



Stevens Creek Post 642 The Ranger Way
June 2024 Newsletter
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Commander's Corner

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

All are invited to our Post meeting which is on June 3rd. We still need to vote on our slate of officers and delegates this month. Of course, this month brings June 6th which is the 80th anniversary of D-Day. I was hoping that the Massed Pipes and Drums would be able to go over for this celebration, so hopefully there will be another. There is District Caucus meeting at Post 419 on June 2nd which discusses and votes on items regarding the June Conference. Unfortunately, my grandson is being baptized at that time. I did attend last year. We also have the longest day of the year on June 20th the Summer Solstice.

Jim Barnhardt was supposed to supply meals for May, but was apparently absent. I don't know if he plans on supplying for June nor if meals were provided for May.

I will reiterate that we need to work on end of year reports, which includes the Americanism Form which Arturo has emailed in Excel spreadsheet form before which needs to be updated by each member and consolidated as one of the End of Year reports. It helps National with showing the strength of the American Legion. We also need to vote on next year's slate of officers and delegates in June. Below is the list of EOY Post Reports.

MANDATORY POST REPORT FORMS

- [Post Data Report](#), Due April 15 ([pdf](#)) (Submitted April 2nd)
- [Consolidated Post Report \(CPR\)](#), Due June 1
- [Certification of Post Delegates](#), Due June 1 ([pdf](#))
- [Certification of Post Officers](#), Due June 1 ([pdf](#))

Nominations for Post Officers 2024-25

Commander: Arturo Thiele-Sardina

1st Vice Commander: Vince Guinnane

2nd Vice commander: Gordon Hall

3rd Vice Commander: Jim Barnhart

Adjutant: David Han

Finance Officer: Michael O'Meara

Sargeant of Arms: Ken Klinkowski

Judge Advocate General: Robert Devlin

Service Officer: Cathy Schiavone

Delegates for State Convention:

1. Arturo Thiele-Sardina

2. Vince Guinnane

3. David Han

Remember that we generally meet on the first Monday of the Month at 1800 for socializing and a light meal and refreshments then check out the meeting at 1900. The 1st Vice showed a map to our new meeting site at the Odd Fellows Lodge #70

on Homestead Road in our last two newsletters, so you might want to save that and print it out.

We really want to get more people attending the Post meetings and events and be more social, so let us know your ideas by coming. Do give us a heads up, so that we can requisition extra rations versus our regular contingent. The next person on the meals roster will have to get the cooler with drinks, etc. If additional drinks are required it will be reimbursed above the normal meal amount.

Please remember that if you have Post or Veterans events that you would like on the calendar to get them to Arturo or the District. Please include pertinent information like event information, contacts, address, where to meet, etc.

<https://www.americanlegionpost642.com/site/eventscalendar.php?y=2023&m=3>

If you know of deceased members during the past few months either bring their name and share with our District Chaplain, Jere Bernardoni, or send to him at Jerep.bernardoni@gmail.com.

Please enjoy the National Day and Month links and Military History below including VA links. The Day or Month link is highlighted in the email, and YouTube is a related topic video. I try to include the ones that I can have a military or VA related topic for the National Day and Month and show for "For the Good of the Post"

To Comradeship!

Vincent Guinnane, MSME, P.E.

CW4, 881A1, USAR (Retired)

