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- Ladies Night/Potluck in the Clubroom on Saturday, January 21st @ 6 PM in the Clubroom.
- Return of **AM Forever** in the Clubroom from 7-11 pm on Friday, January 20th!
- Post 310 Visit and **Backwater Blues Band** in Clubroom on Friday, January 27th at 7 pm! Come out and welcome Post 310 visitors with us!
- Come get involved and vote for your new Post Commander at the Post 149 General Meeting on Tuesday, January 17th @ 6 pm in the Hall.
- AL Riders monthly ride/run to Temecula on Sunday, January 15th at 9 am. Meet at Post 149.

Post Meeting News

The E-Board meeting was held Tuesday, December 13th, and the regular Post Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 20th. A motion was approved authorizing bonuses for 6 employees totaling \$950. A motion was approved to transfer \$35,000 from the Post Savings Account (line item 0310) to a Fidelity Investment Account (to be established). The funds in that account would be invested per Tim Cleland's presentation at the Executive Board meeting of December 13, 2011. Second nominations were opened for the Executive Board 1 Year position. No second nominations were received. Nominations were closed. Tod Miller was nominated and elected to the Executive Board.

Adjutant's Corner, Carl Asher

As you may have heard through the various "rumor mills" that plague our post, the Post Commander has resigned for personal reasons. That means we must hold a special election to fill that vacancy. I refer to our By-Laws Article V Officers; Section 6. All vacancies in the elected or appointed offices shall be filled by a secret ballot at the regular meeting following the vacancy; provide that notice of the election be given at the previous meeting preceding the election. I have discussed the issue with a reliable and knowledgeable Legionnaire colleague, Comrade Tim Heck. Our summations were that the post could conduct 1st nominations at the regular meeting this past month (December 20, 2011), which was the first meeting following the resignation or vacancy, and conduct 2nd nominations and elections this month (January 17, 2012). The requirement of our By-Laws were met by: the submission of the handwritten resignation of the Post Commander, announcing the vacancy and notifying the members in attendance at the regular meeting of December 20, 2011 of 2nd nominations and elections in January. However, to ensure all Post 149 members have the opportunity to participate in the election process, the following information is provided:

-Official notice is hereby given that there will be Second nominations and election of Post Commander to fill the vacancy of that office at the next regular meeting of Post 149 on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm.-

Post Web Site: I know the site is critically out of date. I will be contacting the server to take steps to rectify the situation. I hope to have the site up by the end of February, given that we can get a volunteer webmaster to maintain the site.

Service Officer: The post needs a Service Officer. If you want a satisfying post appointment, look no further than this position. Having held that office, I can speak with experience about the satisfaction you derive from helping a veteran or their spouse and family.



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As we enter a new year and consider our New Year's resolutions, let us consider our commitment to God and Country with this devotional. Come to me with a teachable spirit, eager to be changed. A close walk with me is a life of continual newness. Do not cling to old ways as you step into a new year. Instead, seek my face with an open mind, knowing that your journey with me involves being transformed by the renewing of your mind. As you focus your thoughts on me, be aware that I am fully attentive to you. I see you with a steady eye, because my attention span is infinite. I know and understand you completely; my thoughts embrace you in everlasting Love. I also know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, the plans to give you hope and a future. Give yourself fully to this adventure of increasing attentiveness to my Presence.

SPECIAL REMINDER:

The Four Chaplains Service will be held in the Post Hall on February 5th at 1:00 pm. If you would like to be one of the chaplains, please contact me as soon as possible.

First Vice Commander, Steve Ricketts

Fellow Legionnaires, Another Year will soon pass us by. Our total membership as of 12-19-11 stands at 782, equaling 85% of our goal. Well Done. I look forward to seeing and serving all of you in 2012. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year. If you are traveling this holiday, please be safe.

AL Riders President, Dave Caldwell



Our December monthly ride was sparsely attended. Due to the New Year's Holiday, our next monthly ride is scheduled for JAN 15th. The Riders will however still be hosting the New Year's Day Breakfast at the Post from 08:00 to 10:30 on JAN 1st. For the monthly ride on the 15th, meet at the Post at 09:00 AM - we will be riding up to the Temecula area for a run through some countryside not previously seen by the group. Lunch will be at a Temecula restaurant. The annual "Thanksgiving Lunch" at the post, hosted by the Riders, went very well with about 85 in attendance. Thanks to all who donated food and their time for this event.

The Chapter 149 Riders were joined by the Lake Elsinore Chapter 200 Riders in the Escondido Xmas parade on December 10th. We had 33 plus riders in attendance and a good time was had by all. Following the parade, a few of the Chapter 149 riders proceeded on to help with the "Shoes and Socks" program in the afternoon. A donation of \$300 was made to the Shoes and Socks program by the Riders.

