

# Keep Me Posted

## 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 family in good health and ready to enjoy warmer weather! Can you believe we're in the 2nd quarter of 2025 already!

**Bingo!** The Post now has Bingo Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings. Doors open at 4:30 and the 1st game starts at 6:30. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Post income from Bingo helps keep the Post up and running. Maintenance on our 75-year-old building is quite extensive. Rentals have been very consistent with 2-4 a month. This also helps us pay all our expenses. Special thanks to 2nd Vice Leo for managing rental bookings. I'd also like to thank all the Duty Officer volunteers. We've split the Duty Officer's responsibilities in half with a day shift (8:00am-4:00pm) and an evening shift (4:00pm to closing). If you'd like to volunteer as a Duty Officer, please contact [Leo](#).

The Building Project is moving forward. Our next event will be a presentation at the April 14 City Council meeting. A link for the meeting will be shared on our website.

At our March general meeting, we gathered for P105 Family picture to commemorate the American Legion



**George Smith**

Post 105 Family raising \$5,000 towards the Pacific Palisades American Legion Post for their members that lost everything in the winter firestorm. Thanks to the Fire Committee (Leo, Patrick, Andrew and Wendy) for generating revenue by having the bar open during the Football Playoffs and the Super Bowl. Much appreciation to Webmaster Michael created a GoFundMe page, 3rd Vice William documented participation, and all the members and community who supported our events with attendance and contributions.

**Be safe and hope to see you all soon.**



*Before TAL's monthly membership meeting, many Post 105 Family members gather for a picture to commemorate our \$5,000 donation towards supporting Palisades Fire Victims. The funds will be donated to American Legion Palisades Post 283 which has become a hub for recovery efforts in the form of supplies, referral resource for financial aid, FEMA, volunteer opportunities and more. Efforts such as this fulfill TAL Mission which is guided by the four pillars: Veterans & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.*



# Family Updates

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Peggy Toye

After a hectic winter schedule, the Auxiliary transitioned from a hands-on mode to one of planning. Our Unit and Post will host the California Department President's visit to the Bay Area on April 6.

We invite our Post Family to attend and welcome the five Bay Area Counties--San Mateo, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Alameda.



Use this [link](#) to download a form & mail/leave your form and check at our Post.

If you'd like to join our Unit, [complete this form](#) and email it to ALAPresident105@gmail.com. See our [website](#).



*Announcing Unit 105's Delegates for the 82nd session of Girls State. The students will join 460+ other accomplished young ladies for six days of civic education, self efficacy, leadership training, and fun.*



Julie



Pat



Pauline



Peggy



Sandy

*Our panelists collectively interviewed 12 candidates. Volunteers are key to successfully fulfilling our mission of helping military families, engaging youth, and supporting our greater community.*

Several Auxiliary members not only serve in our Unit but also volunteer or are training to contribute in District (county) and Dept. (state) roles. Networking on multiple levels encourages synergy of effort, brainstorming, and camaraderie of support from throughout the state. Feel free to inquire about opportunities to serve on teams/committees or as an individual contributor.



## B-4 You Know It, Bingo was His Name, O!

Increase your chances for more wins. Bingo now available on Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday nights: doors open 4:45pm, games 6:30-10:30pm. Come visit the Post for some B-9 fun and games.

## Upcoming Activities

*VA, Veterans & military family events, volunteer & social opportunities for Post 105 Family members & friends.*

**Apr 5, Sat. 2nd Vice Cmdr. Leo's 80th bday** party at the Post. All are invited, please RSVP to Leo, 650-303-2725 if you plan to attend.

**Apr 6, Sun. Unit 105 hosts the Dept. President.** All P105 members are invited to join us at this visitation meeting. Six Bay Area Districts are invited. See flyer in left column.

**Apr 9, Wed. General Meetings.** ALA dines 5pm, meets 6pm. TAL dines 5:30pm, General Member meeting at 7pm. Nominations for Fiscal Year 25-26 officers made at both meetings. Voting for 25-26 Officers at the May meetings.

**Apr 25, Fri. Veterans Service Providers Networking.** San Mateo Elks, 229 W 20th Ave, San Mateo, CA 94403, 10:30am to 2:00pm. If you're looking for any assistance, you'll find it there.

**Apr 26, Sat. Blue Star Mom Packing Day.** Volunteers needed to pack boxes for soldiers & care bags for vulnerable veterans. 8-11am.

**Apr 30, Wed. Commander's Coffee.** Quarterly casual social, 9am coffee/pastries and 10am Bryton Mays, speaker, California Green Business Network.

