



AMERICAN LEGION POST-105 SUNRISE NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER GREETINGS



Romie Bassetto, Commander

Hoping all Post 105 legionnaire members and their families are doing fine during these tough times! Sharing my gratitude and appreciation to ALL Italian American veterans of our post for their honorary contribution to society with military services. Honoring the **Italian American Heritage Month** of October 2020! Our post continues to stay closed and lockdown aligned with therein orders to prevent more COVID-19 virus infections until further notice. Some progressive recovery phases are starting to open local business communities. Always many THANKS to our **proactive members and comrades** for their ongoing support of our post mission for **God and Country!**

I would also like to share my continual support and appreciation for all AL Post 105 members for their contribution, and making a difference in our diversified communities for **God and Country!** Because it is our legionnaire mission with **100 plus awesome years** of patriotic services – STAY SAFE & HEALTHY!







Wishing Happy

Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. to ALL Post 105 legionnaire members in October 2020 and more to come!

POST EVENTS & INFORMATION SHARING



There is always one more thing we can do to make a difference. It's not just what we do, it is who we are!

Hiring Local Veterans

BevMo

1745 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063

Phone Number: (650) 261 – 1414 Website Address: <u>www.bevmo.com</u>

Hiring Veterans

Central Computers 2727 South El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA 94403

Phone Number: 650-345-5888

Website Address: www.centralcomputer.com

IMPORTANT **RED ALERT:** PLEASE CONTACT IDENTIFIED PHONE NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL FOR EACH EVENT TO ENSURE IT'S STILL HAPPENING BECAUSE OF THEREIN COVID-19 HEALTH PANDEMIC.

Hiring Veterans

Michaels Stores 2925 South El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA 94403

Phone Number: 650–513 –8189 Website Address: www.michaels.com

Ms. Veteran America 2020

Sunday, October 11, 2020 @ 4 PM – 6 PM Online Competition "The Woman Beyond The Uniform"

Phone Number: 703-224-8845

Website Address: www.finalsaluteinc.org

Post 105 General Meeting – NEED rsvp for dinner

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 @ 7 PM <u>CANCELLED</u> 651 El Camino Real,

Redwood City, CA 94063

Phone Number: (650) 365-1337 (FREE DINNER @ 6 PM)

Woman Veteran Strong Support Meeting

Sunday, October 18, 2020 @ 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Online Virtual Registration Phone Number: 248–519–2325

Website Address: www.shellyrood.com/military

Women Veterans Happy Hour

Monday, October 5, 2020 @ 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Free Online Social Gathering

Hosting Team: Transitioning Women Warriors

Phone Number: 561–740–6794

Website Address: www.thetransitioningwarrior.com

Veterans Involved Parkinson's Support Group

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 1 PM – 2 PM Online Virtual Session Registration

Phone Number: 702–381–4141

Website Address: www.friendsofparkinsons.org

Veterans Transition Services Hiring Event

Friday, October 16, 2020 @ 11 AM – 2 PM

Online Virtual Session Registration Phone Number: 855–383–3332 Website Address: www.hiregi.com

Veterans Writing Circle

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 @ 6 PM – 8 PM

Online Virtual Event

Phone Number: 480–965–6018

Contact Email: m.mcdonough@asu.edu
Website Address: www.piper.asu.edu

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The veterans can contact American Legion Post 105 and/or American Legion District 26 with information below, for assistance with veteran's resources regarding how to secure appropriate assistance when necessary. The American Legion Post-105 and/or District-26 will align veterans with available resources for supportive services.

American Legion Post 105

651 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063

Contact Phone: 650-365-1337

Website: www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org

American Legion District 26

1159 Bush Street, San Carlos, CA 94070

Contact Phone: 650-349-7146 Website: <u>www.ALDistrict26.org</u>









MEMBERSHIP VETERAN STORIES

Post membership and/or all military veterans can share stories about the war (*all wartimes*) during their veteran services, community services to help veteran families, etc. and many THANKS to veterans for sharing.







The newsletter story this month is about honorable military services by our veteran comrade Master Sergeant Glen Harrison. He served in the U.S. Army for active duty and started his military career in the U.S. Navy Reserves, and his father served in the U.S. Marines as well. He was able to learn and adapt to all necessary directions to follow in the military. He started his military services within the states and transferred to station in Korea and Afghanistan. He served as part of the Military Transition Team/MiTT with infantry tactical training techniques. He worked closely with his comrades as a Combat Advisor and trained his team with combat tactics during the war zone battle, and helping his team comrades to stay alive.

He was happy for his services to our country and feels every high school kid should serve two years in the military. He said, "His effort to adjust back into civilian life was a major journey, and war is a requirement to maintain order and protecting ourselves." He also mentioned, his nephew was going down the wrong way in his life, and enlisting into the U.S. Marines really helped him. He will continue to support his veteran friends and families with war heroes in the military.

THANKS to Kalidev Choudhury for sharing the veterans lost stories on his website <u>www.theloststories.org</u>









POST EVENTS PICTORIAL LAYOUT

The Post 105 participates in various local and state veteran events for supportive services for veterans and their families. The following pictures illustrating examples of Post 105 supportive services for veterans and their families during an event in local communities. It's the post commitment for quality services supporting our veterans and their families – exemplifying by action throughout communities! (*THANKS Bill Jackson Jr. for pictures!*)



The 2019 Veterans Of The Year event MC speaking with Cliff preparing for therein honorary ceremony.



Vice Admiral Linda Fagen speaking during thereby 2019 Veterans Of The Year event.



The POW/MIA honorary table during thereby 2019 Veterans Of The Year event.



Cliff, Romie, and a veteran friend resting before therein same event begins.



Vice Admiral Linda Fagen talking with Michael during preparation for 2019 Veterans Of The Year event.