The Riders also presented two "Legionnaire of the Quarter" awards to fellow Legion members, Daleen Moore for First Quarter and Bob Hamm for Second Quarter. The ALR 149 riders also voted to approve the donation of \$1,050 for the purchase of three laptop computers for the 2012 Post 149 and Jr ROTC scholarship awards.

Law & Order Chairman, Carl Asher

I have mailed out the packages to the Police and Fire Department Chiefs, inviting them to participate in this most successful annual event. I will be contacting them this month to "touch base" and follow-up on the progress of the program. I haven't come up with a menu as of this writing but will have one for the February 149'r. Donations continue to come in and are appreciated. Only with your support can this program continue with the success it enjoys. A special thanks to: Bob & Kathleen Reily; Paul & Betty Lochridge; Dave Caldwell & Dena Gardner; Unit 149; Mike & Doris Stein; Howard & Marie Haworth for their support. If you haven't donated, please take the time to support this program. All donations, no matter the amount are appreciated. When you donate to the Law and Order program, your name(s) will be proudly listed on the evening's program and displayed on the Booster Board in the Clubroom.



A New Year is upon us! Most of you are now aware that I have been re-hired as the Clubroom Manager. I'm happy to be back and have made some adjustments in my role to allow for more time off to "decompress." A huge thank you to all members who encouraged me to come back. I regretfully had to resign as the Newsletter Editor to focus solely on the Clubroom, but am happy to have Lorraine Ulrich on board as the new Editor! She is doing a fabulous job! I'm also happy to report that we now have recognition tags in for those that graciously purchased bar stools for our Clubroom. We will be attaching them in the next couple weeks and we thank you for your patience. A big thank you to everyone that gave the bartenders special gifts and tips for Christmas. You are fabulous customers and we appreciate your generosity! Now on to the more sobering news.....the Clubroom continues to make a profit, but the Post, as a whole, has been running in the red. As we enter the new year, it will be more important than ever to watch spending, re-evaluate costs and focus on fundraising opportunities to keep our Post solvent. Bob Hamm is now making lunch in the kitchen every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 am until 3 pm. If you can, please come down and support his efforts. We no longer offer lunch for "donation only" given that food costs were not being covered by donations, but Bob cooks a very nice meal for a very reasonable price. Skip Taco Bell and join us for Taco Tuesdays! We also have had to make the difficult decision **NOT** to open the Clubroom at 7:30 am on Sundays due to lack of member patronage. As an example:

Sunday November 16th	Bar sales prior to 10:30 am = \$11.50
Sunday, November 13th	Bar sales prior to 10:19 am = \$ 5.50
Sunday, December 18th	Bar sales prior to 10:05 am = \$ 4.00

These amounts do not cover the costs of utilities, bartender wages, workers comp fees, etc., associated with an early opening, so please understand we are tightening our belts for the good of the Post and will **open the Clubroom at 10:00 am on Sundays starting January 8th**. We will, however, open early for special events such as District meetings, etc., that can substantiate these costs. When the economy turns around....which we all hope is soon....we will re-evaluate our Sunday hours of operation. Thank you.

Attention: Ladies of Auxiliary Unit 149



Due to the large outcry from our Unit members, our charter **WILL NOT** be disbanded. We will be holding our meeting on a new day and time, every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM, the same time as Post 149 general meeting. **Please be there on January 17th for our 1st meeting of 2012.** If you want this charter to work and stay alive, then we need your support. There are new people stepping up to help make a difference and District Officers have volunteered to help in any way they can.

It will be a learning experience for everyone involved.

Please come and support your Auxiliary.

Auxiliary First Vice Commander, Irene

A special meeting was held and the Auxiliary will remain in effect. If you have not paid your renewal dues for 2012, please do so now as they are delinquent. Send them to me at: P.O. Box 301995, Escondido, CA 92030 or drop it off at the Post in an envelope marked "AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL."

Sons of the American Legion Adjutant, Jeff



The S.A.L. would like to thank all those who helped us with our activities in December. We raised over \$1,000 with the Christmas Bazaar and District breakfast the following Sunday. We now have enough money to fully fund our scholarship award and will be setting aside some money for next year's scholarship also. We had a good time with our 22nd District brothers at the Poinsettia Bowl and are now looking forward to the new year and more activities around the Post. We will be cooking breakfast on January 8th and helping with dinner on January 27th. Our monthly meeting will be on January 17th at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Post meeting at 6:00. Our current membership is at 80% of goal and the few of you Sons that have not renewed yet are now officially "juvenile delinquents". Please get in touch with us now to renew your membership and get off our delinquent list. Thanks, Jeff Flynt – Adjutant. 760-803-5080 or sal149jeff@aol.com

** Legion Coming Events **

Girls Night Out

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st

6 PM - Close

AS ALWAYS....