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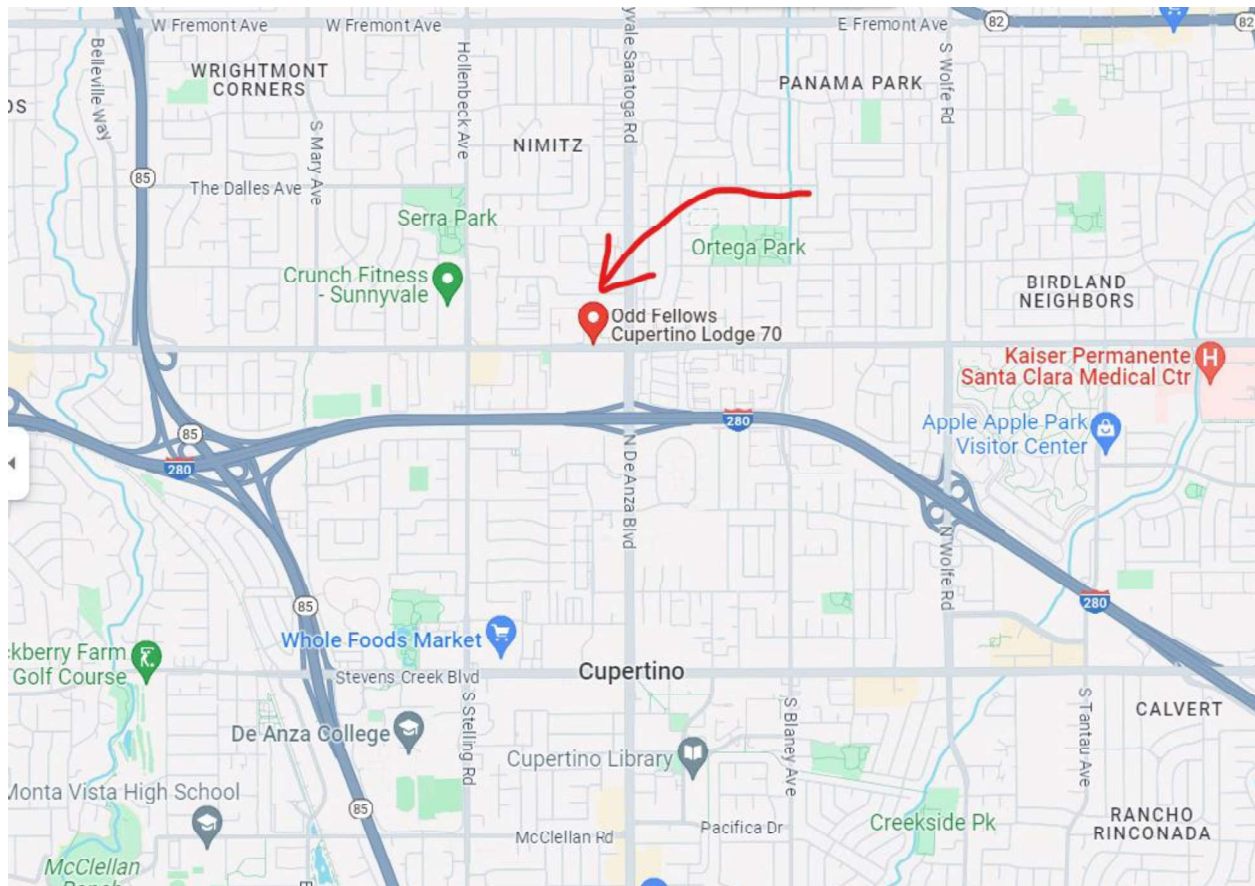
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Major Jock Sinclair in "Tunes of Glory":

"Whisky for the gentlemen that like it. And for the gentlemen that don't like it - Whisky."

We Are Moving in 2024

We have finally found a new home for our Post meetings going forward. Beginning on the 5 February 2024 meeting we will be meeting at the Oddfellows Cupertino Lodge #70 in Cupertino; CA. The address of the lodge is 20589 Homestead Road in Cupertino. The building is located approximately 100 meters west of DeAnza Blvd. The Safeway store is located across the street. There is parking behind the building since you cannot park on the street. A big thanks to the relocation committee (Bill, Mike, Bob, Vince, and Arturo) who managed the logistics, legal and other aspects of making this happen. As in the past our social hour begins at 1800 hrs. and the meeting will start at 1900 hrs. We hope to see you all there in February so you can check out the facility, which is much nicer than the KoC Hall.



First Vice Commander Notes

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

We are finishing our American Legion year this month. We held elections for the 2024-25 Post leadership last month and at our June meeting they will be sworn in.

Regarding membership, we are down to the last few members who still have not renewed for this year and I have reached out to those and to the members who did not renew last year. So far, we have had several renew their memberships. If you are one of those who have not yet renewed, please consider renewing to help our Post continue to support Veterans and our community going forward.

Now that summer is almost here, we are once again hosting our VA BBQ's beginning in June and have our Post Picnic in July. Please consider volunteering for our VA BBQ's and we would love to see you at our Post picnic, see upcoming events listing in the newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you at our 3 June meeting.

Duty First!

Arturo

1st Vice Commander

Other Activities on Post Calendar

Fellow Legionnaires, although our Post does not have many events as in the past, I have updated our [Post calendar](#) with events from Posts that are close to Cupertino. Please look as there are a considerable number of events that are open to Legionnaires and their families. More importantly by attending you can have fun and support the American Legion.

2024 Membership Report (23 May 2024)

2024 Membership Goal: 66

Total Members: 64/96.9%

Paid Up for Life (PUFL): 16

New Members: 2

Online Renewals: 20

Renewals Pending Submittal: 0

Mail Renewals: 28

Members not yet renewed: 3

Post 1000 Transfers: 0

District Rank: 06/12

Newly renewed Members: Steve Gardner 8 yrs., Terry Brewster 27 yrs., George Thum 6 yrs.

