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

COMMANDER – MIKE FRANK



Well, this has certainly been a very trying time for us all as well as for the Post. Our Post Officers have been hard at work conducting Buddy Checks. So far so good. During this

down time at the Post, we have had several members coming by to conduct repairs, complete projects, and do a deep cleaning of the bar area. I would like to recognize Stef, Shannon, Renee, and Trini for the great and on-going detailed cleaning of the bar area. Renee and Trini even replaces all the rope lighting in the Clubroom and stage area. Looks Great!

The House Committee has also been busy cleaning up the patios and Wall oh Honor. They even cleaned the BBQ area and serviced the gas BBQ pit. Thanks go out to Jim Botts, Daleen, Ken, and Renee for those efforts.

We held our first Electronic E Board and Post meetings last month along with first nominations for Post Officers. Both meetings went pretty well. Much better than I anticipated. Hopefully, we won't have to do so again, but, if we must, we of course will. I want to Thank Karen and Brian Turpin for setting everything up ion Zoom and then acting as the moderator.

Please plan on attending the next Post meeting so you may participate in the second nominations and the election of our new Post officers.

The nominations, as of now, are as follows:

Commander: Mick Sobczak

1st Vice Commander:

2nd Vice Commander: Stef Holden

Finance Officer: Dave Geary

Sgt at Arms: Ken Boyd, Jim Botts

2 Year E Board (2 positions): John Smart.

Lastly, we are planning for a very special Grand Opening Celebration at our Post when we will be able to fully open for business again. Stay tuned for more information and a flyer.

1ST VICE – MICK SOB CZAK



Has the quarantine affected you? If so, The American Legion wants to know. They have created a survey to see how the membership has been

affected. To take the COVID-19 impact survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BJ5283R>.

During the shut down of society, many people have had to forgo celebrations. Birthdays, weddings, and anniversaries are just a few of the things we could not share with others. During April, one of our members, actually our oldest member, John Cantor, celebrated his 103rd birthday. We want to wish him a very happy birthday.



NOTICE

REGARDING MAY CALENDAR

In light of all the limiting of gatherings and current uncertainty, our monthly calendar will not be produced this month. All members or interested parties of organizations that hold meetings or events at the post are encouraged to contact their leadership as to the status of all meetings and events.

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That leads me to my next topic. J.B. Clark Post 149 has 780 members. Over 400 of them are over the age of seventy. These are the men and women who paved the way for the younger veterans to serve. We need to honor their service and sacrifice to this great nation. We have tried to call them to see how they are doing. Sadly, many do not have a phone number listed, or their number has been disconnected. After the shutdown, we will be visiting these members, but we need help. If you want to visit a member who does not have an active phone number, please email me at mick.legion@gmail.com.

Together we will get through this.

POST 149 ADJUTANT - JEFF DODDS



Things seem to be looking brighter. I see a light at the end of the tunnel. I just hope it's not another train coming the other way.

Hopefully we will conduct May's general meeting at the post. If not, we will do the internet thing again. There will be second nominations and elections. A plan is in place. If anyone out there is interested in getting involved in the post as an elected officer please contact me so we can make sure you get in the meeting.

My office hours will remain 0930 to 1330, Monday through Thursday. Friday still by appointment. If you have some need to conduct business at the post outside of my office hours please let me know in advance so I can make arrangements.

Actions of Post 149 E-Board and Post Meetings for April 2020

- Post 149 will sponsor the **four Boy's State Delegates** from Post 149 for Boy's State year 2020, for membership into Boy's State Alumni Association.

CHAPLAIN - CHUCK FAUPEL



No sick call or deaths to report. **DO:**

- Stay home
- Avoid people outside your household
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Maintain a safe social distance of 6 feet whenever outside of the house
- Wear a cloth face covering if you go outside

There are two kinds of people in the world: those who are going through a crisis, and those who will go through a crisis. These days, it seems you'll encounter more of the former.

Jesus, at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, talked about two men who built houses. One built his on a solid foundation of rock, while the other built his on an unstable foundation of sand.

Then Jesus said this about both houses: "And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house". It is not a matter of *if* the rain descends; it's a matter of *when*.

I wish I could say that we'll reach a point in our lives when all our problems go away. In reality, some problems simply replace other ones. If we're not pulling into or out of a storm, we'll face one eventually.

Worse yet, storms can seemingly come out of nowhere. It might be a hardship. It might be anxiety. It might be a tragedy. But it's something that came up pretty quickly, and it's had a major impact on you.

Sometimes those trials and hardships in our lives seem random, but they never are. Matthew 5:45 tells us, "For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike" .

The apostle Paul wrote, "For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

Storms have a beginning, middle, and end. And something will come out of them: an immeasurably great glory.

We cannot control circumstances. Nor can we control what people say to us or about us. We cannot control everything that comes our way, but we can control our reaction to it.

CLUBROOM MANAGER – STEF HOLDEN



I had sincerely hoped that as of the writing of this newsletter, Club 149 would have been opened and we would all be back to the business of sharing hospitality and creating fond new memories of good times had at Club 149. Sadly, this is not the case. We are planning one great re-opening celebration! Please check with the website and our Facebook page for details as they become available.

I would like to extend a great thank you to the Rene Gonzales and Trini Tang from the housing committee as well as Shannon White as they are making great strides to ensure Club 149 will be the most spotless bar in town once we are again open for business. Job well done ladies!



Until we see you all again, stay healthy and stay safe!

Post 149 Clubroom Re-Opening Event!



WHEN ♦ Date To Be Determined _future Saturday afternoon

WHAT ♦ This will be a celebration of the Post 149 re-opening. We will be acknowledging all holidays and events that had to be cancelled due to the lockdown.

EVENTS ♦ **MARDI GRAS**
Cajun (non-spicy) food, music, kid games, adult games and drink specials!

EASTER EGG HUNT

MEMORIAL DAY PRESENTATION

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