



The Ranger Way

August 2026



Commanders Corner

Commander's Corner

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope that you all enjoyed the 250th Anniversary of our country on July 4th with all of the fanfare. We had a good turnout for the Post 642 Picnic which was organized by Bill Reichard with George Midwin as BBQ Chef and thanks to all who helped. We welcomed our Post Centenarian Manny Nieto and his tribe. The History Officer also records The Coast Guard Birthday on August 4th, National Purple Heart Day, National Lighthouse Day, Agent Orange Awareness Day, as well as other military stories of note and some YouTube videos. The Service Officer has information on several VA Scam Alerts, Celebrate the nation's 250th birthday by visiting the VA Freedom 250 Virtual Exhibit, Veteran Disaster Assistance, Disability Benefits Questionnaire Assistance, etc. Note that underlined and possibly highlighted words in the newsletter are generally Internet links for more information.

We are not having a Post meeting on August 4th because both Arturo and I will be out, but we will be back for September. 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 is also hosts a First Sunday Breakfast. We are hosting a BBQ for the VA Patients on the 20th. [Check the District 13 Calendar](#) and [Post 642 Calendar](#) for information.

Remember that we generally 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 ByLaws 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 officers 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 District Chaplain and Honor Guard Captain, Sunny Dosanjh sunny@dosanjhusa.

To Comradeship!
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First Vice Commanders Notes

We have not yet received our target number of memberships for the 2026-27 Legion Year. Once we have that it will be added to the membership report. Also we expect to

receive the 2026-27 membership cards from Department in early August. Once received we will send those cards out to the members who have already renewed their membership for this Legion Year.

2027 Membership Report (As of 30 July 2026)

2027 Membership Goal: TBA
Paid Up for Life (PUFL): 12
Online Annual Renewals: 3
Multi-Annual Renewals: 5
Mail Renewals: 10
Post 1000 Transfers: 0

Total Members: 54/83.08%
Newly renewed Members: 13
New Members: 0
Renewals Pending Submittal: 0
Members not yet renewed: 30
District Rank: TBD

Renewed Members Since Last Report: 13

George Thum: USN Korea 9 years
Bob Sargeant: USAF Korea 39 years
Andrew Rosetta USN WWII 15 years
Richard Lee USA Korea 30 years
Tim O'Meara USA Vietnam 13 years
Donald Prosceno USCG Korea 17 years
Adrian Weigart USAF Korea 14 years
Robert Pickle USMC Korea 32 years
Michael O' Meara USA Vietnam 17 years
John Stauffer USAF Vietnam 3 years
Steven Gardner USA Vietnam 11 years
Chester Thuener USA Vietnam 4 years
Jerry Freitas USA Vietnam 32 years

New Members Since Last Report: 0

[Membership Report URL](#)

Adjutant Update

Greetings Legionnaires,

I hope you all had a great Independence Day celebrating the 250th anniversary of signing of the Declaration of Independence and the start of what would be come the United States of America. We had some friends over and instead of a BBQ my wife made some paella. We all had a great time and were able to catch a few of the fireworks from Cupertino's fireworks later that evening.

We had our annual Post Picnic last Saturday at the Stevens Creek County Park. The weather was perfect and the 26+ attendees enjoyed great food, good company and it was nice to see several members that usually don't attend meetings join us at the picnic. This year we decided to hold the event for free and asked that members bring friends and family to the event. We plan on doing the same for our Christmas/Holiday Dinner so that more folks attend and get a chance to meet other members and we can enjoy their company. I would like to thank Bill Reichard and George Midwin for taking charge of the event, purchasing food/supplies, setting up the venue and cooking. Also kudos to Bob Devlins daughters for helping with the cooking too! Here is the [link](#) on our Post Website with the pictures from the picnic.

As I mentioned last month the 2026 Boys/Girls State event was held in late June and I was able to get feedback to include photos from three of our attendees. The link to the Boys/Girls State tab on our website [is here](#). Their testimonials and photos can be found farther down the page. I'm sure that when you see the photos and realize that they had a great time learning about Government, spending time with other HS juniors, that our Post sponsoring them is a worthwhile cause and one that we can be proud of!

Finally on the financial side of the house, I should note that I closed out the books for the 2025-26 Legion Year and have forwarded the 2026-27 Budget to the Executive Committee for them to review and get their input as to what Veteran and Community related charities we should be supporting this coming year. We will be reviewing the budget at our September meeting. Please attend if possible so you can provide input as to how we spend our monies as a Post.

