



Stevens Creek Post 642 The Ranger Way
January 2024 Newsletter
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Commander's Corner

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

All are invited to our Post meeting which is on January 8th of this month as the days will slowly be getting longer after the Winter Solstice, but nights will still generally be cold. Remember that we generally meet on the first Monday of the Month at 1800 for socializing and a light meal and refreshments then check out the meeting at 1900. Do give us a heads up, so that we can requisition extra rations versus our regular contingent.

We moved out of the Knights of Columbus building after the December meeting. Initially, we have been offered a place for our meetings and storage at Post 564, but the meeting will be on the second Monday due to New Years Day. We will have to go upstairs to their rental room which is well equipped for our meetings. There isn't an elevator and the chair elevator is not currently licensed.

We will most likely be at the Odd Fellows Lodge #70 starting in February as they do have storage and a room available on most 1st Mondays and it is located in Cupertino not far from our previous meeting place along with initial quotes seeming quite favorable. We should have a decision possibly by our meeting.

The Wreaths Across America was a successful event from all accounts.

On a personal note, I joined a bunch of other pipers, drummers, drum majors and Scottish dancers to form the ad-hoc Pipes on Parade for the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Years Day. I might be able to include YouTube of some of our performances. We were in Bandfest on Saturday, the 30th which was well received.

Hopefully, you will check out the possible military connections to National Days and the military history notes that I have listed in the newsletter below.

Please remember that if you have Post or Veterans event that you would like on the calendar to get them to Arturo or the District. 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, Jere Bernardoni, or send to him at

Jerep.bernardoni@gmail.com.

Please enjoy the National Day and Month links and Military History below including VA links.

To Comradeship!

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Major Jock Sinclair in "Tunes of Glory":

"Whisky for the gentlemen that like it. And for the gentlemen that don't like it - Whisky."

We Are Moving in 2024

All just a reminder that the building that Post 642 has utilized over the past 60 years will no longer be used by our Post. The Knights of Columbus who owned the building have sold it and the new owners are converting the building into a medical office building. We therefore have been busy searching for a new facility to hold our meetings. For the 8 January 2024 meeting we will be meeting at the American Legion Post 564 location on the second floor. This post is located at the following location: 2120 Walsh Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95050. A map of the site is in this month's newsletter. Please park on the street if possible as they have Bingo, and the parking lot will more than likely be full. The site relocation did find a suitable location for our Post in the long term in Cupertino. We are working with the Oddfellows Lodge in Cupertino to finalize the contract and details for us to use their facility starting in February 2024. More info will be provided once we close the deal.

First Vice Commander Notes

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a great Christmas and a good start to 2024!

As Benjamin Franklin said regarding the start of a New Year: "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."

Now's the perfect time to begin to attend one of our American Legion meetings, or assist/help with some of our annual events such as our VA BBQ's, Post Picnic and Christmas/Holiday Dinner. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings this year, and as always if you need a ride to and from the meetings, please contact me at arturo@cadiz.com or 408-838-0375. We will coordinate with you and rest assured we will make sure you will be picked up and dropped off so you can attend our meeting.

Also please reach out to your friends and neighbors regarding joining the American Legion in 2024. If each of our members could recruit one person, we would have over 120 members and more importantly have a more vibrant and active Post and membership. If you have any leads, please contact me directly and I can link up and work with them to join our Post.

For those of you who have not yet renewed it is not too late to do so. Please renew either [online](#) or writing a \$40 check to American Legion Post 642, PO Box 302 Cupertino, CA 95015. Your renewal and support enable our Post to continue to work for and help Veterans in our community.

"Duty First"

Arturo

2024 Membership Report (29 December 2023)

2024 Membership Goal: 66

Total Members: 54/81.8%

Paid Up for Life (PUFL): 16

New Members: 0

Online Renewals: 15

Renewals Pending Submittal: 1

Mail Renewals: 23

Members not yet renewed: 11

Post 1000 Transfers: 0

District Rank: 07/12

Newly renewed Members: Andrew Rosetta-12 Yrs., Delmar Wrensch-6 Yrs., Gerald Calbreath-24 Yrs., Mary Anne Salvatierra-13 Yrs., Stephen Armada-22 Yrs., Homer Davis III-22 Yrs.

