











The One Forty Niner

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Monthly Newsletter of The American Legion, J.B. Clark Post 149, Escondido, California

Commander - Mike Frank



This year is really flying by! We are already planning for Veterans Day and the annual Escondido Christmas Parade. Please plan on joining us at Grape Day Park for our annual Veterans Day celebration with a wonderful meal at the

Post provided by our Axillary. If anyone is interested in participating in the Christmas parade, please contact me or Dennis Dalbey, the President of ALR Chapter 149.

Jim Botts has been working overtime in preparation and planning for our 2nd annual Oktoberfest event at the Post. Please make every effort in making it to this event and give our Post your support as well as having a wonderful time tasting some fine local brews, eating some great authentic German food, and participating in some excellent Oktoberfest games.

This coming January, our Post has been selected to host a dinner for our National Commander. Cathy and our Ladies Auxiliary will be providing the meal. More information on this will be forthcoming. We started up the Post Operations Evaluation Committee again and will be addressing all aspects of Post operations with the result being an action plan being submitted to the E-Board for a vote. Our goal is for the Post to be operating in the Black by the first of the year.

2nd Vice - Daleen Moore



Hello, everyone. Hope you are enjoying the cooler weather as much as I am! October is a busy month, so let me do a quick run-down of our upcoming activities:

Our House Committee will host LEFT-CENTER-RIGHT Dice game night on Wednesday, October 3rd. This is a really fun dice game that anyone can learn, so we hope to see you. This is a potluck style event, so bring a dish to share of any kind.

- Please don't forget to join us on Saturday, October 6th, for our Oktoberfest. It will no doubt be a ton of fun with German inspired games, a great German meal, and beer tasting with Mike Hess Brewery. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the specifics!
- Friday, October 19th, we will have Dealer's Choice

Poker Night on the back patio starting at 7 pm. Again, we are willing to teach anyone how to play, so don't hesitate to join us even if you are new to poker.

- On Saturday, October 20th at 8 am, we will meet at 8 am at the Post to perform trash pickup duties along Mission Ave. for WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO. Only requires 1 hour of your time and I would l-o-v-e to see some new faces!
- Please mark your calendars to join us for our 243rd USMC Birthday Celebration that will be on Saturday, November 10th at 6:30 pm in the hall. And yes, we will have cake!

And lastly, we hope you aren't too disappointed, but we have decided not to hold a Halloween Party at the Post this year due to (2) large rental events being held on Friday, Oct 26th and Saturday, Oct. 27th. We thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for helping to take care of our Post! Semper Fi!

Adjutant - Jeff Dodds



ALL HANDS, we are conducting a 100% Membership Card Check in the Clubroom. Be proud of your membership to Post 149 and show it by showing your card. Any questions or complaints come see me. I

love talking to Post members during the day.

My office hours are still 0900 to 1200 Monday – Thursday. Please stop by and say hello. I'll even treat you to a cup of coffee.

Approved Motions for September 2018

- 1. To allow the 2nd Vice to spend up to \$300.00 on a large cake and sandwiches for a Marine Corps birthday celebration at the Post on November 10, 2018.
 - 2. Authorize up to \$200.00 for the purchase electrical

Special Events

See calendar page and flyers for more information

October 6 Octoberfest

October 19 Boys and Girls State Dinner November 10 Marine Corps Birthday

November 11 Veterans Day

and lighting materials for the Honor Wall/Flag display and backyard lighting.

3. The Judge Advocate read changes to Post Standing Rules which will be read again at the Post Meeting.

Chaplain: Chuck Faupel



Then the LORD said, "You feel sorry about the plant, though you did nothing to put it there. It came quickly and died quickly. But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn't I

feel sorry for such a great city?" —Jonah 4:10-11

Have you ever been angry with God? Be honest. Maybe you were hoping something would happen in your life, and it didn't happen. Or maybe you prayed for something, and God didn't answer your prayer in the way you wanted Him to answer it. Then again, maybe God blessed someone else when you thought you were more deserving of that blessing.

Jonah was angry with God. While he was sitting outside Nineveh, waiting for it to be judged, the Bible tells us, "The Lord God arranged for a leafy plant to grow there, and soon it spread its broad leaves over Jonah's head, shading him from the sun. This eased his discomfort, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant" (Jonah 4:6 NLT). Then the Bible says the Lord brought a worm that ate the plant, causing it to die. So Jonah said, "Death is certainly better than living like this!" (Verse 8 NLT).

Jonah seemed to be more concerned about losing his shade than he was about the people of Nineveh. He missed his comfort. He missed the whole picture. The people of Nineveh repented of their sins. They called it what it was, and God sent His healing.

The problem with Jonah was that he was preoccupied with himself. While God had spared thousands of lives, Jonah missed his shade. Here was a man who survived three days and three nights in a fish's stomach, a man who repented, prayed, and preached the truth to the people of Nineveh, a man whom God used to bring about a spiritual awakening. Yet he fell into sin.