A reminder that we WILL NOT have an August 2026 Monthly meeting, as many members will be out of town. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 14 September** as 7 September is Labor Day.

"Duty First"

Arturo

Upcoming events for August-October 2026

27 Aug.	1730 hrs.	MOAA Fundraising Gala, Palermo's Restaurant 781 Auzerais Ave. San Jose
29 Aug.	1000 hrs.	VA BBQ Palo Alto VA Site, 3801 Miranda Ave, Palo Alto
14 Sept.	1900 hrs.	Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows. Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA
5 Oct.	1900 hrs.	Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows. Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA

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 DOG MONTH – August <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-dog-month-august/> (Includes Assistance Dogs Week which includes service dogs for PTSD, etc.)

NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH – August <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-wellness-month-august/> (The VA can help with this an Medicalert below)

MEDICALERT AWARENESS MONTH – August <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/medicalert-awareness-month-august/>

INTERNATIONAL PEACE MONTH – August <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/international-peace-month-august/> (A month which the American Legion takes to heart with our missions.)

August 04 Friday

International Beer Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/international-beer-day-first-friday-in-august/> (I am not sure if the Coast Guard is an official sponsor considering the proximity. Also, August seems to have a lot of eating and drinking days if you check out the calendar site. 😊)

National Coast Guard Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-coast-guard-day-august-4/> <https://youtu.be/FBfpv7hH7YA>

August 05 Saturday

International Blues Music Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/international-blues-music-day-first-saturday-in-august/>

National Vfr Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-vfr-day-first-saturday-in-august/> (Veteran and First Responder Mental Health Day. A lot of military join police, fire and EMT) <https://youtu.be/3VLJO-izWPA>

August 07 Monday

Purple Heart Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/purple-heart-day-august-7/> <https://youtu.be/NVA-7TqQT9w>

National Lighthouse Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-lighthouse-day-august-7/> (This service also is under the Coast Guard) https://youtu.be/9IMJPub0i_I

August 10 Thursday Agent Orange Awareness Day

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/agent-orange-awareness-day-august-10/>

<https://youtu.be/r4LicCz4w-A> (There are many more videos on VA SITREP site)

August 13 Sunday

National Spirit Of '45 Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-spirit-of-45-day-second-sunday-in-august/> <https://youtu.be/FH6H11mo2s8>

International Left Handers Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/international-left-handers-day-august-13/> My late Mother-in-Law was a fan for obvious reasons as left-handers are only people in their right mind which she would always remind us. ☺

August 14 Monday

National Navajo Code Talkers Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-navajo-code-talkers-day-august-14/> <https://youtu.be/yFLu73qKA8k>

National V-j Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-v-j-day/> <https://youtu.be/66EOCMdEqCI>

August 15 V-j Day (europe) <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/v-j-day-europe-august-15/>

August 16 National Airborne Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-airborne-day-august-16/> <https://youtu.be/T2aNgykxAOI>

August 18 National Pinot Noir Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-pinot-noir-day-august-18/> One of several days this month for Cathy and Arturo.

August 19 National Aviation Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-aviation-day-august-19/> For our Post Aviation Guys. I am pretty sure this day sets off Aviation Week.

August 25 National Park Service Founders Day

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-park-service-founders-day-august-25/>

<https://youtu.be/vKBBgq5Fjcc> Members of the Military, Veterans, and Gold-Star families are eligible for FREE park passes that provide access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas including the national parks.

August 28 National Red Wine Day <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-red-wine-day-august-28/> Like I said earlier.

Military History Notes:

Aug. 1

1943: In the Solomon Islands, the Japanese destroyer *Aragiri* rams the motor torpedo boat *PT-109*. Two sailors are killed by the nighttime collision. Lieutenant junior grade John F. Kennedy and his remaining 11-man crew swim over three miles to a nearby deserted island

and are rescued days late. The future president is awarded the Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for gallantry.

1944: Gen. George Patton's Third Army becomes operational and forms the right flank of the Allied force sweeping across France.

Aug. 2

1776: Although the Continental Congress voted to establish "the thirteen united [sic] States of America" on July 2 and adopted Thomas Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence two days later, congressional delegates sign the Declaration on this date. The most famous inscription belongs to John Hancock, the president of Congress, who is said to have declared, "There, I guess King George will be able to read that without his spectacles," after adding his rather substantial signature.

