

Gilroy Veterans Memorial Hall

South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District

March 2020

Message from the Executive Director

Veteran Service Reps Come to Gilroy Vets Hall

Santa Clara County Veteran Services Reps Coming

Thanks to help from Danny Molina (VA Medical Outreach Health Technician, and member of VFW 6309 and Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association Chapter 33-4) county Veteran Service Reps will now be at the Gilroy Vets Hall twice a month.

So instead of going to the office on Winchester Blvd in San Jose, you can meet a Rep here to ask questions about benefits, get your DMV stamp, order a DD214 and more. No appointment necessary.

Reps Michael Garcia and Natalie Lara will be here on March 11 & 25 from 8:30am — 3:30pm. Michael and Natalie are vets themselves and both live in Hollister, so they really care about our local vets. Bring you DD214, if you already have one, and stop in.

Vets Resource Fair

The Vets Hall hosts Vets Resource Fairs every other month. Plan to visit our next **Veterans Resource Fair on Tuesday, April 7 from 10am—1pm**. Find out about your VA benefits, talked with a VA doc, or talked with other vendors available.

Bring your DD214 and enter the raffle for great prizes.

Gilroy Vets Bar

Have you stopped into the Gilroy Vets Bar lately? If not, please come in for a cold beer, mixed drink, glass of wine or just a soda and lively conversation.

The new hours are 1pm –7pm seven days a week. New bar man-

ager Steffany Miceli and her bartenders, Matt Magana and Rich Howell, do a great job of providing a place for vets to socialize, relax and hang out.

There are lots of new features — a new dart board, TV, popcorn machine and a jukebox with karaoke capabilities. Plus new drink specials and “Member of the Month” drawings.

Don't be a stranger. Come on in. There is something for everyone. All veterans are welcome!

Memorial Day Festivities

Memorial Day is a time to honor our heroes and the Gilroy Community Organization is planning a big celebration so mark your calendars for Monday, May 25.

VFW member and Korean War veteran Robert de Aragon will serve as Grand Marshall of this year's parade.

- Remembrance Ceremony — 9am @ Gavilan Hills Cemetery. Hosted by the VFW Post 6309.
- Parade — 11am starting at Monterey & 10th St.
- Family Fun Day — Noon to 4pm at Christmas Hill Park. Includes a Car Show, youth activities, food and more.
- Frank Sanchez Essay Contest - “What Memorial Day Means to Me” is open to middle school students.

More details to come. Visit www.GilroyCommunity.org for more information, parade entry forms, essay contest entry forms, etc.

Blood Drive

The **Gilroy Sunrise Rotary** is hosting another Blood Drive here on **June 13**. Help them reach their goal of 30 units of blood.!

If you're interested in donating blood please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and type in Gilroy's zip code, 95020, to sign up for available times.

This Hall Is for You

Yes, the Gilroy Vets Hall is for you. Rent the hall for private events, but remember the veterans discount on the rental rate is only for events where you and/or your spouse are the guest of honor. It's like VA benefits, the discount doesn't extend to your children, siblings, friends, neighbors, etc. So you get a discount for your 50th birthday party, but not your niece's baby shower.

For more information on renting the hall, prices, and date availability contact Christine West at 408-842-3838 or christine@sscvMemorialDistrict.org.



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Building Improvement Campaign

The Building Improvement Campaign to raise money for the necessary renovations to this historic building is going strong.

To date we've raised \$100,583, including a recent donation from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for \$50,000. Many of you have also generously donated and we thank you. Every donation gets us a step closer to our goal of \$250,000.

The fundraising is ongoing. If you want to help either make an individual donation and/or support events held at the Hall.

To Donate mail checks made out to South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District (SSCVMD), 74 W. 6th Street, Suite A, Gilroy, CA 95020.

Charitable contributions to SSCVMD are tax-deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID #26-2910989

Improvement Update

In addition to the new security system (cameras and alarms) and new front doors installed late last year, there have been a few recent improvements. One of front windows has been replaced and the bar window has been tinted to cut the harsh afternoon glare.

We are currently working with the architect and electrical engineer on plans for the bathroom remodel. We hope to do the remodel with as little disruption as possible. So the plan is to upgrade and move the electrical boxes, then move the water heater and finally begin on the actual bathroom remodel. Please be patient with us.

While it looks like there is nothing going on, there is a lot of behind the scene work. Plus, with the current construction boom, it's very difficult to get qualified contractors to bid on projects.



Thank you!

Building Improvement Campaign Contributors

County of Santa Clara	\$50,000
VFW Post 6309	\$10,000
Habing Funeral Home	\$5,000
VFW Flag Pole Fund	\$5,000
CalColor Growers	\$3,753
Chet Kirby	\$1,000
Gabe Perez	\$1,300
Sandy Moretti (Sandy's Café)	\$1,200
Maple Leaf RV Park	\$1,000
SDRMA	\$1,000
In Honor of Jack Sturla	\$1,000
Tom Yamano	\$1,000
Morgan Hill Freedom Fest	\$994
Joe Loquiao	\$525
H&R Block	\$520
American Legion 217 Aux.	\$500
Marie Blankley	\$500
Laurence Connell	\$500
Happy Days Reunion of the 60s	\$500
Heinzen Manufacturing Int'l	\$500
William Lane	\$500
Joan Marfia Lewis	\$500
Danny Mitchell	\$500
Pinnacle Bank	\$500
James A Ward Law Offices	\$500

In Honor of Bud Collom	\$475
VFW Post 6309 Auxiliary	\$363
Jim Kroske	\$300
Gary Rocchi	\$250
In honor of Frank "Poncho" Sanchez	\$250
Richard Gomer	\$250
Joe Gonzales	\$250
John Perez, DDS	\$250
Steve McWilliams	\$210
Frank Biafore	\$200
William Gilmore	\$200
Mercy Goold	\$200
Allan Hale	\$200
Jose Perez	\$200
Alfred "Ted" Viola	\$200
Carol Yamane	\$200
William Allan Jr.	\$100
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Ermelindo Puente	\$100
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Mary Basile	\$50
Richard Stewart	\$50
Robert Goldman	\$36
Joan Hill	\$25
Ruby Diaz	\$20
Wayne Wiinningham	\$20
Samuel Miceli	\$15
Camille McCormack	\$5