New Members:

Upcoming events for May 2024-August 2024

27 May 1100 hrs. Memorial Day Ceremonies (San Jose, Mountain View, and other locations

2 Jun 1000 Hrs. District 13 Caucus, Post 318 Willow Glen, 1504 Minnesota Ave. San Jose

3 Jun 1900 hrs. Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.)

Oddfellows.

Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA

8 Jun 1000 hrs. VA BBQ-Palo Alto VA (Bldg. 520) 3801 Miranda Avenue Palo Alto, CA

1 July 1900 hrs. Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.)

Oddfellows.

Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA

13 July 1100 hrs. Post 642 Annual Picnic, Stevens Creek County Park (Sycamore Picnic Area)

5 Aug 1900 hrs. Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.)

Oddfellows.

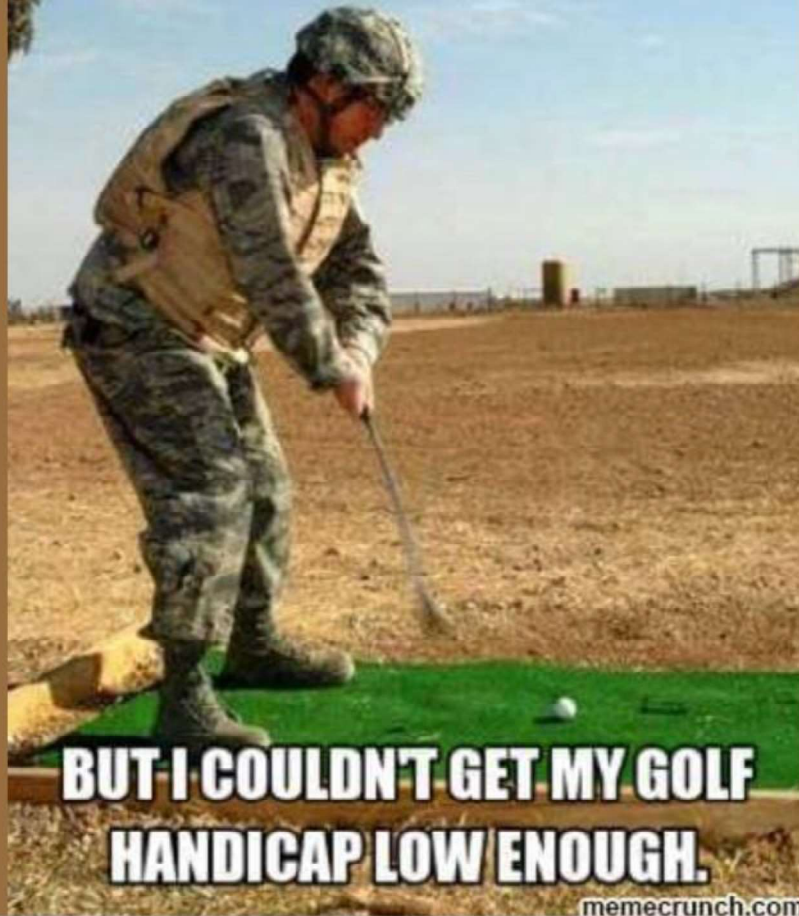
Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA

31 Aug 1000 hrs. VA BBQ-Palo Alto VA (Bldg. 520) 3801 Miranda Avenue Palo Alto, CA

2024-25 Membership Renewals

As we posted several months ago National American Legion voted to raise national dues by \$5. Our Post voted to raise our annual dues to \$45 starting on 1 July 2024. Therefore, if you want to save \$5 you need to renew online NLT 27 June and if you plan on renewing via check, please mail your check for \$40 to PO Box 302, Cupertino, CA 95014 NLT 15 June so we have time to process your membership renewal. Also, Department has a special where you can renew your membership for 3 years at \$40 per year. If you are interested in that option you can go to this [link](#) and follow the instructions.

**TRIED TO JOIN THE
AIR FORCE**



**BUT I COULDN'T GET MY GOLF
HANDICAP LOW ENOUGH.**

memecrunch.com

Membership Contact Updates

With the new year already upon us, now is the time to make sure that your contact information is correct so that you receive your magazine, newsletter and other important information pertaining to the American Legion. We are continually moving towards email as the main communication platform for the Post. You can find your contact information at mylegion.org. If you have already registered you just need to log in, if not you can register and then log in. Changes and updates can be easily made by the individual member. If your name appears below that means we do not have a valid email address for you: You can either shoot me an email so I can update your info with your email address or give me a call at 408-838-0375 and provide me with the email address or let me know that you do not have an email address.

