

Gilroy Veterans Memorial Hall

South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District

November 2021

Message from the Executive Director

Remodeling, Fundraising and Volunteering

Due to the pandemic, we've missed seeing many of you. We hope you and your families are healthy and happy. Despite the COVID restrictions, we've been busy here at the Vets Hall.

Remodeled Restrooms

The biggest change has been remodeled restrooms. Many of you will remember the narrow doors, broken sinks, clogged toilets, and very dated décor. Now they are bright, patriotic, and most importantly handicap accessible. There were also some additional improvements behind the scenes, such as electrical. It wasn't easy and it wasn't cheap. The total cost was \$225,127. But it is well worth it.

A huge thanks to many of you for donating to the Building Improvement Fund. We raised \$106,933. The balance was paid for with reserves.

We'd also like to give a special thanks to several who went above and beyond in bringing this project to fruition. First and foremost, architect Lon Davis, who donated all of his time, over several years, on this project. Thank you for putting up with all the little nuances of this project. Next, David Smith of Central Pacific Engineering donated much of his firm's time to untangle our electrical mess.

Also, thank you to Connor Farotte of Premier Builders, and all his subs for their patience, dedication and patriotism. They too took on each challenge with grace and persistence.

Finally, Toni Bowles, who owns The Neon Exchange. She and MaryAnn

Hernandez donated their time and talents to put the finishing touches on the project. They gave the décor the patriotic flare it needed.

Building Improvement Campaign

The Board of Directors for the South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District, which owns and operates the Vets Hall, is committed to keeping the Hall a social center of the community for years to come. So the Building Improvement Fund must continue.

Now that the restroom remodel is complete, we are moving on to new projects. While there are always small projects to tackle, a full kitchen remodel is needed to comply with current health and safety standards. This is our next major project. However, all of the donations and most of our reserves were used on the restrooms. So we need to raise the funds to complete the kitchen, which will cost probably around the same amount as the restroom remodel.

Please consider donating to the Building Improvement Fund for the upcoming Giving Tuesday or your year-end charitable contribution.

LOWE'S

Heroes. Hands On. Hearts In.

Respect and appreciation for veterans goes beyond the in-store discounts and preferred parking for Lowe's employees.

A team of about a half dozen Lowe's employees recently took the time to spend a day working at the Vets Hall.

Lead by Supervisor David Burleson, the volunteers built a new storage shed and installed new butcher block counter tops in the kitchen. They also donated a 19-gallon water heater, 5 eight-foot tables, 25 chairs, 4-tier steel utility shelving unit and 6 stainless steel trash cans. In total, Lowe's donated \$4,000 in materials and 40 volunteer hours.

SSCVMD Director Gabe Perez made a tri-tip lunch, featuring his famous garlic bread, for all the volunteers to show appreciation for their hard work.

Vets Bar

The Vets Bar re-opened in the summer and is now open daily. Be sure to check signs or the web site for hours. We've got an awesome crew behind the bar. Will McIntosh is the new manager and Lisa Allman and Katie Alatorre join him as bar tenders. Come have a drink, soda, coffee and meet the team!



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Thank you for your generous support. Because of the donations totaling \$106,933, the Gilroy Veterans Hall has new handicap-accessible restrooms!

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Building Improvement Campaign with a donation

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