



**POST 564 - MISSION
CITY NEWS BULLETIN**



September 2024

From the Desk of the Commander

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. I served in the Army during Vietnam conflict.

I've been working with Palo Alto VA medical outreach. We will be hosting days for veterans to meet the staff, providing some medical services and any other necessary services you may need. Also, please spread the word to anyone that you know that would benefit from this service. When I have tentative dates, I will pass them on Post 564 Commander Antonio Guida.

**POW/MIA RECOGNITION
FIRE WATCH CEREMONY**

September 20th 2024

7:30—11:00

At the Post

Veterans support Veterans





TAPS and **Wreaths Across America** have teamed up to honor those who served and died for our country.

Honor and remember our country's fallen heroes by sponsoring a Remembrance Wreath that will be laid on the grave of a fallen service member or veteran. Then join us on Saturday, December 14, 2024 (See location pages for ceremony and wreath placement details), by volunteering to lay wreaths with friends and family!

Hello all,

The District 13 Honor Guard team has been participating as the Rifle & Bugle Team for the Gate of Heaven Wreaths Across America ceremony for the past 8 years.

This year, the ceremony details are as follows:

Service: Wreaths Across America

Date: December 14th, 2024

Time: Noon placeholder

Location: Gate of Heaven, [22555 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024](https://www.google.com/maps/place/22555+Cristo+Rey+Drive,+Los+Altos,+CA+94024)

Legion Building Foundation

We are looking to fill positions on the Building Foundation. You must be a veteran and a member of Post by 564 in good standing. It is Important that we have new ideas and work together as a team. if your interested, please contact either myself, Tony Guida at 408-761-0673 or John Carlson at 408-373-2302. Our next Building Foundation meeting is September 26, 2024 @6 PM at our post. Also, as a reminder, our Post meeting is Friday September 27th 2024.

Dinner from 7 to 8 and Meeting starts at 8 o'clock at Post 564.

From the Desk of the 1st Vice

Good afternoon members.

As we move through September, I am always proud to notice not only how members help each other but also how we are able to get together from time to time. As I spoke to the post commander and the adjutant, I am reminded that membership is very important and that focus should not be forgotten. We are currently sitting at 33% of which our Post Adjutant was diligent I'm returning plus or minus ten membership dues due to a mistake at the department's national level. Since our current annual dues are \$50, some of our members sent in \$40 by mistake. Select members were received those returned checks in the mail in about 5 to 10 days. We have quite a few holidays coming up, such as Halloween veteran's day and Thanksgiving to name a few.

As the 1st Vice Commander, I want everyone and their families to be safe and that everyone can attend any upcoming events and return home safely. One of the things I have accomplished in my spare time was to complete the online basic training which is on the American Legion legion.org website. I believe everyone at this point is aware that the American Legion was chartered in 1919, this is interesting for me because a couple of years prior my mother's father served in World War I, as an Engineer, My father served in the army from 1959-1961, then My two brothers-in-law from 1980-1984, my brother in the USMC 1985-1989, Then I with the THIRD ARMY "Patton's Own", and with the 3rd Infantry Division "Rock of the Marne!", followed by my Niece who was in the 82nd Airborne Division and now with the 101st Screaming Eagles!