- Gary Burton
- Thomas Cribbs
- Herbert Duvernay
- Fenton Hill
- Richard Lee
- Patrick Montijo
- MaryAnn Salvatierra
- Chris Snell
- William Tillinghast

Post 642 Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2023-24 Year

Here are the meeting dates for the current American Legion Year, please update your calendars. You can also find these dates on the [Post Website Calendar](#)

3 June 2024

Need A Ride?

Are you a member who hasn't had a chance to attend one of our meetings or activities because you have difficulties driving at night, or are no longer able to drive? If so, please feel free to contact the 1st Vice Commander (arturo@cadiz.com) or at 408-838-0375 and let him know. We will arrange to have someone pick you up and drop you off at home. We currently have several members who use this service and will be more than happy to assist others in being able to attend our meetings and activities. It's a great opportunity to get out of the house, especially if you are not able to on your own and meet fellow Legion members and attend our meeting.

Service Officer Cathy Schiavone

VA/DoD Health Affairs

VA & TRICARE Information

TRICARE is the Department of Defense (DoD) health care program for uniformed service members, retirees & their families. <https://tricare.mil/>

Does VA participate in the TRICARE Network?

- Yes, since 1995, all VA health care facilities have participated as TRICARE Network Providers.
- VA can provide care for Active-Duty Service Members, military retirees, & family members under their TRICARE benefit - on a space available basis.
- Each VA health care facility can serve as primary care manager for TRICARE beneficiaries, but more often TRICARE referrals are used for specialty care.

What VA requirements are there to be TRICARE Providers?

- Care can only be made available to TRICARE beneficiaries on a space available basis.
- No service provided under the agreement will adversely affect the range of services, quality of care, or the established priorities for care provided to the primary/core (Veteran) beneficiaries of VHA.

- VHA USH has certified to VA Sec that caring for TRICARE beneficiaries will not result in denial/delay in providing access to care for any Veteran at that facility.

For TRICARE Information and Assistance

TRICARE eligibility is determined by the military services.

If eligibility questions arise or more information is needed regarding TRICARE eligibility, contact:

- Defense Manpower Data Center: <https://dwp.dmdc.osd.mil/dwp/app/main>
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS): 1-800-538-9552
- TRICARE East Region: Humana Military 1-800-444-5445
<https://www.humanamilitary.com>
- TRICARE West Region: Health Net Federal Services 1-844-866-9378
<https://tricare-west.com>

Meals Roster 2024

June 3rd: Vince Guinnane



Adjutant's Advice

The Pat Tillman Story

Patrick Tillman was born to parents Mary and Patrick on November 6, 1976, in San Jose, California. The eldest of three boys, Pat was a caring and protective brother and a natural leader with a tendency to push limits – in life, the classroom and on the field.

At Leland High School in San Jose, California (1990-1994), that challenger mentality would become his signature. His diligence and relentless curiosity amazed almost everyone he came into contact with. In high school he was a star who led his high school team to a Central Coast Division I Football Championship – after he was told he was too small to ever play football.





Arizona State University recognized Pat's potential both in classroom and on field with a scholarship to play for the Sun Devils. What Pat lacked in physical size he more than made up for in intensity as linebacker. He led ASU to the 1997 Rose Bowl after an undefeated season, earned three consecutive selections to the Pac-10 All-Academic Football Team, a 1st team Academic All-American honor, as well as the NCAA's Post-Graduate Scholarship for academic and athletic excellence. Between games, Pat earned a B.S. in Marketing, graduating Summa Cum Laude from ASU's prestigious W.P. Carey School of Business in three and a half years.

Pat gained admiration and high regards from his professors, coaches and fans alike.

The Arizona Cardinals agreed, and selected Pat in the 7th round of the 1998 NFL Draft. Many people doubted his ability to deliver as a starter on the Cardinal's opening-day roster. He answered that skepticism by becoming the team's starting safety and broke the franchise record for tackles in 2000 with 224.

Pat's NFL success did not go to his head or break his principles. He still drove to games in the same beat up truck he had in college. He had no cell phone. He chose to read voraciously and develop, debate and discuss his ideas with eager listeners, family and friends. He made your passion his passion. In the off-season, he challenged himself physically with marathons and half-Ironman triathlons while pursuing a Master's degree in History from his alma mater. He volunteered with Boys and Girls Clubs, the March of Dimes, and read and talked to students in schools across the Phoenix Valley.