1862: The brass approves the plan by Maj. Jonathan Letterman, Medical Director for the Army of the Potomac, to establish an ambulance corps. Letterman is considered the "Father of Battlefield Medicine" for revolutionizing the way casualties are handled; soldiers now had first aid stations at the regimental level where they could be treated and triaged. Those more seriously wounded could be sent - by ambulance - to field hospitals at the division and corps level. During the Peninsula Campaign, one out of every three Army of the Potomac casualties would die prior to implementing Letterman's system. But after, just 2 percent of soldiers wounded Battle of Gettysburg died.

1909: After a successful demonstration for the military by Orville Wright, the Army Signal Corps purchases a Wright Flyer for \$30,000 (the equivalent of \$800,000 today). The two-seat "Signal Corps Airplane No. 1" will train America's first military pilots at College Park, Md. and Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio over the next two years - crashing several times - before it's retirement. Today, the legendary aircraft hangs in the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

1934: Upon the death of German president Paul von Hindenberg, Chancellor Adolf Hitler begins his "thousand-year Reich," assuming full dictatorial powers as Reichsführer. Also on this date, Hitler changes the military oath so that the Wehrmacht swears allegiance to him instead of Germany.

1944: Convoy HX 300, the largest convoy of World War II, safely crosses the Atlantic, bringing over 1 million tons of supplies to ports in the United Kingdom. 32 escort vessels protected the 155 cargo ships, and the formation spanned nine miles across and four miles long. Not a single ship was attacked by a German submarine.

1950: As the North Korean Army bears down on the American and UN forces occupying the southern tip of the Korean Peninsula, the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade lands at Pusan and mans the Pusan Perimeter's left flank.

1964: The destroyer USS *Maddox* (DD-731), supporting South Vietnamese covert operations against the North in the Gulf of Tonkin, is attacked by three North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin. Within days, Congress would pass the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, paving the way for full-scale conflict in Vietnam.

1990: At 2 a.m., several divisions of the Iraqi military's elite Republican Guards pour across the border into Kuwait, beginning a seven-month occupation of the neighboring state. The United States will lead a 35-nation coalition to liberate Kuwait in January.

Aug. 3

1804: During the First Barbary War, Commodore Edward Preble's Mediterranean Squadron begins his first bombardment of Tripoli Harbor. Commanding a division of ships is Stephen Decatur, the youngest sailor ever to be promoted to captain in U.S. Naval history. When Decatur's brother is killed while boarding a Tripolitan gunboat, Decatur hands over command of his ship and, along with a small crew, boards the enemy vessel and engages the much-larger force in fierce hand-to-hand combat. When the captain responsible for his brother's death attempts to behead Decatur, Daniel Fraser throws himself overboard, receiving the lethal blow. Decatur then shoots and kills the captain avenging his brother.

1943: As American, British, and Canadian troops drive across Sicily, Axis forces begin evacuating the island. While visiting soldiers awaiting evacuation at Nicosia, Gen. George S. Patton, commanding the Seventh Army, slaps a soldier suffering from battle fatigue and orders him back to the front lines. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower reprimands Patton for the incident and the legendary general will not command another combat force for 11 months.

1950: Eight F4U-4B "Corsairs" of Marine Fighter Squadron (VMF) 214 take off from the deck of USS *Sicily* (CVE-118) and attack enemy installations at Chengu, marking the first Marine aviation sortie of the Korean War. During World War II, the "Black Sheep" of VMF-214 destroyed hundreds of Japanese aircraft, sank several vessels, and earned the Presidential Unit Citation under Medal of Honor recipient and former "Flying Tiger" Maj. Greg "Pappy" Boyington - the Marine Corps' top ace, with 28 aerial victories.

Congress initiates an involuntary recall of former enlisted soldiers, ordering 30,000 men to report for duty in September. That same day in Southeast Asia, the first members of the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group members arrive in Saigon. The 35-man group will supervise the allocation of military aid to the French military in Vietnam, and later act as military trainers.

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1958: USS *Nautilus* ____ the world's first nuclear-powered submarine and the U.S. Navy's sixth so-named vessel becomes the first "ship" to cross the North Pole.

Aug. 4

1790: Congress approves Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton's proposal to "build ten cutters to protect the new nation's revenue," establishing the Revenue Cutter Service — first of the predecessor services of the modern Coast Guard.



Service Officer Report

[Service Officer Report](#)

<https://americanlegionpost642.com/index.php?id=119>

Learn about Postcard Scams, Survivor Scams, Overpayment Scams, Pension Poaching and more inside!

