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The Finest American Legion Post in San Diego County

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- Friday, Feb. 3rd & Friday, Feb. 10th
Doug Johnson Karaoke
7pm in Clubroom
- Sunday, Feb. 5th
Four Chaplains
at Noon in Hall
- Sunday, Feb. 5th
Super Bowl Party
In Clubroom at 3pm
- Sunday, Feb. 12th
Riders Valentine's Day
Ride
- Friday, Feb. 17th
Hilltop Ramblers
Clubroom 8pm
- Friday, Feb. 24th
Cover to Cover
Clubroom 7—11 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 25th
Dinner/Comedy Show
Hall 5pm
*Advanced Tickets
Required*

Post Commander, Stephen Ricketts

My name is Stephen Ricketts and I am your newly elected Post Commander. I look forward to serving my post and my fellow legionnaires in this new capacity. My goals for the year are to increase our membership, continue to move forward with projects that will make Post 149 a safe and attractive place to bring our families and friends, and last, but certainly not least, to continue our support and contributions to the community that we serve. I urge all legionnaires to become active in our post. Chair or be on a committee, donate your time or services to post projects, or bring in a new member. It all adds up to a better and stronger post.

Adjutant, Carl Asher

My congratulations to Steve Ricketts on his election as Post Commander. Steve has a wealth of business background. Membership is up to date and cards are being mailed within days of receipt. New member cards are being issued upon their acceptance into our Post. A reminder to those who choose to pay on line; cards will not be issued until payment is verified. This may take up to 2 months, unless you come in and show proof of payment. I am in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM. We receive many returned newsletters for incorrect addresses. Please notify us if you move! If you want to continue to receive the newsletter, you can email your change of address or status to the Post Adjutant at: calegionpost149@att.net, or mail us a change of address card. With the assistance of Past Post Commander Art Lubben, we are updating the post web site. Art only has one challenge...he is teaching an old dawg new tricks. You can now view the post newsletter on line at www.calegionpost149.org. Here is some food for thought: Have you asked yourself what a "comrade" is? **Comrade:** A person who shares in one's activities, occupation, etc.; companion, as an associate, or friend. Are you a "comrade" in the American Legion?

Law & Order Chairman, Carl Asher

I expect to have the recipients for this years Law and Order Awards by the March issue of the newsletter. Legionnaire Bob Hamm has taken on the task of preparing this year's dinner. He is featuring; Chicken Cordon Bleu with Rice Pilaf, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls, Dessert and Coffee. You still have time to be a Law and Order Booster. Your donations are what enable this great Post 149 program to prosper. Your monetary donation, any amount, \$5, \$10, \$25 or more, will place your name in the evening's program and be displayed on the Booster Board in the clubroom. If you wish to donate \$25, you will receive one complimentary meal for the Law and Order Awards Dinner. Please make your donation, earmark you check for Law and Order. The Law and Order Awards and Dinner Program are March 17, 2012. Please note the date and time in your calendar. We will have a no host hour 5 PM to 6 PM, Dinner at 6 PM, and Awards beginning about 7 PM.

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Post Everlasting: James Leo Straub

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I hope to see as many members as possible at our Four Chaplains Service at noon on Feb. 5th. Also, remember we have a scheduled Post Everlasting Ceremony during the Feb. Post Mtg. Devotional: Follow me one step at a time. That is all I require of you. In fact, that is the only way to move through this space/time world. You see huge mountains looming, and you start wondering how you're going to scale those heights. Meanwhile, because you're not looking where you're going, you stumble on the easy path where I am leading you now. As I help you get back on your feet, you tell me how worried you are about the cliffs up ahead. But you don't know what will happen today, much less tomorrow. Our path may take an abrupt turn, leading you away from those mountains. There may be an easier way up the mountain than is visible from this distance. If I do lead you up the cliffs, I will equip you thoroughly for the strenuous climb. I will even give my angels charge over you, to preserve you in all ways. Keep your mind on the present journey, enjoying my presence, walk by Faith, not by sight, trusting me to open up the way before you.

AL Riders President, Dave Caldwell

Our January monthly ride was also sparsely attended, however we had a great ride up through Bonsall, Fallbrook and Temecula. Our next monthly ride is scheduled for FEB 12th as part of our Valentine's Day Party. We will meet at the Post at 10:00 AM with KSU for a ride to Encinitas at 10:15 AM. Breakfast will be available at the Post from 7:30 to 10:00. Following the ride, there will be a lunch, basket raffle and 50/50 drawing along with a birthday cake celebration for Smoke's 89th birthday. We welcomed aboard two new members: Mr. Bob Stout, a Navy Veteran and fellow Legionnaire, and Mr. Mike Peterson, a Sons of the Legion member. We also welcomed a guest, Mr. Ken Derr, who is our Dept. of Calif. ALR Assistant VP for Area 5. The Riders voted on our "Legionnaire of the Quarter" for Q4 and also for our "Legionnaire of the Year" for 2011. These awards will be presented at a future legion meeting. We put in motion the plans for our "3rd Annual Valentine's Day Ride and Party" which will be held at the Post on SUNDAY, February 12th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will an \$8.00 lunch served beginning at 12:30 along with a Raffle of several Baskets of Goodies, a 50/50 Raffle and then a Birthday Cake celebrating Smoke Murphy's 89th birthday. This party is open to all who wish to participate.

