

# Gilroy Veterans Memorial Hall

South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District

April 2019

## Message from the Executive Director

## Gilroy Vets Hall Is Making Progress

If you haven't visited the Gilroy Veterans Hall, stop in. There's a lot going on. We're making small improvements in an effort to better serve veterans.

### Building Improvement Campaign

We're in the thick of our Building Improvement Campaign to raise money for the necessary renovations to this historic building.

To date we've raised \$28,968. Many of you have 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

### Improvements So Far

If you haven't noticed, we've already started making improvements on the Vets Hall. New front doors make the building more secure, as do the new alarm and camera systems. The next projects will be replacing/fixing the front windows and architectural drawings for the bathrooms.

### Plant Sale

On **Saturday, May 11** there will be a **Plant Sale** here. CalColor of Morgan Hill is donating all the

flowers, vegetables and herbs for the sale. The proceeds will go toward the Building Improvement Campaign. Gabe Perez and his crew will also be making breakfast burritos for sale. Come have breakfast and buy some plants for your yard!

### Garlic City Car Show

On **Saturday, Aug 17**, the Veterans Hall will be part of the **Garlic City Car Show**. If you're planning to enter the show, be sure to request a spot by the Veterans Hall to be near your comrades. The Hall will also be open to the public for a Veterans Art Show on that day. Do you have a talent for painting, photography, woodworking, pottery or some other art? Contact Christine West to reserve a spot in our Vets Art Show.

### PTSD and Music

Recently, the Vets Hall hosted a PTSD Workshop conducted by a local high school student, Gerardo Reyes Machuca. It was clear that music can help vets cope with PTSD. So we'd like to give local vets the opportunity to showcase their musical talents and perform for other vets. No date has been set yet for a Vet Concert, but if you'd be interested in performing contact Christine West so we can see if there is interest.

### Vets Resource Fair

The Vets Hall hosts Vets Resource Fairs every other month. Plan to visit our next **Veterans Resource Fair on Tuesday, June 4 from 10am—1pm**. Find out about your VA benefits, talked with a VA

doc, or talked with other vendors available.

### Coffee and Tea

Come & enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, compliments of the Daughters of the American Revolution Gabilan Chapter-Gilroy. They want to thank you for your service, so they purchased a cart and coffee pots. They've also stocked it with all the supplies needed. Thanks to the DAR, coffee is free to vets in the mornings when the office is open.

### Bread, Cookies & More

Ever wonder where the cart loaded with bread, pastries & other goodies comes from and is made available free to Vets? Vince Saso, President of the Senior Center Advisory Board, works with companies like Costco and Nob Hill for donations. He picks up and delivers to the Vets Hall and the Senior Center. So please thank him the next time you see him around town.



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# Plant Sale

*To benefit the Gilroy Veterans Hall  
Building Improvement Campaign*

**Saturday, May 11  
from 8am — 1pm**

**Flowers • Vegetables • Herbs  
Color Bowls • Hanging Baskets**  
*Breakfast Burritos for Sale*

*Plants Generously Donated by*



*Thank you!*

## **Building Improvement Campaign Contributors**

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| VFW Post 6309               | \$10,000 |
| Habing Funeral Home         | \$5,000  |
| Maple Leaf RV Park          | \$1,000  |
| Tom Yamano                  | \$1,000  |
| American Legion 217 Aux.    | \$500    |
| Marie Blankley              | \$500    |
| Heinzen Manufacturing Int'l | \$500    |
| Chet Kirby                  | \$500    |
| Joe Loquiao                 | \$500    |
| Pinnacle Bank               | \$500    |
| James A Ward Law Offices    | \$500    |
| Gabe Perez                  | \$300    |
| Richard Gomer               | \$250    |

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| Joe Gonzales                 | \$250 |
| John Perez, DDS              | \$250 |
| Sandy Moretti (Sandy's Café) | \$200 |
| Carol Yamane                 | \$200 |
| William Allan Jr.            | \$100 |
| Margie Ayala                 | \$100 |
| Barbara Bottini              | \$100 |
| John Ceballos                | \$100 |
| Thomas & Marla Chavez        | \$100 |
| Phil Garcia                  | \$100 |
| William Gilmore              | \$100 |
| William Maquinalez           | \$100 |
| Steve McWilliams             | \$100 |

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| AB Simmons              | \$100 |
| Craig & Lorayne Simmons | \$100 |
| Sons of Retirement #119 | \$100 |
| South Bay Metals        | \$100 |
| Fernie Valdez           | \$100 |
| Harold Van Winkle       | \$100 |
| Alfred "Ted" Viola      | \$100 |
| David & Laurie Washer   | \$100 |
| Richard Young           | \$100 |
| Mary Basile             | \$50  |
| Robert Goldman          | \$36  |
| Joan Hill               | \$25  |
| Ruby Diaz               | \$20  |