



The Ranger Way

November 2026



Commanders Corner

Commander's Corner

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope that you all enjoyed your Columbus Day Weekend and Halloween with family, kids and grandkids. The History Officer has uploaded the complete [Military History Calendar online](#) which is linked on the Monthly History Page. This month has Military Family Month, Diabetes, Pancreas Cancer, Marine Corps Birthday at Tun Tavern, Marine Cpl. Anthony Casamento Guadalcanal MOH, Japanese balloon bombs, Tokyo Rose B-29 flight over Tokyo, GEN Washington's Farewell Address, Battle of Mazar-e-Sharif SpecOps soldiers ride into combat on horses, as well as other military days and stories of note and some YouTube videos. The Service Officer has news on Tricare change to MyAuth Login, Open Season Nov 9-Dec 8, Healthevet information on Turning 65, setting VA appointments, spine care, mental health care, breast cancer screening (Men can also get it) healthy eating. There are some Department-wide Charity events listed as well. Note that underlined and highlighted words are Internet links for more info.

We are having our Post meeting on November 2nd. There are several Veterans Day celebrations like Fischer Middle School (4th), Veterans Stand down (5th-6th), Veterans Club House (Saturdays) the Cupertino Veterans Day, the San Jose Veterans Day Parade and the Miller Middle School Ceremony (10th) and the American Tribute Traveling Vietnam War Wall (10th-14th). There are also the usual District-wide events like

Monday chess at Post 858, Vet to Vet Café at Post 419 on Thursdays. Post 419 also hosts a First Sunday Breakfast. [Check the District 13 Calendar](#) and [Post 642 Calendar](#) for information.

Remember that we meet at [the Odd Fellows Lodge #70 20589 Homestead Road](#) on the first Monday of the Month at 1800 for socializing and a light meal and refreshments then check out the meeting at 1900.

We really want to get more people attending the Post meetings and events and to be more social, so let us know your ideas by coming to our meetings. [I would like the current attending members/officers to use the roster to call and invite members to our meeting with VA Buddy Check information linked here.](#) Newly attending members do give us a heads-up, so that we can requisition extra rations versus our regular contingent. The next person on the meals roster ([on the Adjutant's Corner](#)) will take the cooler with drinks, etc. for the next meeting. If additional drinks are required, it will be reimbursed above the normal meal amount.

We need a Finance Officer to step up as our long time Finance Officer Mike O'Meara needed to step down for personal reasons and Arturo is temporarily holding that position as well as Adjutant. If you have questions about the position, please reach out to either Mike O'Meara at (408) 691-8277 or momeara47@yahoo.com or Arturo (Adjutant and Temporary Finance Officer). In our Post Bylaw's Section 5. Duties of the Finance Officer. The Finance Officer shall be charged with custody of the funds of the Post. He shall keep its accounts and report thereon at regular meeting of the Post. They shall receive all funds of the Post and pay all bills approved by the Post. The office of Finance Officer and any other officer and/or positions charged by the Post Constitution and/or Bylaws, with the responsibility of handling Post funds, should be bonded and must pass a credit check. This position is very important for maintaining the Post Charter and eligibility in the District.

Please remember that if you have Post or Veterans events that you would like on the calendar get them to Arturo. Please include pertinent information like event information, contacts, address, where to meet, etc.

<https://www.americanlegionpost642.com/site/eventscalendar.php?y=2023&m=3>

If you know of deceased members during the past few months either bring their name and share with our District Chaplain and Honor Guard Captain, Sunny Dosanjh sunny@dosanjhusa.com
To Comradeship!

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First Vice Commanders Notes

Dear Legionnaires,

Our Post membership remains at 42 renewed members, which is no change from last month. Thanks to those of you who have already renewed either as a PUFL, online or have sent in your check. Those of you who are procrastinating or still have not renewed, now is the time to do so. We currently are the post with the third highest renewal rate percentage in the District and have met the monthly goals so far this year when it comes to renewals. Our Post has kept our membership amount at \$45 for the past three years to make it easier for members to remain part of the American Legion.