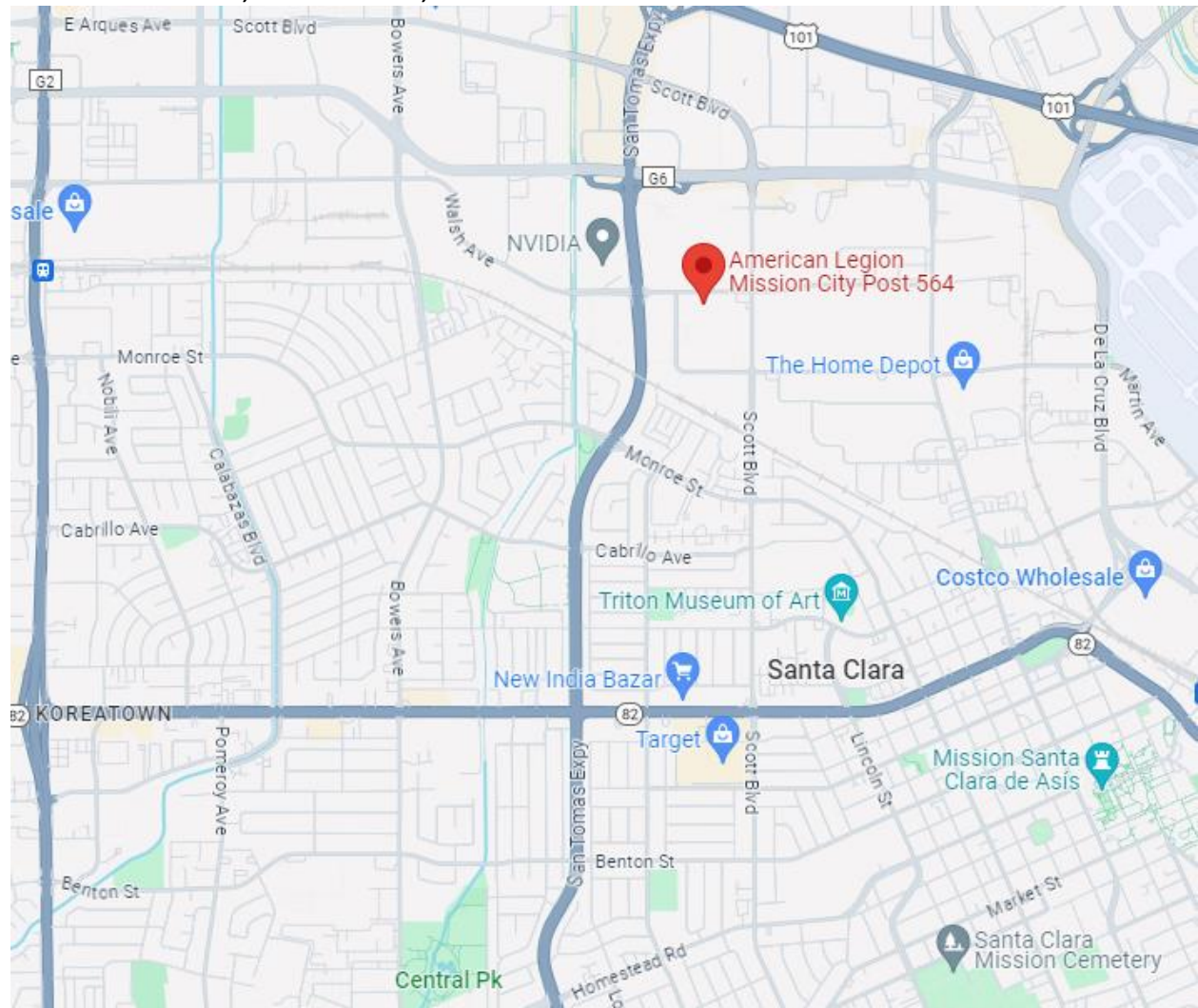
Upcoming events for November 2023-January 2023

