



AMERICAN LEGION POST-105 SUNRISE NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER GREETINGS



Romie Bassetto, Commander

The newsletter this month shares progressive elements about the post development with events, and resourceful information to help our veterans and their families. I am hoping ALL Post-105 **legionnaire members and their families** are doing fine! Our post also provides U.S. military veterans and families with assistance when necessary, and please let us know! An awesome special THANKS to our **active membership and comrades** with their ongoing support of our post, with local services for diversified communities for God and Country!

I share my gratitude and appreciation for the contribution of all Post 105 Italian veterans aligned with **Italian Heritage Month** of October 2019 in America. Including all post veterans contribution in society and making a difference in our diversified communities - always WELCOMING new veteran legionnaire members! Because it is our legionnaire mission in life with **100 plus awesome years** of Americanism patriotic services – always **Happy Legionnaire Anniversary!**



Wishing Happy Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. to ALL Post 105 legionnaire members in **October 2019!!**

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!

UPS Hiring Veterans

Requires lifting ability of up to 70 pounds and able to stand and walk for long periods of time.
Open positions until fulfilled
Visit Online: www.upsjobs.com

Honoring Women Veterans

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 @ 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
CSUS – The University Union (Redwood Room)
6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819 Ph. (916) 653-1402
Visit online to register: <https://tinyurl.com/yxqklo2s>

<p>2019 Grand National Rodeo – FREE for Veterans October 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th, 2019 Cow Palace Event Center – Phone: 415-404-4105 2600 Geneva Avenue, Daly City, CA 94014 Visit Online: www.grandnationalrodeo.com</p>	<p>Post 105 Regular General Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2019 @ 7 PM – 9 PM 651 El Camino Real Redwood City, CA 94063 Phone Number: 650-365-1337 (FREE DINNER)</p>
<p>Names for California Vietnam Veterans Memorial Sunday, October 20, 2019 @ 12 PM – 2 PM Capitol Park, 15th Street & Capitol Avenue Sacramento, CA 95814 Visit Online: www.calvet.ca.gov/vietnam Email: yvmhc@calvet.ca.gov</p>	<p>FREE Veterans Horse & Yoga Day Sunday, October 27, 2019 @ 9:30 AM – 3 PM Presidio Riding Club Including Breakfast and BBQ Lunch Phone: 650-776-4313 Email: info@horsesensing.com</p>
<p>Veterans Movie Screening Surviving Home Film Monday, October 28, 2019 @ 6 PM – 8 PM Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 150 East San Fernando Street, San Jose, CA 95112 Contact: Alexander @ Email: alexander.delacampa@sjsu.edu</p>	<p>Veterans Stand Down By The Bay October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2019 @ 8 AM – 4 PM Boothbay Park, Edgewater Blvd. & Boothbay Avenue, Foster City Contact: Eleanor Britter @ Email: estjohn7@gmail.com</p>
<p>FREE Veterans Dental Services - Freedom Day USA Friday, October 11, 2019 – Call for appointments Bittner Family Dental Group 890 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95129 Contact: Dr. Gerald Bittner Jr. @ 408-247-8080 Visit Online: www.BittnerDentalGroup.com</p>	<p>Veterans Seminar By Salvation Army – Free Lunch Thursday, October 3, 2019 @ 12 PM – 2 PM The Veterans Memorial Senior Center 1455 Madison Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061 Contact Phone: 800-944-9677 Email: gsgiftplanning@usw.salvationarmy.org</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 Post 105 honorary legionnaire member, and Second Vice Commander Leo Patrick McArdle. He served in the U.S. Army as Central Office Telephone Operations and Repair, Refrigeration/Air Condition Mechanic, Infantry, Supply Sergeant, Carpenter, Legal Clerk, and Motor Sergeant. He served during the Vietnam War era as Staff Sergeant E-6 on active duty from 1962 to 1970, and served in the U.S. Army Reserve until 1977. He is currently an ordained Chaplain and upholding the brevet rank of Colonel. He provided honorable military services at various locations and was recognize with Good Conduct Ribbon with 2 knots, National Defense Ribbon, AFEM Ribbon, Korea Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Ribbon with 1 silver and 1 bronze, VN Crtoff Phase II, III, IV, V, VI, & Tet Crtoff 69, Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star. He received 2014 Veteran of the Year Award from CA State Senator Jerry Hill, 13th District. He is also recognize as 2019 Veteran of the Year in San Mateo County, California.

He is retired and actively involved with many community service organizations to help veterans and their families, as well as the nonprofit organization called United States Volunteers of America for 20 years. Including AMVETS, VFW, DAV, AUSA, VVA, Marines Memorial San Francisco, NRA, CRPA, and other community organizations. He served as Adult Leader in Boy Scouts of America as Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, and National Staff at three National Jamborees for 40 years. He has been a Coach, Referee, Safety and Fields Director with AYSO Region 45, and active member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He is married with four children, bunch of grandkids, and 3 great grandkids.