2026 Membership Report (As of 23 Oct 2026)

2026 Membership Goal: 56
Paid Up for Life (PUFL): 12
Online Annual Renewals: 7
Multi-Annual Renewals: 5
Mail Renewals: 17
Post 1000 Transfers: 0

Total Members: 41/71.4%
Newly renewed Members: 0
New Members: 0
Renewals Pending Submittal: 0
Members not yet renewed: 15
District Rank: 3rd out of 11

Renewed Members Since Last Report: 0

New Members Since Last Report: 0

[Membership Report URL](#)

Adjutant Update

Greetings Legionnaires,

After spending 5 weeks back in Spain visiting friends and family, it is great to be back home. While I was there I had a chance to visit Rota Naval Base where I was born and the day I visited the base, their newest ship the USS John Basilone (DDG 122) a

Destroyer arrived in their new home port. This is the 6th Destroyer that is now stationed at Rota.

The Commander mentioned above the various Veteran Day events and other related events this coming month. I just wanted to remind Post members and especially the 33 Vietnam War Veterans in our Post that the Vietnam Traveling Wall (which is 80% of the size of the actual wall in Washington DC will be on display at the Cupertino Memorial Park adjacent to the Veterans section. It will be open 24 hours a day for visitors, and I highly recommend stopping by and visiting the wall, regardless if you served in Vietnam or not. There are 58,281 names of those Veterans who gave their all during the war to include 8 females (Nurses). Additionally adjacent to the wall, there are several other panels with the names of Veterans who died during Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. We are still looking for help guarding the wall during the day and night, so if you are interested in volunteering for 1 or 2 hours please contact Trudi Wallick 408-661-7239 and let her know as she is coordinating the coverage hours.

We have our Christmas/Holiday dinner coming up in December and that would be a perfect time to invite a friend who is a military veteran so they can meet fellow members and their spouses and join our Post. The cost of the dinner is only \$10 for all attendees. The future of our post depends on bringing in new members, and all of us are recruiters when it comes to bringing in new members. More information and the flyer is in the newsletter. Finally, our 11th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony is 19 December. Please go to our website under the WAA tab for more information and to purchase wreaths for the event.

“Duty First”

Arturo Thiele-Sardina

Adjutant

Second Vice Commander

None

Upcoming events for Nov 2026-Jan. 2027

**4 Nov. 1900 hrs. Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.)
Oddfellows Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave.**

		Cupertino, CA
5-6 Nov	1000-1600	Veteran Stand Down Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA
10 Nov	0900 hrs.	Miller Middle School Veterans Day Ceremony, 6151 Rainbow Dr, San Jose, CA
10-14 Nov	0700-1900	Vietnam Travelling Wall, Cupertino Memorial Park, 21121 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino
11 Nov	1100 hrs.	Cupertino Veterans Day Ceremony, Cupertino Memorial Park, 21121 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino
5 Dec	1815 hrs.	Post 642 Christmas/Holiday Dinner-Blue Pheasant, Cupertino
7 Dec	1900 hrs.	Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA
19 Dec.	1000 hrs.	Wreaths Across America Ceremony, Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 22555 Cristo Rey Dr, Los Altos, CA 94024
4 Jan.	1900 hrs.	Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA
6 Jan.	1200-1400	De Anza Student Veterans Lunch, De Anza College SEM 3 Building

For more events and detailed event information please visit our [website events page](#).

Historian Report

[Historian's Report](#)

<https://americanlegionpost642.com/index.php?id=102>

National Days and Months:

There is a neat description of November here about the National Days where the rest of these links can be found. <https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/november>

MILITARY FAMILY MONTH – November to remember our Military Families who may have deployed members that need support.

<https://youtu.be/e7Jh6evB1Sw?si=usQ6uu7kR7utGYG1>

PRIME MERIDIAN DAY - November 1 when the location was decided upon as the Royal Greenwich Observatory and where Greenwich Mean Time is derived.