Upcoming events for January 2024-March 2024

8 Jan 1900 hrs.	Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Post 564 2120 Walsh Ave Santa Clara, CA 95050
27 Jan 1900 hrs.	District 13 Meeting at Post 558 347 1st St Los Altos
5 Feb 1900 hrs.	Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Location TBD
5 Mar 1900 hrs.	Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Location TBD
12 Mar 1900 hrs.	District 13 Meeting at Post 419: 958 Homestead Ave. Santa Clara CA

Post 564 Location

2120 Walsh Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95050



Other Activities on Post Calendar

Fellow Legionnaires although our Post does not have many events as in the past, I have updated our [Post calendar](#) with events from Posts that are close to Cupertino. Please look as there are a considerable number of events that are open to Legionnaires and their families. More importantly by attending you can have fun and support the American Legion.

Membership Contact Updates

With the new year already upon us, now is the time to make sure that your contact information is correct so that you receive your magazine, newsletter and other important information pertaining to the American Legion. We are continually moving towards email as the main communication platform for the Post. You can find your contact information at mylegion.org If you have already registered you just need to log in, if not you can register and then log in. Changes and updates can be easily made by the individual member. If your name appears below that means we do not have a valid email address for you: You can either shoot me an email so I can update your info with your email address or give me a call at 408-838-0375 and provide me with the email address or let me know that you do not have an email address.

- Gary Burton
- Thomas Cribbs
- Herbert Duvernay
- Fenton Hill
- Richard Lee
- Patrick Montijo
- MaryAnn Salvatierra
- Chris Snell
- William Tillinghast

Wreaths Across America

Post 642 and Gate of Heaven Cemetery celebrated our 8th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony this past 16 December 2023. Thanks to our community and fellow Veterans, over 1147 wreaths were purchased and placed on the Veteran grave markers in the cemetery. Thanks to all those who purchased wreaths and the numerous community volunteers who assisted in placing flags, stands and wreaths as part of the ceremony. Also a big thank you to Dennis Whittaker for running this event once again. Photos can be viewed on our Post [website](#).

Post 642 Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2023-24 Year

Here are the meeting dates for the current American Legion Year, please update your calendars. You can also find these dates on the [Post Website Calendar](#)

8 January 2024
5 February 2024
4 March 2024
1 April 2024
6 May 2024
3 June 2024

Need A Ride?

Are you member who hasn't had a chance to attend one of our meetings or activities because you have difficulties driving at night, or no longer are able to drive? If so please feel free to contact the 1st Vice Commander (arturo@cadiz.com) or at 408-838-0375 and let him know. We will arrange to have someone pick you up and drop you off at home. We currently have several members who use this service and will be more than happy to assist others in being able to attend our meetings and activities. It's a great opportunity to get out of the house especially if you are not able to on your own, and meet fellow Legion members and attend our meeting.

Service Officer Cathy Schiavone

VA/DoD Health Affairs

VA & TRICARE Information

TRICARE is the Department of Defense (DoD) health care program for uniformed service members, retirees & their families.

<https://tricare.mil/>

Does VA participate in the TRICARE Network?

- Yes, since 1995, all VA health care facilities have participated as TRICARE Network Providers.
- VA can provide care for Active-Duty Service Members, military retirees, & family members under their TRICARE benefit - on a space available basis.
- Each VA health care facility can serve as primary care manager for TRICARE beneficiaries, but more often TRICARE referrals are used for specialty care.

What VA requirements are there to be TRICARE Providers?

- Care can only be made available to TRICARE beneficiaries on a space available basis.
- No service provided under the agreement will adversely affect the range of services, quality of care, or the established priorities for care provided to the primary/core (Veteran) beneficiaries of VHA.
- VHA USH has certified to VA Sec that caring for TRICARE beneficiaries will not result in denial/delay in providing access to care for any Veteran at that facility.

For TRICARE Information and Assistance

TRICARE eligibility is determined by the military services.