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Postcard Scam: Veteran Savings Program

Have you received a “Veterans Savings Program” postcard? It’s not from VA. It’s a [scam](#)! The latest scam circulating involves fraudulent postcards claiming you (or your spouse) are entitled to “extra VA benefits” or additional payments, including CHAMPVA, TRICARE, and dental coverage, regardless of a VA disability rating.

These scammers misrepresent themselves as being affiliated with VA. They might instill a sense of urgency, pressuring you to contact them within five days, or as soon as possible. Their goal is to get you to call the number provided. Once you do, they will often use flattery and praise of your military service to gain trust. The scammer will attempt to obtain personal identifying information like your Social Security number and other sensitive information.

VA urges you to remain vigilant against these fraudulent attempts to steal personal information. Refuse to engage with bad actors. Do not call unverified numbers. Hang up immediately if you are contacted by unsolicited numbers.

Prevent Survivor Scams: Protect loved one’s entitlements

[Survivors](#) are often targeted by scammers who exploit their grief, patriotism, and access to government benefits. Scammers know that survivors may qualify for benefits such as Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, education benefits, home loan guaranty, and Survivors Pension. Scammers frequently use psychological manipulation and technology to deceive victims and employ tactics such as:

- **Emotional Exploitation**
- **Targeting Vulnerable Individuals**
- **Urgency and Pressure**

Learn more about [survivor benefits scams](#).

Overpayment Scam

Did someone contact you demanding you repay a debt?

If you receive a letter or any communication about overpayment of VA benefits, utilize the VA Health and Benefits mobile app to [view debt balances](#) related to disability compensation, pension, and education benefits. The app will provide clear information on whether you have a debt. If you find you do owe money, VA's Debt Management Center (DMC) offers many [repayment options](#). Scammers are pretending to be VA representatives alleging you have a substantial debt due to overpayment that must be repaid. It is a scam! The scammer uses high pressure tactics to insist the debt must be repaid immediately via wire transfer, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or other non-traditional payment methods. VA will never demand Veterans repay their debts in full up-front, as VA offers many [flexible payment plans](#) at no additional cost. Official VA DMC communication will provide specific details about the debt, offer secure payment through www.pay.va.gov, and your appeal or waiver rights.

Pension Poaching: Spot a Scam to Stop a Scam

[Pension Poaching](#) is the financial exploitation by an “advisor” who profits by artificially qualifying a claimant for VA Pension benefits. The scheme often involves financial maneuvers such as advising claimants to falsely report income or to hide their assets in trusts or annuity products, resulting in lost investments and lucrative upfront fees paid to the advisor. Be suspicious if someone offers to shift your assets around to “help” you qualify for [VA Pension](#), [Survivors Pension](#), or [Special Monthly Pension](#) (also known as Aid and Attendance or Housebound). You may be required to repay unearned benefits to the government. The “advisor” may also encourage you to directly deposit benefits into their account instead of your own. Benefits payments should only be deposited into the account of the beneficiary or that of the appointed fiduciary.

Military Consumer Protection Month

Military Consumer Protection Month is recognized every July and is led by the Federal Trade Commission and other Federal agencies and organizations to address the unique risks facing military communities in an effort to protect Service members, Veterans, and their families from financial scams and fraud. Military families are frequently targeted because of frequent relocations, anticipated stable income, government benefits, a strong sense of trust and service. Scammers target the military community with [rental housing scams](#), [job scams](#), and [identity theft](#) schemes. Sign up for Military Consumer's [free scam alerts](#) to get the latest advice about scams from the FTC.

Let's unite as fraud fighters to safeguard the well-deserved benefits of the nation's heroes.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to protecting you and your benefits from fraud and scams. We monitor the evolving scams and fraud trends and share this critical information with you.

[Learn More](#)

If you know a Veteran who is in crisis, call the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) by dialing 988 then press 1.



Celebrate Freedom 250!

Celebrate the nation's 250th birthday by visiting the VA Freedom 250 Virtual Exhibit. The exhibit ranges across American history, from an 1864 photo collage of the last living Veterans of the Revolution to some of the medical innovations pioneered by VA researchers in recent decades.

Click on the link below to learn more about the nation's enduring relationship with its Veterans.

[Learn More](#)



Fraud Alert: Beware the “Veterans Savings Program” Postcard Scam

There is a new [scam](#) targeting Veterans. The latest tactic involves sending fraudulent postcards claiming you (or your spouse) are entitled to “extra VA benefits” or additional payments, including CHAMPVA, TRICARE, and dental coverage, regardless of a VA disability rating. Don’t fall for it.

