



AMERICAN LEGION POST-105 SUNRISE NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER GREETINGS



George Smith, Commander

Hoping all our AL Post 105 **legionnaire members and their families** are doing fine during these challenging times. Wishing Happy **Purple Heart Day** on Saturday, **August 7, 2021** to all veteran recipients. Honoring the brave men and women for their legendary heroic military services, and commemorating the oldest military decoration in history! Our post is here to help military veterans and their families with assistance when necessary, and please let us know immediately for help. An awesome special **THANKS** to our **proactive membership and comrades** with their ongoing support, and for our post mission in life with diversified communities for **God and Country!**

In fact, some of our own AL Post 105 legionnaires are **Purple Heart** recipients – many **THANKS** for your heroic bravery military services! At current estimating status, it appears 1.8 million **Purple Hearts** have been awarded to symbolic bravery men and women veterans – **God Bless you all.**

My support and gratitude to salute all **Purple Heart** brave men and women veterans, and ALL veterans for their honorary military services – protecting our patriotic freedom in America! Because freedom is NOT free as it seems within our social environments as it appears, and **THANKS** to our military veterans for their services! Because it is our post legionnaire mission in life with **100+ years** of patriotic services for **God and Country**, and strengthening America – **STAY SAFE & HEALTHY!** Our new administrative team is always **WELCOMING new veteran legionnaires** for our post family mission!



Happy Purple Heart Day, Happy Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. to all Post 105 legionnaire members in **August 2021** and many more to come!!! Enjoy and have fun at your celebrations – **STAY SAFE!**



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!

<p>NEED Local Veterans Oil Changers 944 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025 Phone Number: 650-321-9041 Website: www.oilchangers.com</p>	<p>Hiring Local Veterans BevMo 1745 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063 Phone Number: 650-261-1414 Website: www.bevmo.com</p>
<p>GGACC Veterans Fly Fishing Program Wednesday, August 4, 2021 @ 10 AM – 1 PM 1232 John F. Kennedy Drive, San Francisco, CA 94121 Phone Number: 650-270-7258 Website: www.ggacc.org</p>	<p>Veterans Ready – Veterans Learning Community Friday, August 6, 2021 @ 10 AM 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 Phone Number: 925-424-1000 Website: www.laspositascollege.edu</p>
<p>Post 105 General Meeting – NEED dinner RSVP Wednesday, August 11, 2021 @ 7 PM 651 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063 Phone Number: (650) 365-1337 (FREE DINNER @ 6 PM) Website: www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org</p>	<p>Veterans Pleasanton Military Families Summer BBQ Thursday, August 12, 2021 @ 3 PM Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566 Phone Number: 925-931-5340 Website: www.cityofpleasantonca.gov</p>
<p>U.S. Military Small Business Leadership Wednesday, August 18, 2021 @ 8 AM – 10 AM Silicon Valley Capital Club 50 W. San Fernando Street, San Jose, CA 95113 Phone Number: 408-971-9300 Website: www.clubcorp.com</p>	<p>Veterans Affairs Farmers Market Wednesday, August 25, 2021 @ 8 AM – 12 PM San Francisco VA, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121 Phone Number: 415-221-4810 Website: www.sanfrancisco.va.gov</p>

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.

<p>American Legion Post 105 651 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063 Contact Phone: 650-365-1337 Website: www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org</p>	<p>American Legion District 26 1159 Bush Street, San Carlos, CA 94070 Contact Phone: 650-349-7146 Website: www.ALDistrict26.org</p>
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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 veteran story this month is about our honorary comrade Sergeant Michael Marks who served in the U.S. Army military services. He was drafted in 1969 and served as a producer for vinyl coverings within a laboratory, and changing his lifetime activities during the Vietnam War. He worked closely with his comrades to relay correct information for his soldier friends during artillery strikes. He helped his soldier comrades on the battlefield to ensure his veteran friends are okay, and sometimes his emotions can be tough and trying to stay on target with their mission on the battlefield.

His military experience was emotional and feels South Vietnam was corrupt, and North Vietnam wants something different. He learned many different things about life generally during his military career and believes the U.S. Government needs to do more for veterans. He is proud of serving his country and will do it again, and is still harboring animosity about the government and would help veterans in local communities.

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



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 photographers for pictures!)*



AL Post 105 Commander, George Smith with Bud Simon on his 100 years younger birthday – God Bless his heart!



