



## AMERICAN LEGION POST-105 SUNRISE NEWSLETTER

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### COMMANDER GREETINGS



*Romie Bassetto, Commander*

As new Post Commander, it is my wishful hopes ALL Post-105 **legionnaire members and their families** are doing great! Wishing **Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day** to all veterans and our post is here to help U.S. military veterans and families with assistance when necessary – please let us know! Also sharing resourceful information to assist veterans with human service needs. An awesome special **THANKS** to our **active membership and comrades** with their ongoing support for our post mission in life with diversified communities for God and Country!

My ongoing pleasure to continually honoring ALL post veterans contribution in society and making a difference in our diversified local communities. Because it is our legionnaire mission in life with **100 plus awesome years** of Americanism patriotic services – always **Happy Legionnaire Anniversary!** We are always **WELCOMING** new veteran legionnaire members for our post!



Wising Happy Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. to ALL Post 105 legionnaire members in **July 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!*

#### Hiring Veterans Community Worker II

Human Services Agency – Closing Date: July 2, 2019  
San Mateo County Human Resources Department  
455 County Center,  
Redwood City, CA 94063.....Phone: 650-363-4343  
Visit Online: <https://jobs.smcgov.org>

#### CalVet Women Veterans Webinar Conference

Healthcare Matters & Issues of Concerns  
Wednesday, July 17, 2019 @ 10 AM – 11 AM  
Dial USA Phone Number: 408-650-3123  
Access Code: 901-995-485  
Join Online: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/901995485>

<p><b>Post 105 Regular General Meeting</b>  Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 7 PM – 9 PM  651 El Camino Real,  Redwood City, CA 94063  Contact Phone: 650-365-1337 (<b>FREE DINNER</b>)</p>	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LA Veterans Resource Expo</b>  Friday, July 26, 2019 @ 9 AM – 2 PM  1101 W. McKinley Avenue,  Pomona, CA 91768  Contact Online: <a href="http://www.lavetexpo.com">www.lavetexpo.com</a></p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Retirement</b>  Saturday, July 20, 2019  Cypress Lawn Memorial Park @ 11 AM  1362 El Camino Real,  Colma, CA 94014  Phone Number: 650-667-7404</p>	<p><b>American Legion 100 Years Video</b>  <b>Featuring National Commander Brett Reistad</b>  Copy and click online to herein linkage below to view.  <a href="https://editor.legionemail.com/vs/?FileID=0cdd81b2-2fd1-4dd4-85cb-08fa95fb337d&amp;m=365fca48-152a-437c-86cb-8f6555b62eac&amp;MailID=36971394&amp;listid=85833&amp;RecipientID=17533407803">https://editor.legionemail.com/vs/?FileID=0cdd81b2-2fd1-4dd4-85cb-08fa95fb337d&amp;m=365fca48-152a-437c-86cb-8f6555b62eac&amp;MailID=36971394&amp;listid=85833&amp;RecipientID=17533407803</a></p>
<p><b>Veterans Housing &amp; Homeless Prevention</b>  Tuesday, July 23, 2019 @ 1 PM – 4 PM  Santa Cruz Library  224 Church Street,  Santa Cruz, CA 95060  Phone Number: 831-427-7707</p>	<p><b>Veteran Families Monthly Activities</b>  California Department of Veterans Affairs  Healthcare, Benefits, Education, VA Claims, etc.  Copy and click online herein linkage below to view.  <a href="https://www.calvet.ca.gov/home/Calendar">https://www.calvet.ca.gov/home/Calendar</a></p>
<p><b>Veterans Experience Action Center</b>  July 19, 2019 and July 20, 2019 @ 9 AM – 3 PM  St. Ambrose University  518 Locust Street, Davenport, IA 52803  Contact Email: <a href="mailto:veterfriendlycommunities@va.gov">vet-friendlycommunities@va.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Ranger Road Veterans Support Group</b>  The pathway to a greater you for veterans and families.  Explore various supportive group team activities.  Copy and click online to herein linkage below to access.  <a href="http://www.rangerroad.org">www.rangerroad.org</a></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><b>American Legion Post 105</b>  651 El Camino Real,  Redwood City, CA 94063  Contact Phone: 650-365-1337  Website: <a href="http://www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org">www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org</a></p>	<p><b>American Legion District 26</b>  1159 Bush Street,  San Carlos, CA 94070  Contact Phone: 650-349-7146  Website: <a href="http://www.ALDistrict26.org">www.ALDistrict26.org</a></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 an honorary legionnaire veteran of our Post 105 – Keith Kritikakos. He served with honorary military service in the U.S. Navy as an E-4 Security Officer at the Naval Air Station during the Vietnam War. He worked closely with his comrades to ensure war airplanes were very secured for their mission execution and efficiency. He served in Hawaii, Guam, San Diego, and discharged of his duties at Treasure Island with honorary military services. His dad and brother served in the U.S. Navy as well during the World War II with honorable services.