<https://youtu.be/kKxKgSGoEbE?si=LcL7UDbA83Y6eAJG>



DAY OF THE DEAD - November 1 The movie Coco is a good one to watch with your children or Grandchildren.

ALL SAINTS DAY - November 1 – If you recall Halloween is All Hallows Eve.

NATIONAL DONUT DAY - November 5 There is still also a Doughnut Day in June which celebrates the Salvation Army Doughnut Girls that served the troops in WWI.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - First Sunday in November – remember to Fall Back on your clock.

WORLD FREEDOM DAY - November 9 – Berlin Wall Fell. <https://youtu.be/A9fQPzZ1-hg?si=UW72SKcVLv8rgnIP>

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY - November 10 – when the Marine Corps was founded in 1775 and recruiting took place at **recruiting headquarters was in the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia also known as the birthplace of the USMC. (It was reformed in 1798 after it was abolished at the end of the Revolutionary War.**

<https://youtu.be/4AgvXD7Yduo?si=EplUtWCQkBmIYM3>

VETERANS DAY - November 11 – also Armistice Day when Peace declared at the 11th hour of the 11th Day of the 11th month for end of WWI (The War to End All Wars).

https://youtu.be/CqO9J-5y-dk?si=ZHUt_eCCBx0SUpWf

WORLD DIABETES DAY - November 14 – I believe that the PACT Act recognizes this as a presumptive condition with Agent Orange for Vietnam Veterans.

<https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/>

<https://youtu.be/8qNkMWTmOc8?si=079I0W9WviviHmWk>

WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY - Third Thursday in November - I believe that the PACT Act also recognizes this as a presumptive condition with Burn Pit for Gulf War/Post 911 Veterans.

<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

https://youtu.be/YyfRSPU084M?si=pmSff1L6iJe_O5hv

INTERNATIONAL CHECK YOUR WIPERS DAY - November 16 – a good idea to remember to replace these if necessary due to Winter Storms for safe driving.

COMPUTER SECURITY DAY - November 30 – This is a good reminder to remember to be careful of clicking on links from unknown emails and offering them personal information to Nigerian Princes that want to send you large amounts of money if you give them your bank information, etc.

Military History Notes: (A Marine Corps Theme for their Birthday)

Nov. 1

1942: On Guadalcanal, a machine gun section led by Marine Cpl. Anthony Casamento (<http://vwww.victoryinstitute.net/blogs/utb/1942/11/01 /anthony--casamento-medal-of->

honor-citation/) is hit so badly during the fourth (and final) battle at the Matanikau River that all but Casamento were grievously wounded or killed. Despite his own wounds (he was hit 14 times during the engagement), Casamento single-handedly held his position and repelled numerous enemy attacks. Casamento will be awarded the Medal of Honor in 1980 after surviving eyewitnesses to his actions are found. <https://youtu.be/NtWeZEsN6x4?si=eUiD5ngqhkpmpxXW8>

1944: Japan launches the first of some 9,000 hydrogen-filled balloon bombs towards the U.S. and Canada. By war's end, only six Americans would be killed and a small amount of damage is inflicted by the bombs.

Meanwhile, the *Tokyo Rose*, a B-29 "Superfortress" modified for photo reconnaissance, makes the first U.S. flight over Tokyo since the Doolittle Raid in 1942.

Nov. 2

1783: Gen. George Washington delivers his "Farewell Address to the Army" near Princeton, N.J., in which he refers to the Continental Army as "one patriotic band of brothers."

<https://youtu.be/9PWulOA75z4?si=KAawYT-75UnTt9if>

Nov. 3

1783: The Continental Army is disbanded following the signing of the Treaty of Paris. The role of the national defense force returns to state militias, save a regiment on the western frontier and an artillery battery at West Point, N.Y. (which will soon become the U.S. Military Academy). These few "regular army" soldiers will become the Legion of the United States in 1792, and the U.S. Army in 1796.

