

Gilroy Veterans Memorial Hall

South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District

April 2018



Message from the Executive Director

Keep Making Memories Here

Memories are made here. Personal stories from military service have been shared in the bar. Lively debates have taken place during Post meetings.

Young, newly married couples have had their first dance here. Families have celebrated birthdays, baptisms and baby showers here.

This Hall has hosted send-offs for young men and women serving our country. It has also been the site for final goodbyes for both veterans and civilians.

The Gilroy Veterans Memorial Hall has been the back drop for more memories than just about any other building in Gilroy. It has served local veterans and the community since 1951.

While the 6,350-square-foot Hall was well built and has been well

cared for over the years, renovations and improvements are needed to continue serving the community into the future. As a result, the South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District is launching a capital improvement campaign to raise the funds necessary to make the building improvements.

Currently, the Hall features a 3,333-square-foot meeting hall, full-service bar and a kitchen with outdoor barbeque pits. Solar was installed more than 10 years ago, before green energy was the rage.

The Hall is home to the American Legion Post 217, the John A. Berri Veterans of Foreign War Post 6309 and posts' respective Auxiliaries. The District also hosts resource fairs and other events specifically for veterans. Local non-profit organizations and the general public rent the hall for meetings, memo-

rials, parties and other events. As a result, the Hall is well used and loved.

The District's board of directors is committed to providing a quality, first-class facility for local veterans and the community, but capital improvements are needed to keep the Hall a social center of the community for years to come.

The most immediate needs – bathroom and kitchen upgrades, door, window, security system and electric system upgrades and porch replacement – are basically original to the building and desperately need to address handicapped accessibility requirements and to ensure the safety and comfort of Hall users.

The smaller projects— upgraded doors and windows for example— can begin as soon as funding is available. The larger projects— bathroom and kitchen remodel— are planned for the summer of 2019.



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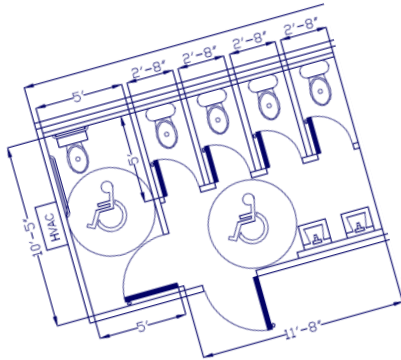
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Veterans Receive Discount for Hall Rentals

Did you know your DD214 gets you a discount to rent the Vets Hall? Show your discharge papers and get more than a 50% discount when you rent the hall for your event. To receive the discount the event must be for the veteran or their spouse. A large event—birthday party, anniversary party, wedding reception—costs a veteran \$500 plus a \$250 deposit. A smaller event—baby shower, baptismal, etc.—costs \$250 plus a \$175 deposit. Memorial services for a veteran are \$175. Events also require one-day

renters insurance. To get more details on rentals contact Christine West at 408-842-3838 or visit the web site www.sscvmemorialdistrict.org/veteran-s-hall for a virtual tour and more information.

Don't have your DD214? See Christine West, she can help you order it.



*Not actual drawings for the Vets Hall.



Vets Hall Projects at a Glance

Scope Highlights	Budget
Bathrooms Upgrades	\$65,000
Doors & Front Window	\$20,000
Security System (Cameras &	\$10,000
Electrical System Upgrade	\$10,000
Front Porch Replacement	\$5,000
Kitchen Upgrades	\$120,000
Contingency	\$20,000
Total	\$250,000

As a special district, the SSCVMD is funded through tax dollars and facility rentals. However, the District only receives about \$133,000 annually from property taxes and makes about \$45,000 in rentals. After annual operating expenses there simply isn't any left to make nec-

essary improvements.

While there is still some opportunities to increase daily rentals, it is limited with the facility in its current state. Additional funding is simply needed to make all the improvements. Every donation will help us reach our goal.

To Donate Mail checks made out to South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District (SSCVMD), 74 W. 6th Street, Suite A, Gilroy, CA 95020. Or visit www.sscvmemorialdistrict.org/capital-improvement-campaign to use a credit card.

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

For More Information about the Vets Hall Capital Improvement Campaign contact Christine West, Executive Director at 408-842-3838 or christine@sscvmemorialdistrict.org

Yes, I would like to help the Vets Hall continue 'Serving Those Who Served' with a donation

___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000 ___ \$5,000 ___ Other \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____