He believes every day you get out of bed and you are fantastic because many of folks are not able to, and wishing they could. He said, "Life is what you make of it with interesting situations in life!"



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!)*



George and Legion Riders are prepping to escort the body and casket of Mr. Jackson Sr. to burial grounds.



Family and friends of Mr. Jackson Sr. preparing for burial ceremony.



Family and friends of Mr. Jackson Sr. during the funeral celebration at Post 105.



Romie and Leo officiating the funeral celebration event at Post 105.



Leo speaking at the podium with Mike and Chester folding the flag during the celebration event.



Family and friends of Mr. Jackson Sr. getting food during the funeral celebration event.

- **PLANNING 100 YEARS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:** Our post centennial celebration for 100 years of honorary services to diversified communities is currently in the plans. Thanks to Post 105 Commander, Romie Bassetto, for creating a Planning Committee and calling the first meeting for celebration discussions. It looks like our American Legion Post 105 in Redwood City and San Mateo Post 82 will have a joint celebration event. The Planning Committee is planning more meetings – please call our post at 650-365-1337 for more information and meeting schedules for attendance.
- The Centennial Planning Committee (CPC) members shared updates during the last meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019. Many thanks to Leo and cooking team for the great dinner meal, and team shared some possibility of securing recognition certificates from legislative representatives. Including partnership with other organizations for classical auto display and musical bands for entertainment. The 2 days for celebration event is Monday, November 11, 2019 at downtown Redwood City square and Post 105 for barbeque, and Saturday, November 16, 2019 for the gala at Post 105. The next CPC Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2019 and Monday, October 14, 2019 back-to-back meetings at 6 PM.



- The members of our post has been hit hard last month, by losing two more of our friends and legendary legionnaire members, Bob Page and William Jackson Sr. for everlasting life. They will be missed and keeping them with their families in our prayers – RIP honorary comrades and see you next time!
- Please contact our post if anyone of our Post 105 membership is aware of any Everlasting Post members, and/or anyone in the hospital because of his/her sickness and/or specific type of illness. We will keep them in our prayers with quick recovery. Please contact our **Post Chaplain Dennis Lopez** at 650-346-9825 for assistance when necessary regarding logistical matters.
- THANKS to President Trump for signing the Legion Act legislation yesterday, July 30, 2019 in the Oval Office, and AL National Commander Brett Reistad participated. The LEGION (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service) Act opens the door for many U.S. military veterans more services. The AL National Commander, Brett Reistad said, “The families of wounded veterans should take pride and knowing that we recognize their sacrifice and service during wartime.” Go online for more LEGION Act information with following three linkages below.

<https://www.legion.org/membership/246557/legion-act-signed-law>

<https://www.legion.org/membership/246558/11-things-you-need-know-about-legion-act>

<https://www.legion.org/membership/246573/www.legion.org/LEGIONActmaterials>

- The American Legion 100 Years Video **Featuring National Commander Brett Reistad** can be reviewed by copying and click online to herein linkage below to view – 100 years of service for God and Country!

<https://editor.legionemail.com/vo/?FileID=0cdd81b2-2fd1-4dd4-85cb-08fa95fb337d&m=365fca48-152a-437c-86cb-8f6555b62eac&MailID=36971394&listid=85833&RecipientID=17533407803>

- 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>
- The veterans looking for work can call VET Central Jobs at 877-255-5866 for available job alerts. You can also go online for available jobs by copying and click online herein linkage below to review job openings: <http://vetjobcentral.com/OS/jobs.aspx?OS=44311>
- 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, and human services including crisis matters. If a veteran is NOT sure where to start looking for help and/or assistance with crisis issues, please contact the Veterans Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-8255. You can also copy and click online herein following linkage <http://www.knowavet.org> and/or text 838255 for more informational resources.
- The American Legion 100 years of excellence services for veterans and their families have been documented for many legendary historical years – for God and County! The American Legion Centennial Documentary can be view by the following linkage. Please copy and click online to herein linkage for viewership www.legion.org/legiontv and more information.
- The San Mateo County Veterans Commission is hosting the 4th Annual Veteran of the Year awards ceremony luncheon on **Thursday, November 7, 2019. 23, 2019** – visit following linkage online for nomination forms. <http://hsa.smcgov.org/nomination-forms-and-publications>
- The post Executive Board is patiently awaiting to hear from the development agency legal attorneys regarding the DDA (Disposition & Development Agreement) development elements. Because the development agency received the DDA from the post for their procedural review in the process, and including next steps with the development scope of work. The post Executive Board unanimously approved two resolutions including the scope of work exhibit aligned with the DDA. The identified resolutions and scope are submitted for review during the process – stay tune!
- The Elder Abuse among Veterans can become critical for veteran families and children to become aware of how serious therein matter can be in our communities. The documentary production can accessed on CCTV (Contra Costa Television) at www.contracostatv.org and contact Nathan Johnson nathan@vs.cccounty.us or 925-313-1481 for more awareness 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: *“If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under!”*

President Ronald Reagan