



AMERICAN GI FORUM SAN JOSE CHAPTER

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THE LEADER

“Education is our Freedom, and Freedom Should be Everybody’s Business” February 2012

Commander's Message

We're off to another great year for the AGIF. January is gone and here comes February. Once again, we are asking two things from our members . . . one is to renew your membership and be an active member of this great veteran's organization. Please take advantage of the **REDUCED RATE** for membership dues. For a limited time dues for singles is \$36, and \$60 for couples.

The deadline for the reduced rate is ***February 29th 2012!***

Secondly, as you join or renew, please become an active supporter by joining the various committees and “make a difference” as we proceed through another challenging year.

El trabaja nunca se acaba . . .

Mario Sanchez, Commander



AGIF of California 2012 State Board Meeting

The upcoming AGIF CA Midyear Board Meeting is hosted by AGIF/Kern County Chapter in Bakersfield on Saturday, February 25, 2012. It will be at the Best Western Inn, 2620 Buck Owens Blvd. Duane Goff, Kern County Chapter Commander, informs us that registration will be lowered to \$20 for members, and this includes menudo and pan dulce before the conference and a hot lunch, too. The conference is on Saturday from 9am to 4pm. For those interested in attending, we are arranging a vanpool. Contact Mario Sanchez, Commander, for more details.



**AMERICAN GI FORUM SAN JOSE CHAPTER
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July 2011 – June 2012

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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday February 1, 2012**

CENTER FOR TRAINING AND CAREERS, INC.
749 Story Road / Conference Room
Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM



Mark your calendar:

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| Membership meeting (1st Wed. of the month 6:30 p.m.) | February 1 st and March 7 th , 2012 |
| Scholarship Foundation Meeting | February 15, 2012 at 5:00 pm |
| Romance and Remembrance <i>Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction music by MYSTIQUE benefits San Jose "Viet Nam War" Memorial Foundation</i> | February 18, 2012 6-11pm |
| Movie Premier " <i>Act of Valor</i> " at AMC Eastridge 7:30pm | February 22, 2012 <i>Details at Membership Meeting</i> |
| AGIF California Mid Year Meeting | Saturday, February 25, 9 – 4 pm |
| Board Meeting (last Monday of the month; 4:30 p.m.) | February 27 th , 2012 |



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The AGIF San Jose Chapter is seeking volunteers for our various committees. Please come to our membership meeting and sign up!



The San Jose GI Forum would like to thank the individuals and businesses who donated their time and supplies for our Veteran's Day Parade Float. Special thanks go to the Women of the GI Forum who gave tremendous effort decorating and putting the "final touches" to our entry in the parade.

In addition, we would like to acknowledge Olive Keats for her generous donation of \$1,000 which will be split between the San Jose "Viet Nam War" Memorial Foundation and the SJ GI Forum Scholarship Foundation. Olive wants us to remember her husband who was an Army Veteran of WWII and Korea.

There were also donations by Southern Lumber, Walmart. Harbor Tools, Home Depot, Plaza Jewelers, Sierra Lumber, Kelly Moore Paints, and others, and we also want to especially thank Joe Yanez who provided his Peterbuilt truck and trailer again this year. He also drove in the parade, giving a smooth ride to all those aboard! Gracias!



The San Jose "Viet Nam War" Memorial Foundation will be hosting

Romance and Remembrance

A Valentines Day Benefit Dinner Dance and Silent Auction

Saturday, February 18, 2012 6pm to 11 pm

IES Hall – 1401 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose

The San Jose "Viet Nam War" Memorial Foundation's Directors would like to cordially invite you to a special evening of *Romance and Remembrance*. We are very close to constructing a monument honoring our fallen comrades from San Jose who died on Vietnam soil. Our tireless efforts and leadership is that of patriotism; we care about our valiant ones who gave up their tomorrows for our todays.

Thank you for your support –

Mike Salas

Tickets are \$50 each, and you can reserve a table of 8. For tickets call (408) 472-0853 or (408) 799-9094



The GI Forum San Jose Chapter lost a friend, Clarence J. Narciso, Jan 10, 2012. Clarence connected the forum to the Santa Clara Bread Ministry, which provided bread and pastries to our members, families and friends. Through his connections La Vida Nueva's residents and their families receive weekly bread and pastry donations. Thank you Clarence Narciso for a job well done. We salute you!

AGIF/CA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(CLIP & Mail To: 322 S. First St. San Jose, CA~95113) * yr 2012

Last name _____ **First** _____ **Tele.** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Email Address _____

Veteran ___ **yes** ___ **no** ___ **Male** ___ **Female**

Chapter _____ **City** _____

_____ **Veteran Forum** _____ **Women's Forum** _____ **Youth Forum**

Membership: ___ **New** ___ **Renewal** (\$36.00 single/\$60.00 couple) **Dues Paid \$** _____

Applicant Signature X _____ **Date:** _____

DUES REMINDER: Please send in one form for each person with your check (for \$36.00 single/\$60.00 couple) made out to SJGIF before February 29th when the dues go up to \$50 / \$80.

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