The day after the attacks of September 11, 2001, Pat told a reporter, “At times like this you stop and think about just how good we have it, what kind of system we live in, and the

freedoms we are allowed. A lot of my family has gone and fought in wars and I really haven't done a damn thing.”

In the spring of 2002, Pat married his high school love, Marie, and upon his return from their honeymoon, announced to the Cardinals he had decided to place his NFL career on hold to enlist in the U.S. Army with his brother, Kevin. The decision shocked many and garnered national media attention despite his refusal to speak publicly about the choice.

Pat and Kevin joined the U.S. Army that July, committing to a three-year term. They were assigned to the second battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment in Fort Lewis, Washington. They served tours in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, and in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2004. On the evening of April 22, 2004, Pat's unit was ambushed as it traveled through the rugged, canyon terrain of eastern Afghanistan. His heroic efforts to provide cover for fellow soldiers as they escaped from the canyon led to his untimely and tragic death via fratricide.

While the story of Pat's death may have been the most publicized in the War on Terror, it is Pat's life, principles and service that are his true legacy. Pat's family and friends started the Pat Tillman Foundation to carry forward that legacy by giving military service members, veterans and spouses who embody those principles the educational tools and support to reach their fullest potential as leaders, no matter how they choose to serve.

Source: [Pat's Story - Pat Tillman Foundation](#)

National Days and Months:

There is a neat description of June here with regard to the National Days and also where the rest of these links can be found.

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/June> Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Alaska were all admitted to the Union in June. There are also quite a few culinary days like National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day (a personal favorite as we grew Rhubarb in backyard in Detroit) and Martini Day.

[NATIONAL HEIMLICH MANEUVER DAY - June 1](#)

<https://youtu.be/GFCYB4vMw9E?si=6QwdQpNzeAolyDPj>

[D-Day | June 6](#) https://youtu.be/Abk0mhu4a-g?si=7Hgvwp__RQeMle7P

[NATIONAL EYEWEAR DAY | JUNE 6](#)

VA cover eyewear? https://youtu.be/zPcCJfl_38M?si=6M1vFGzdpFQGsabX

Types of Lenses: https://youtu.be/ggsz3B3lo7E?si=n-0uktoswOS_aa-N

[ARMY BIRTHDAY - June 14 https://youtu.be/Bcfk1WHC33o?si=qWOC-zQsQzpGhKIL](https://youtu.be/Bcfk1WHC33o?si=qWOC-zQsQzpGhKIL)

[NATIONAL FLAG DAY - June](https://youtu.be/qy6jTFkEbA8?si=HqWfBszKXmChZ5tB)

[14 https://youtu.be/qy6jTFkEbA8?si=HqWfBszKXmChZ5tB](https://youtu.be/qy6jTFkEbA8?si=HqWfBszKXmChZ5tB)

[NATIONAL AMERICAN EAGLE DAY - June](https://youtu.be/FaS515ZkFQU?si=F3sfQMdJv4R5xgB7)

[20 https://youtu.be/FaS515ZkFQU?si=F3sfQMdJv4R5xgB7](https://youtu.be/FaS515ZkFQU?si=F3sfQMdJv4R5xgB7)

[FATHER'S DAY - Third Sunday in June https://youtu.be/WVGo0m_DOxY?si=e5-vwxa2-iKLhyy6](https://youtu.be/WVGo0m_DOxY?si=e5-vwxa2-iKLhyy6)

[NATIONAL PTSD AWARENESS DAY-June](https://youtu.be/YMC2jt_QVEE?si=LHRNPSv_klmV6mHI)

[27 https://youtu.be/YMC2jt_QVEE?si=LHRNPSv_klmV6mHI](https://youtu.be/YMC2jt_QVEE?si=LHRNPSv_klmV6mHI)

Military History: D-Day

June 5

ft 1794: The first six officers of the new United States Navy receive their commissions: Captain John Barry (the first captain in the Continental Navy and considered the "father of the American Navy), Samuel Nicholson, Silas Talbot, Joshua Barney, Richard Dale, and Thomas Truxtun.

1917: The First Naval Aeronautical Detachment lands at Brest, France, becoming the first American military unit deployed for World War I. The Naval aviators, commanded by Lt. Kenneth Whiting, will conduct anti-submarine patrols throughout the war. The service collier USS *Jupiter* that carried the detachment across the Atlantic will be converted to the United States' first aircraft carrier, USS *Langley* (CV-1) in 1920.