Nov. 9

2001: During the Battle of Mazar-e-Sharif U.S. Army and Air Force special operations forces ride into combat on horseback - the first cavalry charge by the United States military since 1943. Hundreds of Taliban and al Qaeda fighters are killed during the battle and another 1,500 are captured or defect. Although war planners figured it would take months to capture the strategic city and its airfield, the Taliban withdraw the following day.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/iscjRK8yBAQ>

Nov. 10

1775: On this day 242 years ago, the Marine Corps is born. The Continental Congress decrees that two battalions of Marines be raised in Philadelphia, consisting of "good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve by sea when required; that they be enlisted and commissioned to serve for and during the present war with Great Britain and the Colonies." Capt. Samuel Nicholas - commissioned just days before as the first Marine officer - sets up his recruiting headquarters at Tun Tavern.

2001: U.S.-led coalition forces defeat Taliban forces in Mazar-e-Sharif, scoring the first major victory of the war in Afghanistan.

Nov. 11

1918: The armistice is signed, ending World War I.

Nov. 14

1965: 450 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry under the command of Lt. Col. Harold Moore are choppered in to assault the communist stronghold in the Ia Drang Valley. Upon landing, the unit is nearly overrun by three battalions (1,600 soldiers) of North Vietnamese regulars, resulting in hand-to-hand

combat, but the soldiers hold out for two days before being relieved -inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The Battle of the Ia Drang Valley is the first major battle between U.S. and NVA forces and one of the only set piece battles of the Vietnam War.

2004: Nine days after launching Operation Phantom Fury — the Second Battle of Fallujah (Iraq) — U.S. Marines and soldiers (as well as a few British and Iraqi troops) begin the mopping-up phase of what has since been described as the most intense urban combat since the bloody battle for the Vietnamese city of Hue in 1968. It is during the battle for Fallujah, that a radio transmission is intercepted by U.S. forces in which a panicking al-Qaeda insurgent is heard exclaiming to his chief: "We are fighting, but the Marines keep coming! We are shooting, but the Marines won't stop!"

Nov. 19

1863: Four months after the Battle of Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln addresses an audience with a brief speech honoring the fallen: "we cannot dedicate. we cannot consecrate. we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. ... we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Lincoln's Gettysburg Address becomes one of the most famous speeches in American history.

1967: During the Battle of Dak To, Chaplain (Maj.) Charles J. Watters, "with complete disregard for his safety, rushed forward to the line of contact. Unarmed and completely exposed, he moved among, as well as in front of the advancing troops, giving aid to the wounded, assisting in their evacuation, giving words of encouragement, and administering the last rites to the dying. Chaplain Watters was giving aid to the wounded when he himself was mortally wounded." Chaplain Watters was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

<https://youtu.be/1djR7gFrjWU?si=M7gqzv6PWvPdkXr3>

Nov. 20

1918: The 369th Infantry Regiment receives the honor of becoming the first American unit to enter German territory for occupation duty. The famed "Hell Fighters from Harlem" fought with distinction under French command during World War I, spending more time in combat and suffering more casualties than any other American regiment during the war.

1943: A flotilla of over 100 warships, including 17 aircraft carriers and 12 battleships, hammers the Tarawa Atoll as the first of 35,000 Marines and soldiers land in the face of stiff Japanese resistance. Rear Adm. Keiji

Shibasaki, in command of the defenders, stated that "a million men could not take Tarawa in a hundred years." In fact, it will only take 76 hours to secure the islands.

The fanatical defenders will fight almost to the last man in the first heavily opposed U.S. landing in the Pacific. Many of the American casualties were due to low tide conditions that forced Marines to wade hundreds of yards across jagged coral reefs - under withering fire - to reach the shore. The resulting losses inspired the creation of the Navy's Underwater Demolition Teams to provide critical hydrographic reconnaissance and destroy obstacles for amphibious landings - the birth of what will become today's SEAL Teams.

