



# The Ranger Way

## July 2025



Welcome to the new year of the Ranger Way. I would like to thank our previous Adjutant David Han for the time he spent editing, putting together, and publishing the monthly Ranger Way Post Newsletter these past 4 years. Our Post is one of three in our District that still publishes a newsletter, and it was thanks to David who put in a lot of time, effort and commitment publishing the newsletter. As a reminder, this is your newsletter, and I encourage all of you to actively contribute to the newsletter. If there are any articles or information that you would like to have published, please contact me directly or send me the information that you would like to have published. We are making a few changes from last year, one is to reduce the size of our newsletter, however we are adding content to our [Post 642 Website](#). Please check out our Post website often for the latest events, information, and articles of interest for Veterans.

### Commanders Corner

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

All are invited to our Post meeting which is on July 7th. We inducted our slate of officers and delegates in June. We were apparently able to get our Post reports in, but I think that we are still working on some paperwork and accreditation with District and Area at this time. I got a CALegion email that I thought was about our Post Bylaws being non-compliant, but it was about two other Posts in District 13. Of course, July brings our Country's Independence Day on the 4th and there will be some parades. I may be in the one in Piedmont with the Silicon Valley Pipe Band. I am hoping to get to the Alviso BBQ at the South Bay Yacht Club which is also free to Veterans. We do have our Post 642 Annual Picnic at the Stevens Creek County Park (Sycamore Picnic Area) on 26 July at 1100 hrs.

If you receive an unknown email that looks like one of the Legion officers or other, but you check the email and it is something like [Vince Guinnane](#) [<departmentalcommander001@gmail.com>](mailto:departmentalcommander001@gmail.com) Don't respond to it, but report it here: <https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8253?hl=en> If it is malicious, it can be reported

to: US-CERT. [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov). Other Internet and email services have reporting methods as well.

Remember that we generally meet at [the Odd Fellows Lodge #70 on Homestead Road](#) on the first Monday of the Month at 1800 for socializing and a light meal and refreshments then check out the meeting at 1900.

We really want to get more people attending the Post meetings and events and be more social, so let us know your ideas by coming to our meetings. Do give us a heads-up, so that we can requisition extra rations versus our regular contingent. The next person on the meals roster will have to get the cooler with drinks, etc. If additional drinks are required, it will be reimbursed above the normal meal amount.

Please remember that if you have Post or Veterans events that you would like on the calendar to get them to Arturo or the District. Please include pertinent information like event information, contacts, address, where to meet, etc.

<https://www.americanlegionpost642.com/site/eventscalendar.php?y=2023&m=3>

If you know of deceased members during the past few months either bring their name and share with our District Chaplain, Sunny Dosanjh or send to him at [dos@dosanjhusa.com](mailto:dos@dosanjhusa.com).

I would like to include a YouTube that is military or VA related topic for the National Day and Month for "The Good of the Post."

To Comradeship!

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**Major Jock Sinclair in "Tunes of Glory":**

"Whisky for the gentlemen that like it. And for the gentlemen that don't like it - Whisky."

## First Vice Commanders Notes

### 2025 Membership Report (As of 26 June)

2025 Membership Goal: 68  
Paid Up for Life (PUFL): 16 (-2)  
Online Renewals: 21  
Mail Renewals: 24  
Post 1000 Transfers: 2  
Newly renewed Members: 0

Total Members: 64  
New Members: 1  
Renewals Pending Submittal:  
Members not yet renewed: 4  
District Rank: Tied for 3rd/12

#### Membership Reports

<https://americanlegionpost642.com/index.php?id=94>

## Adjutant Update

As your new adjutant I am here to assist all members with any Legion related issues that you may have or arise. One of the first things I am working on is updating our membership roster with the correct information. As many of you are aware [mylegion.org](https://mylegion.org) which is managed by the American Legion National HQ is where your membership information is stored. As a member you can log into and create your account and make the necessary updates and changes to the information that was gathered when you joined the Legion. Additionally, you can subscribe to various Legion related newsletters that may interest you. I will be reaching out to all of you to ensure the information is correct and up to date.

Additionally, we will begin to have a monthly spotlight on one of our members in our newsletter and website. This will enable members to learn more about fellow members, their military service, Legion experience etc. More to follow on this new initiative.