It's a reminder that no matter how long we have known the Lord, we can still mess up. No matter how long we have known the Lord, we still may need to be revived again.

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American Legion Auxiliary Cathy Wathen - President



Where has the year gone? Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching fast, really fast. Plans for our yearly Christmas Craft Bazaar/Bake Sale have started. Our first workshop was on September 16th and boy did we

make some great Christmas decorations. Anyone who loves crafting we need you!!!! We are open to any and all handmade items that are relatively simple and can be accomplished quickly. Our next scheduled workshop will be on Sunday September 30th at 12:30 in the conference room. We still need someone to help coordinate the bake sale, anyone interested please let us know. Any Auxiliary member active or not who loves to bake we would love to have you come and enjoy breakfast and sell homemade baked goodies.

We continue to take donations for our yearly food challenge to Mom's, so far we have collected 796 lbs. Put all items in the gray bin in the hallway. No expired items or glass jars can be accepted. Since Christmas is right around the corner we will be collecting toys for the kids at Camp Pendleton too. Open your hearts and pockets to help make this a special Christmas for these special kids.

Sunday October 7th our breakfast special will be Sandy's famous omelets along with our usual ham, sausage, and eggs. Enjoy our home cooked breakfast for only \$8.00, active duty military \$5.00.

The Children's Christmas Party is on the schedule for Saturday December 8th from 1pm to 3pm. A sign-up sheet is in the hall and clubroom; the deadline for sign up is December 3rd. All Legion Family members' children, grandchildren and family members' ages infant to 10 years old are invited. Please remember to include their gender and age on the sheet. Lunch will be served before the arrival of Santa, who will deliver presents for all the kids. YOU MUST SIGN UP TO GET A GIFT FROM SANTA!!

My thanks to everyone who supports the Auxiliary and everything we do for our Veteran's and their families.

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Boys & Girls State Joint Dinner – On October 19, 2018, the Auxiliary will be hosting a joint Boys & Girls State Dinner to recognize and honor the delegates chosen to represent our Post and Auxiliary at the 2018 California Session of Boys & Girls State.

This year, the Auxiliary sponsored four scholarships and the Post sponsored six. Students that are in their junior year of high school are selected by their school counselors to be interviewed by committee members and individual interviews are then conducted. Counselors select students to be interviewed based on scholastic grades, leadership, school activities, community service, their moral character, etc. The Boys & Girls State offers opportunities to the attendees to assume the roles of government leaders by campaigning for office, writing, and debating pieces of legislation, giving speeches, learning the processes of local and state government, participating in mock trials, and assuming leadership roles.

The Auxiliary delegates this year are: Maya Reid, Escondido High; Melissa Vasquez, San Pasqual High; Gretchen Deal, Escondido Charter High; and Maya Badrani, Mission Hills High in San Marcos. Gretchen submitted an application for a scholarship to the Samsung Company and she was awarded a California Region Samsung Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. Her application was submitted to National for another potential scholarship award. The results from Samsung for the National Award will be announced sometime in October.

The Post delegates are: Brendan Voges, Classical Academy; Charles (Will) Elliott and Wesley Seo, Escondido Charter; Antonio Maqueda and Thomas Tang, Escondido High; Mathis Wouters, San Pasqual High.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a taco bar and dessert on Friday night, October 19, and the parents have been invited to attend. The students will be invited to share their experiences with us. I'm inviting all of our American Legion family members to attend and fill the hall to honor these students who are our future leaders. We hope to see you there! Special thanks to Carol Halvorson, Girls State Chair, and to Desirae Smidt, Boys State Chair! Funds to provide the scholarships are from our fund raising activities and donations are always welcome.

2018 Food Challenge – The total pounds collected thus far for 2018 is 796.37 pounds. Our goal is 1,500 pounds. Simply drop off your food items in the large container located in the hallway off the main hall. There are bags available suggesting items needed. No glass containers please, and no outdated food items.

Madrid Manor "In-Stitches Group" - Senior ladies living in the Madrid Manor Mobile Home Park meet on Tuesday morning's to sew, create quilts, and crochet or knit items that they donate to the VA Hospital, other military/veteran organizations, to our Auxiliary to support our programs, and to a program for young moms working towards their high school diploma at San Marcos High School. Many of these ladies were married to veterans and one had a husband that was a prisoner of war. This year, they have created a beautiful quilt that they will be raffling off to raise funds for material supplies. Representatives from their group will be attending the joint Boys & Girls State Dinner and will be asking for our support by purchasing raffle tickets to win this beautiful

quilt which will be awarded before the holidays. Tickets are \$1 apiece or six tickets for \$5. We hope you support their work and buy a raffle ticket or two. Winter days are coming and a new comfy quilt might be yours!



Clubroom Manager - Stef Holden



As I fast approach marking my first anniversary serving as your Club Room Manager, I would like to express a sincere thank you to each and every member of the Club Room Staff. Shannon, Audrey, Cheryl, Maggie, and Ryan alike, you will

never know my level of gratitude for making my job so manageable as a result of all your efforts and hard work! Many of you have approached me commenting that our current Club Room Staff is the best team currently assembled at the post you have seen in recent memory. Your compliments have not been unheard and are greatly appreciated. We will continue striving to provide you with the best Club Room experience possible. I would like to also thank Ms. Daleen Moore, your hard work as the rental agent has been instrumental in increasing the revenue for the Club Room. Daleen, keep up the great work!

Please be sure to join us Saturday, October 6 for our Oktoberfest celebration. Start time is 3:00pm and meal time is 5pm to 6pm so do not be late. The Clubroom will be featuring beers from the Mike Hess Brewery. On October 26 we will be hosting College Night with local rockers "Carl's Bad habits" and as always Doug is serving up a great time every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month with Karaoke.

Hope to see you all very soon!

AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER Hosted by: THE GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE

When you go to The Golden Egg Omelet House and enjoy a meal, the American Legion Post 149 can earn 10% of all food and beverages purchased. Just mention when you get the bill that you are there to support the "American Legion Post 149", have them write it on the bill.

It is located at 316 W. Mission Ave. #101 behind McDonalds and Arby's in Escondido

They are open 7am-2:30pm, Daily.



*Winner must be present to win. Raffle Drawing Held at 7 pm.







DATE: Saturday, October 6, 2018

TIME: 3 pm

MEAL TIME:Served from 5 to 6 pm ONLY—No exceptions, so don't be late! WHERE: American Legion Post 149 Patio, 230 E. Park Ave., Escondido

DETAILS: \$12 per person includes beer tasting and authentic German meal of (1) pork brat or

(1) beef hot dog, Beer sautéed peppers, German

Potato Salad, Cucumber Salad, Sauerkraut and dessert. No Substitutions.

ACTIVITIES: After dinner, we will participate in some German inspired games! (Adults only)

German Attire Highly Encouraged



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 10, 2018 6:30 pm

U.S. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN THE HALL

Including Guest Speaker & Cake Cutting Ceremony (And yes, we would love all branches to attend!)

www.calegionpost149.org Call 745-1159 and use auto menu for updates

Post Members Free Birthday Month Breakfast

At the Post Officers Breakfast in your birthday month - 3rd Sunday of the month - All you can eat buffet

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Riders Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00	6 PM Allied Veterans Council	6 PM VFW	6 PM Pot Luck Game Night LRC 1-5 PM Baker Electric in the Hall		6 PM Boy Scouts Grilled Cheese & Chili 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	3 PM Oktoberfest See Flyer
7 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$8.00	8	9 6 PM DAV 5 PM Finance Comm. 6 PM E-Board	10	Noon - 4 PM Escondido Arts Assoc. In the Hall	6 PM Desirae & crew Food drive dinner See below 7 PM Open Juke Box	.10 AM 173rd Airborne
8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00	15	Meeting night 5 PM SAL 6 PM Post 6 PM Auxiliary	6 PM VFW Auxiliary 1-5 PM Baker Electric in the Hall	18	6 PM Auxiliary Taco Bar Boys and Girls State Dinner 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke Poker night	8 AM We Clean Escondido 9-AM - Noon Blue Star Mothers
8-11 AM Post Officers Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00	6 PM House Comm.	23	24 Riders Annual Dinner	25	6 PM Sons Fish Fry 7 PM Carl's Bad Habits Band College night	5-11 PM Private Party in the Hall
40-8 Breakfast	29	30	31	Nov 1	6 PM Boy Scouts Baked Chicken 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	Nov 3 11 AM - 4 PM Girls Scouts in the Hall

Food Drive Dinner - Friday October 12 - 6 PM

ONLY \$3.00 OR BRING 3 CANS OF FOOD

for the Auxiliary Food drive for MOM's kitchen at Camp Pendleton
Additional donations welcome

Choice of Chili or soup, Baked Potato Bar, Dessert

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October 2018



Saturday December 8th, 1pm to 3pm

Legion Family Children, Grandchildren and Family Members are invited to Unit 149's Annual Children's Christmas Party Ages Infant to 10 years

Santa will be giving out presents to all good little Boy's and Girl's



A free lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, mac & cheese, Jell-O and juice to all the kiddies!!

Signup sheets will be available in the clubroom and all bulletin boards

Remember you must be signed up to receive a gift from Santa

(Name, Sponsor, Gender and Age Required)

Christmas Craft Bazaar

Sunday December 2nd, 8am to 11am

Join the American Legion Auxiliary for their Christmas Craft Bazaar and Breakfast

Enjoy the Auxiliary's Cook to Order Breakfast



Lots of homemade Christmas Crafts for sale and yummy baked goods too!!

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