**May 14, Wed. General Meetings.** ALA dines 5pm, meets 6pm. TAL dines 5:30pm, General Member meeting at 7pm. Voting for Officers and opportunity to signup as a Delegate for TAL and ALA Conventions.

**May 26, Mon. Memorial Day.** Ceremony attended by P105 members at Golden Gate National Cemetery and the Union Cemetery in Redwood City. More details to follow.

**June 11, Wed. General Meetings.** ALA dines 5pm, meets 6pm. TAL dines 5:30pm, General Member meeting at 7pm. Swearing in of 2025-26 Officers.

**June 14, Sat. Flag Retirement Ceremony.** American Legion SF Cathay Post 384, with TAL Post 105 Family, will retire American Flags at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma.

**June 28, Sat. First Responders Car Show.** Post 105. More details to follow.

**Every Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday. Bingo.** Details on [Post Website Calendar](#). Doors open 4:30pm; games commence 6:30pm.



## Family Update

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The Riders continue to be out in front representing the American Legion. We continue to conduct Final Honor Details for Fallen Heroes as well as participating in joint missions with Patriot Guard Riders



**Andrew Trapani**

and other Military Support Groups. One of the highlights was fundraising for the Palisades Post Families who lost their homes and possessions. Through donations from Post members and members of the community, we raised \$1,424.00 over Super Bowl Weekend.

Recent activities included the VVA Car Show held at the Post on March 29. In preparation for the Car Show, members participated in a Post cleanup on March 21.

An upcoming event includes the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony hosted by the Cathay Post with assistance from Post 105 Family on June 14 at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. The Public Safety Car Show will be held June 28 at the Post. The Post 3rd Annual Car Show will be held on July 12. The 22 Mile Ride for Soldier Suicide Prevention will be held July 19. During the past couple of months, we have been honored to participate in two repatriation missions as well as numerous Firing Details and Flag Lines.

We are searching for new members constantly. If you know anyone who is interested in being a Rider, please have them contact me at ALRdirector105@gmail.com.

#### Statistics: Dec 2024 - Feb 2025

ALR CA	Chap. 105	ALR CA	Missions
Dept. Miles	Group Miles	Dept. Hrs.	Completed
2,677	4,261	411	23

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Well, more than another year has passed since I was appointed as Commander of the Sons. First and utmost, the members of the Legion Family have and continue to be the greatest Veterans and Patriots to



**Patrick Lucy**

work with. The members of the SONS are a dedicated group of individuals who want to help serve others and it is greatly appreciated we have the opportunity to serve others.

In 2024, we worked closely with the American Legion Riders and other Family Members by donating over 1,020 hours of service and attending meetings. Our events included working at the Post, cleaning the parking lot, Car Shows, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, fundraising events and more. We plan on continuing this level of engagement in 2025 and much more.

So far in 2025, we have donated over 195 hours of service and meetings. We had some very inspirational events this year such as fundraising at Club 105 (our Post bar) to raise money and watch football games, attending the Four Chaplains Ceremony, and Military Honors for our fallen Veterans. We look forward to more events this year where we can continue to serve our Veteran Family and our community. You are always welcomed to join our group, the Sons.

Lastly, when you see David Wilson, one of our youngest SONS and son of Scott Wilson, congratulate him as he was accepted to the University of Arkansas. David had many offers from universities throughout the country. We wish him the best of luck.

Thank you all for your support. God Bless and we will see you around.



American Legion Riders Chapter 105 members Gary, Wendy, Scott, Ken, George and Andrew with members of the USV, MCL and National Guard Honor Detail participated on a Firing Detail, Taps, Folding and presenting the American Flag to the family of a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran at Duggans Serra Mortuary in Daly City.



## Veteran Spotlight

Meet Leo Burns, a 20-year Legionnaire and this issue's veteran in the spotlight. Leo managed to pack a lot of experience and knowledge into his two years of service yet he can't speak about much of it.

To cut costs as a college student at University of San Francisco (USF), he switched from day student to evening which made him eligible for the draft in September 1959. This led to basic training at Fort Ord, Headquarters Company. Soon thereafter, he trained as a personnel specialist and administrative specialist.

Due to his college experience, he was one of ten selected for interviews by a colonel to join a Special Unit which would require extensive security background investigation and not likely serving in the contiguous U.S.

He was one of only two who passed that clearance and was headed to Headquarters Army Security Agency Pacific (ASA-Pac), located at Helamano Military Reservation, Oahu. Initially serving as an E-2 Private, he quickly rose to Private First Class and then E-4 by the end of 1960.

