

## **COMMANDERS CORNER**

As I write my first Commander's Corner, I want to thank all members for your support. I look forward to your guidance and assistance as our Post resumes many of the activities which were cancelled or delayed due to Covid-19 in 2020 and 2021.

Eric Ardell led us through a challenging time and initiated major changes to our meetings and community programs successfully. Please join me in expressing appreciation to Eric for all he accomplished to make Post 246 a leader in District 9 and Department of California.

Please continue to give your suggestions for speakers to Michelle Lee and for Post activities and programs to any of the 2021-2022 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.

Please check out our website at [www.americanlegionpost246.org](http://www.americanlegionpost246.org). Jordan Orvik, the son of Rusty Orvik, helped the Post to enhance the website over the last year.

Mark Heinemann

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**Coffee at the Vets Hall**

August 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday

NO Regular meeting

August 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday

Social Event, Black Bear Diner, Danville

August 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

August 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday Blue Star Moms Paper Shred Fundraiser, Caldwell Banker Realty, Livery, 101 Sycamore

September 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday

Regular meeting with speaker TBA, 12:00 pm

September 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Kiwanis "4<sup>th</sup> of July" Parade

September 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday

Labor Day

September 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday-Monday

Stand Down on the Delta, CCC Fairgrounds, Antioch

September 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Patriot Day

September 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday

Boys & Girls State Recognition Luncheon, 1:00 pm

October 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday

Regular meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm, Beverly Lane

November 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Veterans Day

November 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday-Sunday

Pop-up VMB Museum, All Day

November 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

November 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday

Thanksgiving Day

December 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday

Regular meeting with speaker, 12:00 pm, David Compton

December 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Army - Navy Game, VMB, 12 noon

December 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Executive Committee meeting, 8:30 am

December 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Wreaths Across America, Alamo Cemetery, 10:00 am  
Christmas Day

### **AUGUST SOCIAL EVENT**

Post 246 is holding a no-host social event at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the Black Bear Diner (807 Camino Ramon, Danville) since we do not schedule a regular meeting in August. If you and your spouse/guest, as appropriate, plan to attend, please confirm by sending your RSVP to [marklheinemann@gmail.com](mailto:marklheinemann@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

### **MEETING SPEAKERS**

September – Our speaker is to be confirmed.

October – Delegates to Girls State and Boys State will speak about their experiences.

November – Beverly Lane, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, will speak about the history of San Ramon Valley veterans.

December – David Crompton, Diane Freidman, and Diana Elrod will discuss California State laws on housing and Town of Danville plans to implement housing initiatives.

### **DISTRICT 9**

Mike Clement will assume the position of District 9 Commander for 2021-2022 from Randy Reid on July 27, 2021. Please support Mike as District 9 Commander and thank Randy for completing a challenging year as District 9 Commander. Randy implemented many changes during the past year to support efforts of the eight posts in District 9 and maintained a high level of leadership by example for District 9 posts.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

As you know, it is now time to renew your membership for calendar year 2022. There are two easy ways to renew: 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.

Please welcome these new members to our post:

- Kristopher Edwards, a first Gulf War Navy vet, a transfer from Post 1000
- Timothy Greenhouse, a Plebe at the US Military Academy, a new member
- Lily Holtmeier, a Plebe at the US Military Academy, a new member
- Mary O'Donnell, USCG (ret), a new member and our July speaker

- **Joseph Toscano, a Panama era vet, a transfer from Post 1000.**

### **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?**

- **Bring your COVID-19 vaccination card to any VA NorCal location and present it to one of the VA clerks.**
- **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 HealthVet website](#).**
- **Fax a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination card to 916-366-5376.**

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

### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

**Phil Connolly is finalizing the plan approved at the June 2, 2021 regular meeting to invest funds from the Post savings account in a fund made available by the East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF) to non-profit organizations. Veterans Memorial Building of the San Ramon Valley invested funds successfully through the EBCF.**

### **STAND DOWN ON THE DELTA**

**Stand Down on the Delta 2021 "Volunteer Registration" is open. To volunteer September 7-17, 2021, click on the "CLICK HERE" link below or go to [www.deltaveteransgroup.org](http://www.deltaveteransgroup.org) and click on the link to pick the day and time that you want to volunteer. Stand Down on the Delta made "Unity" the theme and will recognize the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 with a special ceremony.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
STAND DOWN ON THE DELTA 2021**

STAND DOWN ON THE DELTA is a four-day, three-night event in which Veterans are provided medical and dental, court and legal services, DMV, housing, addiction and mental health counseling, employment, and a myriad of other community services. September 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds located in Antioch, CA.

Thank you for your contribution to Delta Veterans Group. Your support will help out veterans and their families, in the greatest need to make the toughest transition of their lives.