Nov. 21

a 1943: *USS Nautilus* (SS-168) surfaces and disembarks Capt. James L. Jones and his Marine Amphibious Reconnaissance Company off the beaches of Abemama Atoll in the Gilbert Islands. The raiders board rubber rafts and paddle ashore under cover of darkness, spending the next several days wiping out the defenders and capturing the islands along with fire support from the sub. The Marine Corps' modern-day Force Reconnaissance companies trace their roots to Jones' team.

Nov. 22

1963: President John F. Kennedy is assassinated by former Marine radar operator Lee Harvey Oswald while the presidential motorcade travels through Dallas, Texas. Oswald also seriously wounds Texas Governor John Connally in the attack. Both Kennedy and Connally served in the Navy during World — War II - Kennedy as a PT boat skipper and Connally as a fighter plane director aboard aircraft carriers.

Nov. 23

1943: Japanese-held Tarawa falls to American forces despite the boast of its defending commander, Rear Adm. Keiji Shibasaki, that "a million men could not take Tarawa in a hundred years." It takes several thousand Marines and about 76 hours to seize Tarawa. Makin Atoll, 100 miles north of Tarawa, is also declared secure.

1963: Two days after assassinating Pres. John F. Kennedy, former Marine Lee Harvey Oswald is himself shot and killed by Jack Ruby - formerly a mechanic in the Army Air Forces, who served during World War II.

Nov. 25

2001: US Marines of the 15th and 26 Marine Expeditionary Unit land near Kandahar, becoming the first major combat force in Afghanistan.

Nov. 26

1789: Pres. George Washington issues a proclamation declaring 26 November "to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be." This marks the first designated Thanksgiving Day by the United States government.

https://youtu.be/R8ZFR_B4ogU?si=aUfd_NBrevoS1czS

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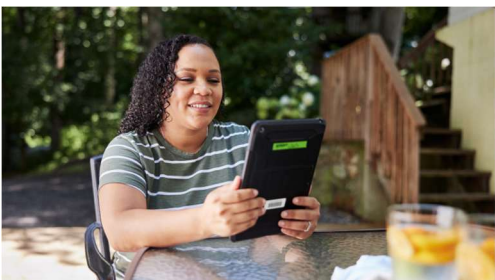
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You may know that you can schedule and cancel some appointments online. But have you tried these other features of My HealtheVet's online appointments tool?

- Request approved community care health appointments
- Review and print appointment lists
- Add appointments to your personal digital calendar
- Find the facility location for your appointments
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- Review your travel pay reimbursement claims

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Turning 65: Know your healthcare options

If you're a Veteran and turning 65 years old, you may be eligible for Medicare and TRICARE for Life. The right healthcare depends on your specific needs. [Learn more about your coverage options](#)



Take care of your spine

A flexible spine supports healthy movement and a long, active life. Try these gentle stretches and exercises to support a healthy, pain-free spine. [Learn how to take care of your spine](#)



[Reach out before a crisis](#)

Being proactive with our mental health can be lifesaving. The Veterans Crisis Line offers support before challenges become overwhelming. [Learn more about the Veterans Crisis Line](#)



[Spaghetti squash is your fall must-try](#)

Spaghetti squash is low in calories, high in fiber, and rich in vitamins. It's also an easy gluten-free alternative to pasta. [Learn how to make spaghetti squash a go-to meal](#)



[Is breast cancer screening right for you?](#)

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death. This decision aid tool will help you talk to your health care provider about your options. [Learn more about breast cancer screening](#)

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VA RESOURCES

- For any questions or requests, [1-800-MyVA411](#) (1-800-698-2411) is always the right number.
- [Veterans Crisis Line](#): 988 and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255
- [Vet Centers](#): 1-877-927-8387
- [Homeless Veteran Resources](#): 1-877-424-3838 or [Chat](#)
- [Ask VA](#)
- [Schedule a 1-on-1 Appointment with a VA Benefits Expert](#)
- [Find a VA facility near you](#)
- [Apply for Pre-Need burial eligibility at a VA national cemetery](#) or Call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at [800-535-1117](#) (TTY: 711) and select option 4.