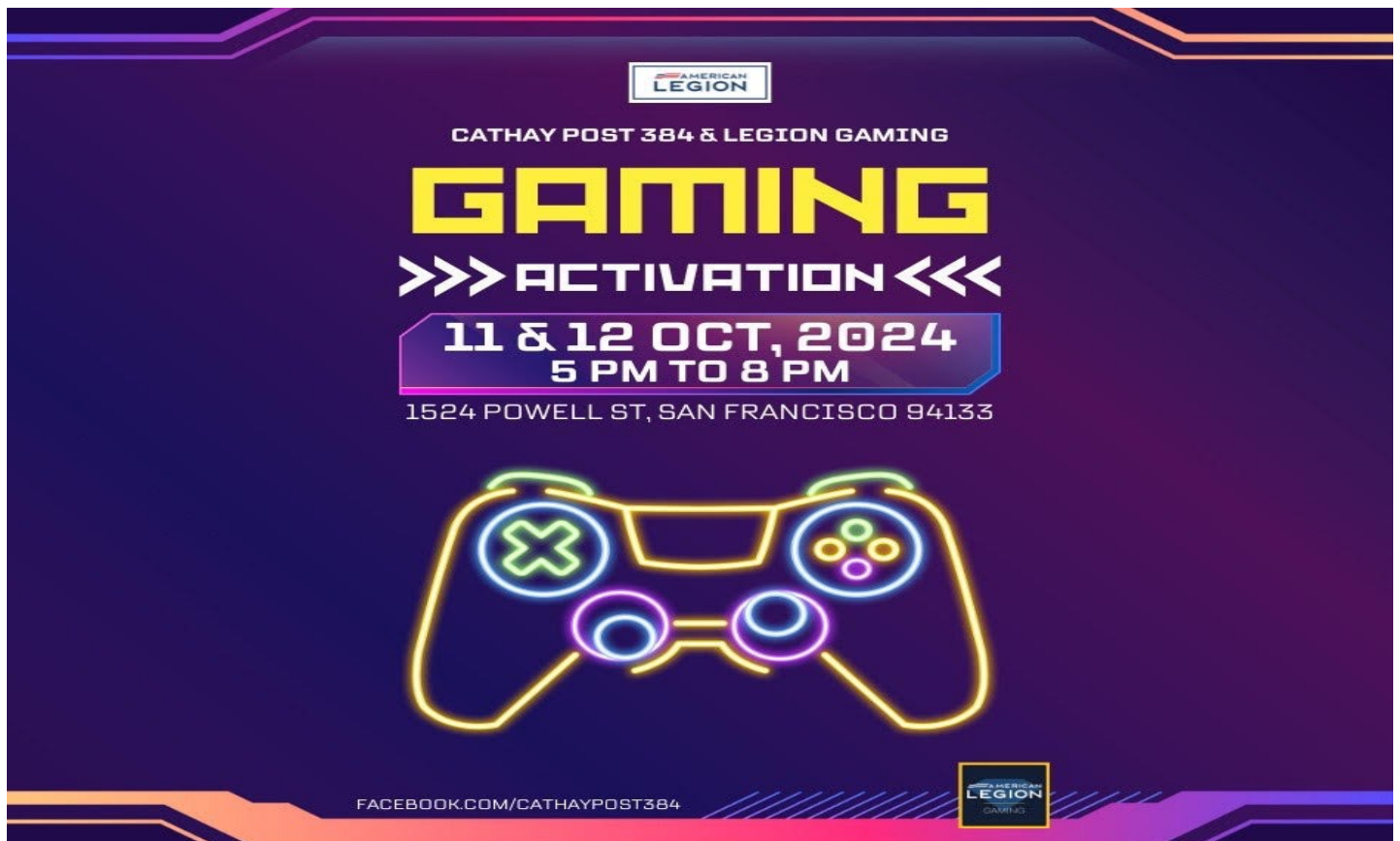
I continue to provide them guidance and support and I do not take this Responsibility lightly. I transferred from DoD as a civilian to the Department of Veterans affairs (VAPAHCS) located in Palo Alto, what better way to serve veterans. As I continue to recruit, I ask that are members come in to participate and listen to some of our meetings. We will continue to ask for a chaplain, a Sergeant of arms, and a veterans service officer. Take care and be all you can be!

Your 1st Vice Orange Juice

23rd Anniversary of September 11 Attack

The 23rd anniversary of the world's deadliest terror attack was commemorated this week with special services and events in New York City, at the Pentagon, and across the U.S. on Wednesday, September 11. Nearly 3,000 people were killed in New York City, Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon during terrorist attacks carried out by Al-Qaida, a Muslim militant group founded by Osama bin Laden, on September 11, 2001. Bin Laden was later killed by U.S. military forces in Pakistan during a raid in May 2011.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hosted more than 60 National Day of Service and Remembrance events on September 11 at VA national cemeteries across 34 states and Puerto Rico. These events were open to all and honored the veterans, service members, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, and other first responders who served and sacrificed for the nation on September 11, 2001, and in the years since.



