



Mission City Post#564

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April 2024



District 13 Area 2

American Legion Officers

Commander: Jonathan Elliott

1st Vice: Jimshed Akhtar

2nd Vice: Tony Guida

3rd Vice: Charles Moore

Finance Officer: Rick Fetro

Judge Advocate:

Sargent at Arms: Ron Souzy

Adjutant: John Carlson

Executive Board

Will Carney

Chuck Macntyre

Ron Souzy

Auxiliary Officers

President: Faith Thompson

1st Vice: Cece Harvey

Sec./Treasurer:

Sargent at Arms: Cathy Spinelli

Executive Committee Mem-
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Mary Hidalgo

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Commander: Roger Sanford

Adjutant: Tony Guida

1st Vice: Brian Tabet

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From the Desk of The Commander

Hello my fellow Legionnaires!

I would like to thank everyone that showed up for the Shareholders meeting. We successfully voted in many new members on the Building Foundation and MCC Boards. We finalized the by-laws while we were at it. We always strive to be moving forward. For those that don't know, our kitchen is under renovation! Special thanks to the Building Foundation for undertaking this monumental task. I would say we are about half way through. The kitchen reno will allow us to server food during Bingo. This will both generate money for the Post as well as satisfy our Bingo Patrons. Speaking of Bingo. We are severely lacking volunteers. We have many other groups that are coming in to help us. We could really use more Veterans here at the Post to put in some volunteer hours. That being said....We need to have a discussion about allowing other Organizations, such as FRA, VFW, Lions, Elks, Etc to help work our Bingo. Our Post having Bingo is the only way for us to generate the money needed to keep the building open, property taxes paid, and remain operational as a Post. If we don't get more volunteers, then we would have to have a discussion about selling the building and downsizing our Post. NO ONE wants that to happen. But I need to make the Membership aware that if we don't have participation from the Post, such as making our Monthly meeting to where we have a Quorum, then we are on borrowed time. Please Please Please stop by the Post as often as you like. We are open everyday from 4pm-11pm in the Lounge. Also, it's election time! Please put you name in the hat and run for an Officer position!

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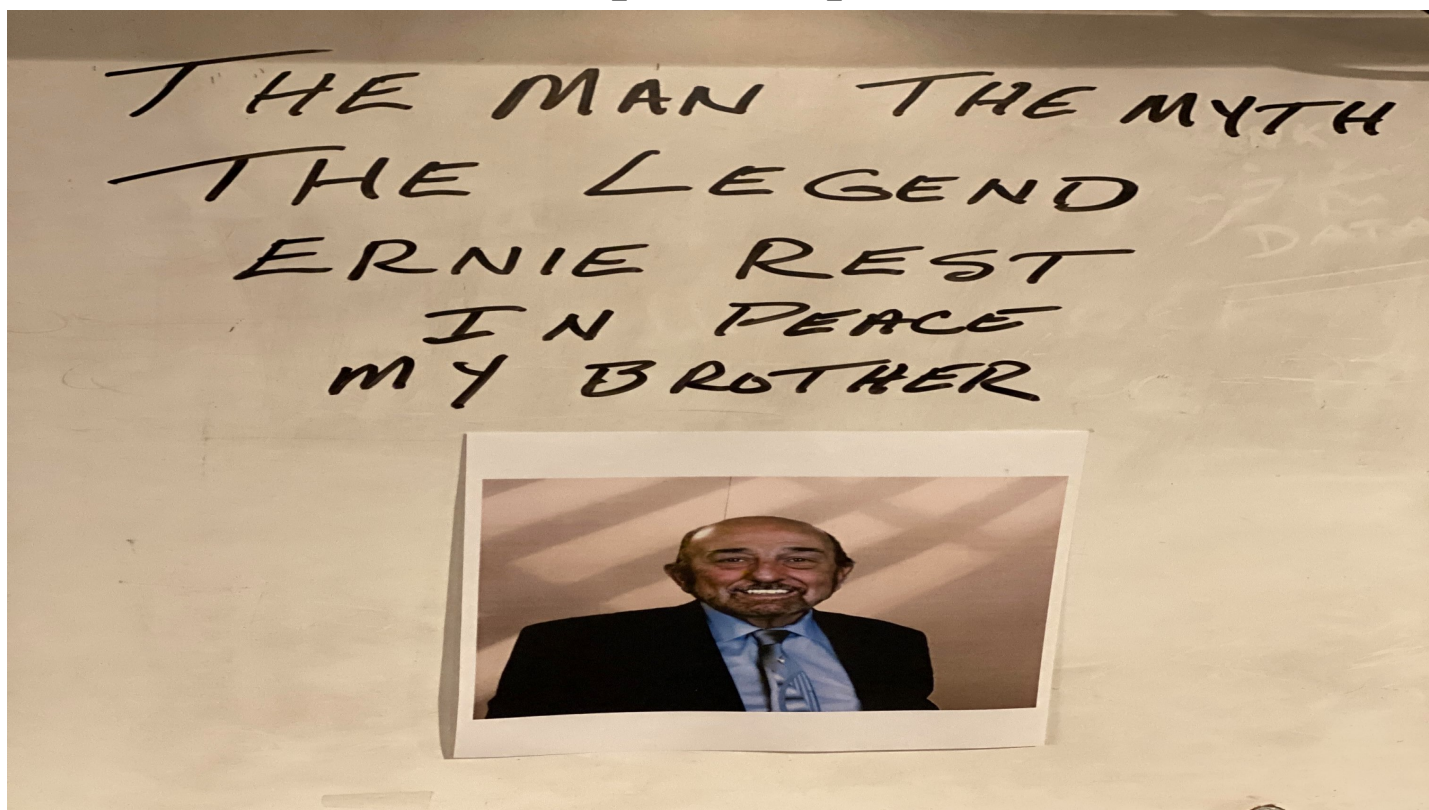
Jonathon Elliott