He is actively involved with other community organizations to help veterans and their families within local communities. He works at the post bar performing his management duties and serving cocktails for customers, and training bartenders when necessary for services. He is pretty good during the bar karaoke nights on Friday nights and customers like him when he sings.



**U.S. Navy**

## 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!)*



Bill with Legion Riders at Golden Gate National Cemetery honoring veterans.



George and Romie with Legion Riders at Golden Gate National Cemetery veterans event.



Legion Riders arriving at Golden Gate National Cemetery for therein veterans event.



George speaking at the Golden Gate National Cemetery event for veterans.



Bill, Mike, Gary, Ken, and Helen with veteran friends at Cathay Post 384 Anniversary Dinner.



Sister Pat and Rome at Cathay Post 384 Anniversary Celebration Dinner event.



- **100 YEARS CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION:** Our American Legion Post 105 was recognized by Babe Ruth League during a local celebration event, and was recognized with an award plaque for devotional services by military veterans! Including recognition services for families and youth programs in our communities, as well as advocacy for patriotism and honor with strong national security.
- Our post centennial celebration for 100 years of services is still in the plans with a possible joint celebration event with San Mateo Post 82, and stay tuned for thereby event logistical information.



- THANKS to our Post 105 Membership Team for thriving our enrolling membership targets, and bringing our status on the third level as it stands within the district as reported from the previous month. The current District 26 membership standing is as follow: **#1** San Bruno Post 409 = 114.14%, **#2** San Mateo 82 = 111.01%, and **#3** Redwood City Post 105 = 97.67%.
- The Veterans Memorial Building/Senior Center in Redwood City is looking for veteran artifacts to be displayed at the new building. Please contact Robin Van Auken at 570-916-0026 or email [Robin@HandsOnHeritage.com](mailto:Robin@HandsOnHeritage.com) and/or Lance Van Auken at 570-630-4512 or email [Lance@HandsOnHeritage.com](mailto:Lance@HandsOnHeritage.com) for more information.
- 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 Country! 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](http://www.legion.org/legiontv) and more information.
- The VA Mission Act 2018 is in place to help veterans with a tool to help locate services nearby. Including urgent health care for veterans and families as necessary as well as urgent care providers approved by VA administration. Copy and click online to herein linkage to access [www.va.gov/find-locations/](http://www.va.gov/find-locations/) for more information.

- 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 status. Please contact our **Post Chaplain Dennis Lopez** at 650-346-9825 for assistance when necessary regarding logistical matters.
- Our Post 105 is participating in thereby annual July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday parade in Redwood City on Thursday, July 4, 2019. ALL members who would like to ride in our post parade float must be present at the post at 8 AM sharp. The BBQ team will be barbequing for the post members, friends, and families to celebrate the holiday festivities.
- The post Executive Board is continually working closely with legal attorneys regarding the DDA (Disposition & Development Agreement) development elements. Including meetings with building architectures for the post development building layout proposal. The post development is moving forward and DDA is submitted to the development agency for their review. Thereafter, post Executive Board members review with clarification regarding redevelopment structure for veterans – 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 – Veterans’ Voices released a Press Release in Contra Costa County with the live and/or online production for awareness. The documentary production can accessed on CCTV (Contra Costa Television) at [www.contracostatv.org](http://www.contracostatv.org) and/or contact Nathan Johnson at [nathan@vs.cccounty.us](mailto:nathan@vs.cccounty.us) or 925-313-1481 for more information.
- The advocates for the “blue water” during Vietnam War is now final and becomes law and veterans can start filing claims for eligibility. Because the U.S. President signed thereby legislation into law to benefit veterans for disability who served in the seas around Vietnam during the war. Please copy and click herein following linkage <https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2019/06/26/benefits-for-blue-water-veterans-finalized-after-years-long-fight/> for more information.
- The American Legion Discount Spotlight information for veteran families and children. Please copy and click herein following linkage to view therein discounts: <https://editor.legionemail.com/vo/?FileID=c7801b48-5960-43c3-9bf9-e03f26aa8585&m=2beeebfd-dba1-432c-ba0b-3e49a0ce4107&MailID=37217268&listid=86142&RecipientID=17692850801>

### **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](mailto:mfcpalesoo@gmail.com) or phone call at 650-365-1337 for informational message.

**American Historical Quote:** *“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference!”*

*Winston Churchill*