For non-urgent questions, you can reach VA using the [VA Health & Benefits App](#) or [My HealtheVet](#) secure messaging to schedule an appointment, refill prescriptions, and access your medical records.



SPOT DEEPFAKE SCAMS

A fake post can put your VA benefits at risk. Learn how scammers use AI to impersonate trusted people, spot the warning signs, and **protect your personal information with one simple rule: Stop. Check. Then act.**

Report any scam related to your VA healthcare or benefits by calling the VSAFE Fraud Hotline at [833-38V-SAFE \(8-7233\)](#)

[Learn more](#)





MHS GENESIS Patient Portal transitioning to myAuth login Sept. 23

Throughout 2026, the online platforms that support your TRICARE benefit are switching from DS Logon to myAuth. myAuth is a simpler, more streamlined login authentication application.

On Sept. 23, the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal will make this switch. This means you'll use myAuth to log in to the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal to access health records from care at military hospitals and clinics.

[Read the article to learn more](#)

TRICARE Disaster Alerts

When the government issues a state of emergency, TRICARE may allow different processes than usual for your medical care.

Follow [@TRICAREAlerts on X](#) to get the latest emergency alerts and waivers during natural disasters.

Want to learn more about preparing for natural disasters? Visit [TRICARE Disaster Information](#).



TRICARE OPEN SEASON

NOV. 9 – DEC. 8, 2026

TRICARE Open Season begins Monday, Nov. 9

TRICARE Open Season begins Monday, Nov. 9. If you're eligible for TRICARE, this is your chance to enroll in a health plan or change plans for coverage that starts Jan. 1, 2027. You can make eligible changes through Tuesday, Dec. 8.

[Read the article to learn more](#)



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CALIFORNIA EVENTS BULLETIN BOARD

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ELEVATOR PROJECT

Spaghetti Dinner
February 19, 2027
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Clovis Veterans Memorial District

SPONSORS NEEDED
TICKETS: \$20 per person
Raffle 50/50
Silent Auction

The elevator at the American Legion Post is no longer operating and needs to be replaced. The cost of replacing the elevator is \$60,000.

Without a working elevator, many of our older Veterans and those with mobility challenges are unable to attend events, access the post, and be a part of the American Legion.

Scan for more info

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Sunday, November 1 | 3:00-6:30 PM

Choose your experience: premium admission or social admission.

Limited seating available — reserve your place today.

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21+ event. Club dress code applies.

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NOVEMBER 1, 2026
3:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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From *The California Legionnaire*

Our top Veterans news beats from the past week, starting with... Our 2026 Veterans Day Discounts hub is officially live. We are accepting additional deals through the end of November and will update the list accordingly.

To submit deals for any large or small business that serves California Veterans, email Southards.Calegion@gmail.com. Veteran-owned businesses are encouraged to showcase their Veterans Day discounts. Placement for the 2026 hub is completely free.

More details in the links below.

More Articles This Week

- Per a recent RAND investigation, California's Veterans Support to Self-Reliance program largely leads to successful outcomes for Homeless Veterans. Among the more notable data points, less than four percent of enrollees returned to unstable living conditions. Our feature article has more info.

California Veterans News Bites

Statewide

- Dozens of Veterans and first responders are biking from Santa Cruz to San Diego, all along the California coast, to raise awareness for PTSD and traumatic brain injuries as part of Project Hero Ride.
- CalVet workers are not part of a general strike among California public workers that occurred today. No interruptions to state Veterans services are expected.

Kern County

- ICYMI: Kern County's VA clinic will be moving to an interim location while ongoing litigation determines the center's permanent home. On Dec. 7, area Veterans can get care at 900 Old River Road near Cal State University Bakersfield.

Monterey County

- Salinas' Veterans Day Parade will return this year after a one-year hiatus. Organizers are actively [looking for volunteers](#) to assist on the day of the parade.

