



District 13 Area 2

# Post 564 - MISSION CITY NEWS BULLETIN



January 2024

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## Adjutant Corner

Suicide awareness and support continue to be major, important issues.

The Veterans Crisis Line is available 24 hours, 7 days per week and can be reached by dialing 988, then press 1. They also have an online Chat feature at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.org.com>

org.com

Please pass this information along to anyone you know who you think may be in crisis.

Next Meeting

January 26th 2004

4th Friday

Dinner 7:00

Meeting 8:00

## ***DUES INCREASE FOR THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP YEAR***

***At the National Convention held on August 25-31 2023 in Charlotte, NC it was voted to increase the National per capita by \$5.00***

## **From the Desk of 1st Vice**

Hello Fellow Legionaries,

Happy New Year and let us welcome 2024 with open arms. I truly hope that everyone enjoyed their Holidays and celebrations through Christmas and New Years with all their Family and Friends around. Let us keep the warm spirits and happiness all the way through this year in 2024. First welcome to January, we will be resuming our General Body meeting on the fourth Friday of every month, please join us and participate in our organization. There will be dinner served, as well. Now as for membership, we at Post 564 are continuing our membership drive into the new year of 2024. If you have not paid your annual 2024 due for the year please do so promptly. The best way to accomplish this is using myLegion.org and submitting payment electronically. Our Post membership roster will get updated from National monthly. So we know who we will need to address to get it done. This is a group effort to reach our intended goals. Thank you to all the Volunteers and members for making our Post the best that it can be together as a community, State and Nation. Hope to see a great turn-out for our first meeting of the new year. We will discuss the up-coming events and schedule for the next few months, Have a great start to the New Year, and best of luck into 2024.

Respectfully,

Jimshed Akhtar, 1st Vice

## **From The Desk of 2nd Vice**

On Monday the 15th, the light company along with the contractor for the lighting project for light replacements, will be at the Post doing a walk-through.

Also as a reminder; Sons' meeting will be held January 17 at 7 PM at Post 564.

We are still working on updating the bylaws for the

Mission City Charities. Thanks,

Second Vice Tony Guida.

## **BUILDING FOUNDATION**

**I wish all members and their families a “Happy New Year”.**

### **FIRST NOTICE**

**In accordance with The American Legion Post #564 Building Foundation Bylaws, “Each member in good standing of Mission City Post #564 shall be a member of the American Legion Post #564 Building Foundation”.**

#### **Article 1, Section 2 – Annual Meetings:**

**“The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of March each year at 1 o’clock PM at which time the shareholders shall elect a Board of Directors, consider reported of the affairs of the Corporation, and transact any other business which is within the powers of the shareholders.”**

**To comply with our Bylaws, this meeting will be held on:**

**Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 1PM  
American Legion Post #564  
[2120 Walsh Ave.](#)**

**[Santa Clara, Ca 95050](#)**

**We plan to have a light lunch at 12 noon. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to me so we have a number for the lunch.**

**Rick Fetro  
President, Building Foundation  
510-673-6343**





# Veterans Benefit Days

- Santa Clara County Veteran Service Reps (VSOs)
- VA Mobile Medical Team
- California Telephone Connect
- Sourcewise

Benefits Review, DMV Verifications, Enrollment, Eligibility, PACT Act Registration & Screening, Exams, Telephone Equipment, Fall Prevention, Community Services. Bring your DD214!

**@ Gilroy Veterans Hall, 74 W. 6th St.**

**Fridays, January 5 & 19**

**NEW HOURS:**

**8:30am - 2pm**



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## FOUR CHAPLAINS' DAY INTER-FAITH SERVICE 2024



**The American Legion Department of California's Four Chaplains' Day Inter-Faith Service will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 12050 E. North Avenue in Sanger, on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. American Legion members, family, friends, and the public are all invited to attend. R.S.V.P.'s will be greatly appreciated by February 1, 2024, by calling The American Legion Department of California, 559-875-8387.**

**This year will mark the 81st anniversary of the heroic four chaplains who gave up their life jackets so that others might live and went to their deaths. Early on the morning of February 3, 1943, the U.S. Troop Transport DORCHESTER was steaming through the icy seas off Greenland. Most of the 900 troops aboard were asleep in their bunks. Suddenly, a torpedo smashed into the ship's flank. Frantically pounding up the ladders, the troops milled in confusion on the decks.**

**In those moments of panic, the bravest men aboard were four U.S. Army Chaplains: 1st Lts. Clark V. Poling, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington, and George L. Fox.**

**The four chaplains led the men to boxes of life jackets and passed them out to the soldiers. When the boxes were empty, they slipped off their own precious life preservers and put them on four young G.I.'s. The U.S.A.T. DORCHESTER went down 25 minutes later in a rumble of steam. 673 men were lost, but the heroic chaplains had helped save 230. The last anyone saw of them, they were standing on the slanting deck with their arms linked in prayer to the one God they all served.**

**This beautiful and solemn religious service will begin at 10:00A.M., with Department Chaplain Kathy Cash serving as Chairman. The public is invited to attend and please R.S.V.P. to 559-875-8387, or e-mail [Cheryl@calegion.org](mailto:Cheryl@calegion.org) on or before February 1, 2024. Refreshments will be served in the social hall immediately after the ceremony.**

**"Four Chaplains' Inter-Faith Service" marks the start of Religious Emphasis Week by The American Legion each year.**