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Quarterly News

Post 105 Redwood City, 651 El Camino Real

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Commander's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Spring is in the air, the trees are blooming, the weather is getting warmer, and the Easter Bunny will have come & gone by the time you get this newsletter. Had good rain and snow this winter and it looks like we'll be OK with water this year.

The Post is busy as usual with Bingo every Tuesday & Thursday and rentals during the weekend. Finances are looking much better this year compared to last.

Election for Post Officers and two 3-year term eCommittee members is coming this quarter. A slate of Officers recommended by the eCommittee was provided to the membership at the March General meeting. At the April General meeting, members wanting to run for an office can submit their name, be added to the eCommittee recommended slate, and brought to the May General meeting to select and vote for Officers and two 3-year terms eCommittee members. This is a great opportunity to be in a leadership position at the Post and recommend directional changes to the membership.

Our contact at the 23d Regiment is changing. 1stSgt Tabarracci is being promoted to SgtMaj and his replacement will be GySgt Chapa who is being promoted to 1stSgt on April 2, 2024. We look forward to continuing to help our San Bruno Marines.



George Smith

General Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Post. Dinner is served at 5:00PM; please RSVP to 2nd Vice Commander Leo (650-303-2757) to ensure enough food. The General Meeting starts at 7:00PM. If you can't attend in person, please join us via Zoom. A link will be sent prior to each meeting.

Commander's Coffee is held on the last Wednesday of the month. 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM pastries and coffee are served. 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM will be a presentation on items important to our membership. Hope to see you at the Post for the presentation. If you can't attend in person, watch your email for a link to watch it online. Until next time, be safe!

BUILDING UPDATE

Still working with Redwood City to get concessions to go forward with the building. The status of interest rates and the increase in the cost of materials has made it very challenging. Rest assured we're doing everything we can to keep the project going forward.

-George S



Media Updates

Keep current on what's happening at your Post. Check our [website calendar](#) and [105 Blog](#) for the latest & greatest news.

To receive the blog via email, send your full name and email address to alpost105rwc@gmail.com.



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FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 – 11AM
CYPRESS LAWN MEMORIAL PARK – NOBEL CHAPEL
1370 EL CAMINO REAL, COLMA

RSVP WITH NAME & NUMBER ATTENDING
VIA EMAIL: FLAG.RETIRE105@YAHOO.COM

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Family Updates

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

We welcomed new member, Mary, who stepped up immediately and donated four onesies to the Dept. Executive Committee's 'Baby Shower' in January. All donations benefited new families at Travis Air Force Base.

Members Carol B and Brenda T joined the P105 Family with the Wreaths Across America cleanup.



January 2024: Pictured are a few of P105's crew at Wreaths Across America cleanup at Golden Gate National Cemetery. L-R: Stan M, Carol B, George S

The Super Bowl results didn't quite come out the way we had hoped, but ladies stepped up in 'dry run' party (NFC championship) to prep for the Super Bowl Party at the Post. -Pauline R & Peggy T



L-R: Wendy W helped in the kitchen. Pat R's the 'lady in red' donning her 49ers gear. Photos by W. Jackson



Left: U105 & friends enjoyed a social outing of "The Wedding Singer" musical to support high school arts. Right: P105 Vote Center workers Sons' Patrick L, Riders' Andrew T, and Aux's Peggy T. We do it again in Nov.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Patrick Lucy

The SAL welcomes three new members this quarter. Dan Young retired from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office where he worked multiple positions. Dan previously worked with Millbrae Police Dept. David Wilson is the son of Legionnaire & American Legion Rider Scott Wilson. We are very excited to get to know David who's currently a high school student. Alex Cooke works for Safeway and is an active community member of the San Carlos Rotary and Club Internacional. He's very active in youth baseball and other endeavors. If you see them at any of our events, please welcome them into the family.

For the first two months of 2024, Sons volunteered over 190 hours to multiple events on behalf of the Legion Family and community: participated in Military Honors, served as the Post Duty Officers, worked on the 6X6 vehicle, installation of cameras, and manned the Post's bar. We assisted in hosting the NFL Playoffs and Super Bowl viewing parties which raised money for Post Family.

We look forward to working at two upcoming Car Shows at the Post this quarter. We are excited to be part of the Legion Family; this is our way of thanking the Veterans in our community. We are here to assist in any way. If you know of anyone who might want to become a Son, please have them contact me at alscommander105@gmail.com.