CALIFORNIA VETERANS RESOURCES & HOW-TO HUB

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BUILDING A VETERANS COMMUNITY: **AMERICAN LEGION GAMING & ESPORTS**

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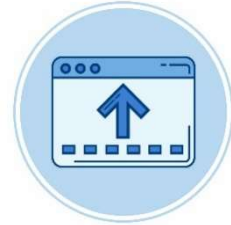


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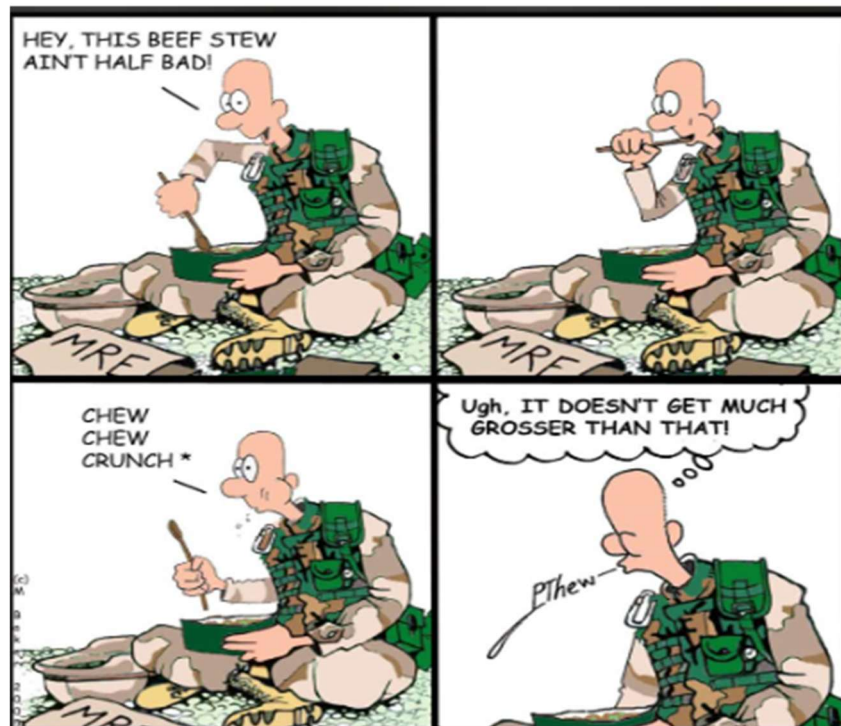
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American Legion Post 642

Christmas/Holiday Dinner

Saturday December 5, 2026

Blue Pheasant Restaurant 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd

Cupertino

Cost: \$ 10 per. Person

No Host Bar/Fellowship

6:15-7:00pm

Dinner @ 7pm

For Reservations : meal choices and number attending

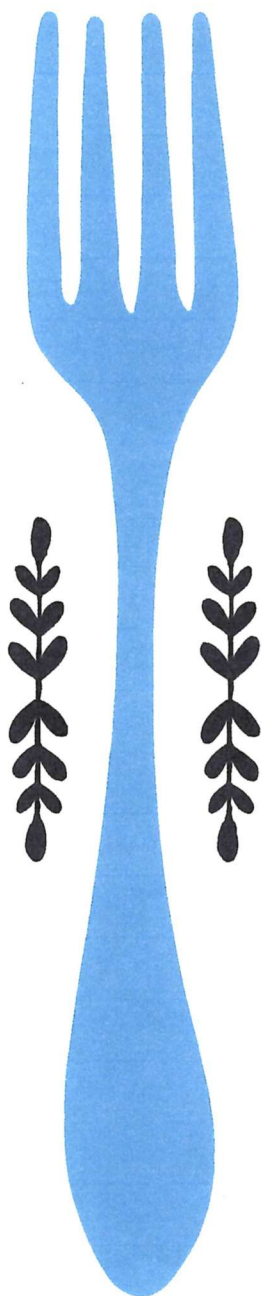
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Prime Rib of Beef_____

Pasta Primavera _____

Broiled Salmon _____

Chicken Jerusalem _____

*Name*_____

*Menu Choice*_____

*Guests*_____

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