One of Leo's distinctions was his skill as a marksman. While at USF, he had the honor of wearing the rare patch for the Pershing Rifle Drill Team. While in the service, he was a sharpshooter with .38 and .45 pistol.

Leo made an impression while working in personnel. His security clearance changed from Top Secret to Top Secret Crypto in 1960 due to his ability handling proficiency testing for cryptography-encoding & decoding information to secure confidentiality. While serving under his second the colonel, he was managing & reviewing documents which would eventually land on President Eisenhower's desk and was assigned as a secret courier for the colonel earning him a Good Conduct Medal and a letter of commendation from Headquarters of ASA-Pac. To this day due to the sensitive knowledge he holds, much of Leo's military record remains redacted.

Though he can't speak in detail about his service, he understood the gravity of his work and remains very proud of the faith the military entrusted in him at such a young age.



Burns, c. 1959



Leo Burns

His time in the service wasn't all serious. He played baseball and basketball and enjoyed occasional flights to Johnson Island (an emergency airfield enroute to Guam, 800 miles southeast of Kona) courtesy of his cousin who was a Port Captain for the U.S. Navy in Guam.

Leo's family is steeped in public service. His grandfather was a detective for the Oakland Civilian Police for the Army Air Corps, his father served as a Lieutenant in the San Francisco Fire Department, and an uncle in the Coast Guard was stationed at Port Chicago.

Once he finished active duty, there were no Reserve openings in ASA so he joined Supply Company 91st Division, Pinetree Unit, stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco. In civilian life, he worked at Wells Fargo Bank in the Trust Dept., re-enrolled to finish his college education and served in the U.S. Postal Service as a ramp inspector at San Francisco International Airport until his retirement in 2004.

Leo lobbied for deaf education as an advocate for his son, Michael, which eventually led to Michael being integrated into regular classroom settings and more help and options for other students. Both he and his wife, Joyce, of 60 years (an Auxiliary member) contribute what time and efforts they can to our Post. P105 is fortunate to have such dedicated, civic-minded members such as them. Leo, we honor your service to our country, our Post, and our greater community. - P. Toye



Burns, c. 2017



## Post Family Officers

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 Post 105 Rentals, call 650-365-1337



## 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](mailto:alpost105rwc@gmail.com).



## P105 Birthdays

### April

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

### May

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

### June

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



**HOT ROD CAR SHOW | BAR | RAFFLE | LIVE MUSIC | PASTA LUNCH**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 105 BENEFIT**

**\$30** 651 El Camino Real, Redwood City  
Saturday July 12  
10am - 2pm **3RD ANNUAL**

**ALOHA TIM AND FRIENDS 11AM - 11:45AM** **MIKE WAGNER 12PM-1PM**

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Mail Registration and check to American Legion Post 105, 651 El Camino Real, Redwood City CA 94063  
Questions - Call 650-365-1337  
All money collected goes to help veteran programs Please arrive in a group if you want to park together



## Recurring Meetings

Legion mtg: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm. 5:30pm dinner. <https://americanlegionpost105rwc.org/>

Auxiliary Unit mtg: 2nd Wednesday, 5pm dinner; 6pm mtg. <https://www.alaunit105rwc.com/>

American Legion Riders Chapter mtg: 2nd Tuesday, 6pm, 5pm BYO dinner. [Facebook page](#)

Sons of the American Legion Squadron mtg: 2nd Tuesday, 6pm, 5pm BYO dinner.

Commander's Coffee: last Wednesday of Apr, Jul, Oct & Jan. 9am-12noon. Potential speaker at 10am, TBD.

District 26 Auxiliary mtg: 1st Saturday, 10am. [www.tinyURL.com/AuxDistrict26](http://www.tinyURL.com/AuxDistrict26)

## Flag Retirement Ceremony

Flag Day: June 14th, 2025 at 11:00am

Noble Chapel at Cypress Lawn Cemetery, 1370 El Camino Real in Colma



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### GLOSSARY

ALA, Auxiliary: American Legion Auxiliary

ALR, Riders: American Legion Riders

Department/District: State- and County-level Legion Family administration, respectively

MCL: Marine Corps League

P105 Family: Legion, Auxiliary, Sons & Riders

SAL, Sons: Sons of the American Legion

SMCBMS: San Mateo County Blue Star Moms

TAL: The American Legion

TBD: To be determined.

VA: Veterans Affairs (govt. agency)

VA&R: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation