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## Post Meeting News

The Executive Board meeting was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. No quorum was met at the Post meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, therefore all E-Board motions are deferred to the December meeting.

## Commander, Richard Cross Sr.

Another month has come and gone and we still are moving forward. As we prepare for the upcoming holidays, there is so much to be done. The tiles are now in and the ceremony to dedicate the newest tiles to our honor wall took place here on Veterans Day. Shortly after that, we will prepare for our annual Thanksgiving Day Feast. I want to give a big thanks to the Riders for putting on the feast. Planning continues on the roof repair and the front doors and progress continues to be made in all other areas being worked on. The next two months will be very busy around here and help is always needed and desired. So come by, lend a hand, or do something to support our efforts to make this the best post around.

## First Vice Commander, Steve Ricketts

I'm Steven Ricketts, you're newly elected First Vice Commander. I look forward to serving post 149 in this challenging capacity; membership renewal is a high priority at this time. If you have not renewed for 2012, I urge you to do so ASAP. We brought in 9 new members for September, bringing our total membership to 640. I would ask my fellow legionnaires to support post 149 by soliciting men and women to join the finest American Legion Post in Southern California. Our post is only as good as the legionnaires that promote and support it. Our reputation in the community and with other legion posts is of the highest caliber. We can and will keep it that way.

## Second Vice Commander, Rene Cortez

Hi, fellow Legion and family members of J.B. Clark Post 149. It's been a while since I have written an article, so let me begin by saying thanks to everyone who has made the Friday night dinners very successful so far this year. I will be asking for January and February menu's as I write this article. So, if you would like to cook a meal for the good of the Legion or family organization such as Sons, Riders or members who want to raise some money for their favorite groups, please contact me or approach me at the post. It has been a great year, so let's keep it going!

## Chaplain, Harold Olson

During the membership renewal process, we have received word of two deaths. Wilfred Lewis passed away on June 23, 2011. Charles McDowell also passed. (we do not have a date). For this month's devotional: Come to me with your defenses down, ready to be blessed and filled with My presence. Relax, and feel the relief of being totally open and authentic with me. You have nothing to hide and nothing to disclose, because I know everything about you already. You can have no other relationship like this one. Take time to savor its richness, basking in My golden light. One of the worst consequences of the fall is the elaborate barriers people erect between themselves and others. Facades are the worst, even in My Body, the church. Sometimes church is the last place where people feel free to be themselves. They cover up with Sunday clothes and Sunday smiles. They feel relief when they bare because of the strain of false fellowship. The best antidote to this artificial atmosphere is practicing My Presence at church. Let your primary focus be communing with Me, worshipping Me, glorifying Me. Then you will be able to smile at others with My Joy and love them with My love.

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## Adjutant, Carl Asher

For those who have paid their 2012 dues on line using MyLegion.org, we have been notified of your payment. To get your 2012 membership card, come by the Post Admin Office and pick it up. We do not intend to mail them. Remember to bring along the receipt you got when you renewed on line. I am in the office Mon, Thurs. & Friday 10 AM to 3 PM. Since taking office in July, we have spent in excess of \$100 on postage due to returned mail caused by incorrect address information. We are correcting that by removing the "Return Postage Requested" terminology from the newsletter. Please notify the post if you move or have not received your newsletter for a couple of months. On membership: we are progressing along nicely. Thanks to those who have renewed. Please remember in order to be accepted to a membership in the American Legion, verification of eligibility is a requirement. That means; for a Veteran he/she must show proof of eligibility via their DD-214. Now, there is no requirement for this office to maintain them on file, just the Recruiters verification by way of the DD-214. However, if the member wishes this office to maintain a copy, they are kept in a secure location. For active duty applicants, just show your Armed Forces I.D. to your Legion Recruiter/Sponsor. Their verification of your qualifications is satisfactory to validate your eligibility. In all cases, the recruiter/sponsor must sign the application in the space provided. For those members wishing to transfer to Post 149; you must fill out a Member Data Form and sign it verifying you wish to transfer from your current post, be it an active post or Post 1000. Your dues must be current for the year 2012. If they are not, you must submit the payment along with your request. National will not accept the transfer in any other manner.

## Sons of the American Legion Adjutant, Jeff Flynt

The S.A.L. will be very active in December. We start off with the Christmas Bazaar on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The bazaar will kick off with a smoked pork chop breakfast from 8-11. We will also have raffles for over \$500 worth of donated prizes, a white elephant and bake sale along with our toy drive. Please contact your Sons if you have anything to donate and look for our fliers around the Post for additional information. We will also be cooking breakfast on the patio the following Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the same day as the 22<sup>nd</sup> District meeting, so come early and enjoy our breakfast buffet. We will not be doing Wednesday night barbeques until April, but will help the clubroom do some periodic barbeques. Our monthly meeting will be on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Don't forget to look for our upcoming Poinsettia Bowl activities. We will be working with our 22<sup>nd</sup> District brothers to promote our tailgate party on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon till kickoff. Details for ticket sales coming soon. And finally, don't forget the early bird dinner on December 16<sup>th</sup>. All paid up members for 2012 will get a free dinner and you can even renew your membership at the dinner and then get dinner for free. Hope to see you all there.



## Law & Order Chairman, Carl Asher



We are still on track for the Law and Order Dinner and Awards Presentations in March. Donations have fallen dramatically; I am certain that is caused by our depressed economy. I am counting on those of you who have not donated to the program to please come forward and do so. \$5, \$10 \$20 or more sure helps.


## Children & Youth, Carl Asher

Mark your calendars, December 10, 11AM, Children's Christmas party at our post. We will host the party and participate in the Annual Shoes and Socks program with the Forty and Eight. The children are to meet at the Payless Shoe Store on Mission Ave and Escondido Blvd at 11AM on 12/10. After selecting their pair of shoes and 3 pairs of socks they will meet at the Post for the party.

## Riders President, David Caldwell

Our November ride was cancelled due to inclement weather. Our next ride to San Diego Harley for the Poker Run is DEC 4- meet at post 9 am. Thanks to all who donated food, and time for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Lunch. Friday, DEC 9 – we will be decorating the parade float at 5:30pm. Saturday, DEC 10-8am Escondido XMas Parade. The "Shoes and Socks" program will immediately follow the parade. ( Details given at the morning meeting.) We welcomed a new member, Jared Smith, active duty Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton. "Smitty" is currently assigned to the Wounded Warrior Barracks at Pendleton. Ride Safe.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Breakfast</b> in the Main Hall 8 - 11 AM <b>OPEN POOL TABLE IN CLUBROOM</b>	<b>FOOD SERVED IN KITCHEN</b> 11:30 AM—3:30 PM	<b>FOOD SERVED IN KITCHEN</b> 11:30 AM—3:30 PM		<b>FOOD SERVED IN KITCHEN</b> 11:30 AM—3:30 PM <i>Line Dancing 6—8 PM</i>	<b>Dinner Served</b> 5:30 PM—7 PM <i>Live Music if Noted</i>	<b>Special Events Day</b>
Dec 4 40 et 8 Steak & Eggs Breakfast 11 AM 40 et 8 Meeting in Hall  Riders Breakfast 4—9 PM Polish Club in Hall	Dec 5  3:30—6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM  Dec 6 5 PM—CLOSE Vietnam Veterans 1031 in Hall  Dec 7 Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM  Dec 8 6—8 pm Line Dancing in Clubroom  Dec 9 Dinner by Boy Scouts Ham <b>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM</b> <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>	Dec 6 4:30 PM Teamsters in HALL 7 PM VFW 1513 in HALL  Dec 7 Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM  Dec 8 6—8 PM Line Dancing in Clubroom  Dec 9 Dinner by OGHS Jr. ROTC BBQ Ribs <b>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM</b> <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>	Dec 7 Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM  Dec 8 6—8 PM Line Dancing in Clubroom  Dec 9 Dinner by OGHS Jr. ROTC BBQ Ribs <b>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM</b> <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>	Dec 10 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL PVT Party in Hall 10am-3pm <b>10 AM Clubroom Committee Mtg on Patio</b>  Dec 11 SAL Breakfast Buffet <b>DISTRICT 22 MTG IN HALL 9 AM</b> Square Dancing in Hall 6:30 pm— 9:00pm  Dec 12 Post Officers Breakfast VFW-Dinner in Hall 1:00 pm-7:00 pm  Dec 13 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg 6 PM DAV Mtg in Hall  Dec 14 Customer Appreciation Day in Clubrm 3 PM Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM  Dec 15 6—8 PM Line Dancing in Hall  Dec 16 Early Bird Dinner Spaghetti <b>CALICO RIDGE IN CLUBROOM 7—10 PM</b> <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>  Dec 17 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA HALL <b>DAV—Hall all day</b>  Dec 18 Post Officers Breakfast VFW-Dinner in Hall 1:00 pm-7:00 pm  Dec 19 5 PM SAL Mtg in Conf Rm 6 PM General Post Mtg in Hall  Dec 20 5 PM—CLOSE Vietnam Veterans 1031 in Hall  Dec 21 7 PM Riders Mtg on Patio Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM  Dec 22 6—8 pm Line Dancing in Hall  Dec 23 Dinner Post Family Carl Cranberry Chili Chicken <b>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM</b> <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>  Dec 24 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL  Dec 25 No Breakfast <b>CLUBROOM OPEN AT 10 AM</b> (but is subject to early closure)	Dec 2 Dinner by Boy Scouts Ham <b>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM</b> <b>NO COVER CHARGE</b>  Dec 3 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL PVT Party in Hall 10am-3pm <b>10 AM Clubroom Committee Mtg on Patio</b>  Dec 10 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL 9 AM Blue Star Moms on Patio 11am CHILDREN X-MAS PARTY PVT Party in Hall 6-11 pm  Dec 17 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA HALL <b>DAV—Hall all day</b>  Dec 24 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL  Dec 30 Dinner Tim Smith Ribs <b>24-7 BAND IN CLUBRM 7—11 PM</b> <b>NO COVER CHARGE!</b>	Dec 3 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL PVT Party in Hall 10am-3pm <b>10 AM Clubroom Committee Mtg on Patio</b>  Dec 10 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL 9 AM Blue Star Moms on Patio 11am CHILDREN X-MAS PARTY PVT Party in Hall 6-11 pm  Dec 17 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA HALL <b>DAV—Hall all day</b>  Dec 24 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL  Dec 31 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL <b>NEW YEARS EVE PARTY IN CLUBROOM 8PM-???</b>



# \*\* Legion Coming Events \*\*



White  
Elephant



## Christmas Bazaar

When: Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Where: J.B. Clark Post 149

Pork Chop Breakfast served from 8 – 11 a.m.

Adults-\$8      Children 12 & under-\$5

*(donate a toy and get \$3 off breakfast)*



Bake  
Sale

## Early Bird Dinner



Legion, SAL & Auxiliary Members,

**Do you want a FREE Dinner?**

Check your Membership Card, if it has an "Early Bird" symbol that means you have already paid your 2012 dues, come to the

Post and show your card and get your

FREE dinner! (All others pay \$5.00)

**Friday, December 16 @ 6 PM**



**Spaghetti, Sauce, Garlic Bread,**

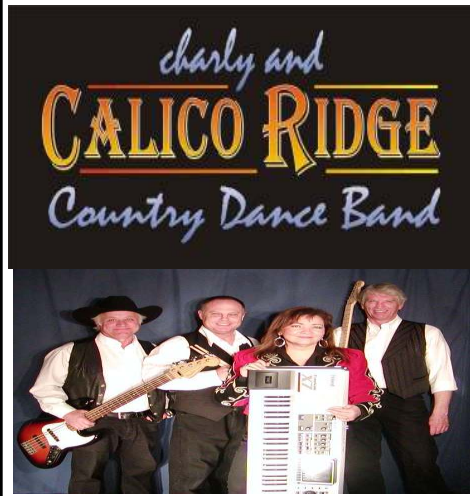
**Salad & Dessert**

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## NO COVER CHARGE

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY OUT TO DANCE & ENJOY THE MUSIC!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th  
IN THE CLUBROOM



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th  
IN THE CLUBROOM



24 Seven not only plays the classics from the 60's through 80's, but also plays all of the current dance hits, including today's chartbusters!

## Clubroom Customer Appreciation Holiday Party!

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

**FREE  
RAFFLE  
PRIZES!**

**FREE** food,  
**GOOD** friends &  
**PLENTY** of holiday "cheer!"  
Your bartenders will be there!

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## CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AT POST 149!

*"Dancing to the Decades"*

Hosted by Doug Johnson

- ◆ 50's music at 8 pm
- ◆ 60's music at 9 pm
- ◆ 70's music at 10 pm
- ◆ 80's music at 11 pm

**Free hors d'oeuvres  
at 10 pm**



**NO ENTRANCE FEE!**

Toast the New Year With us and then dance & sing past Midnight! Complimentary Champagne & Party Favors!

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### **Obama signs jobs bill for veterans**

President Obama signed the VOWS to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 into law on Nov. 21, which will help many of America's unemployed veterans get back into the civilian work force.

Provisions of the new law, including tax credits for businesses that hire veterans, are backed by The American Legion, which has been urging Congress and the White House to take action in helping the country's jobless veterans.

"Last September, we asked Congress to create incentives to promote the hiring of veterans, and they have done exactly that," American Legion National Commander Fang A. Wong said. "Tax credits for businesses, along with other specific programs, will go far in placing more and more of our veterans into the private sector.

"We were also impressed by the provision that makes transitional assistance mandatory for every man and woman who chooses to leave the military. This will make them even more prepared as job-seeking civilians."

During his Sept. 21 testimony on Capitol Hill, Wong said "The American Legion hopes you will collaborate and bring your parties together to get a jobs bill for America's veterans passed."

Wong also testified about the critical need for civilian employers to recognize the value of military professions. "Civilian licensing agencies must recognize military training, education and experience when a veteran transitions to the civilian work force.

"It is our obligation as a nation to ensure that every single member of the military who chooses to leave ... can effectively transfer his or her education, training and experience into a civilian career field."

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