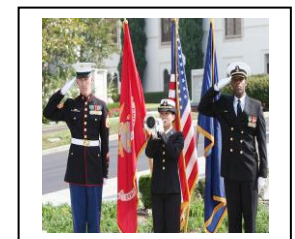




American Legion
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Joe Laquiao, Commander

A happy and a prosperous New Year from the officers and members of the American Legion...reflecting on the past few months we grew as a post with community participation in various events...we elected a new commander who is doing a great job... there is need for a 1st Vice Commander and Finance Officer consider helping the post by volunteering...Legion membership has increased in all areas, national, department and post, remember eligibility requirements have changed, all veterans with an honorable discharge are eligible to be members, war era requirements are not in force any longer...remember that if you paid your dues and have your membership card do not pay again in spite of the reminder you receive from National, do not pay twice !!!...in years past members 85 years or older along with past commanders were given paid memberships, that program is over due to monetary constraints...**there will be no business meeting nor social in the month of January**...Save the date for the Veterans Resource Fair February 4th 10AM to 2 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, bring your DD214 and enter a raffle for a variety of prizes...deadline for legion socials RSVP is the Monday before the social... **save Tuesday February the 18th 6 PM, for a joint dinner with the VFW (a sign of solidarity)**...in spite of the “free” community college fees keep, in mind that a student living at home still has to pay an average of \$14,000 per year for the “free” education, the American Legion will continue to fund four scholarships for students at Gavilan College...If you’re not acquainted with the **Patriot Guard Riders** please visit their website www.patriotriders.org. This outstanding organization’s vision in part reads “The Patriot Riders is a diverse amalgamation of riders from across the nation. We have one thing in common besides motorcycles. We have an unwavering respect for those who risk their very lives for America’s freedom and security including Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders and Honorably Discharged Veterans.” Patriot Guards escort the recently returning war heroes to their homes or home base and the KIA to their home towns for final services...a huge thank you to the El Camino Club of Gilroy for providing all veterans with an outstanding dinner on November 10th...**SOCIALS, 1 member and 1 guest are free 2 or more guests \$10 each...**



Patriot Guard Riders

