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*Important
DATE!*

- Ladies Night/Potluck in the Clubroom on Saturday, September 3, 2011 @ 6 PM in the Clubroom.
- Post 310 Visit and Backwater Blues Band in Clubroom on Saturday, September 10th at 7 pm!
- Come get involved at the Post 149 General meeting on Tuesday, September 20th @ 6 pm in the Hall.
- John T's Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Fundraiser on Saturday, September 24, 2011 @ 1 pm.
- Patriot Flag Retirement Ceremony on Post 149 Patio on Sunday, October 2, 2011 @ Noon.



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Post Meeting News

The E-Board meeting was held Tuesday, August 9th and Post Meeting held on Tuesday, August 16th. A motion was approved to purchase a covered condiment station for the Clubroom. Nominations were opened for 1st Vice Commander. Steve Rickets was nominated and accepted. Nominations were closed until September's Post Meeting.

Commander, Richard Cross Sr.

Well, as everyone can see, our Post is moving right along in the area of progress. All of our major areas of concern are being addressed at this time. The area concerning mold abatement and roofing problems are being addressed with the City. For those who didn't notice, we now have a newly paved easement that looks wonderful. This major project was undertaken by Post member and Clubroom Committee Member, Pete Vargas, who, through his direct efforts, worked with the City inspectors and George Weir Asphalt to get this project accomplished. Through his diligence and perseverance, Pete was able to get the job done without any cost to the Post. And as Pete says, "I'm not done yet." So the next time you see Pete, thank him for his superior efforts. We have hired a new Maintenance Manager and he has hit the ground running. All of the main maintenance issues are being addressed, so please welcome Bill Snyder to his new position. Dave Kline is back from vacation and has agreed to be the Post's Service Officer. Welcome back, Dave. The 50's Sock Hop / Classic Car Show went very well, with our bartender, Sarah, doing quite well in the costume and dance contests. I have rambled long enough, but you can continue to look for positive changes within our Post. We are striving to keep this the best Post around. Volunteers are always needed and I'm available at any time to receive your input. On a parting note, all Honor & Remembrance Wall tiles have been ordered and we will be posting the next dedication date shortly.

Chaplain, Harold Olson

This month I must report the death of Chester P. Tomei. The family had a private service with burial at Fort Rosecrans. Our new member who transferred from Wisconsin. Danica Miljahvech, a former Army Air Corp flight dispatcher, is on permanent sick call at San Pasqual Villa and would appreciate visits from members, but has placed a personal request for female members. Please contact me if you need more information. For this month's devotional God Says: Come to me. Come to me. Come to me. This is my continual invitation to you, proclaim in holy whispers. When your heart and mind are quiet, you can hear me inviting you to draw near. Coming close to me requires no great effort on your part; it is more like ceasing to resist the magnetic pull of My Love. Open yourself to my loving presence, so that I may fill you with my fullness. I want you to experience how wide and long and high and deep is My Love for you, so that you can know My Love that surpasses knowledge. This vast ocean of Love cannot be measured or explained, but it can be experienced.



Adjutant's Corner, Carl Asher

Membership renewals are coming in daily. We have transmitted about 375 members so far, that's a little over 38%. Thanks to those who have paid early as your dues provide a guidepost as to how much we as a post can support our Legion programs and provide some attention to our communities needs. We also have a positive gain through new members. Welcome to the American Legion and to J. B. Clark Post 149. I have received some member updates, if you haven't sent yours in, please take a moment and mail or bring it in.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
"Patriot Flag Retirement Ceremony"
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AT 12:00 NOON AT POST 149

The Patriot Flag has completed a milestone—50 states in 50 weeks. The Patriot Flag's mission was to promote NEVER FORGET and KEEPING THE MEMORIES ALIVE. The Patriot Flag originally flew at the Escondido Auto Part and was donated for this purpose by the Escondido Auto Park Association and graciously transported around the States by Fedex. The informal, but traditional, flag raising and lowering ceremony is a time to reflect on how great our Country truly is and to honor all those that continue to serve and protect. We hope that you will unite with us for this special event on the Post 149 patio. A BBQ luncheon will follow the ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Louth at (760) 270-7455 or go to www.thepatriotflag.us. **Volunteers are also needed to make this event successful!**

Note: On 9/11, the 10-year anniversary, the Patriot Flag will proudly be flown at Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the Pentagon and New York City.



Auxiliary President, Phyllis



Ladies, You have all received your letters by now. Whether you decide to close or stay open it's very important that you attend our next meeting on Thursday, September 8th. If you are at least interested in keeping the Unit open, you must attend and voice your opinion. We must have people to take offices. All the present people are no longer able to take the offices. If no one is willing to step forward, we will forced to close. Please search your conscious and vote.



The Veterans Crisis line (1-800-273-8255 and Press 1) is a confidential service available 24/7/365 for Veterans & family members in crisis, including those not enrolled with VA. For those who would rather type than talk, there's also a confidential chat service through VeteransCrisisLine.net.

