prevention services to eligible Veterans and their families. On April 1, 2021, VA published a request for information in the Federal Register ([86 FR 17268](#)) seeking written comments from the public with an accompanying [Press Release](#). Listening sessions are an opportunity for interested persons to help inform VA's development of the SSG Fox SPGP.

or more information about the SSG Fox SPGP please visit www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ssgfox-grants.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BOB WRIGHT



Bob was a long-time member of the Marine Corps League as well as VMB docent. Most importantly he was the host for Saturday morning coffee for several years. Please contact Jon Robbins at jonathanrobbins@hotmail.com For questions or to RSVP since attendance may be limited.

August 22, 1943 - April 3, 2021

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
BOB'S INCREDIBLE LIFE

JUNE | 18 | 2021

Service & Military Burial
10 o'clock in the morning
Queen of Heaven Cemetery
1965 Reliez Valley Rd.
Lafayette, CA 94549

Celebration of Life
12 o'clock in the afternoon
Lafayette Veterans Center
3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lafayette, CA 94549

Masks are encouraged | rsvp to 925.984.4537 by 6/14/21



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CALVET: ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER VETERAN CELEBRATION

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a rich heritage thousands of years old, have both shaped the history of the United States, and had their lives dramatically influenced by moments in its history. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have answered the call to duty through every major war and continue to serve diligently today through all branches of our military.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs Minority and Underrepresented Veterans Division is hosting an informational webinar to commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, recognizing and celebrating all Asian and Pacific Islander American Veterans and their contributions to our Armed Forces.

Join us on Thursday, May 27 at 10 a.m. to ask us questions, share ideas, and learn more about our Division and how we continue to support underrepresented veterans. All veterans and family members are invited to join the conversation, which will take place via Zoom.

Registration Link:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=r85aptzab&oeidk=a07ehyxzjid1caea901>

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

The Department convention will be held 25-27 June 2021 (Friday to Sunday) virtually. Eric Ardell, Mark Heinemann, Randy Reid, Michelle Lee, Raoul Miranda, and Bob Landy will be the Post 246 delegates.

AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT

Do you have an old or worn US flag you would like to have retired in the proper manner? Alan Scharlach will be doing so in June so bring your flag(s) to the Veterans Memorial Building by noon on June 2, 2021 and place in the flag basket at the front entrance.

POST PHOTOGRAPHER

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.



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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>

AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING COURSE

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led,
like sheep to the slaughter.”*

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George Washington