1944: As the sun sets on airfields across England, 13,328 American paratroopers with the 82d and 101st Airborne Divisions (along with nearly 8,000 British and Canadian paratroopers) board the C-47 transports and gliders that will carry them behind Nazi lines on "the Great Crusade." 1,000 British bombers pound German defenses at the beaches of Normandy while thousands of ships carrying some 130,000 Allied soldiers steam towards France After months of planning, Operation Overlord is finally underway. Earlier in the day, Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance led a diversionary bombing mission over Wimereaux, France. Anti-aircraft fire cripples his plane, killing the pilot and wounding Vance and several crew members. Despite only one engine still functioning, he regains control of the aircraft and continues to lead the formation as they successfully bomb the target. With the

assistance of another airman, he applies a tourniquet to his leg and orders the crew to bail out of the fatally wounded bomber. When he learns that one of the airmen is too injured to bail, he ditches the aircraft in the English Channel to help give his comrade a fighting chance of survival. Vance is pinned in the cockpit as the bomber slips under the waves, but is blown clear of the bird by an explosion. Vance is awarded the Medal of Honor after being recovered by search-and-rescue crews. Meanwhile, the B-29 "Superfortress" flies its first combat mission. Bombers flying out of airfields in India attack Japanese rail lines and other targets in Bangkok, Thailand.

1951: Benjamin F. Wilson served as an infantry officer during World War II before resigning his commission. He re-enlists as a private shortly after leaving the service volunteers for combat in Korea. When Master Sgt. Wilson's company is ordered to take the well-fortified Hell Hill, Wilson leads a bayonet charge that nets 27 dead Chinese soldiers. The enemy mounts a counterattack and Wilson makes a one-man charge that drives off the communists. The battlefield is littered with dead and wounded soldiers taken out by Wilson's rifle, bayonet, grenades, and entrenching tool. Just four days after the actions that would earn him the Medal of Honor, Wilson ignores his wounds and conducts another valiant one-man charge when his unit is forced to seek cover during another assault on an enemy-held hill near Nodong-ni, Korea. Wilson is again recommended for the Medal of Honor, but since Army policy forbids awarding the prestigious honor to the same soldier more than once, he is awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

1971: Special Forces Staff Sgt. Jon R. Cavaiani's platoon is attacked by a numerically superior enemy force at a camp in Vietnam. Cavaiani, acting as the platoon leader, delivers heavy fire on the enemy using a variety of weapons and when the decision is made to evacuate the camp, he organizes the withdrawal by helicopter. The next morning, the enemy attacks again before helicopters can lift out the remaining defenders. Cavaiani mans a machine gun and orders his fellow soldiers to escape. After inflicting severe losses on the enemy soldiers, he is captured and spends the next two years in captivity. Upon his return to the States, the Irish-born Cavaiani is awarded the Medal of Honor.

June 6

1918: Two battalions of Marines, led by Brig. Gen. James Harbord, advance against four German divisions in Belleau Wood, the site of an old French hunting preserve near Chateau-Thierry. The Marines face withering fire, with over 1,000 casualties in the first day of battle alone. In three weeks, the Marines drive out the Germans, but at a high cost; Enemy machine guns, artillery, and gas attacks inflict 10,000 American casualties. But the tenacity of the "Devil Dogs" at Belleau Wood becomes legend.

During the battle, Lt. (j.g.) Weedon E. Osborne - a medical officer attached to the 6th Marines - is killed by an enemy shell while carrying the wounded to safety. He is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Meanwhile, a wounded Gunnery Sgt. Ernest A. Janson (serving under the name of Charles Hoffman) and his fellow Marines are consolidating the ground they recently gained at Hill 142. The Germans attempt a counterattack, and when Janson spots 12 enemy soldiers making their way towards the Americans, he rushes forward, killing the leaders with his bayonet and scattering the remaining men. The Army and Navy both award Janson with the Medal of Honor.

1942: Commander-in-chief of the Combined Fleet Admiral Yamamoto Isoroku orders his fleet to withdraw from the Battle of Midway. Although the Americans have lost the carrier *Yorktown* and a destroyer, Japanese losses are staggering: all four of the fleet's aircraft carriers (whose aircraft attacked Pearl Harbor six months ago) and a heavy cruiser are sent to the bottom. After a long string of defeats, the United States Navy has dealt Japan "the most stunning and decisive blow in the history of naval warfare."