From the Desk of The 1st Vice

Hello Fellow Legionaries,
Beautiful Spring is upon us, and as we celebrate this Easter Weekend us remember the Family and Friends that make our Post 564 so great. Thank you to all the Staff and Volunteers that continue to donate their time and efforts to our organization the American Legion Post 564 Santa Clara, California. Our membership drive has been doing very well, let us continue to make our best efforts to support our organization and our Mission at the Post 564. Please pay us a visit for our monthly meeting on the Third Friday of every month this year in 2024. We get served an excellent meal and conduct our meeting about Post operations, come take part and join us monthly. Keep abreast to new developments and informational articles at mylegion.org, a wonderful resource for our organization the American Legion. Your participation and support is how our family is so complete, join us in making our Post great. We will be having a number of events through the spring season and into summer so be ready for all the fun together. Have a wonderful April.

Jimshed Akhtar, 1st Vice, membership

Chaplin's Report



Stand by for the celebration of life



Hello everyone . We have had some pretty wet, cold and windy days lately. Hopefully moving forward we can start to look forward to warmer weather and more rides. On March 17th, 2024 the District 13 riders, PGR and other American legion riders from the surrounding areas and multiple Law enforcement agencies and Fire departments participated in Operation Surf. The is an annual event where wounded warriors arrive in San Jose and are escorted to Santa Cruz for a 4 day stay, where they are given adaptive surf lessons daily. It's also a time for the vets to heal and learn to build trust and learn to accomplish new goals in a peaceful setting . This years event was a totally amazing . We had 12 veterans to escort and over 80 riders on bikes. We were escorted By Santa Cruz County Sheriff's in front with emergency lights and various other motor units from other law enforcement agencies blocking exits for us . One of the most memorable things to me was looking up at all of the overpasses where I think we had every fire department in the South Bay ,standing on their engines at attention with a Salute . It was quite the unforgettable experience . Can't wait till next year . One other event that we did have a couple riders attend was the Bike Blessing in Hollister last Sunday, March 24th. Hats off to them, I know the weather was questionable. We do have to reminders to put out. 1st we do have selected delegates to attend the American Legion riders convention which will be held this year in San Diego California. Thank you to them all and on a final note, the next ALR 13 meeting will be on April 20th, 10:00 am at Post 564. See you all then. Mark





I've been working with the sons. Brian, our first vice, has sent in the transmittals for our memberships. I would like to thank him. The District 13 riders had participated in operation surf this past weekend. operating surf, is escorting injured and disabled veterans to Santa Cruz for a day of surfing. We did receive a grant for the lighting at the Post and it was worked on, and finished. I liked to remind everyone of our post meeting this Friday, March 22, 2024. Dinner starting at 7 PM and Meeting at 8 PM. I will be out of town for this meeting I would like everyone with any ideas of what they would like to see happening at the post to email me lindaguida10@msn.com.
Second Vice, Tony Guida.

