



AMERICAN LEGION POST-105 SUNRISE NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER GREETINGS



Romie Bassetto, Commander

Hoping all post members and families are doing fine – WISHING every members and their families a joyful **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year!** The last month of November has been busy with activities including a successful 100 years centennial celebration. The monthly newsletter continues to share resources to help veterans and their families. Because our post provides U.S. military veterans and their families with assistance when necessary – please let us know! Always many THANKS to our proactive **membership and comrades** with their ongoing support of our post, with local services of diversified communities for God and Country!

I share my gratitude and APPRECIATION for the contribution of ALL legionnaire members and community volunteers, for helping put together a successful 100 years celebration! Because the celebration committee had resources for two outstanding days of celebration activities. Because it is our legionnaire mission in life with **100 plus awesome years** of Americanism patriotic services – always **Happy Legionnaire Anniversary!**



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

Allied Universal Hiring Security Veterans

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
1111 W. Robinhood Drive, Suite L,
Stockton, CA 95207
Apply Online: <http://jobs.aus.com>

UPS Hiring Veterans

Requires lifting ability of up to 70 pounds and able to stand and walk for long time – ongoing open positions.
Contact Person: Patrick O'Leary
Phone Number: 502-329-6595 Email: poleary@ups.com

<p>Wreaths To Honor Veterans Saturday, December 14, 2019 @ 9 AM Golden Gate National Cemetery 1300 Sneath Lane, San Bruno, CA 94066 Phone Number: 650-589-7737</p>	<p>Post 105 General Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 7 PM Post 105, 651 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063 Phone Number: 650-365-1337 (FREE DINNER @ 6 PM)</p>
<p>Veterans Family & Community Opera Thursday, December 5, 2019 @ 7 PM War Memorial Building 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco CA 94102 Phone Number: 415-861-4920</p>	<p>Donna DeLory Headlining Artist Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 7 PM Marin County Civic Center 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903 Phone Number: 415-499-6400</p>
<p>Veterans Holiday Concert Monday, December 23, 2019 @ 7 PM – 9 PM Marin Veterans Memorial Auditorium 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903 Phone Number: 415-473-6800</p>	<p>Veterans Asia Society Chamber Opera Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 6:30 PM War Memorial Building 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco CA 94102 Phone Number: 415-861-4920</p>
<p>Veterans Strength & Tone Friday, December 6, 2019 @ 12 AM Veterans Memorial Building 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526 Phone Number: 925-362-9806 Website: https://vmsbrv.org</p>	<p>Veterans Depression & Elderly Educational Session Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 10 AM Danville Senior Center 115 East Prospect Avenue, Danville, CA 94526 Phone Number: 925-314-3430 Website: www.danville.ca.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 post legionnaire member Chester Palesoo Sr. who served in the U.S. Army with 4 years active and 3 years in the reserve. He served with 5th Aviation Battalion and 351st Civil Affairs Command Reserve Unit. He served at various stations nationwide and international post in Munich, Germany during the Gulf War. He worked closely with his comrades to ensure flight plans and coordination with Air Traffic Control (ATC) is well secure for fighting pilots. Including the responsibility of making sure flight line personnel and equipment are ready for pilots taking off and/or returning flights.

He is a former elected official representative of the people and first elected official with Pacific Islander background – with Samoan veteran descent in San Mateo County. He serves on the Post 105 Executive Board, UCSF/CCE Community Partnership Council, and other community supportive activities for veterans. He is actively involved with local community activities to support veterans and their families.



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!)*



Mike, AC, and Bill with classical cars background during first day of 100 years centennial celebration.



Romie and George with 23rd Marine Division Honor Guard having a prepping discussion.



Mike, Bill, and Thomas during the American flag folding ceremony at the 100 years celebration.



People arriving for the celebration and resting at appropriate seating arrangements.



Winfred with the cooking team preparing for the barbeque during the centennial celebration.



Cooking team serving food for people at Post 105 during the 100 years celebration.