1944: Just after 2 a.m., some 13,000 American and British paratroopers and glider troops begin landing behind enemy lines in France. 2,000 Allied aircraft bombard German positions in preparation of the invasion. And five hours later, nearly 150,000 American, British, and Canadian troops hit the beaches at Normandy. 1,200 warships and over 4,000 landing ships from eight different navies support the invasion. "Utah" Beach (VII Corps) and "Omaha" Beach (V Corps) are on the right flank. To the left are Gold, Juno, and Sword Beaches, which fall under British command. Losses are heavy for both sides and 4,414 American and Allied soldiers die on "D-Day" - the first day of the largest amphibious operation in history. On Utah Beach, Pvt. Carlton W. Barrett, 1st Lt. Jimmie W. Montieth Jr., and Technician 5th Grade John J. Pinder Jr. are each awarded the Medal of Honor for

valor. On Omaha Beach, World War I veteran and son of former president Theodore Roosevelt, Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. also earns the Medal of Honor.

1957: Two Navy F-8U "Crusaders" and two A-3D "Skywarriors" launch from the deck of USS *Bon Homme Richard* (CVA 31) off the coast of California and fly to USS *Saratoga* (CVA 60), operating off Florida in the first transcontinental, carrier-to-carrier flight. The Crusaders land after three hours and 28 minutes, while the Skywarriors make the trip in four hours and one minute.

1964: Navy Lt. Charles F. Klusmann's RF-8A Crusader was hit for the second time in two days by communist anti-aircraft fire while flying an armed reconnaissance mission in Laos' Plain of Jars. Klusman was hit the day before and as his damaged plane burned for 20 minutes during the return trip to the deck of USS *Kitty Hawk*. On this day, however, he is forced to eject and is captured by enemy forces. Rescue Combat Air Patrol aircraft launch as soon as the first fixed-wing aircraft lost in Southeast Asia goes down and nearby "Air America" helicopters stand by for the order to launch, but all assets are ordered to stand down. Klusman has been abandoned by his government. As word of the betrayal passes up the military's chain of command, Adm. Harry D. Felt phones Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, who confirms that Klusman is on his own. Felt demands to be put through to the President Lyndon Johnson, and finally gets authorization for the rescue mission. By then, it is too late; two helicopters are turned around by heavy enemy fire, critically wounding the would-be rescuers. Klusman incredibly manages to escape in August - one of only a handful of downed airmen to slip out of captivity during what will become the Vietnam War.

June 7, 1830: Following nearly four years at sea, the sloop of war USS *Vincennes* arrives at New York, becoming the first United States warship to circumnavigate the globe.

1942: Japan lands an invasion force and occupies the Alaskan islands of Attu and Kiska. 25 American soldiers are killed on Attu and the inhabitants of both islands are relocated and placed in internment. The attack was originally intended to be a diversion for the U.S. Navy during the Battle of Midway, which by this time has been cancelled. Less than a year later, U.S. and Canadian troops will wipe out the Japanese occupying force nearly to a man.

1944: (D-Day Plus 1) Allied warplanes pound enemy armor and vehicles moving towards the beaches of Normandy. The 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions make slow progress expanding the beachhead at Omaha Beach, where casualties are heavier than all other sectors combined. On Utah Beach, the 4th Infantry Division begins linking up with the heavily scattered paratroopers (only ten percent landed in their drop zones) of the 82d and 101st Airborne Divisions. Three companies of 2d Battalion Rangers, which famously scaled the 100-ft. cliffs at Pointe du Hoc under fire the day before, have taken 50 percent casualties, with their commander Lt. Col. James Rudder having been shot twice. The isolated Rangers will endure numerous counterattacks by Germany's 914th Grenadier Regiment throughout the day and won't be relieved until D-Day Plus 2. Meanwhile, construction begins on harbors that will deliver soldiers, vehicles, and materiel to the new Western Front.

American Legion Post 642 May 6, 2024 meeting minutes

Attendance:

Wally, Michael O'Meara, David, Bill R, Gordon, Manny, Kenneth, Jim.

Opening the meeting: Gordon

Prayer by Bill

Pledge of Allegiance

POW empty Chair Ceremony

Preamble to the Legion Constitution

Adjutant Roll Call:

Commander- Absent, 1st Vice- Absent, 2nd Vice- Absent, 3rd Vice- Absent, Finance- Mike, Chaplain-Bill, Service Officer- Absent, Judge Advocate- Absent, Adjutant- David, Sergeant at Arms- Bill, Historian- Dennis.

Guests:

None

Reading of the Minutes:

Motion: Accepting minutes as written.

Moved: Dennis, Seconded: Mike

Discussion: None.

Approval: Unanimous

Officer Reports Updates:

Finance Officer's Report: Mike

Summary: Made a donation to Yountville Golf Tournament, Fischer House, Defenders Lodge, and more will be donated.

Motion: To approve the finance report subject to audit.

Moved: Wally, Seconded: Dennis

Discussion: None

Unanimous Approval

First Vice Commander:

Summary: NA
Discussion: NA

Second Vice Commander's Report:

Summary: NA
Discussion: NA

Adjutant's Report: David

Summary: None.