Spring Activities

VA, Veterans & military, volunteer & social event opportunities.

Apr 13, Sat. 82nd Anniv. of Bataan Death March. San Francisco National Cemetery, 9am.

Apr 17, Wed. San Mateo Veterans Service Providers. Venue & time tbd.

Apr 20, Sat. San Mateo County Blue Star Moms Packing Day. Post 105, 8:30am.

Apr 27, Sat. American Legion Family Day.

May 1, Wed. Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony. Courthouse Square, Redwood City, 1pm.

May 11, Sat. P105 Car Show Fundraiser. 651 El Camino Real, RWC. 10am-2pm.

May 19, Sun. D26 Auxiliary Girls State Orientation. P105 members welcomed. RSVP to peggy.aux.U105@gmail.com. P585 San Carlos, 1pm

Jun 15, Sat. Flag Retirement Ceremony. Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, 11am

Every Tuesday & Thursday. Bingo by Vanguard. Post 105. Doors open 4:45pm; 6:30-10:30pm Games played.

Family Updates

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

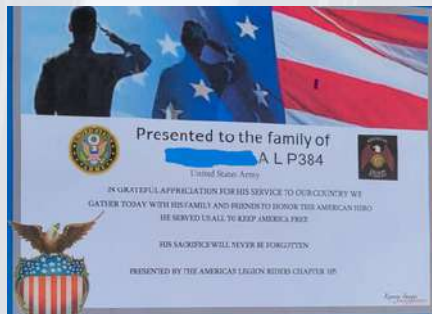
The American Legion Riders Chapter 105 continues to be the 'Face' of The American Legion. We continue to honor our fallen Veterans by participating in Final Honor Details along with The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, United States Volunteers, and various military branches.



Andrew Trapani

We're deeply invested in the community by organizing fundraisers: the AFC/NFC Football Playoff, Super Bowl watch party, our annual Post Car Show, and working as Vote Center Representatives during State and Local elections. We worked the San Francisco Marathon (raising \$700) and the Napa Marathon (raising \$400). These funds will be distributed between the American Legion Riders, Post 105 Veterans Fund, Sons of the American Legion, and the 23rd Regiment 4th Marine Division to assist Veterans.

Commemorative Certificate



ALR debrief after one of many ceremonial details in March

February Stats for Five ALR Honor Details

Dept. Miles Ridden	Group Miles	Dedicated Hours
457	819	67

Anyone interested in assisting with marathons or Final Honors, please contact me: ALRdirector105@gmail.com.

On behalf of Leo McArdle, we are looking for Duty Officers to help with rentals. Any interested parties can contact 2nd Vice Cmdr. Leo McArdle or ALR Director Andrew Trapani.



HOME DEPOT SPRUCES POST 105's HOME

Through a generous Home Depot (HD) Foundation grant, a crew of HD volunteers descended upon the Post on March 15. Legionnaire, Sons and Rider volunteers were ready at 6am to greet the delivery trucks filled with supplies and goods.



After work zones were established, repairs commenced at 8am. Of urgent need was repair of failing paint and water damage to the interior of the building. The exterior was enhanced with planters of flowers and new Adirondack chairs, benches & tables. Auxiliary members helped 2nd Vice Cmdr. Leo prepare a hearty lunch for all volunteers. Photos by William Jackson, Jr. -Peggy T



Lunching on the new furniture



Brightening up the Hall's walls



HD volunteers enjoying their lunch on new outdoor seating.

Member Spotlight



Gary Higgins

This quarter we honor our Purple Heart recipient Gary Higgins. As a young man, Gary was drafted in 1968. After Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training, he embarked on his tour of duty, almost entirely in Vietnam. Gary vividly remembers details about where and when he served. His first month he served in the Mekong Delta with 105th Battery, 9th Infantry Division.

The ensuing eight months was with the 155 SP (self propel) artillery. He then followed up with two additional months in A Company 61st infantry mechanized division. The combination of his stint totaled almost 11 months in or near DMZ serving as the RTO (radio telephone operator) for his platoon sergeant.

Unfortunately, during the last six-eight weeks with the mechanized infantry, Gary got wounded after four days of heavy fighting--remembering the day exactly, November 17, 1969. He was swiftly medevacked to the USS Repose with wounds to his right arm and shrapnel to his face. After recovering, he was discharged from Letterman Army Medical Center at the Presidio in San Francisco on April 30, 1970.