Jack McCloskey served in the Korean War and Bud Simon served in the WWII – two veterans friendship for life and many THANKS for their honorary services!



USS Hornet in Alameda was toured by the Post 105 family members and veterans of District 26 last month.



AL Post 105 family members and District 26 veterans on their USS Hornet museum tour last month in July 2021.



AL Post 105 Treasurer, Vern Mull and his wife at their USS Hornet museum tour.



AL Post 105 member Allan Hirsch providing the USS Hornet museum tour for participants.



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August 2021 Newsletter

From the desk of the Commander...

Well, you turn around and it's August, how the time flies! I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones in good health.

Our American Legion Post 105 Family is storming back to life (after COVID). The Auxiliary, Sons of the AL and AL Riders and all doing great things for our Veterans, their families and the community, see their reports in this newsletter.

I'd like your input, we're thinking about starting a Wednesday coffee for the members. I'll be there and from time to time so will other officers and eBoard members. We'll have coffee and thanks to our Auxiliary, pastries from local establishments. This will give us time to get to know each other, discuss anything you'd like about the Post, what's going on, what you'd like to see changed or added, whatever you'd like to talk about, even if it just chatting about nothing. What do you think? Please let me know by emailing me at CommanderPost105@gmail.com or call me at 650-349-7146.

Also, we'd like to start Red Cross CPR certification for our membership and our community neighbors. Anyone CPR Instructor Certified and would like to volunteer teaching classes maybe every quarter? Again, please contact me so we can talk.

The Post Hall Rental schedule is beginning to book up! Please let everyone you know we're back up and running. Hopefully, this new strain of COVID-19 won't set us back.

Until next month, be safe and take care.

George.



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- Our EBoard continues to keep up with our post updates with therein post development status, and therein comprehensive DDA/Development Agreement (“Agreement”) has been signed appropriately by all involved parties and moving forward for next steps – **development status letter** was sent to our post membership. The next steps may take one or two years because of development permits and/or project assessments for therein project execution. We have to work closely with local municipal agencies regarding therein post development project next steps, and it may take approximately two years before construction begins. The EBoard continues to meet virtually online because of therein pandemic, and adhering with government safety guidelines and health procedures.
- The Palo Alto Daily Post recently published an article regarding our post development, and aligned with other building developments in Redwood City. Many thanks to Past Commander, Romie Bassetto for spearheading thereby post development project and working on permits procedural process – stay tuned!
- Our new **First Vice Commander, Mr. Tom Day** reported on our post current membership with **434** members and **22** early bird membership renewals. The report identifies **1 member** is eligible for 60 years membership, and **4 eligible** for 50 years membership certificates. He recommends having a special recognition event for therein 5 legionnaire members of our Post 105. Many THANKS to renewal members who are already in place and **your membership dues** go directly to help veterans and their families. Please visit our website www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org for more membership information and updates.
- Our post has a calendar identifying daily and/or monthly events as well as specified holidays, and other national calendar dates for recognition, etc. Please visit herein following linkage below to review our <https://americanlegionpost105rwc.org/calendar> calendar of events and for more information.
- **COMPUTER ACCESSIBLE CENTER** for our post veterans for employment and/or housing assistance opportunities in San Mateo County. The Next Step Center may be able to help you with employment if you need to work and housing if you need help for shelter especially during these hardship times in life. The **Next Step Center** is located at Menlo Park VA Hospital, Building 348 for your convenience, and it has a computer center to go online and search for online technology veteran services. Please online to herein linkage for more information <https://www.smc-connect.org/locations/next-step-center> and good luck! It provides veterans and their families with food and/or public assistance with other human service needs, as well as other local resources in San Mateo County and San Francisco County for veterans.
- The **veterans can have access** to online technology services at local public libraries for your convenience, and local library staff members can become very helpful for assistance if necessary to help veterans. Some local public libraries are starting to open up by appointments only during these times of the pandemic. The **Redwood City Public Libraries** are starting to open up with limited operational hours, and please go online to herein linkage <https://www.redwoodcity.org/departments/library/locations-and-hours> for more information with summertime local activities for families and children.
- 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 **American Legion Riders Chapter 105** President, Mr. George Smith submitted herein following progressive activities. American Legion Riders Chapter 105 has participated in **17 missions** supporting our deceased veterans by participating on Firing Details during the month of June 2021. They had a successful rider's mission during last month with **1536 miles** to help veterans, and their families and **donated 209 volunteer hours**. The ALR Unit 105 successfully completed their recent **Suicide Prevention** ride mission to Palo Alto VA with a delicious barbeque – great team effort! 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, we'd love to have you helping us serving the veterans in our community.
- The **SAL Unit 105** Commander, Andrew Trapani reported previously another new member joined and elevated their membership to **13 total members**. Also, five members were transferred from Post 28 and helped elevated the post membership and ALR membership as well. The SAL Unit 105 participated and worked closely with ALR Post 105 and Auxiliary Unit 105 to coordinate activities for therein **Rummage Sale – 4 participants with 30 volunteer hours**. One participated in therein **New Officers Installation** event for the post recently with **3 volunteer hours** contribution – scheduling more missions and events this month of August and September 2021. The following are eligibility qualifications for SAL Unit 105: A male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917. Through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.
- The **Auxiliary Unit 105** President, Carol Rael continues Our Unit continues to meet in-person at the Post--second Tuesday @ 6pm. Our June Rummage Sale with the SM County Blue Star Moms was a resounding success; much appreciation to our Riders and the Young Marines for their assistance at the Sale. A portion of the proceeds was donated towards the Post, our Riders' June 26 Suicide Prevention Program benefit, and to the Young Marines. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Post Family's July 4 BBQ. Our Unit completed our 'Giving Bean' online fundraiser; thanks to those who supported us with purchases. Our Unit goes dark in July and resumes in August for our 2021-2022 term: President Carol Rael, Vice President Pauline Robinson, Secretary Peggy Toye, and Treasurer Brenda Ternullo. Other officers/chairs remain: Chaplain & Poppy Chairman Amy Walsh, VA&R Deputy Arlene Muller, and Girls State Chairman Peggy Toye. www.alaunit105rwc.com
- The **USS Hornet** tour in Alameda was a successful mission per reporting information from participants, and many THANKS to Allan Hirsch for his coordination and tour guide activities. By posting herein tour information, I can remember one of my uncle telling me about the Apollo 11 astronauts in American Samoa, Territory of United States of America. Because it's the first American soil the astronauts walked on when they returned back to earth, and thereafter a successful **Apollo 11** mission placing an American Flag on the moon – YES, **the eagle has landed** with the mission accomplished and successfully returned for more!



