



AMERICAN LEGION POST-105 SUNRISE NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER GREETINGS



Romie Bassetto, Commander

Hoping all post members and families are doing fine, and **Happy New Year** to every members and their families with prosperity! The last year has been busy with veteran activities including a successful 100 years celebration – what an AWESOME event 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 to all AL Post 105 members and many veterans for their contribution, to make a difference in local diversified communities and society! Because it is our legionnaire mission in life with **100 plus awesome years** of Americanism patriotic services celebration in 2019.



Wishing Happy Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. to ALL Post 105 legionnaire members in **January 2020!!!**

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!*

Veterans Services Information Workshops

Sunday, January 5, 2020 @ 1 PM – 3 PM (5 Days)
Oakland Public Library Veterans Center
125 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: 510-238-3134
Library Website: www.oaklandlibrary.org

Veterans Service Day Wrap-Around Session

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 @ 9 AM – 3 PM
Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building
846 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Contact Operations Manager Phone: 831-454-0478
Email: manager@vetshall.org

<p>Post 105 General Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2020 @ 7 PM 651 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063 Phone Number: 650-365-1337 (FREE DINNER @ 6 PM)</p>	<p>Napa County Veterans Services Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 9 AM – 12PM 650 Imperial Way, Napa, CA 94559 Contact VSO Patrick Jolly: 707-253-6072 Email: patrick.jolly@countyofnapa.org</p>
<p>UCSF Veterans LinkedIn Profile Workshop Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 3 PM – 5 PM UCSF Laurel Heights Campus 3333 California Street, San Francisco CA 94118 Linkage: www.ucsf-veteran-linkedin-profile-workshop.com</p>	<p>Annual Marine Corps Crab Feed Saturday, January 25, 2020 @ 5 PM – 9 PM Brentwood Veterans Memorial Building 757 First Street, Brentwood, CA 94513 Contact Phone Number: 925-338-1775</p>
<p>Veterans In Crisis Training – First Responders Monday, January 27, 2020 @ 8 AM – 5 PM Moffett Field – 63rd Readiness Division, 230 RT Jones Road, Mountain View, CA 94043 Phone Number: 650-965-5333</p>	<p>Veterans Affairs San Francisco Farmer's Market Wednesday, January 22, 2020 @ 10 AM – 2 PM San Francisco VA Medical Center, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94101 Website: www.sanfrancisco.va.gov</p>
<p>PSILClub Lobster Fest Friday, January 10, 2020 @ 5 PM – 10 PM Foster City Recreation Center Lagoon Room, 650 Shell Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404 Contact Person: Bill Britter Phone Number: 650-867-0982 Email: bill8816@gmail.com</p>	<p>Book Discussion Group – Bad Blood Tuesday, January 7, 2020 @ 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM San Mateo Public Library, 55 West 3rd Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94402 Secrets about bad Silicon Valley Startup company called Theranos in the medical field. Phone Number: 650-522-7802</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 Ronald Soucy who served in the U.S. Army with honorable services discharge. He completed his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and stationed at Fort Brag, North Carolina. He was a Specialist 4 ranking soldier and served in the artillery battalion with heavy artillery equipment. He was in training with his comrades for eight weeks with heavy artillery equipment. He worked closely with his comrades to ensure the artillery equipment was working properly before firing, and targeting enemy lines during combat zones.

He is very proud of serving his country and the military did not impact his life much, and did what he had to join and get out there to work. He learned many different things during his honorary military services, and would like more support for veterans with recognition. He joined the workforce quickly thereafter his military service. He said, "His time in the military taught him how to work as a team!"

THANKS to Kalidev Choudhury for sharing the veterans lost stories with 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 Bill and Helen for pictures!)*



Romie and AC cutting the 100 years celebration cake at the gala event.



Romie, AC, and Helen with Distinguish Awards for Post 105 and Post 82 during the gala celebration.



23rd Marine Division Honor Guard in action during 100 years gala celebration.



Helen, Leo, Thomas, Ponce, Mike, and Chester at the Christmas holiday luncheon.



Ken with his wife Helen, Chester, another Helen with veterans friend at the Christmas holiday luncheon.



Gary, Leo, Ponce, Mike, and Chester with a veteran friend at the Christmas holiday luncheon.

- **AWESOME 2019 YEARLY ENDING:** The last year was very busy for our post with many activities including 100 years centennial celebration event. Please find herein some of our post successful activities from last year. The celebration Planning Committee scheduled and held many consistent meetings for the 100 years celebration event. Because of the joint centennial celebration event of our Redwood City Post 105 with San Mateo Post 82 – 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 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 – American Legion riders were outstanding! The Gala Dinner event was well organized with many more people attending than expected. The food was delicious with good music and people enjoyed the program and other people started dancing to the music thereafter having their meals. The celebration event was attend by some local elected officials for both days, and shared their support with appreciation of services for veterans.

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.”

The latest new membership drive report was released by the district indicating our Post 105, is currently at 79% and needs 21% to reach our goal of 252. That’s not bad considering many veterans activities our post has been involved in this past year. Many THANKS to Commander, Romie Bassetto, and First Vice Commander, George Smith, for the job well done!



- 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. The development agency received the DDA from the post for their procedural review in the process, including next steps within the development work plan – stay tune!
- 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 including **Bill Jackson Jr.** and **Romie Bassetto**. 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 past 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>
- 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 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: *“The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it, and one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender or submission!”*

President John F. Kennedy