Ride Safe!

President Ladies Auxiliary, Cathy Wathen-Watt



As everyone knows Unit 149 was scheduled to be disbanded. Because of the outcry from ladies who love the Auxiliary and the programs that help vets and their families, we held our 1st meeting of the newly formed Unit 149 on January 17th. We had 23 ladies in attendance, what a wonderful turnout! New officers were elected: Cathy Wathen Watt as President, Linette (aka Gidget) Wiest as Treasurer, Lorraine Ulrich as Secretary and Sandra Van Dusen as Sergeant at Arms. I also would like to thank Irene Gustafson, Margaret Miller and Elda Jones for remaining in their elected positions. Many in attendance were new members who would like to get involved in the Auxiliary. We have our 1st breakfast scheduled for January 29th and hope this will be the 1st of many fundraisers. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00. District 22 officers will be attending to install the new officers and familiarize us with the Auxiliary programs. Please put it on your calendar to attend. This will be a learning experience for all of us, we will make some mistakes but we will move forward. Thank you all for your support

Clubroom Manager, Daleen Moore

Happy New Year to all! Thank you to everyone that participated in our New Year's Eve party in the Clubroom! It was not only fun, but a safe night for everyone, as we had volunteer drivers that graciously assisted in getting members home that night. To our volunteer drivers, Sandy VanDusen and Luke Hardesty... you are the best! Another great deal of thanks goes to a gentleman by the name of Dan Cooper whom donated a 6' champagne bottle prop to our clubroom. It was a welcome decoration and Dan even donated it to us after the event! I'm sure it will be used for years to come. Pictures have been posted on the Photo Board in the Clubroom. You are welcome to take one home if you so wish! ****PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SUPER-BOWL SUNDAY CELEBRATION! Starting at 3 pm, domestic 12 oz. draft beers will be \$1.25 and well drinks will be \$2.25.** It is a potluck event, so please bring your favorite dish to share. We will be charging \$3 for anyone that chooses to eat without bringing a dish. It is only fair folks, as other people put out money from their own pockets to bring food. *Also, at the request of Chaplain Harold Olson, the Clubroom will be closed from Noon to 1 pm on Sunday, February 5th for the Four Chaplains Ceremony that will be in the Hall.* ****As usual, I must mention the latest ire in our clubroom. It is the matter of designated parking spots in the National Guard Parking Lot. As you may be aware, we have (3) designated parking spots in the Guard lot; two bartender spaces and a Clubroom Manager space. These spaces run just inside the National Guard fence just East of the Post. These spots were specifically designated for us as the vehicles are clearly visible on the security monitor inside the Clubroom. It is a matter of safety that we be able to see our vehicles as we are leaving the Clubroom, especially at night. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THESE SPOTS.**

Sons of the American Legion Adjutant, Jeff



We will be having our country fried steak dinner on the 17th and breakfast buffet on the 19th. This buffet will be on the patio to accommodate the Chiminot. The deep fryer has been replaced. You will see some new menu items shortly. Our monthly meeting went well as we began to finalize our \$1,000 scholarship guidelines and discussed even more projects we want accomplish this year. Our current membership is at 90% of goal and the few of you Sons that have not renewed had better get in touch with us before we have to drop you from our rolls. Thanks, Jeff Flynt – Adjutant. 760-803-5080 or sal149jeff@aol.com

Finance Officer, Tim Cleland

Well, the New Year has begun and we have encountered some bumpy roads. The economy has impacted our results somewhat, and we have had a couple of expenditures that were considered necessary. We did get portions of the roof repaired that could have been major problems when the rain came, but it was accomplished before anything negative happened. We still have areas of mold that are being addressed and should be taken care of. We don't want to spend any more than what is considered necessary, so full mold repair will be accomplished in the kitchen and adequate repairs are being done in the other mold areas until funds are available to complete. Some air conditioner work has been done and I understand that heating is being worked on. One area of concern is Hall/Patio rentals. I would like to ask that all of you help us promote our Post. If you know of anyone looking for an area to rent, we have a great location and presentation, but the economy has really affected us. We could use some new rentals to help with our own financial situation. Please notify any of the Officers so that we can help with inquiries. We are still green about the numbers, but we don't want to miss any calls. One of our goals is to be better prepared for those calls. Thank you all in advance for your support

** Legion Coming Events **

AMERICAN LEGION POST 149

DINNER & COMEDY SHOW EVENT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012

Purchase a Ticket in the Clubroom Prior to February 6th, & receive a FREE WELL OR WINE DRINK CHIP!

