



## The Gilroy Post #217

March 2024

### **Business Meetings**

All meetings @ 6pm

March 7    April 4

May 2     June 6

July 13<sup>th</sup>: Early Bird renewal  
BBQ for new/current members  
(please RSVP)

### **Dinner Socials**

All socials @ 6pm

*Open to all current & new members.*

*Members are free; guests are \$10.*

*Please RSVP so we can have a  
delicious dinner waiting for you!*

March 21    April 18

May 16     June 20

-Over 100 members and guests from Post 217 and VFW Post 6309 enjoyed a delicious prime rib dinner at our Feb 20<sup>th</sup> social event. Hope to see you at our next social on March 21<sup>st</sup> – don't forget to RSVP!

-Member Frank Fortino passed on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Services Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Habing Funeral Home in Gilroy.

-Time for officer elections: volunteer for a position or nominate someone at our March and April meetings. Elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, officer installation on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

-Post 217 hit 100% of Department membership goal for 2024: 205 paid/PUFL memberships! Now, let's start seeing more of you at our monthly meetings!

-Veterans Benefit Days are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month from 08:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Gilroy Veterans Hall.

-Gilroy Veterans Hall staff makes coffee for veterans each weekday morning around 8:30am. Come have a cup and chat with fellow veterans.

-Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day: Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm at the Gilroy Veterans Hall. Light lunch, raffle, guest speaker Vietnam Veteran Jesse Rizzo.

Please RSVP to Christine West at [sscvmd@gmail.com](mailto:sscvmd@gmail.com) or call 408-842-3838.

-NOTE: 2025 dues payments starting in July 2024 will be increased to \$50.00 due to an increase in our per-member assessment by National.

See you all at the March meeting! – Commander Loquiao.

**American Legion**

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