- The statewide **Women Veterans Affairs** is growing rapidly and advocating for effective services throughout California. The CalVet women organization is having online webinar sessions by clicking to the following link. <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/WomenVets/Pages/Monthly-Statewide-Webinars.aspx>
- We know how critically **IMPORTANT** to help our veteran comrades and families with many ongoing human service challenges in life. Because many veterans may not be able to find appropriate help for assistance with **health, safety, suicide and human services** including crisis matters. If a veteran is NOT sure where to start looking for help, please contact the **Veterans Crisis Hotline** at 1-800-273-8255. Copy and click online following linkage <http://www.knowavet.org> and/or text 838255 for more information.
- The **CalFresh Program** for food in San Mateo County can help people with nutrition meals for veteran families. Please go online with herein linkage <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/food-nutrition/calfresh> for more information and access – contact email at antorres@smcgov.org and phone number 650-802-6575.
- The **Second Harvest Food Bank** offers food pickup locations within San Mateo County on their website at <https://www.shfb.org/get-food/> – contact phone number 800-984-3663 or text GETFOOD at 408-455-5181. The Second Harvest Food Bank is collaborating with other food agencies in San Mateo County.
- Our veteran families and children needs **discount programs** during these challenging times with therein COVID-19 pandemic. Please go online at www.legion.org/benefits for all essential discounting programs to help veterans and their families, and especially with health and dental discounting programs.
- The veterans may be eligible for health care benefits aligned with the **National Defense Authorization Act** provisions for Fiscal Year 2021 (**Public Law 116-283**). Regarding thereby Agent Orange tactical herbicide with toxic substance used by the military during the Vietnam War, and Gulf War with military operations in the Middle East. Please go online at <https://www.va.gov/search/?query=military%20exposures&t=true> for more information about Agent Orange Exposure and/or Airborne Hazards with Burn Pit Exposures.

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: *“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing.”*

President Abraham Lincoln