Chaplain Report: Bob

Summary: Bob Devlin lost insurance. But is dealing with heart issues. Arturo has had surgery. Dennis is back. No other reports.

Post Service Officer: Absent

Summary: None.

Commander: Vince

Summary: None.

Committee Reports:

Boys and Girls State: Gordon

Summary: One girl was sent to Sacramento. Recommended from District 13.
Interviewed over the phone.

Discussion: None.

Wreaths Across America: Dennis

Summary: Will be last year for Dennis as the leader. Would like to outreach to churches. Would like to do more funding this year. Last year, we were behind in our goals. December 14, 2024 this year. Speakers are getting set now. Sandy may be stepping away. Arturo may be the MC. Diane Brady Navy Chaplain and Mark Brady will do the convocation. Last year, they gave us \$5000.

Sick Call Relief: None.

Unfinished business:

VA BBQ: Mike

Discussion: Needs some volunteers. June 8, 2024 Saturday.

Summer Picnic: Mike

Discussion: July 13, 2024 Saturday. Head counts needed for who's coming. We should have a paper with orders taken.

Initiation of new members:

New Business:

Movie on Vietnamese Boat People: Bill

Discussion: How they escaped.

District Meeting Updates: Notes From District Meeting

12 July Yountville Veteran Home Golf Tournament . We set aside something in our budget for this event. The link for the form that needs to be filled out to sponsor hole is [here](#).

Boys State bus fee is \$134 per delegate. Bus fees due 15 May, send check to Ralph Jacoba, made out to AL District 13, Bus Fee nin memo section

Remainder of annual reports are due NLT 1 June, please submit by 15 May

District 13 Caucus 2 June Post 318 1300 hrs.

Memorial to Departed Post member: None

Good of the legion: Kenneth

Chaplain: Bill

POW/MIA chair ceremony

Benediction and Closing

American Legion Post 642 April 1, 2024 meeting minutes

Post 642 Meeting Minutes for 1 April 2024

Meeting started at 1900 hrs.

Roll call was as follows:

Present

Commander-Vince Guinnane, 1st Vice Commander-Arturo Thiele-Sardina, 2nd Vice Commander-Gordon Hall, Finance Officer-Mike O'Meara, Sargeant at Arms-Bill Reichard, Judge Advocate-Robert Devlin

Not Present

Adjutant-David Han, Service Officer-Cathy Schiavone, Historian-Dennis Whittaker

Additional members attending were: Manny Nieto, Wally Johnson, Ken Klinkowski, Jim Barnhart,

Minutes of March 2024 Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved, First Motion Wally Johnson, Second Motion Gordon Hall

Finance Report

Report was provided by Mike O'Meara, approved subject to audit unanimously, First Motion Bill Reichard, Second Motion Arturo Thiele-Sardina

Officer Reports

Post Scholarship application ready to be published

Vote to increase scholarships from \$1500 to \$2000 moved and approved, first motion Bob Devlin, Second Motion Ken Klinkowski. Currently will max out at 4 scholarships if more applicants qualify Arturo will let Post know in June for additional funds to support the winners

Honor Flight information will be added to Post website by Arturo

Bill Reichard attended the National Vietnam Veterans Day event at Oak Hill Cemetery, was well attended and he and other Vietnam Veterans received a banner with the American Flag and South Vietnamese flag

125th Anniversary of Odd Fellows Celebration will take place at the Odd Fellows Bldg on 21 April, Arturo to post this event on the Post Web Site

New Business

Per Bill the May 6 meeting will start at 1900 hrs as usual but the social will start at 1830 hrs as the meeting room will not be available at the usual time for us to set up.

Motion passed 8 yeahs, 1 Nay and 2 Abstains to raise 2024-25 Post Legion Dues to \$45 due to increase by national of \$5 beginning on 1 July 2024. First Motion Arturo Thiele-Sardina, Second Motion Gordon Hall

Nominations for Post Officers 2024-25

Commander: Arturo Thiele-Sardina

1st Vice Commander: Vince Guinnane

2nd Vice commander: Gordon Hall

3rd Vice Commander: Jim Barnhart

Adjutant: David Han

Finance Officer: Michael O'Meara

Sargeant of Arms: Ken Klinkowski

Judge Advocate General: Robert Devlin

Service Officer: Cathy Schiavone

Delegates for State Convention:

1. Arturo Thiele-Sardina
2. Vince Guinnane
3. David Han

Elections will be held at our 6 May 2024 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2018 hrs.