We will be remembering 9/11 during this event at a special 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony on Saturday

Delta Veterans Group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.  
Tax ID #48250624. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
[WWW.DELTAVETERANSGROUP.ORG](http://WWW.DELTAVETERANSGROUP.ORG)  
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[CLICK HERE](#) to register

**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.

**FLAG RETIREMENT**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Alan Scharlach, our Chartered Representative for Scouting, visited Oakmont Mortuary in June which graciously retired our

**American Flags. The ashes were placed in a position of honor inside an Ossuary dedicated for that purpose.**



### **DANVILLE PARADE**

**Kiwanis moved the 4th of July parade in the Town of Danville to Labor Day weekend on Saturday, 4 September 2021. We are working on arranging a color guard, military vehicles, a PG&E truck, and Boy Scout support. Contact Eric Ardell if you want to ride in a military or PG&E vehicle. Contact Mark Heinemann if you want to participate as a member of the color guard.**

### **VETERANS DAY**

**Post 246 will sponsor a display on “Women in the Military” at the VMB Community Hall on November 11-14, 2021. Please contact Eric Ardell, Michelle Lee, or Mark Heinemann to support the Post’s effort to develop a great display.**

### **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA CONVENTION**

**The Department convention took place 25-27 June 2021 virtually. Randy Reid as District 9 Commander attended the virtual meeting along with Eric Ardell, Mark Heinemann, Bob Landy, Michelle Lee, and Raoul Miranda as Post 246 delegates. The convention accepted several amendments to the Department of California bylaws.**

### **VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING FUNDRAISER**

**The flyer for the upcoming Veterans Memorial Building fundraiser on Monday August 30, 2021 provides details of this fundraiser. This event is a**

**“Tips for Change” event at Gianni’s Italian Bistro. It is the only event for the year to fund all the activities at the VMB. Please support this highly important fundraiser.**

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HONOR - COMMUNITY - SERVICE

**Needs your help**

*“TIPS FOR CHANGE” EVENT MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2021*

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, we were forced to cancel our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Fundraiser in March. This is now our only fundraising opportunity for the year. Please join us at Gianni's Italian Bistro on August 30. As a special treat this year, Danville's Vice Mayor Newell Americh and Councilmember Robert Storer will be waiting tables and Councilmember Karen Stepper will be greeting you at the door. It promises to be a fun night.

**Gianni's**  
ITALIAN BISTRO

*Dine-in or Take-out  
Monday August 30, 2021  
Between 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM  
Make your reservations a.s.a.p.  
Call 925.820.6969 or Visit  
[www.yelp.com/biz/giannis-italian-bistro-san-ramon](http://www.yelp.com/biz/giannis-italian-bistro-san-ramon)  
Gianni's Italian Bistro  
2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd.  
San Ramon, Ca 94583  
[www.giannissanramon.com](http://www.giannissanramon.com)*

*PLEASE ATTEND TO SUPPORT YOUR VMB*

## **2022 CRAB FEED**

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 29, 2022 as our Post plans to bring back the live, in-person crab feed and auction.**

## **UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE**

**We have the following Legion uniform items available for purchase (no shipping or taxes required):**

**Plain Short-Sleeved Uniform Shirt with patches (size Med) (2) - \$20.00 ea  
(These shirts are new but purchased from a local uniform shirt company years ago; patches are sewed on)**

**Legion Metal Collar Devices (10) - \$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  
Call Eric Ardell if you would like to make a purchase!!

### **FLAG & EMBLEM STORE**

Alan Scharlach [cab1ho@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cab1ho@sbcglobal.net) is our post “Supply Officer” and will 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. If you call Alan, please leave a detailed message.

### **ATTENTION: STAMP COLLECTORS**

Our fellow member, Dr. Bob Mixson, receives postage stamps for his collection from the Wounded Warrior Program. He would like to pass on, completely free, the stamps that he cannot use to other veterans who collect stamps. If you are interested, you can contact him at 925-899-6018.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

*“Not only must we be **good**, but we must also be **good** for something.”*

– Henry David Thoreau –

### **POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

#### **Post Officers for 2021-2022:**

Commander: Mark Heinemann....548-8239  
1<sup>st</sup> V. Cmdr.: Michelle Lee.... (510) 517-3230  
2<sup>nd</sup> V. Cmdr.: Alan Scharlach....829-9407  
3<sup>rd</sup> V. Cmdr.: Randy Reid....964-3759  
Adjutant: Bob Landy....216-4195  
Finance: Phil Connolly.... (408) 690-2053  
Chaplain: Jon Heinson....899-2953  
Historian: Gerald Lindahl....837-9201  
Judge Advocate: Ron Lowe....362-0142  
Sgt-at-Arms: Floyd Cox.... 833-9569  
Service Officer: Leroy Vares....828-0421

**Junior Past Commander: Eric Ardell....984-3184**

**Executive Committee:**

**Gary Soto.... 837-9363  
Dick Seavey....833-1833  
Ron Roe....837-9428  
Neil Giles....983-9018**

**Appointed Officers & Committee Chairpersons**

**Asst Adjutant: vacant  
Asst Finance: Raoul Miranda.... 837-0674  
Asst Sgt-at-Arms: Raoul Miranda....837-0674  
Supply Officer: Alan Scharlach....829-9407  
Boys State: Eric Ardell....838-0749  
Girls State: Michelle Lee...(510) 517-3230  
Oratorical: Neil Giles....983-9018  
Program Dir: Michelle Lee...(510) 517-3230  
Scouting Rep: Alan Scharlach....829-9407  
VMB Ops Committee: Bob Landy.... 820-4006  
Museum Committee: Ron Farrell.... 820-4885  
Protocol Officer: Floyd Cox.... 833-9569  
Board of Trustees: Ron Lowe / Eric Ardell  
East Bay Standdown Rep: Mark Heinemann  
Veterans Outreach: Mark Heinemann  
Membership Committee: Eric Ardell**

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