A promotional poster for a gaming event. The background is dark purple with glowing blue and yellow lines. At the top center is the American Legion logo. Below it, the text reads "CATHAY POST 384 & LEGION GAMING". The word "GAMING" is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, "ACTIVATION" is written in white with double arrowheads on either side. A purple box contains the dates "11 & 12 OCT, 2024" and the time "5 PM TO 8 PM". Below the box is the address "1524 POWELL ST, SAN FRANCISCO 94133". At the bottom center is a glowing yellow and blue game controller. In the bottom left corner is the Facebook link "FACEBOOK.COM/CATHAYPOST384". In the bottom right corner is the American Legion Gaming logo.

AMERICAN LEGION

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Hello,

The Santa Clara County Veteran Services Office is excited to announce the 2024 Veteran Stand Down event, during which we will provide comprehensive support and resources for our military veterans. In addition to the services provided by the Veteran Services Office and our excellent partners, the VBA will host a Claims Clinic at the Stand Down! This will allow claims to be reviewed and potentially receive a C&P exam during the stand-down.

Join us! – [Register Here](#)

Who: Registration is open to anyone who served in any branch of the U.S. military for any length of time and **eligible dependents**.

Eligible dependents include:

- Dependent children of a veteran, spouses, and partners of a veteran.
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- Surviving spouses and dependents of a veteran
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- Anyone financially dependent on a veteran.

And as a registering veteran or eligible dependent, you may elect to bring guests

[Additional Information on our website](#)

Membership

If you sent in your \$40.00 we have sent it BACK, DUES are \$50.00, send in your Dues and you will receive your New Card 2024

Dates:

- Wednesday, October 2: 10 am – 4 pm
- Thursday, October 3: 10 am – 4 pm
- Friday, October 4: 10 am – 4 pm

Where: Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

[344 Tully Rd. San Jose, CA 95111](#)

- Stand Down: Pavilion Hall
- Claims Clinic: Fiesta Hall

Parking

- General Parking in Lot A
- Handicapped and Limited Mobility Parking in Lot C

VTA will be providing FREE transportation by bus from October 2nd through 4th for all veterans in Santa Clara County heading to or from the Fairgrounds

Services:

Claims Clinic provided by the Veteran Benefits Administration: For more information on the claims clinic and what can be done before attending the Stand Down and Claims Clinic to make this as successful as possible, please see our website for more information and after registering the VSO will reach out to you with more information.

Dental Services: Mobile Dental will be on-site to provide dental screenings and limited services during the Stand Down. Additionally Santa Clara County Dental Program will be present to let you know how you can qualify for free dental care through County services.

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Santa Clara County Courts Assistance: Veterans requesting to have minor violations, traffic tickets, or fines waived in Santa Clara County please note this in the registration, and we will reach out to you with more information

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- **Free Hot Breakfast and Lunch for ALL Attendees**

Other Services Include:

- Medical and dental screenings
- VA Healthcare services
- Mental health resources
- Employment assistance

Thank you for your service to our nation and we hope to see you at the Stand Down,

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- Resume writing and Interviewing skills workshops
- Housing resources
- Legal aid
- VA benefits information
- Education
- And much more!

We are honored to have esteemed organizations and special guests joining us to provide these services. They are committed to supporting our veterans and ensuring their well-being.

All veterans are invited to this event; please register using the link below, through the QR code on the attached flyer, or through our website.

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**](#)

If you have any questions, simply respond to this email or [check out our website for more information](#)

Volunteers: wanted Call or Email us

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Veterans helping Veterans

Next District Meeting

The next District meeting on September 24th, location is Post 564