Law & Order Chairman, Carl Asher



Even with the slow economy, and the need for us all to watch our expenses, you, the generous members of Post 149, continue to add your generosity and support to this worthwhile Post program. Thanks go our to our latest "Boosters": Lewis Hill and Claudia Green; Jesse and Charlene Longacre. Your names have been posted on the "Booster Board" in the clubroom and you will be recognized in the evenings program on March 17, 2012. If you haven't donated to the Post Law and Order program, please take a moment and send a check, earmarked for Law and Order, to Post 149. Your support for this Americanism and Community Service Program is very much appreciated.

What is the quickest way to drive away fantastic bartenders at the Legion???? Well...let me tell you how.....

1. Make sure you complain about everything, including the person down the bar you can't stand. It puts the bartenders in such a pleasant mood. Oh...and make sure you do it every day you come in....
2. Make sure you complain about all the Legion events, especially afterwards when you criticize what you felt went wrong, even though you've never helped organize or contribute to the event.
3. Make sure you yell "Hey!" across the bar at the bartender to get her attention. Such a show of respect, right????
4. Make sure you ask where the Commander or Post Officers are at any time of the day. Ya know....cause bartenders always know everyone's schedule, right???
5. Make sure you complain about the music being "too loud" or "not loud enough."
6. Make sure you point out your opinion about the latest political issue at the Legion, even though you don't attend Post meetings or vote for Officers. Such an elementary concept, eh???
7. Make sure you complain that it is "too hot" or "too cold" in the clubroom. Have you EVER been anywhere where you can tell the staff to adjust the room temperature for you personally?????
8. Make sure you complain about the recent price increase or Clubroom change, when you haven't even looked at a Post profit and loss statement in years.
9. Make sure you complain when there isn't food available, but yet you aren't willing to pay \$1.00 for a sandwich.
10. And my personal favorite....make sure you complain about your latest issue as soon as you see the Clubroom Manager.

Bottom line....**TOO MANY CHIEFS AND NOT ENOUGH INDIANS. Most of you wouldn't even consider acting or speaking like you do in a public bar or restaurant.** The Post bartenders have one boss, folks, and that's the Clubroom Manager. They would like to have a pleasant day at the Post, but you have to give them a reason to enjoy their place of employment. Save your drama for some other bar as they don't want to hear it....really.

On a similar note, I've resigned as the Clubroom Manager due to the unrelenting ranting from members who feel that they can say anything to me at any time they please. Not acceptable. If you want a say-so in how the Post is run, get on the Board **AND** attend Post meetings.

A MESSAGE FROM CLUBROOM COOK, BOB HAMM: Effective September 1st, I will be asking for a minimum donation of \$2.00 (or more, if you so choose) for lunch meals provided due to the rising cost of food. Please remember that I do this as a **VOLUNTEER**. I am not paid. I enjoy putting food out for you all, but current donations are not covering the cost of the food. If it continues, I will have to stop preparing food for you.

Sons of the American Legion Adjutant, Jeff



The Sons are going to be busy with meals once again in September. We will do our Wednesday barbeque on September 7th and Sunday breakfast buffet on September 11th. We will also be helping out with the barbequed pork dinner on the 16th, so come on down and support your Sons. We had two more of our Sons go through the Five Star program at the 22nd District S.A.L. meeting in Alpine on the 21st of August. Congratulations Al Stewart and Bruce Way for getting your awards. We now have 5 members who have achieved this prestigious honor among the Sons. The 2012 membership cards are available for all you early birds who want to renew your membership in the Sons. Please see our Adjutant to arrange pick up of your card. We are offering free laminations for you guys to keep the cards looking great all year long. 760-803-5080 or sal149jeff@aol.com.

The Post is in need of volunteers to rebuild the grass area pagodas. Specifically, the Navy and Army shelters need to be replaced. With the help of a group of volunteers, we hope to have them rebuilt in one day! If you can help, please contact the Adjutant, Commander or leave your name and phone number with the bartender.



** Legion Coming Events **

Girls Night Out

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd
6 PM - Close**

**AS ALWAYS....
\$1
SCHNAPPS
SHOTS!**

\$3.00

**YOU CALL IT
DRINK NIGHT!**

BOB HAMM
WILL BE
PREPARING
TACOS FOR
LADIES



OPEN JUKEBOX!



Donation forms are available if you cannot attend the event. For additional information, please contact John T at (760) 404-6185.

**COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
"JOHN T'S BREAST CANCER
3-DAY WALK FUNDRAISER"**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011
1 PM—6 PM**

- \$3 Cosmopolitans (\$1 from each drink will be donated directly to the cause)
- \$5 Meal (Hamburger, Hot Dog, Potato Salad, Savory Beans & Dessert)
- Opportunity Drawings



**GOOD TIMES BAND
RETURNING FOR A
SPECIAL APPEARANCE!
Friday, September 16th
7—10 pm in the Clubroom**

\$5 Cover Charge for non-members & Guests









**Back by Popular
Demand!
Friday, September 23rd
7—11 pm in the
Clubroom!**

\$5 Cover Charge for non-members & Guests

**With a special appearance by
Backwater Blues Band**

*7—10 pm in the Clubroom!
No Cover Charge!*

**COME SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT FOR
POST 310'S VISIT
Saturday, September 10th**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Breakfast in the Main Hall 8 - 11 AM OPEN POOL TABLE IN CLUBROOM	FOOD SERVED IN CLUBROOM FOR DONATION Noon 'til Gone	FOOD SERVED IN CLUBROOM FOR DONATION Noon 'til Gone	Patio BBQ 5:30-6:30 PM	FOOD SERVED IN CLUBROOM Noon 'til Gone Line Dancing 6—8 PM	Dinner Served 5:30 PM—7 PM Live Music if Noted	Special Events Day
Aug 28 40 et 8 Steak & Eggs Breakfast 11 AM 40 et 8 Meeting in Hall	Aug 29  3:30—6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Aug 30  3:30—6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Aug 31 40 et 8 BBQ Burgers & Dogs Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Sep 1 6—8 pm Line Dancing in Clubroom	Sep 2 Dinner by Boy Scouts Pot Roast KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM NO COVER CHARGE	Sep 3 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL 10 AM Clubroom Committee Mtg on Patio LADIES NIGHT IN CLUBROOM @ 6 PM
Sep 4 Riders Breakfast 4—9 PM Polish Club in Hall	Sep 5  3:30—6:30 PM 6 PM Allied Vets in Conf Rm Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Sep 6 4:30 PM Teamsters in HALL 7 PM VFW 1513 in HALL	Sep 7 SAL BBQ Burgers & Dogs Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Sep 8 7 PM Auxiliary Meeting in Hall 6—8 PM Line Dancing in Clubroom	Sep 9 Dinner by OGHS Jr. ROTC BBQ Ribs KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM NO COVER CHARGE	Sep 10 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL 9 AM Blue Star Moms on Patio 7 PM—POST 310 VIST IN CLUBROOM FEATURING BACKWATER BLUES BAND NO COVER!
Sep 11 SAL Breakfast Buffet	Sep 12  3:30—6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Sep 13 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg 6 PM DAV Mtg in Hall	Sep 14 Post Officers BBQ Burgers & Dogs Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Sep 15 6—8 PM Line Dancing in Hall	Sep 16 Dinner by Tim Smith BBQ Pork Chops GOOD TIMES IN CLUBRM 7—10 PM \$5 COVER CHARGE	Sep 17 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA HALL
Sep 18 Post Officers Breakfast	Sep 19  3:30—6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Sep 20 5 PM SAL Mtg in Conf Rm 6 PM General Post Mtg in Hall	Sep 21 Riders BBQ Chicken, Burgers & Dogs 7 PM Riders Mtg on Patio Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Sep 22 6—8 pm Line Dancing in Hall	Sep 23 Dinner by TBD COVER 2 COVER IN CLUBROOM	Sep 24 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL 1 PM John T Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Fundraiser
Sep 25 40 et 8 Breakfast 11 AM 40 et 8 Mtg in Hall 10 AM Combat Vets on Patio 2—6 PM Ballroom Dancers in Hall	Sep 26  3:30—6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7—8 PM	Sep 27 5 PM—CLOSE Vietnam Veterans 1031 in Hall	Sep 28 Clubroom BBQ Burgers & Dogs 5:30—6:30 PM Zumba Hall 7 PM Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg in Hall	Sep 29 7 PM USSV Scamp Base Mtg in Hall 6—8 pm Line Dancing in Clubroom	Sep 30 Dinner by Howard & Crew Famous Swiss Steak KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7—11 PM NO COVER CHARGE	Oct 1 8:30—9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL

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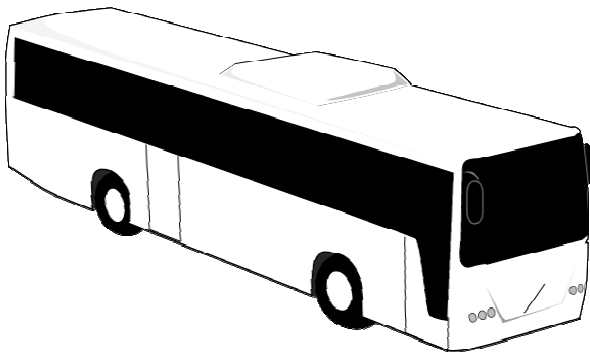
September 2011

Don't Miss the Bus!

The Escondido Moose Lodge is offering a

LAUGHLIN RIVERSIDE TRIP November 13, 14, & 15

\$140 Per Person includes 2 nights hotel, (1) breakfast buffet and (1) buffet of choice, fun strip, Padres Fun Bus, bartender and choice of drinks, bingo for cash prizes, movies and snacks, tips for bartender and driver and tips for Bell Hop. Only 40 seats available. Checks must be received by October 1, 2011 and made payable to Vivian Holland. Please contact Vivian with any questions at (760) 743-8486.



THANK YOU



To member, Richard
Allegre, whom brings
us all the wonderful
FREE pastries week
after week!