If eligibility questions arise or more information is needed regarding TRICARE eligibility, contact:

- Defense Manpower Data Center:
<https://dwp.dmdc.osd.mil/dwp/app/main>
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS): 1-800-538-9552
- TRICARE East Region: Humana Military 1-800-444-5445
<https://www.humanamilitary.com>
- TRICARE West Region: Health Net Federal Services 1-844-866-9378
<https://tricare-west.com>



***“Let’s try this one more time, soldier -
where’s the other shoe?!”***

Adjutant's Advice



Optimize your financial plans for 2024

via Crescendo

Source: [Optimize your financial plans for 2024 | The American Legion](#)

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LEARN HOW YOUR PLANNED GIFT CAN HELP THE AMERICAN LEGION

The beginning of January is an excellent time to consider your financial plans for 2024. Some individuals are planning for retirement and should consider their contributions to a qualified retirement plan. Others may have already retired and should consider their withdrawal strategies or required minimum distributions (RMDs). You may benefit from a strategic plan to make wise financial decisions in 2024.

Retirement Contributions. The 2024 limit for your 401(k) contributions could be up to \$30,500. The regular contribution is \$23,000. If you are 50 or older, there is also a potential \$7,500 catch-up contribution amount. Individuals with moderate incomes may save \$8,000 in an IRA. The regular contribution is \$7,000 and the additional amount is \$1,000 for those 50 and older. If you have not maxed out your 2023 IRA contribution, you can still make a transfer until April 15.

Tax-Free Retirement Accounts. While traditional IRA or 401(k) accounts are funded with pre-tax dollars, there are many benefits for making contributions of after-tax dollars

into a Roth 401(k) or Roth IRA. Although the contributions are after-tax, your future retirement payouts will be tax-free. Some individuals have higher incomes and therefore do not qualify for a Roth IRA, or their employer does not offer the Roth 401(k), but they may qualify for a Roth conversion. A traditional IRA or 401(k) can be transferred into a Roth IRA. There is a requirement to pay income tax on the transferred amount, but the future payouts will be tax-free.

Recently Retired. If you retired during the past year or two, you are likely to be planning withdrawals from your savings account or investments. One of the main questions facing individuals is how much to start withdrawing. Most financial planners suggest withdrawing 4% of the account. While a conservative investor may choose to withdraw 3%, the 4% withdrawal rate is frequently advocated. Part of the withdrawal decision relates to your retirement budget. Individuals who retire may have significant expenditures on hobbies or travel. If you have substantial expenditures, you may have a larger retirement budget. You also might consider one-time expenses such as the purchase of a new vehicle or renovation of your home.

Fixed Payments. A popular method to receive fixed payments for a term of years or a lifetime is an annuity contract from a financial services company or nonprofit. With the current higher interest rates on bonds, the rates on both commercial annuities and charitable gift annuities are higher. These fixed payments can be created for one or two lives. The combination of Social Security income, retirement account withdrawals and fixed annuity payments can provide a substantial income.

Estate Plan Review. January is an excellent time to update your estate planning documents. You should review your will (if you do not have a will, you should plan to make one), and check the beneficiary designations on life insurance policies and retirement plans. Some individuals have held life insurance policies or retirement plans for many years. There may have been a change in family circumstances and the wrong beneficiary is listed on the plan document. You also should create a durable power of attorney for health care, which is referred to as an advance directive in some states. Your health-care directive is designed to protect you. Your designated health-care proxy will be able to make future decisions if you are incapacitated.

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). If you are 73 or older in 2024, you will be required to take a distribution from your traditional retirement plans. You generally will start taking a withdrawal of 3.78% from a traditional IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) plan. The exception is for a couple with a spouse more than 10 years younger. There is a reduced withdrawal requirement for those couples. Another option to fulfill your RMD for 2024 is a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). The 2024 QCD limit is increased to \$105,000 for individuals who over 70½.

The American Legion's Planned Giving program is a way of establishing your legacy of support for the organization while providing for your current financial needs. Learn more about the process, and the variety of charitable programs you can benefit, at legion.org/plannedgiving. Clicking on "Learn more" will bring up an "E-newsletter" button, where you can sign up for regular information from Planned Giving.



Source: <https://images.app.goo.gl/t54bPZ7B2fTUxaLx8>

National Days and Months:

There is a neat description of January here with regard to the National Days where the rest of these links can be found.