"Duty First"

Arturo

### Upcoming events for July 2025-September 2025

<b>1 July</b>	<b>1900 hrs.</b>	<b>Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows. Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA</b>
4 July	1200 hrs.	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Red with & Slough: South Bay Yacht Club, 1491 Hope St., San Jose
11 July	1700 hrs.	District 13 Joint Installation, Post 564 Walsh Ave. Santa Clara
<b>26 July</b>	<b>1100 hrs.</b>	<b>Post 642 Annual Picnic, Stevens Creek County Park: Sycamore Picnic Area</b>
29 July	1900 Hrs.	District 13 Meeting, Post 318 1504 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125
<b>4 Aug</b>	<b>1900 hrs.</b>	<b>Post 642 Monthly Meeting (Dinner served at 1800 Hrs. Oddfellows Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA</b>
<b>9 Aug</b>	<b>1000 hrs.</b>	<b>VA BBQ-Palo Alto VA, Bldg. 520, Miranda Ave. Palo Alto</b>
<b>8 Sep</b>	<b>1900 hrs.</b>	<b>Post 642 Monthly Meeting in Person (Dinner served at 1800 hrs.) Oddfellows. Cupertino Lodge #70, 20589 Homestead Ave. Cupertino, CA</b>

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

## Service Officer Report



[Program aims to ease navigating resources for Veterans - VA News](#)

**#VetResources** is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their Families, Caregivers, and Survivors.

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### Free Lifetime Pass to National Parks, Other Public Lands

Veterans and Gold Star Families are eligible for a free lifetime pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges and forests.

[GET THE PASS](#)



### **VA Provides Premier Health Care for Women Veterans**

All VA medical centers offer dedicated and comprehensive women's health services. Call or text the [Women Veterans Call Center](#) at 1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636). It's free, confidential and staffed by women—many of whom are Veterans themselves.

[GET CONNECTED TO CARE](#)



### **Glad You Asked: Understanding VA Home Loan Benefits**

VA Deputy Secretary Paul R. Lawrence breaks down the VA Home Loan program and how it empowers Veterans to achieve homeownership with unique advantages.

[WATCH](#)



### **Cooking Classes Online or In-Person**

Did you know VA has cooking and nutrition classes? Attend VA's Healthy Teaching Kitchen classes where you can learn cooking skills, new recipes and more. Contact your [VA dietitian or nutritionist today](#).

[START COOKING](#)



### **Apply Now! Grants for Organizations Supporting Veterans in Sports, Rec Therapy**

Applications for grant funds are open now through July 2 to eligible community organizations that provide adaptive sports and therapeutic recreation programs designed to benefit disabled Veterans and active-duty service members.

[GET THE DETAILS](#)



### Win a Limited-Edition Gamer T-Shirt

Enter now for a chance to win a limited-edition Gray Zone Warfare x Grunt Style T-shirt — plus a Steam key to jump in and play right away. Gray Zone Warfare is a popular tactical multiplayer first-person warfighting game for PC.

[ENTER](#)

[American Legion Gaming is giving away a ROG Xbox Ally handheld gaming device to one lucky Veteran or service member. Enter the giveaway for FREE.](#)



### Follow VCS on Social Media for Chance at Free Tires

Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) is giving away two sets of tires, one from Goodyear and one from Firestone, the week of June 23. This special offer marks 30 years since the start of reliable, affordable tire sales at VCS. Anyone 18 or older can enter by interacting (liking, commenting, tagging, or sharing) with the giveaway post on social media.

[FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK](#)

[FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM](#)

[SHOP TIRES](#)

### Upcoming Events

There are hundreds of free events for Veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors. Check out the weekly outreach events calendar for all upcoming events, including:

[Kansas City VA Summer Kickoff Resource Fair, Overland Park, KS - June 21, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CT](#)

[Summer Vet Fest 2025, Blue Bell, PA - June 21, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET](#)

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

For more information please visit our service officer tab in our [website](#).



## Historian Report

### National Days and Months:

There is a neat description of July here regarding the National Days and also where the rest of these links can be found. <https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/July> Hawaii, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey were all admitted to the Union in July. There are also quite a few culinary days since July is National Culinary Arts Month, but there is also Pina Colada, Chicken Wings and Scotch Days.

INDEPENDENCE DAY | July 4 <https://youtu.be/iloYdC1Gkq8?si=Cem5oDdHMzUBDNUZ>

CHRONIC DISEASE DAY | July 10 <https://youtu.be/8hvnEDKRvNc?si=n08jKVJnLfBOai3x>



NATIONAL AMELIA EARHART DAY - July 24 <https://youtu.be/2BHaX0LB-9s?si=NUwcAeTklaFB6N6A>

NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY - July 27 <https://youtu.be/Uzu-TbV7Hnc?si=FtbyWYbafmwhJ12A>



BUFFALO SOLDIERS DAY - July 28 <https://youtu.be/y13RwS95PIM?si=Mulg5YPSUIIZXKn8>

Military History: Amelia Earhart, Buffalo Soldiers, Korean War

The Medal of Honor citations can be found here: <https://www.cmohs.org/> and videos on thru YouTube searches.

