

American Legion
Gilroy Post #217
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BUGLE NEWSLETTER
February, March, April
2019 Edition
www.americanlegion217.org

Coming Events

All Business
Meetings
And Socials
Begin At
6:00 PM

February 7th
2019

Business meeting
Social 21st

March 7th

Business meeting
Social 21st

April

Business meeting 4th
Social 18th

May 2nd

Business meeting
Social 16th

May 18th

Golf Tournament
Gilroy Golf Course

May 27th

Memorial Day

June (date TBA)

Anniversary Dinner

Post #217... Who We Are In The Community

Recently during the Taste of Morgan Hill event, Legion members were presented with handmade quilts made by members of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The foundation's mission statement is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor". We've included pictures from the event in this issue. The American Legion thanks the Foundation for their outstanding gesture and in gratitude presented Jerelyn Lightfoot with a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation. You may see more pictures on our website www.americanlegion217.org. Coming soon will be the awarding of the scholarships at Gavilan College a total of five will be awarded. Each year our post is present at all of the four middle school's promotion ceremonies where we award certificates and medallions to outstanding student who excel scholastically. In June also look for the anniversary dinner. During the course of the year the American Legion in partnership with the Auxiliary will be holding various fundraisers.



The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919 and has nearly one million members from all walks of life. The Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans and raises millions of dollars to support its own programs, as well as worthwhile charities to Americans. It's all accomplished with volunteers. While originally organized to assist the American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side by side with the veterans who belong to the American Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community. The American Legion Auxiliary is the world largest women's patriotic service organization. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries. The Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with the American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals.

For membership information contact Mary Ann Collum 408-842-9995

The Milias Resturant is catering our 3rd Thursday dinners which are free to members. Guests are \$10. This is the menu for the coming months.

February

Mixed Green Salad
Sliced Bread & Butter
Baked Ziti
Sauteed Italian Squash
Cannoli With Mini Chocolate Chips

March

World Famous Chinese menu

April

Mixed Green Salad
Sliced Bread & Butter
Herb Roasted Chicken Legs, Baked Mac & Cheese, Crispy Coleslaw
Baked Rice Pudding With Cinnamon & Raisins

Deadline for RSPV is the Monday before the social

2018-2019 Officers

Commander

Bobby Armendariz.....408-310-9419

1st Vice Commander

Joe Loquiao.....408-465-6142

2nd Vice Commander

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Danny Kinoshida.....408-427-5824



**MEMBERSHIP.....
IF YOU PAID YOUR
DUES AND YOU HAVE
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
CARD AND YOU
RECEIVE A REMINDER
FROM NATIONAL
IGNORE IT DO NOT PAY
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
DUES TWICE !!!**



**Esperanza Self Help Center
Santa Clara County Behavioral Health
Services**

LOOKING FOR SUPPORT?

- *For those who struggle with isolation
- *Peer support for life challenges
- *Wellness tools and strategies for recovery from mental health challenges or substance use issues
- *Somewhere to go during your free time to socialize with others who have experienced similar challenges

Esperanza is a place where you, a veteran can be part of a community focused on recovery and wellness.

**Esperanza Self-Help Center
1235 First Street
Gilroy**

**408-852-2460
www.sccbhd.org
Tuesday-Thursday.....9:30-3:30 pm
Friday-9:30-3:30**

Look for informative flyers in the lobby of the Veterans Memorial Building

**Coping with Depression?
Drop-in Group**

**Wednesdays 9-10 AM
Out Patient Clinic 2nd Floor room #203**

- The following skills will be covered**
- *Learn practical skills to change behaviors and thinking patterns that lead to depression and sadness
- *Learn how to monitor changes in moods and reengage in pleasurable activities again
- No referrals or appointments required**

**Stress Reduction Relaxation
Drop in group
Mondays 1-2 PM**

**Outpatient clinic room 203
Learn a variety of stress management skills
Learn how stress impacts other mental and physical health symptoms**

Topics will be based on the relaxation and stress reduction work book by Davis Eshelman & MacCay



**American Legion
and
Legion Auxiliary...
Coming Soon
Fundraising Events
Look For The Future
Dates**

- *Homemade Enchilada Sale
- *World Famous Yard Sale
- *The Best in Bake Sales
- *Christmas Holiday Boutique Sale
- *Tamale Take Out Sale
- *Anniversary Dinner Celebration



**Commander's
Corner**

2018 has come and gone with great success.

I would like to thank my membership and all of my officers who did a great job supporting me this year.

We can make 2019 even better by supporting post fundraising events for our scholarship programs and also trying to recruit new members.

American Legion (National) will celebrate 100 years was established 1819, Gilroy Post was chartered June 10, 1921. I would like to welcome new members and transfer members. Please visit our website at www.americanlegion217.org.

thank you
Bobby Armendaiz
Commander

**GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

American Legion Post 217 Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser was a great and successful because of hard work from Pete Diaz and committee. The golf tournament will be May 18, 2019 but with your support and donations. You can sponsor a hole or donate a new raffle item. This helps support our scholarship programs. Please contact Pete Diaz 408-710-2522 or Mark Wells 408-708-0490. Visit website www.americanlegion217.org
Bobby Armendariz,
Commander