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/january> Missouri, Arkansas, Michigan and Florida were all admitted to the Union in January.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY - January

9 <https://youtu.be/IWVPu4mags0?si=58eETSOwEplggq8B>

STEPHEN FOSTER MEMORIAL DAY - January

13 <https://youtu.be/xZedTezlLOU?si=lqsgZTKbnP4r-x6t>

RATIFICATION DAY - January 14 <https://youtu.be/8wB-5cCXkxU?si=m3I9i4PH88U5a-aV>

NATIONAL IRISH COFFEE DAY - January

25 <https://youtu.be/91UTClwnD30?si=I0jO3LGAEcPiyVRm>

NATIONAL SPOUSES DAY - January 26 https://youtu.be/sN_1OYwC18I?si=BkwNQmcar6qSYF1s

VIETNAM PEACE DAY - January 27 <https://youtu.be/gA2mRQGbyMA?si=mQzPq3J0LO8DSuGz>

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY - January 27 <https://youtu.be/Bgs8JpoPEGA?si=hbNb-9BNZ56brkva>

DATA PRIVACY DAY - January 28

Military History Notes: Vietnam and The Holocaust

Jan 2

1967: In just one day, Col. Robin Olds' 8th Tactical Fighter Wing - the "Wolfpack" – wipes out half of North Vietnam's MiG 21 fighter fleet in Operation "Bolo". Olds' advanced F-4C "Phantoms" tricked Communist intelligence into thinking the advanced fighters were just another easy target of F-105 "Thunderchief" fighter bombers by flying at altitudes, speeds, routes, and using radio callsigns typical to the less maneuverable F-105s. When the MiGs flew into Olds' ambush, seven "Fishbeds" are shot down in 12 minutes. Col. Olds scores one of the victories, making him the only Air Force ace with kills in both World War II and Vietnam.

Jan 5

1970: Staff Sgt. Franklin D. Miller

(<http://www.victoryinstitute.net/blogs/utb/2000/01/franklin-d-miller-medal-of-honor-citation/>) was leading a long range patrol of Special Forces soldiers and Montagnards in Laos when a booby trap wounded several members. A firefight ensued, wounding the entire patrol. Despite a serious chest wound, Miller is the last man standing and keeps up the fight for several hours, holding off repeated enemy assaults against their position. That evening, as he is about to exhaust his ammunition, a team arrives to relieve the Green Berets. Miller would serve over six years in Southeast Asia. When asked by Richard Nixon upon awarding Miller the Medal of Honor, the president asks him where he wanted to be assigned next. Miller's answer: "Vietnam."

Jan 6

Medal of Honor: 44 years ago in South Vietnam, Army helicopter pilot Maj. Patrick H. Brady (<http://www.victoryinstitute.net/blogs/utb/2000/01/patrick-h-brady-medal-of-honor-citation/>) conducted multiple medical evacuation missions in dense fog and in the face of heavy enemy fire. Over the course of the day, he rescued 51 soldiers and 400 bullet holes were counted in the three helicopters he flew.

Jan 8

1967: 16,000 U.S. and 14,000 South Vietnamese troops enter the "Iron Triangle," a major Viet Cong stronghold near Saigon, on a massive search and destroy mission. The Viet Cong largely avoided contact with the large force, withdrawing to Cambodia or hiding in tunnels. Operation "Cedar Falls" was the largest ground operation of the Vietnam War and marked the first time "tunnel rats" were used.

1973: An Air Force F-4D "Phantom" flown by Capt. Paul D. Howman and 1st Lt. Lawrence W. Kullman shoots down an enemy MiG - the last aerial victory of the Vietnam War.

Jan 11

1969: While leading an armored convoy down a highway in Vietnam's Binh Long Province, 1st Lt. Harold A. Fritz's formation is ambushed. Surrounded on all sides and in danger of being overrun, Fritz — who had been wounded in the initial moments disregards his injuries and heavy enemy fire, leaping from his vehicle to rally his men, directing them to reposition and

shift their fire. As the battle wore on, a group of enemy soldiers closed in on the unit. Fritz, armed with just a pistol and bayonet, and some of his fellow men defeat the infiltrating force. Upon arrival of the relief force, Fritz again braves incoming fire to direct the unit. Today, Fritz is one of only 71 surviving Medal of Honor recipients.

