



The Ranger Way

April 2026



Commanders Corner

[Commander's Corner](#)

First Vice Commanders Notes

None

2026 Membership Report (As of 27 March 2026)

2026 Membership Goal: 65
Paid Up for Life (PUFL): 13
Online Annual Renewals: 15
Multi-Annual Renewals: 4
Mail Renewals: 15
Post 1000 Transfers: 0

Total Members: 47/72.3%
Newly renewed Members: 0
New Members: 0
Renewals Pending Submittal: 0
Members not yet renewed: 18
District Rank: 11th out of 11

Renewed Members Since Last Report: 1

Stephen Armada-US Army (Panama Veteran) 24 years

[Membership Report URL](#)

Adjutant Update

Fellow Legionnaires,

Spring greetings from warm and sunny Lake Tahoe! I am up here with my son Javier trying to get in the last few days of snowboarding before the snow is gone. There is not a big crowd, however, by 1300 hrs. the snow has turned into slush in some areas. Either way it is great to be able to enjoy the beauty that California has to offer us!

Nominations for the officers for the upcoming Legion Year at our Post will be open at our April Meeting.

As a reminder here are the current elected positions that we will be accepting nominations for:

Position	Current Officer
Commander	Vince Guinnane
1 st Vice Commander	Cassius Willamson
2 nd Vice Commander	Vacant
3 rd Vice Commander	James Barnhart
Adjutant	Arturo Thiele-Sardina
Finance Officer	Arturo Thiele-Sardina (Acting/Temporary)
Seargent of Arms	Ken Klinkowski
Judge Advocate	Bob Devlin
Historian	Dennis Whittaker
Chaplain	Bill Reichard

Please consider running or filling one of these positions as part of your membership in the American Legion. The elected Post Officers represent you and as an officer you have the change to make changes and drive new programs, meeting agendas. As our Post gets smaller in size and older, several officers are no longer able to perform their duties and positions are either vacant or temporarily filled. Please consider serving this upcoming year!

Please see later in the newsletter our Post Boys/Girls State update, I believe that Post members will be proud of the High School Juniors selected and sponsored by our Post for the Summer Program beginning in late June 2026.

“Duty First”

Arturo

Upcoming events for April-June 2026

- 6 Apr** **1900 hrs.** **Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows. Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA**
- 8 Apr** **1200 hrs.** **De Anza College Student Veterans Lunch, De Anza College Sem 3 Building**
- 4 May** **1900 hrs.** **Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows. Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA**
- 25 May** **1030 hrs.** **Memorial Day Veterans Tribute and Memorial Mass, Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos, CA**
- 1 June** **1900 hrs.** **Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows. Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA**

For more events and detailed event information please visit our [website events page.](#)

Historian Report

[Historian's Report](#)

<https://americanlegionpost642.com/index.php?id=102>

Service Officer Report

[Service Officer Report](#)

<https://americanlegionpost642.com/index.php?id=119>

Boys/Girls State

Our Post continues its tradition of selecting and financially sponsoring High School Juniors to attend the California Boy/Girls State Program which is held each summer in Sacramento. This year's program will be held from 20-27 June 2026. Funding for this program is supported directly from the proceeds of the sales of the wreaths that are purchased for the Wreaths Across America event that our Post sponsors with the Gate of Heaven Cemetery each year. The Post Boys/State Committee (George Midwin and Arturo Thiele-Sardina) were responsible for reviewing the candidates who applied for

the program. Candidates submitted their school/activity resume and a Letter of Recommendation from their high school counselor. After reviewing the submitted documents, the Committee interviewed the students, where they were asked various questions pertaining to government and civics, some of the programs they participated in and other questions. This year 9 students applied for the program for 5 high schools, (5 from Lynbrook, 2 from Homestead, 1 from Monta Vista and 1 from Harker). The primary (delegates) selected and the 2 alternates are as follows:

Delegates (Selected to Attend)

Siddhartha Daswani (Harker High School)
Anushka Deshmukh (Lynbrook High School)
Sion Lee (Homestead High School)

Alternates

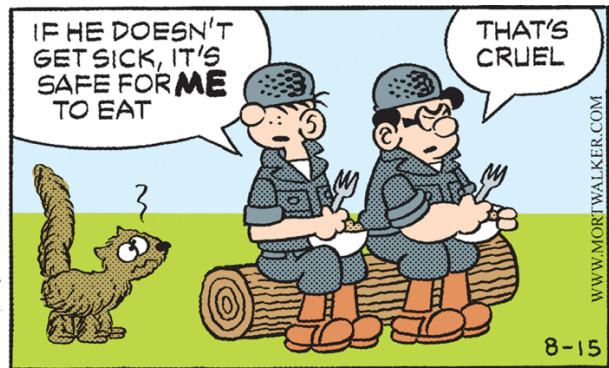
1. Harly Liu (Monta Vista High School)
2. Shripriya Kalbhavi (Lynbrook High School)

We have asked those who attend, submit a quick story, or write up with a few photos of their experience at Boys/Girls State for our Post website and they will be invited to attend our Christmas/Holiday dinner to receive their medal and say a few words to our Post about their experience. Our Post would like to thank George and Arturo for volunteering their time to interview the prospective students.

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Arturo

Military Humor





IN-COUNTRY





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When you switch from the MK19 to the M2 and forget to depress the turret before firing and you send an 8 round burst over the range into base housing

