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FEATURING **DON GOODRICH** – VETERAN & ASSOCIATE MEMBER!!

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### Grand jury: Vet Services Office needs more help

By Nick Baptista

The Calaveras County Veteran Services Office could use additional staffing to increase and upgrade its assistance to the county's 4,000-plus veterans, the 2022-2023 Calaveras County Civil Grand Jury has recommended in its latest report entitled "Veteran Services Office – No Veteran Left Behind."

"In the process of reviewing previous Grand Jury recommendations, the 2022-2023 Calaveras County (Civil) Grand Jury has identified improvement opportunities for the Calaveras County Veteran Services Office," said the summary of the report released Thursday. "With the resources allocated, (Calaveras County Veteran Services Office) staff provides a high level of service to each veteran encountered. Past issues with consistent staffing and organizational changes have improved recently. However, the Grand Jury was able to identify areas that would help increase and upgrade service. With over 4000 veterans in the county and a small staff in (the Calaveras County Veteran Services Office), any turnover in office staff will affect the quality and quantity of service to veterans. Succession planning and an increase in support staff would help provide consistent operations in times of staff turnover, vacations, or absences due to required training or other work."

The 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury made a pair of recommendations to address its findings.

First, the grand jury recommended the current Veteran Services Office staff by the (See Page 14)

### Remembering our fallen heroes

Don Goodrich of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2600 in San Andreas presented the key address during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony at the Jenny Lind IOOF Cemetery. Attended by well over a 100 people, the topic of Goodrich's speech was "Who is a Veteran." The ceremony included posting of the colors by Valley Springs Boy Scout Troop 302, a reading of the names of veterans and first-responders buried in the cemetery, a gun salute by members of Valley Springs Bill Brinlee American Legion Post 102 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2600, followed by Taps played by Gail Belmont.

### Supes reluctantly approve Cal-Waste hike

By Nick Baptista

An 8.21 percent increase in solid waste collection fees was granted last week by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors to California Waste Recovery Systems, LLC, but the relationship between the two appears to be turning hostile.

California Waste Recovery Systems,

LLC, or Cal-Waste, recently opposed a move by the county to spend \$9.6 million to extend the service life of the Rock Creek Landfill. Cal-Waste made a proposal to haul all of the county's waste out of the county.

Board members Jack Garamendi, Benjamin Stopper and Gary Tofaneli at (See Page 2)



Next Meeting: June 13th, 2023

Time: 11:30

[Masonic Center of Modesto](#)

\*800 Rose Ave, Modesto

\*COST: [\\$22 per person](#)

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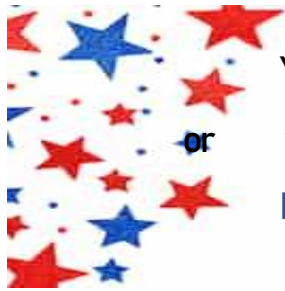
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or

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## Upcoming

### Dates/Events:

June 13<sup>th</sup> - MRWF Luncheon meeting

June 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day

June 18<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day

### Membership

Renewal = 41

New = 13

Associate = 10

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

And to walk humbly with your God.

~ Micah 6:8



## **JUNE FEATURED SPEAKER**

### **LESLIE BEGGS**

#### **YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AREA 6**



Leslie grew up here in Modesto. She attended MJC for two years and then transferred out of state to earn a B.A. & M.A. in English literature at Clemson University. She returned to Modesto in 1991 to raise her kids near her family when her husband was offered a position on MJC's English faculty. Leslie actively supported improving education in our community through volunteer roles at local, regional, and state levels, while occasionally teaching part-time.

It's because of her respect and love for MJC that she decided to run for the Board of Trustees in 2016, when she started to see clear indications that MJC's leadership was trying to stifle free speech rather than embrace it – for example, making national headlines for stopping a student from handing out U.S. Constitutions on Constitution Day in 2013. College trustees serve in nonpartisan positions and are accountable to the community at large, and so her focus has and will remain on student learning – rooted in the free and open exchange of ideas – and strong fiscal stewardship.

# **EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!!**

GUEST SPEAKER FOR OUR UPCOMING REAGAN DINNER

**RETIRED AMERICAN MARINE,  
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER,  
AND T.V. PERSONALITY**

# **JOEY JONES**



**\*\*\*Details to be announced soon!**



When the [American Revolution](#) broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the [Second Continental Congress](#) met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. [George Washington](#) soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so [he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom](#) for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the [Articles of Confederation](#) and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Over 100 years later, in 1916, [President Woodrow Wilson](#) [marked the anniversary of that decree](#) by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.





## CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

### SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**JUNE 24, 2023 - PASO ROBLES INN**

#### INFORMATION

Historic Paso Robles Inn

Please make hotel reservations early

CFRW discount price is \$289 a night vs regular price of \$481

Phone: 805-238-2660 for Special Room Pricing

Ask for "CFRW" Rate

Free Wi-Fi

Free Parking

#### AFTER PARTY

Comedian

Hor D'eourves Served

No Host Bar

Included in Registration Price



**AFTER PARTY GUEST**  
Scott McAfee  
"Make America Laugh Again"  
Founder



**LUNCH SPEAKER**  
Denice Gary-Pandol  
United States Senatorial Candidate  
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**WELCOME**  
Randall Jordan  
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