Jan 12

1962: Ten miles west of Saigon, U.S. Army H-21 "flying banana" helicopters ferry South Vietnamese paratroopers into battle - the first major American combat operation in what will become the Vietnam War.

Also on this date, the U.S. military begins defoliation operations to deny the Viet Cong use of jungle cover for their movements. Over nine years, Operation "Ranch Hand pilots," whose motto was "Only you can prevent forests," would fly 19,000 sorties and drop an estimated 20 million gallons of defoliant. 10 percent of the vegetation in South Vietnam is destroyed.

1973: An F-4 "Phantom" flown by U.S. Navy Lieutenants Vic Kovaleski and Jim Wise splash a MiG-17, making it the Navy's final air-to-air kill and the last aerial-combat kill of the war.

Jan 19

Act of valor: On this day in 1967, A-4 "Skyhawk" pilot Capt. Michael J. Estocin (USN) earned the Distinguished Flying Cross during aerial combat over North Vietnam. His citation states: "As the leader of three Shrike-configured aircraft, Captain Estocin was responsible for providing warning, detection, and suppression of hostile surface-to-air missile activity directed at elements of the main strike group conducting a coordinated attack against the Dong Phong Thuong Railroad Bridge north of Thanh Hoa, North Vietnam. He lured the opposing missile sites to direct their fire toward his widely dispersed position by deploying the Shrike aircraft well ahead of the main strike group. During the course of the mission, Captain Estocin broadcast timely and accurate warning of enemy missile firings and personally took under fire two enemy missile site, destroying one and causing significant damage to the radar facilities of the other. He was subjected to heavy and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire throughout the execution of these attacks. After exhausting his ordnance and at great personal peril, Captain Estocin remained on station to act as a lure in drawing any missile fire away from the remaining strike group. Only when assured that the main strike group was clear of the missile threat did Captain Estocin leave the hostile area." In April, Estocin will earn the Medal of Honor (posthumously) for two daring attacks against enemy surface-to-air missile sites.

Jan. 20

1968: North Vietnamese Army tries - and fails - to overrun Marines patrolling hills surrounding the Combat Outpost Khe Sanh. The Battle of Khe Sanh begins, and for the next 77 days, the heavily outnumbered and besieged Marines fought off their attackers, shattering two enemy divisions.

Jan 22

1968: With aerial photographs, ground reconnaissance reports, and a massive array of electronic sensors indicating that some 20,000 North Vietnamese Army soldiers surround the Khe Sanh Combat Base, Operation "Niagara", is underway. The massive air campaign, dubbed "the most concentrated application of aerial firepower in the history of warfare," will rain down nearly 100,000 tons of bombs - and eight times that amount of artillery shells - on the enemy. Meanwhile, transport planes ferry supplies to the besieged Marines in the largest aerial supply operation since the Berlin Airlift.

1969: Operation "Dewey Canyon", the Marine Corps' last major offensive of the Vietnam War, begins. Marines under the command of Col. Robert H. Barrow will spend 56 days clearing out the North Vietnamese Army's stronghold near the A Shau Valley.

Jan 28

1966: Marines hit the beaches of the South Vietnam's Quang Ngai province in the first amphibious landing since Korea. The Americans meet little resistance as they head inland, then move to cut off retreating North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces.

1973: B-52s carried out their final combat sortie in Southeast Asia – striking targets in South Vietnam. Operation ARC LIGHT had started in 1965.

Jan 30

1968: (Featured image) At 2:45 in the morning, a 19-man Viet Cong suicide squad blows a hole in the wall of the U.S. Embassy at Saigon, managing to hold the courtyard for six hours until paratroopers can retake the compound. 10,000 North Vietnamese soldiers take the city of Hue, triggering a grueling house-to-house battle with U.S. and South Vietnamese soldiers. Meanwhile, virtually all of South Vietnam's major urban areas and bases are under attack. The Vietnamese Tet Offensive launched by over 70,000 jointly operating North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces — has kicked off across South Vietnam. The Communists trade their typical guerilla tactics for a risky, more conventional strategy intended to weaken the government in Saigon and inspire a revolutionary uprising. Militarily speaking, the Communists are shattered, with an estimated 50,000 killed, wounded or captured. But in the United States, the psychological effect of Tet playing out in the media drains the resolve of the American public thanks to the negative reporting of Walter Cronkite.