Dear Sons,

2024 has been a busy year behind the scenes for Squadron 0564. The squadron had been completely rebuilt with a new business structure. Membership processing has also been brought in-line with state and national best practices. In order to smooth out this transition and make sure no one is left behind all squadron members in good standing in 2023 have had their membership automatically renewed for 2024. Membership dues were paid from the general squadron fund. Donations and/or any unpaid dues are appreciated to help replenish this fund.

For 2025 and beyond all membership renewals will be processed through mylegion.org. Mylegion.org provides many resources for members. You may access your membership, sign up for training and access discounts on many services. If you have not registered your membership or need help accessing the resources on mylegion.org please call Brian Tarbet at 909-742-9473 or Tony Guida at (408) 761-0673. Additional membership requirements for 2025 and beyond are follows:

Mylegion.org account correctly registered

Valid address, phone number and email correctly registered in mylegion.org

Dues will increase to \$30 in 2025 and \$35 in 2026 as the state is increasing our per capita to be in line with the American Legion Post

The next squadron meeting will be on We will be working on the following:

Collecting any outstanding dues

Making sure all members are properly registered on mylegion.org

Officer Elections

Calendar events

Brian Tarbet, Sons 1st Vice

BE THE ONE

Every month, on the first of the month, The American Legion encourages "Be The One" Day. It's a simple but powerful way to make a difference in preventing veteran suicide.

What is "Be The One" Day? March 1st, 2024

Why It Matters

Sadly, veterans are at a higher risk for suicide. The "Be The One" initiative aims to change that by building awareness and providing support. By starting conversations and showing we care, we can help veterans know they are not alone.

How to Participate

- **Wear your Be The One gear.** Shirts, hats, pins – anything to show your support and start conversations.
- **Spread the word on social media.** Share the message about "Be The One" Day and how to get help.
- **Reach out to a veteran you know.** Just checking in can make a huge difference.
- **Know the resources.** The Veterans Crisis Line is always available. Dial 988 and then press 1.

You Can Be the One

Every single one of us has the power to save a life. By showing veterans support and connecting them with resources when they need it most, we can be there for those who have served our country.

Thanks, Andy

American Legion #564 Building Foundation

As you may know we had our shareholders meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2024. See the following minutes from this meeting.

I want to take this time to thank everyone that was involved with the building foundation during my tenure as the president of the board.

I like to say upon leaving the new board that was elected for the 2024 -2025 is an experienced and capably group that will do an excellent job.



AMERICAN LEGION POST #564

BUILDING FOUNDATION MEETING MINUTES

2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara CA 95050

Saturday, March 16, 2024- 1PM

- The meeting was called to order by President Rick Fetro at 1412 hrs. It was verified that there was either shareholders present or by proxy for a quorum.
- **Roll Call of Directors** – President Rick Fetro, Vice President Jonathon Elliott, Secretary John Carlson, board members Ron Soucy and Tony Guida (by phone). There are currently 2 vacant board positions.
- **Agenda** – There was a motion by Jonathon Elliott and seconded by John McLemore to approve the agenda. The motion was approved.
- **Annual Meeting Minutes** - There was a motion by John McLemore and seconded by Ron Frye to approve the previous shareholders meeting minutes. The motion was approved.
- **Financial Report** – John Elliott went over the financials. There was a motion by Ron Frye and seconded by Ron Soucy to approve the financial pending an audit review. The motion was approved.
- **Unfinished Business** - None

- **New Business**

1. Election of new board members for the ensuing year. In accordance with the bylaws there will be four (4) new members nominated and elected at this meeting. Carlson, Elliott, and Guida will remain on the board for the coming year.