**\$1
SCHNAPPS
SHOTS!**

OPEN JUKEBOX!

**PLEASE BRING
YOUR
FAVORITE
DISH TO
SHARE!**



\$2.50

**TEQUILA
ROSE
SHOTS!**



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

Friday, January 6
Friday, January 13



AM Forever
RETURNING FOR A
SPECIAL APPEARANCE!

Friday, January 20th
7—11 pm in the Clubroom

\$5 Cover Charge for non-members & Guests






Back By Popular Demand!

Backwater Blues

Come hear for yourself a fantastic Blues
Band in little ol' Escondido!

**COME SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT FOR
POST 310's VISIT
Friday, January 27th**


7—10 pm in the Clubroom!
\$5 Cover Charge

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Breakfast in the Main Hall 8 - 11 AM OPEN POOL TABLE IN CLUBROOM	FOOD SERVED IN KITCHEN 11:AM-3PM	TACO TUESDAY IN KITCHEN 11 AM-3PM		FOOD SERVED IN KITCHEN 11AM-3 PM <i>Line Dancing 6-8 PM</i>	Dinner Served 6 PM-7 PM <i>Live Music if Noted</i>	Special Events Day							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
Jan 1 Riders Breakfast 4-9 PM Polish Club in Hall	Jan 2 8 AM Clubroom Inventory  3:30-6:30 PM 6 PM Allied Vets Conf Rm Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Jan 3 4:30 PM Teamsters in HALL 7 PM VFW 1513 in HALL	Jan 4 Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Jan 5 6-8 pm Line Dancing in Hall	Jan 6 Mario's Troop/BSA Meatloaf KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE	Jan 7 8:30-9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL 10 AM Clubroom Committee Mtg on Patio							
Jan 8 SAL Breakfast Buffet	Jan 9  3:30-6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Jan 10 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg 6 PM DAV Mtg in Hall	Jan 11 Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Jan 12 6-8 PM Line Dancing in Hall	Jan 13 Dinner by O.G. ROTC Ribs KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE	Jan 14 8:30-9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL 9 AM Blue Star Moms on Patio							
Jan 15 Post Officers Breakfast 10 AM Combat Vets on Patio Ball Room Dancing in Hall 3 pm- 6pm	Jan 16  3:30-6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Jan 17 5 PM SAL Mtg in Conf Rm 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg in Conf Rm 6 PM General Post Mtg in Hall	Jan 18 7 PM Riders Mtg on Patio Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Jan 19 6-8 PM Line Dancing in Hall	Jan 20 Dinner by Riders Chicken Enchiladas AM FOREVER IN CLUBRM 7-11 PM \$5 COVER CHARGE	Jan 21 8:30-9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL							
Jan 22 Past Commanders Breakfast	Jan 23  3:30-6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Jan 24 5 PM-CLOSE Vietnam Veterans 1031 in Hall	Jan 25 7 PM Coast Guard Auxiliary in Hall	Jan 26 7 PM USSV Scamp Base in Hall 6-8 PM Line Dancing in Clubroom	Jan 27 Dinner by Tim Smith Pork Chops BACKWATER BLUES BAND & POST 310 VISIT 7-11 PM \$5 COVER CHARGE	Jan 28 8:30-9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL							
Jan 29 40 et 8 Steak & Eggs Breakfast 11 AM 40 et 8 Meeting in Hall District 22 Oratorical 12pm-5pm	Jan 30  3:30-6:30 PM Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Jan 31	Feb 1 Zumba in Hall 7-8 PM	Feb 2 6-8 pm Line Dancing in Hall	Feb 3 Dinner TBD KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE	Feb 4 8:30-9:30 AM ZUMBA IN HALL							

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MERRY FITNESS & HAPPY NEW YOU!

You've heard about it! A fun dance exercise class!
Baby Boomers this is the class for you!!
Now is the *PERFECT* time to try a class!!

FREE Classes at Post 149

Monday	January 2nd	7:00 PM
Wednesday	January 4th	7:00 PM
Saturday	January 7th	8:30 AM

Special prices for Members:
10 classes / \$50 Zumba with Lynn Card
ZUMBA FITNESS WITH LYNN 760-741-0407

PLEASE
REDEEM
YOUR
YELLOW



DRINK CHIPS.
OUR SUPPLIES ARE
RUNNING LOW.
THANK YOU.

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.

Volunteers!

