



## AMERICAN LEGION POST-105 SUNRISE NEWSLETTER

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### COMMANDER GREETINGS



*Romie Bassetto, Commander*

Hoping all Post 105 legionnaire members and their families are doing fine! Sharing my gratitude and appreciation to all African American veterans of our post, for their contribution to society with honorary military services – honoring African American Black History month of February 2020! The monthly newsletter continues to share resources to help U.S. military veterans and their families with assistance when necessary – please let us know. Always many THANKS to our proactive **members and comrades** with their ongoing support of our post with local community services.

I also share my appreciation to all AL Post 105 members and all veterans for their contribution, to make a difference in local diversified communities for **God and Country!** 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 **February 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!*

#### Free Yoga For Veterans

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 3:15 PM  
Purusha Yoga  
3729 Balboa Street, San Francisco, CA 94121  
Phone Number: (415) 668-9642  
Website Address: [www.purushayoga.org](http://www.purushayoga.org)

#### Veterans Jobs Career Interviewing Workshop

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 @ 4 PM – 6 PM  
Las Positas College – Veterans Resource Center  
3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551  
Phone Number: (925) 424-1570  
Email: [LPCVeteransFirst@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:LPCVeteransFirst@laspositascollege.edu)

<p><b>Valentines Day For Veterans</b>  Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 10 AM – 6 PM  Yountville Library  6516 Washington Street, Yountville, CA 94599  Phone Number: (707) 944-1888  Online Linkage: <a href="http://napalibrary.org/events">http://napalibrary.org/events</a></p>	<p><b>Post 105 General Meeting</b>  Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 7 PM  651 El Camino Real,  Redwood City, CA 94063  Phone Number: 650-365-1337 <b>(FREE DINNER @ 6 PM)</b></p>
<p><b>Military Veterans Appreciation Night</b>  Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 5 PM – 9 PM  Las Positas College, Building 1300  3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551  Phone Number: (925) 424-1570  Email: <a href="mailto:LPCVeteransFirst@laspositascollege.edu">LPCVeteransFirst@laspositascollege.edu</a></p>	<p><b>Veterans Affairs Farmers Market</b>  Wednesday, February 19, 2020 @ 10 AM – 2 PM  Veterans Affairs San Francisco  4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94101  Phone Number: (415) 221-4810  Website Address: <a href="http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov">www.sanfrancisco.va.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Veteran's Pathfinder Connections</b>  Saturday, February 22, 2020 @ 9 AM – 5 PM  Muir Beach Community Center  19 Seacape Drive, Muir Beach, CA 94965  Contact Person: Travis @ (650) 534-8435  Veteran's Path Website: <a href="http://www.veteranspath.org">www.veteranspath.org</a></p>	<p><b>Veterans Job Fair Travis AFB</b>  Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 10 AM – 1 PM  Delta Breeze Club  400 Windward Drive, Travis AFB, CA 94535  Phone Number: (707) 437-3711  Online Linkage: <a href="https://www.travisfss.com">https://www.travisfss.com</a></p>
<p><b>San Jose Veterans Career Job Fair</b>  Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 11 AM – 2 PM  Hyatt Place Downtown San Jose  282 Almaden Blvd, San Jose, CA 95113  Phone Number: (408) 998-0400</p>	<p><b>Risky &amp; Suicidal Veterans Counseling</b>  Friday, February 28, 2020 @ 8 AM  War Memorial Veterans Building  401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102  Phone Number: 415) 621-6600  Email: <a href="mailto:warmemorialinfo@sfgov.org">warmemorialinfo@sfgov.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 Joe Sobocan who served in the U.S. Army with honorable services. He was a Specialist 5 ranking veteran as a Radar Operator with the Nike Hercules Missiles Unit within 4 years of services. He stationed at Fort Barry during the Vietnam War and Korean War. He worked closely with his comrades to ensure missiles are ready at all times and targeting enemies with accuracy. His operating crewmembers were responsible for preparing missiles efficiently during the erection process, and ready to fire under guidance of the command officer. His crew team worked under supervision of the control unit officer in command.

He is a member of VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 69 and happy of serving his country with honors. He works closely with his veteran friends to help local communities with projects for 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 and George for pictures!)*



Post 105 Commander Romie Bassetto preparing with his team for the post installation event.



Romie talking with Cliff during preparation for the post installation event.



Post 105 Commander Romie Bassetto being installed with his team of post officers – new administration for new fiscal year 7/2019 – 6/2020.



Tom with Legion Riders and veteran friends along with Gary, Mike, Vern, Chester, and another Mike during the veterans barbeque at Menlo Park VA.



Classical car show during veterans barbeque event at Menlo Park VA.



Col. Leo McArdle with honor drill team George, Tom, Andrew, Chester, Sal and veteran friends.

- **PROGRESSIVE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** The latest new membership drive report released by the district indicating our Post 105 is currently at 82% as of January 3, 2020 and needs 18% to reach our 100% goal. That's not bad considering our post has been involved with many veterans activities, and recently completed our successful centennial celebration. Many THANKS to Post 105 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.
- The returning veterans to their families and local communities can become challenging thereafter their wartime service. Some veterans are continually serving during their civilian life and facing many challenging elements in life. The Veteran's Path is one agency that can certainly help veterans create a meaningful pathway for returning veterans – visit website [www.veteranspath.org](http://www.veteranspath.org) for more information.
- The public libraries can become helpful for veterans regarding resourceful information, to help themselves and/or local resources to help their families. Sometimes local public libraries have workshops for educational matters regarding veterans children, health issues, life support systems, etc. Including workshops for job search regarding veterans assistance and/or supportive information – visit website [www.cityofsanmateo.org](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org) for more information.
- **DO YOU KNOW HOW YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD CAN NEGATIVELY IMPACT YOUR JOB SEARCH?** It's up to you as a veteran to make a difference in your life equals to self-improvement for success. A free rap-sheet consultation with legal advisory by Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto is scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2020 from 10 AM – 12 PM noon. It will be at 33 Encina Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 and please call 650-326-6440 for more information. The consulting team will provide live scan elements to help you with your rap-sheet clearance resources. Go online with herein linkage below to help you: <file:///C:/Users/Visitor/AppData/Local/Temp/flyer%2002.14.2020%20Eng.pdf> for more information.



- 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](http://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](http://www.contracostatv.org) and contact Nathan Johnson [nathan@vs.cccounty.us](mailto: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](mailto:mfcpalesoo@gmail.com) or phone call at 650-365-1337 for informational message.

**American Historical Quote:** *“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men, and if there is no struggle, there is no progress!”*

*Frederick Douglas, American Social Leader/Abolitionist*