July 2

1863: The Battle of Gettysburg (Pa.) enters its second day. Col. Joshua L. Chamberlain's 20th Maine Volunteers occupy "Little Round Top" at the extreme left flank of the Union forces. With ammunition running low from repeated attacks by the 15th Regiment of Alabama, inflicted heavy casualties on the defenders, Chamberlain orders a bayonet charge. His men rush downhill, capturing over 100

soldiers. Chamberlain, who personally took a Confederate officer prisoner with his saber, is awarded the Medal of Honor.

1937: World-famous aviator Amelia Earhart takes off from New Guinea and heads for the tiny coral atoll of Howland Island, over 22,000 miles into her around-the-world flight. The Coast Guard cutter USCGC *Itasca* was positioned near Howland to assist Earhart, and receives a transmission that her Lockheed Electra was running out of fuel. The Navy dispatches the battleship USS Colorado (BB-45), aircraft carrier USS *Lexington* (CV-2), and PBY Catalinas from Hawaii (1,700 miles away) to join *Itasca* in the search, but they come up empty-handed.

1943: A flight of 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers, escorted by P-40 Warhawk fighters of the all-black 99th Pursuit Squadron, conducts a raid on Sicily. 1st Lt. Charles P. Hall becomes the first Tuskegee Airman to shoot down an Axis warplane - a Fw-190. Hall will fly 198 combat missions during World War II and is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, which incidentally, was created on this day in 1926.

July 3

1775: Gen. George Washington, the newly appointed commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, takes formal command of his troops in Cambridge, Mass.

July 6

1944: A month after the Normandy Invasion, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton formally arrives in France. The Germans held Patton in such high regard that kept their 15th Army in Calais, thinking that would be the site where Patton's "phantom army" would be landing - the result of a successful Allied deception campaign. Patton's Third Army will form the extreme right flank of the march across France.

That same day in the United States, 2nd Lt. Jackie Robinson - famous for breaking Major League Baseball's "color barrier" in 1947 - refuses to move to the back of a bus. Military police meet Robinson at his stop, and investigators recommend a court martial. Although his commanding officer refuses to press charges, Robinson is transferred to another unit whose commander does pursue a court martial. His former unit, the 761st "Black Panther" tank battalion is sent to Europe, and Robinson will receive an honorable discharge.

1962: USS *Bainbridge* (DLGN-25), America's first nuclear-powered frigate, is commissioned. In two years, *Bainbridge* will join the nuclear-powered vessels, USS *Enterprise* and USS *Long Beach* for a two-month unrefueled cruise around the world.

July 7

1798: The "Quasi War" with France begins when Congress rescinds treaties with the revolutionary French government. Leading up to - and during - the two year undeclared war, 2,000 American merchant vessels are captured by French privateers. The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, which had been disbanded after the American Revolution, are both brought back into service, as is George Washington, whom President John Adams reinstates as Commander-in-Chief.

1846: Commodore John D. Sloat, commanding the Pacific Squadron during the Mexican-American War, lands at Monterrey and raises the flag over the Custom House, claiming California for the United States.

1944: On Saipan, 3,000 Japanese troops conduct the largest banzai charge of the war, nearly wiping out two battalions of soldiers from the 105th Infantry Regiment in a 12-hour pitched battle.

Although resistance will continue for weeks, Saipan is declared secure on July 9. The 30,000-man Japanese garrison force is wiped out, but the Battle of Saipan is the costliest campaign in the Pacific War to date with over 12,000 American casualties - including famous actor Lee Marvin, then a Marine Corps private, who was twice wounded in the assault on Mount Tapochau.



During the battle, Marine Private First Class Harold C. Agerholm commandeers an abandoned ambulance and for three hours makes repeated trips through perilous enemy fire, rescuing 45 wounded Americans before he is mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. For his actions, Agerholm is awarded the Medal of Honor.

July 8

1942: The Gato-class submarine USS *Barb* (SS-220) is commissioned in Groton, Conn. The sub will conduct combat tours in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and, according to Japanese records, is credited with sinking more tonnage than any other U.S. submarine. On July 22, 1945, a crew of sailors from *Barb* land at Karafuto, Japan and place explosives that will destroy a train - the only land combat on Japanese home islands during the war.