The 100 years centennial celebration events were done in two different days. The pictures above were taken on November 11, 2019 during celebration activities on Veterans Day at Redwood City Downtown Square, and American Legion Post 105. The pictures below were taken on November 16, 2019 during the Gala Dinner event at Post 105. It was a great successful celebration event for Post 105 and Post 82 – great team effort!



Gala Event Program for the 100 years celebration!



Gala Event celebration cake! People enjoyed the cake thereafter singing happy birthday.



23rd Marine Division Honor Guard prepping for the gala celebration event.



Helen and CJ Reeves presenting Post 105 and Post 82 with Distinguished Service Awards to Romie and AC.



Mike, Gary, Helen, Cliff, and Thomas with veteran friends enjoying the Gala Dinner meal.



Bill, Sister Pat, Coby, and veteran friends during the Gala Dinner event.



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- **SUCCESSFUL 100 YEARS CELEBRATION:** The 100 years centennial celebration for Redwood City Post 105 and San Mateo Post 82 was a successful event for both days! Both post commanders shared their appreciation for all legionnaires and other veterans, as well as local community members for their participation. The two American Legion posts received recognition certificates and proclamations from local, state, and national elected legislative officials. The celebration event went really well with the program, food, and music for both days! The classical cars were outstanding as usual and great display for people to see with appreciation – the American Legion riders were outstanding!

The Gala Dinner event was well orchestrated with many people attending than expected, and the food was delicious with good music. People enjoyed the program and other people started dancing to the music thereafter having their meals. The comedian attending the gala was making people laugh and having fun with participants. The event was more special because of elected officials who attended both days of the centennial celebration event. Some of the organizing committee members shared their appreciation of having done an awesome job with the celebration positive results! One of the committee member said, “Everyone did a great job with cooking, cleanup, setup, etc.”



- 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>

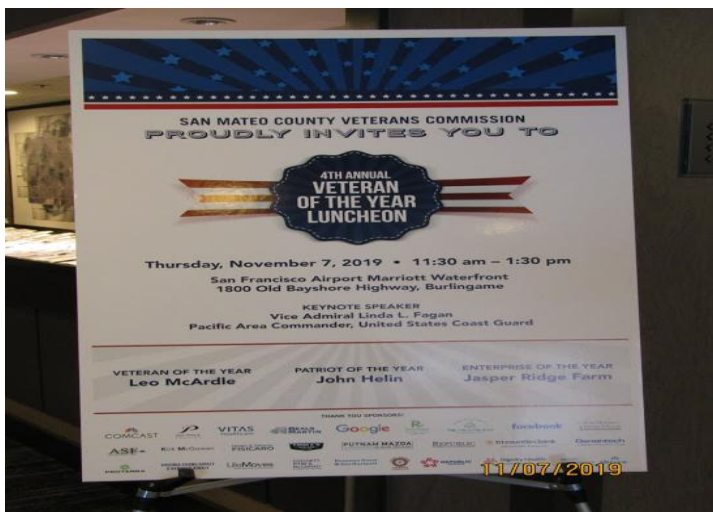
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<https://www.legion.org/membership/246573/www.legion.org/LEGIONActmaterials>

- 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>
- 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, 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 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! Please copy and click online to herein linkage www.legion.org/legiontv for more information on American Legion Centennial Documentary.
- The San Mateo County Veterans Commission successfully held its 4th Annual Veteran of the Year awards ceremony on Thursday, November 7, 2019. The annual event was at SFO Marriott Waterfront Hotel and one of the honoree was our post legionnaire member Col. Leo McArdle – Veteran Of The Year!



4th annual event program to honor veterans for their distinguish services.

Col. Leo McArdle, Romie, Gary, and Cliff with veteran friends during the annual event.

- The post Executive Board approved the development DDA (Disposition & Development Agreement) along with two resolutions including the scope of work exhibit aligned with the DDA. The identified resolutions and scope are submitted for review during the process, and the post Executive Board unanimously approved signing the development DDA for next step. Because the development agency received the DDA from the post for their procedural review in the process including next steps within the development work plan.
- 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: *“My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right!”*

President Abraham Lincoln

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE AND WISING ALL POST MEMBERS A GREAT

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year!



Romie Bassetto, Commander, American Legion Post – 105