The 2019 Veterans Of The Year event participants preparing to start therein honorary ceremonial event!







- ➤ COVID-19 PREVENTION RED ALERT: Our Post 105 continues to remain closed to uphold therein order for prevention of therein COVID-19 until further notice. The three identified CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and Prevention healthy standards have been proven to stop therein COVID-19 virus. It's consistent with local, state, and federal health guidelines just follow herein three protective healthy standards: 1) Wear Face Coverings, 2) Maintain Social Physical Distancing, and 3) Wash Your Hands.
- ➤ The AL Post 105 Commander, Romie Bassetto, is requesting letters of support from our membership and/or agencies supporting our Redwood City Station Post Development project. Please contact our post directly and/or contact our commander at 650-207-0426 or by email at post105rc@aol.com for more information.
- ➤ The following is our post statistical data information for herein new Fiscal Year 2020/2021: **Total**Membership 257, Paid Up For Life Members 42, Renewed By Mail Members 76, Renewed

 Online Members 28, National Transfers 2, Total Renewed Members 151 with 66% status as of

 9/28/20. Many THANKS to all members with their membership renewals and looking forward to 100%

 positive effort this year! Pease visit our website www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org for more membership

 information with accessible forms. You can also contact our First Vice Commander, Mr. George Smith by

 phone at 650-349-7146 or email at 1stylice105@gmail.com THANK YOU for your support! The more

 members we have and the more members renewing their membership, provides us with that much more

 money to help our veterans be safe and we hope to see you soon!
- ➤ The American Legion Riders Chapter 105 President, Mr. George Smith submitted herein following progressive activities. They participated in 10 missions supporting our deceased veterans by participating on Firing Details during the month of September 2020. We have driven 924 miles and donated 106 volunteer hours. If you own a freeway legal motorcycle, are a member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion and would like to join us, please drop me an email at ALRChapt105@gmail.com or call me at 650-349-7146, and we would love to have you helping us serving the Veterans in our community.
- ➤ The SAL Unit 105 Commander Andrew Trapani will provide our AL Post 105 Commander Romie Bassetto with monthly administrative reports and progressive unit updates. Including SAL activities to support our veterans and their families for information sharing with our post.
- The Auxiliary Unit 105 continues to meet monthly via Zoom. We're actively seeking up to three high schools to sponsor for Girls State. Starting in September & on behalf of U105, our secretary picks up Panera Bread donations and delivers to Samaritan House. Preliminary plans were laid for our annual Poppy Drive mailing fundraiser in May. We'll join the other five District Units in the annual VA-Menlo Park holiday wish list program--fulfilling gift requests of veteran patients. Due to COVID-19, no Auxiliary in-person gift deliveries are permitted this year since the on-site holiday party is canceled. We eagerly await the opportunity to visit the VA and co-host the District 26 BBQs. We've established our Facebook page and website. Current membership stands at 25 with a few officer openings (vice president & sgt.-at-arms). Contact: bsmavolunteer@gmail.com or AuxUnit105secy@gmail.com website www.alaunit105rwc.com

- The post Executive Board approval of therein development DDA (Disposition & Development Agreement) along with progressive development elements have been moving forward accordingly. The post Executive Board unanimously approved signing the development DDA and development agency received therein DDA for their review. The post development parties have appropriate signatures onboard and next steps within the post development work plan. Please visit our post website www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org for more post development information stay tuned!
- ➤ Our Post 105 will become an Election Polling Place during the November 3, 2020 Presidential Elections in San Mateo County. Our post administrative Adjutant, John Robinson will work closely with the county Elections Office for appropriate election elements aligned with the county procedural processing policies.
- ➤ Please contact our post if anyone else of our **Post 105** membership is aware of any other Everlasting Post members, and/or anyone in the hospital because of his/her illness. Please contact our **Post Chaplain Dennis Lopez** at 650-346-9825 for assistance when necessary regarding logistical matters.
- The COVID-19 health crisis is giving MANY SCAMMERS an opportunity to rob veterans and/or stealing personal information. The **HIPAA** (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) federal regulation was established for protection. Please sign the HIPAA form with your health care provider for protection go online to the following linkage: https://www.calvet.ca.gov/Pages/HIPAA.aspx for updates.
- ➤ The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides outreach information to help veterans with their families and children when necessary. The VA also tries to keep veterans updated with new regulations aligned with eligible veteran benefits. Go online with herein following linkage below to help you with VA claims when necessary: https://www.calvet.ca.gov/veteran-services-benefits/va-claims
- ➤ Nutritional Food for veteran families and children through the CalFresh Program by state and/or county Department of Social Services. The San Mateo County Social Services Office can be contacted at 800–223–8383 or 650–802–6576 and/or email at antorres@smcgov.org for more information. Go online to herein linkage for more information and accessibility: https://www.cdss.ca.gov/food-nutrition/calfresh or visit Second Harvest Food Bank at following linkage: https://www.shfb.org/get-food/ for more information.
- ➤ We know how critically IMPORTANT to help our veteran comrades and families with many ongoing challenges in life. To find appropriate help for assistance with health, safety, and human services including crisis matters especially during the COVID-19 health crisis please contact the **Veterans Crisis Hotline** at 1-800-273-8255 or go online to http://www.knowavet.org and/or text 838255 for more information.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOTICE

Our post newsletter is offering this opportunity to reach out and work closely with our membership legionnaires and all veterans! The post members can provide future newsletter articles and/or "appropriate" newsletter posting information. Including stories and comments about post activities, veteran's insight views and information sharing, pictures, etc. Please send information by email mfcpalesoo@gmail.com or phone call at 650-365-1337 for informational message.

American Historical Quote: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy!"

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.