Learn more about this [scam](#) today.



VET TEC 2.0 is Here

Looking to expand your skills and explore new career opportunities? VET TEC 2.0 is a new VA benefit that provides eligible Veterans with short-term training in high-demand technology fields.

[Check your VET TEC 2.0 eligibility and apply today.](#)



Disaster Assistance and Resources for Veterans

In the wake of natural disasters like tornados and flooding and earthquakes and fires and hurricanes, it’s important for Veterans and their families to know that VA is here to help. [Here are some of the resources available to you.](#)



Veterans and Military Spouses Are Making an Impact

As we celebrate 250 years of American independence and innovation, the SBA honors the Veteran and military spouse entrepreneurs driving our nation's economic growth and making an impact. Through MySBA certifications, Veterans Business Outreach Centers, and the Made in America Manufacturing Initiative, veterans gain access to tools, training, and networks that fuel entrepreneurial success. Discover how SBA resources can help your #VetBiz thrive: sba.gov/veterans.



Disability Benefits Questionnaires

We want to ensure Veterans, including those who choose to have their private healthcare provider complete a Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQ), are appropriately equipped with the information they need to submit DBQs successfully.

Learn more about [Disability Benefits Questionnaires](#).



VA Updates Home Loan Appraisal Requirements

VA updated its appraisal process regarding Minimum Property Requirements (MPRs)—the standards a property must meet to be eligible for a VA-guaranteed home loan—to reduce delays, cut outdated rules and help Veteran homebuyers move faster in a competitive housing market.

Learn more about [appraisal requirements](#).



Protect Those Who Matter Most!

VALife provides guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance coverage for Veterans age 80 or under who have a VA disability rating of 0% to 100%. Benefits include:

- Up to \$40,000 in coverage, available in \$10,000 increments
- No health questions to enroll
- No deadline to apply for Veterans age 80 or under
- Locked in premium rates that do not increase

To apply or learn more, visit

www.va.gov/life-insurance.



Serving America's Vietnam Veterans

Did you know that [Vietnam Veterans of America \(VVA\)](#) advocates exclusively for Vietnam-era Veterans and their families? With nearly 90,000 members, VVA provides a community of fellowship for people with shared experiences, needs, and hopes for the future. Visit one of the 700 chapters across the country and abroad, VVA Service Officers are available to provide VA claims support, financial advising, and job placement, while advocating on behalf of Veterans through legislative initiatives.

[Learn More](#)

IBM SkillsBuild Program

The IBM SkillsBuild program offers more than 1,000 free online courses to help you start or advance your career. These courses are for both beginners and advanced learners, so

you don't need any subject-matter knowledge or experience before you enroll. [Find out how to sign up for SkillsBuild.](#)



Veterans may be eligible for
TSA PreCheck at no cost

[View All Events](#)

Aug. 19 - [Wellness Wednesday](#) | [Retirement Strategies for Women](#)

Military Humor

**WHEN YOU'RE NOT SURE IF YOU'RE HEARING
THE BEEPS OR JUST IMAGINING THEM:**





MOAA Fundraising Gala with proceeds going towards SJC Veterans Day Parade and the Santa Clara County Veterans Stand Down



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Thursday, August 27th

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5-STAR GENERAL	\$2,000	8 Seats • Distinguished seat with General officers and senior civic leaders • Premium seating near stage • You determine guest • Stage recognition
COLONEL	\$1,500	8 Seats • Prominent seat with esteemed military and civilian community leaders • Premium seating near stage • Program recognition
CAPTAIN	\$800	4 seats • Program listing
SERGEANT	\$400	2 seats • Name recognition
SUPPORTER	\$150	1 seat • Thank-you certificate



*** Keynote Speaker ***
Major General Mark Hamilton



Mark Randall Hamilton is a retired U.S. Army Major General who served with distinction during a 31-year Army career. He is also an American academic and former president of the University of Alaska, and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Florida State University, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. Hamilton was named "Person of the Week" by ABC News anchor Peter Jennings in March, 1993 for his instrumental role in securing a fragile truce in Kismayu, Somalia.

5:30 PM | Doors Open & Social Hour 6:15 PM | Buffet Dinner & Color Guard Honors
Silent Auction • Live Music • Buffet Dinner • Color Guard Honors
Dress Code: Semi-Formal / Cocktail Attire

Palermo's Italian Restaurant | 791 Auzerai Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126

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