American Legion Post 642 December 4, 2023 meeting minutes

Attendance:

Vince Guinnane, Michael O'Meara, David, Kenneth, Bob Devlin, Arturo, Bill R, Gordon.

Opening the meeting: Vince, Commander

Prayer by Bill

Pledge of Allegiance

POW empty Chair Ceremony

Preamble to the Legion Constitution

Adjutant Roll Call:

Commander- Vince, 1st Vice- Arturo, 2nd Vice-NA, 3rd Vice-George, Finance-Mike, Chaplain-Bill, Service Officer- Ill, Judge Advocate- Bob, Adjutant- David, Sergeant at Arms- Bill, Historian-absent.

Guests:

Jose, De Anza College Vet

Reading of the Minutes:

Motion: Accepting minutes as written.

Moved: Arturo, Seconded: Mike

Discussion: None

Approval: Unanimous

Officer Reports Updates:

Finance Officer's Report: Mike

Summary: Most money moving is through Wreaths Across America.

Motion: To approve the finance report subject to audit.

Moved: Bob, Seconded: Bill

Discussion: None

Unanimous Approval

Finance: Mike

Summary: Summary of the budget situation. Reviewed line by line the Post budget for 2023 to 2024. We didn't discuss in a group as last year. Provided updates on our spending and expected income.

Discussion: What will be our new rental space for the meetings?

Motion: Accept proposed budget subject to change

First: Arturo, Second: Bob

Discussion: None

Approval: Unanimous

First Vice Commander: Vince

Summary: Membership goal is 66. We are 69% of where we want to be. We are 8 out of 12 in our District. Many are starting to renew their membership. Veteran's Day activities at Miller Junior High School, De Anza veterans have a BBQ coming up, Memorial Park will have an event, and Wreaths Across America.

Discussion: None.

Second Vice Commander's Report:

Summary: NA

Discussion: NA

Adjutant's Report: David

Summary: None.

Chaplain Report: No

Summary: Arvid Stenstrom has been noted at national as deceased.

Post Service Officer: Absent

Summary: None.

Commander: Vince

Summary: Marine Corps Birthday is this month.

Committee Reports:

Wreaths Across America: Arturo

Summary: We have \$6910 so far which is paying for around 400 some wreaths. Donation letters will be sent out to thank them. Flyers will be given to members today. Please attend at 9:30am.

Discussion: NA

VA BBQ: None.

Summary: NA

Christmas Dinner: Mike

Summary: Thursday December 7th. Please see the flyer in the newsletter.

Sick Call Relief: Manny is home with cane and walker. Answers his cell phone. Manny fell twice and is struggling with blood clots. Dennis and wife are going through health issues. Cathy is also having surgery for health issues.

Unfinished business: Challenge coins are here. Please hand out to veterans or people who support veterans who deserve special recognition.

Initiation of new members: None.

New Business: Arturo

De Anza College: Many have moved on. Visited the student veterans center.

Jose, US Navy, USS Jacksonville

2nd year at De Anza, worker at resource center

Summary: There were free sandwiches, laptops need to be donated and can be refurbished for vets, scholarships, mentoring is needed, luncheon may be coming up, many are interested in possibly joining, and community service is a big interest among vets on campus. BBQ on campus 11:30am to 1:30pm on November 9 Thursday.

District Meeting Updates:

Memorial to Departed Post member: Arden Stenstrom

Good of the legion:

Need to find a local building to move our meeting. We should set up a committee.
Vince, Bill, Bob, and Arturo

Buddy Checks: Arturo

Fixed someone's flag pole. Veterans helping veterans.

Chaplain: Bill

POW/MIA chair ceremony

Benediction and Closing