- Hall Opens for Seating at 5 PM
- Dinner Served at 6 PM
- Family Friendly Comedy Show 7 PM - 8:30 PM
- \$25 Per Person
- Price includes Sit-down, Plated Chicken Dinner & Dessert by Cathy & Crew
- No Host Bar —Cocktail Waitresses will be on Staff to Serve (Cash Only Bar)
- No Table Reservations Accepted
- Advance Purchase Required
- Featuring LA's



For information, please contact Legion Member, Daleen Moore, at (760) 855-5635. Tickets available for purchase with bartenders at

American Legion Post 149, 230 E. Park Ave., Escondido, CA 92025 (760) 745-1159

DOUG JOHNSON'S KARAOKE IN THE CLUBROOM 7 pm - 9

Friday, February 3rd

Friday, February 10th

NO COVER



DEBUT PERFORMANCE BY:

THE HILLTOP RAMBERS Friday, February 17th

8 pm—10 pm in the Clubroom

All band members are SAL Encinitas members!

Playing Bluegrass / Country / Folk Music

* NO COVER CHARGE, SO PLEASE
COME OUT & SUPPORT THEM *



Hilltop Ramblers



Cover 2 Cover RETURNING!

Friday, February 24th

7—11 pm in the Clubroom

\$5 Cover Charge for non-members & Guests



JOIN US FOR
**SUPER BOWL XLVI
PARTY!**





Sunday, February 5, 2012—3:00 PM

**** DRINK SPECIALS ****

\$1.25 Domestic Draft Mug & \$2.25

POTLUCK STYLE! BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

Food serving times are approximate — Call 745-1159 and use auto menu for updates

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Breakfast in the Mesa Hall 8 - 11 AM OPEN POOL TABLE IN CLUBROOM		FOOD SERVED IN KITCHEN 11AM-3PM		FOOD SERVED IN KITCHEN 11 AM-3PM		Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM		FOOD SERVED IN KITCHEN 11AM-3 PM Line Dancing 6-8 PM		Dinner Served 6 PM-7 PM Live Music if Noted		Special Events Day	
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Feb 5 Polish Amer. Club 5-9 Hall Riders Breakfast *Four Chaplains In Hall noon *Super bowl Party Clubroom 5pm	Feb 6  3:30-6:30 PM 8 AM Clubroom Inventory 6 PM Allied Vets Golf Rm Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Feb 7 4:30 PM Teensters in HALL VFW post 1513 7pm Hall	Feb 8 Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Feb 9 6-8 PM Line Dancing in Hall	Feb 10 O.G. ROTC ribs KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE	Feb 11 8:30-9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL 10 AM Clubroom Committee Mtg on Patio	Feb 12 Post Officers Breakfast Pelonae Squeeze Dancing 6-9 Hall	Feb 13  3:30-6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Feb 14 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg 6 PM DAY Mtg in Hall	Feb 15 7 PM Riders Mtg on Patio Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Feb 16 6-8 PM Line Dancing in Hall	Feb 17 S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Hilltop Remblers Clubroom 8pm \$\$ COVER CHARGE	Feb 18 Chineseat in Hall 9am Clubroom opens 7:30 am
Feb 19 S.A.L. buffet breakfast On Patio Chinaman in Hall 9 am Clubroom opens 7:30 am Combat Vets on Patio 10am	Feb 20  3:30-6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Feb 21 5 PM SAL Mtg in Golf Rm 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg in Golf Rm 6 PM General Post Mtg in Hall	Feb 22 7 PM Guest Guard Auxiliary in Hall Zumba in Hall 5:30-6:30pm	Feb 23 6-8 PM Line Dancing in Clubroom	Feb 24 Tim Smith BBQ ribs Cover to Cover Clubroom \$\$ COVER CHARGE	Feb 25 Dinner/Comedy show in Hall 5 pm Zumba in Hall 8:30-9:30	Feb 26 40 et 8 Steak & Eggs Breakfast 11 AM 40 et 8 Meeting in Hall	Feb 27  3:30-6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Feb 28 5 PM-CLOSE Vietnam Veterans 1031 in Hall	Feb 29 Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Feb 30 6-8 pm Line Dancing in Hall	Feb 31 KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE	Feb 32 Zumba in Hall 8:30-9:30

Scholarship News, Denny Murphy

About 60% of the students who apply for our scholarships come from extremely low income families. One of our requirements is that they submit a one page point paper explaining their goals for the future, and asks about any obstacles in their way. The situations are heart wrenching, and powerfully communicated.

I thought I would share with you Veterans just what we are doing, and the enormous impact it has for these young adults! This year, several Veteran organizations and individuals have come through to help these scholarship recipients.

American Legion Post 149	\$4,000 + (2) lap tops
Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$1,000 + lap top
Sons of the American Legion	\$1,000 + lap top *preference to military dependent
Cathy Wathen-Watt (Bunko)	\$500
Disabled American Veterans	\$100
Post 149 Riders	3 Lap tops
Rene Cortez (& wife)	1 Lap top

I will be receiving hundreds of applications and if any individual wants to contribute to support our youth please call me. There is still time before the commitment letters reach our schools.

Denny Murphy

Scholarship Program Chairman

760-744-5938 or 760-716-6543