Months after being discharged from the military, Gary started his career with the United State Postal Service. Over his 39 years of government service, he held multiple positions such as Employee Assistance Counselor and ending as the Postmaster of Loma Mar in 2006.

Gary's family has a rich history with Post 105. His father was a Legionnaire starting in 1946 and a P105 member from 1964 to 1999. His mother was the Auxiliary Unit President 1980-1981. Gary appreciates the camaraderie of our Post and enjoys the various discussions about veteran issues. Gary's a reliable attendee at the Post's 2nd Wednesday dinner and meeting. If you get an opportunity, stop to thank him for his long government service. -Peggy T.



L-R: Gary in Vietnam. Far R: A wounded Gary aboard the USS Repose

What Gary appreciates about his service to his country was "my comrades in arms." His deep appreciation of those bonds and friendships is reflected by him joining Vietnam Vets of America in 1988. Gary attended his first 5th Division reunion in 2015. The rich history of 5th Division reunions dates back to 1921.

Gary accepts a call at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library's Oval Office.



P105 Birthdays

April

01 Judy O	15 David M
01 Svet D	17 Robert J
01 Tad T	18 Carole M
06 Cliff K	23 Ronald K
08 Leo M	27 Pauline R
10 Carmine B	28 Michael B
12 Steven B	30 MichealAnn A
14 Shel P	

May

02 Paul K	18 Donald R
07 Thomas F	19 Gerald B
07 Fale P	19 Michael B
10 Jon M	19 Michael T
13 Bill N	20 Carol R
13 Tom D	26 Andrew T
14 Stephen D	26 Carol Mc
15 Allen C	27 John R
16 Gary S	31 Donald B

June

03 Chad M	14 Peter Z
05 Michael C	16 William A
06 David C	17 Jim I
06 Sam T	23 Roger B
06 Charles C	23 Sandy N
08 Vincent M	26 Kenneth B
09 Jerel C	28 Dominick B
11 Isabella G	28 Leo B
11 James B	30 James C
14 Alfred A	30 Robert W

Spring Activities



Sec'y Cindy M presents U105's donation towards Dept. President Glenda Schultz's Special Project, "Be the One" suicide prevention.



Through mentorship of Menlo School student Ana (in gray), she extended her volunteer efforts to include the VA Super Bowl party and a separate visit for VA Bingo. Ana & U105's Peggy T donated Bingo prizes for the VA residents.



Despite inclement weather, Riders braved the cold to perform last honors ceremonies for two Navy veterans in San Bruno & Pacifica, respectively.



MichealAnn tended bar for the Super Bowl Watch Party; guests conversed before kickoff.



Recurring Meetings

Legionnaire mtg: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm. 5:00pm dinner.
<https://americanlegionpost105rwc.org/>

Auxiliary Unit mtg: 2nd Wednesday, 6pm.
<https://www.alaunit105rwc.com/>

American Legion Riders Chapter mtg: 4th Tuesday, 6pm. 5pm dinner. [Facebook page](#)

Sons of the American Legion Squadron mtg: 2nd Wednesday, 6pm.

Commander's Coffee: last Wednesday/month, 9am-12noon.
Potential speaker at 10am, TBD.

District 26 Auxiliary mtg: 1st Saturday, 10am. Rotating venue.
www.tinyurl.com/AuxDistrict26

*Meetings held at Post 105:
651 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA*

POST & HALL RENTALS: Inquire at 650-365-1337

American Legion Post 105 Benefit

Pasta Lunch	Bar	Hot Rod Car Show	Entertainment
Car Registration \$30 <small>Includes 2 Lunch Tickets extra lunch tickets \$10</small>	Live Music By Mike Wagner Plus Special Guest Aloha Tim	Saturday May 11 10am - 2pm 651 El Camino Real Redwood City	
8:00am Car Entry 10:00-2:00pm Car Show/DJ 11:00-11:30am Ukulele Show 11:30am Lunch Service 12:00 - 1:30pm Guitar Show		Sponsors Beardwalk Auto Mall Beardwalk Chevrolet Beardwalk Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram Beardwalk Lotus Beardwalk Volkswagen Towne Ford Hopkins Acura	

Donations are deeply appreciated
 Sorry no trophies or awards will be given
 all lunch tickets available at will call
Questions - Call 650-365-1337
Proceeds Benefit American Legion Post 105



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