Nominations:

1. Rick Fetro – respectfully declined.
2. Ron Soucy – respectfully declined.
3. Andy Wen – Accepted
4. Ron Fyre – Accepted
5. John McLemore – Accepted

Hearing no further names, nominations were closed. Since the nominations fell below the required positions of four, Andy Wen, Ron Frye and John McLemore were elected as directors of the board by acclamation. Note, the board currently has one (1) vacant board position.

- **Good of the Order**

President Fetro provided a general discussion highlighting last year's items of interest:

- Releasing the employed janitor. This work is now contracted out.
- Settlement of the released janitor was paid.
- Current building manager is on disability (no replacement).
- Start construction on kitchen to make it health compliant and useable.
- Foundation took out a \$50,000.00 loan from the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 101. Terms are monthly interest only payments with lump sum payment in one year.
- Installation of new LED light in both rental halls and office.
- Painting the exterior of the building through a \$12,000.00 grant from Home Depot. Work scheduled for March 21, 2024.

Ø The meeting adjourned at 1452 hrs. with a motion by Jonathon Elliott, seconded by Ron Soucy. Approved Respectfully Submitted,

Note to minutes:

Following the meeting the newly elected board of directors elected the following officers for the 2024-2025 term.

President – John Carlson

Vice President – Jonathon Elliott

Secretary – John McLemore

Treasurer – Andy Wen

1. John Carlson
2. Jonathon Elliott
3. Tony Guida
4. Andy Wen

The following have full access to the accounts:

1. John Carlson

I certify to my knowledge that the above information is true and correct.

V/R, [Richard Fetro](#)

2023, the VA delivered more benefits to Women Veterans than any prior year. Per the VA, women remain the fastest growing demographic among Veterans and the department continues to better cater to their needs.



AMERICAN LEGION – DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

CAPITOL ADVOCACY DAY **APRIL 17, 2024** **SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

THE AMERICAN LEGION-DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA WILL BE HOSTING ITS CAPITOL ADVOCACY DAY IN SACRAMENTO ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LEGIONNAIRES TO VISIT STATE LEGISLATORS AND THEIR STAFF TO ADVOCATE AND EDUCATE ON IMPORTANT VETERANS ISSUES.

THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING'S LEGISLATIVE ANNEX IS UNDERGOING A MULTI-YEAR REMODEL. THE GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR, AND LEGISLATORS ARE CURRENTLY HOUSED IN A STATE OFFICE BUILDING CALLED THE CAPITOL ANNEX SWING SPACE, WHICH IS 1 BLOCK SOUTH OF THE WEST END OF CAPITOL PARK. THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE BUILDING, WHICH IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SWING SPACE.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT. PLEASE WEAR YOUR HATS! SHOW THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE LEGION IS ACTIVE AND INVOLVED.

WHEN: APRIL 17, 2024 (WEDNESDAY)
8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM

WHERE: MARCH FONG EU SECRETARY OF STATE BUILDING
1500 11TH ST, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
(ENTRANCE ON THE SOUTH/WEST CORNER OF 11TH AND O STREETS)
1ST FLOOR MULTIPURPOSE ROOM; MUST SHOW DRIVER'S LICENSE OR CA ID CARD TO ENTER

PARKING:

- **DGS PUBLIC GARAGE, 1500 10TH ST. 200 YARDS FROM EVENT.**
WEEKDAY RATES (5:30 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.); \$1.25 EACH 20 MINUTES; \$20.00 DAILY MAXIMUM
- **CAPITOL GARAGE, 10TH AND L STREETS. 0.43 MILES FROM EVENT.**
ENTRANCE ON 10 STREET, WHICH IS ONE-WAY GOING NORTH
WEEKDAY RATES (6 A.M. TO 5 P.M.); \$1.50 EACH HALF HOUR OR FRACTION THEREOF; \$25.00 DAILY MAXIMUM

MUST RSVP TO ATTEND, SEATING IS LIMITED.

OPEN TO THE FIRST 75 LEGIONNAIRES TO RSVP.

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS EVENT IS LIMITED TO 75 PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE MEETING ROOM'S OCCUPANCY LIMIT.

To RSVP: PLEASE EMAIL DANA NICHOL danan@water-warrior.com with the following information:

1. Your first and last name
2. City
3. Post