July 10

1942: A PBY "Catalina" crew spots an intact Japanese A6M "Zero" fighter that crash-landed on the Alaskan island of Akutan. The fighter is salvaged and shipped to the United States, where test pilots will use the captured warplane to

identify tactics that negate the formidable Zero's advantages. The newly developed F6F "Hellcat" is modified to take full advantage of the Zero's weaknesses discovered during tests, and Hellcat aviators will enjoy an impressive 13:1 kill ratio against Zeroes in the Pacific War.

July 16

1957: Six years before becoming the first American to orbit the earth, Maj. John Glenn (USMC) streaks across the country on the first supersonic transcontinental flight. Glenn, a combat veteran of both World War II and Korea, pilots his F8U-1 Crusader jet from California to New York in a record setting 3 hours and 22 minutes. He averaged 725.55 mph, despite having to slow down for three mid-air refueling contacts with propeller-driven AJ-2 Savage tankers.

1969: Millions of Americans tune in to watch the Saturn V rocket carrying Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong (USN), Michael Collins (USAF), and "Buzz" Aldrin (also USAF) blast off from Kennedy Space Center on the first ever mission to the moon's surface. The Apollo 11 crew orbit the earth one and-a-half times before firing their rockets on a course for the moon that will take them three days.

July 27

1953: After three years of fighting in Korea, which kills over 50,000 Americans and millions of Chinese and Korean troops, an armistice is signed, ending hostilities in the Korean War at 2200 hours. At 2159, the cruiser USS *St. Paul* (CA-73) fires the last shot of the war, firing a shell signed by Rear Adm. Harry Sanders at a communist gun emplacement.

Meanwhile, Air Force Capt. Ralph S. Parr shoots down a Soviet Navy transport plane, making him a double ace (10 confirmed kills) and notching the last air-to-air victory of the war. Parr flew 641 combat missions during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam and is the only member of the Armed Forces to earn both the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Force Cross. The agreement establishes a De-Militarized Zone near the 38th Parallel and prisoners are exchanged, but to this day, North and South Korea are technically still at war. Dozens of Americans have been killed in clashes in the DMZ, with several U.S. aircraft and helicopters shot down since the armistice.

## **Stevens Creek Post 642 Annual Picnic**



Mark your calendar, it is Barbecue time! Join us for our annual BBQ.

Saturday, July 26, 2025 - 11:00 am till whenever  
Stevens Creek County Park, Sycamore group area.

Steaks and fixings --- cost \$10.00 per person

RSVP to Mike O'Meara 408-691-8277 and leave a message.

See you there.



## Military Humor



# NO MATTER

HOW BUSY YOU ARE

TAKE TIME FOR LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

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- **How do different military branches use stars?**  
The Army sleeps under the stars. The Navy navigates by the stars. The Air Force chooses hotels by the stars.
- If you must choose between the military and prison, choose prison—at least there; good behavior gets you out early.
- **Did you hear about the accident on base?**  
A tank ran over a box of popcorn and killed two kernels.





# THE FIVE MOST DANGEROUS THINGS

In the Marine Corps

A PRIVATE SAYING, "I LEARNED THIS IN BASIC..."

A SERGEANT SAYING, "TRUST ME, SIR..."

A 2ND LIEUTENANT SAYING, "BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE..."

A CAPTAIN SAYING, "I WAS THINKING..."

A WARRANT OFFICER CHUCKLING, "WATCH THIS"

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# American Legion Legislative Report

11 June 2025

On the legislative front, several bills advancing in 2025 could have a direct impact on veterans' lives.

- AB 53 (Ramos) would provide tax relief for military retirement and SBP income. This bill would let military retirees and surviving spouses exclude up to \$20,000 a year from their state taxable income between 2025 and 2030. It applies to retirement pay and annuities from the federal government, like the Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan.
- AB 264 (Carrillo) would eliminate barriers to state educational benefits for veterans' dependents.
- AB 587 (Davies) would ensure veteran representation on the Student Aid Commission
- AB 1346 (DeMaio) would protect residency status for military dependents.
- SB 296 (Archuleta) would expand the property tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans.
- SB 56 (Seyarto) This bill would exclude service-connected disability payments from being counted as household income when determining eligibility for the full disabled veterans' property tax exemption. It also fixes a reference error in the existing law.
- SB 54 (Umberg) would make it easier for veterans to qualify for court fee waivers.
- Several important measures listed below have become two-year bills, requiring continued advocacy into 2026.
- SB 519 (Archuleta) aims to address the outmigration of veterans from California by creating a task force to study and recommend solutions.
- AB 556 (Patterson) for campus fee waivers
- AB 826 (Gonzalez) to regulate unaccredited benefit assistance providers.
- SB 60 (Seyarto) to expand GI Bill eligibility,

For additional information pertaining to Veteran related issues that are part of the 2025026 legislative session please use this [link](#).