



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

COMMANDER – MIKE FRANK



Comrades, this will be my last article as Commander of Post 149. I want to thank you all for all the support you have given me, our Post, and

events that our Post has offered to the community for the past 3 years. It's been challenging at times but so rewarding for me to be so involved in our fabulous Post. I would like to thank all the members of the E-Board for their support of me and the Post and especially the following individuals who have always been there for me providing guidance, support, and an ass chewing when appropriate. Past Commander Daleen Moore, Adjutant Jeff Dodds, Chaplain Chuck Faupel, Judge Advocate Brian Turpin, and Art Lubben. A special Thanks also goes out to all my fellow House Committee members, Manny and Renee Gonzalez, Jim Botts, Lorraine Ulrich, Ken Boyd, Misael Alvarado, Trini Tang, and Duncan Wilke. These folks have spent so much of their volunteering time at the Post constantly working projects and putting on events. Two members of our team who are not Legionnaires have performed essential jobs for us in an exceptional manner are Karen Turpin, our Information and Social Media Specialist and Barb Richter, our Newsletter Publisher. I would also like to recognize our Children and Youth

Program Coordinator, Desirae Smidt for doing an exceptional job managing our Boys State program.

Our newly elected Commander, Mick Sobczak, will, no doubt, do an excellent job leading our Post into the future. He is taking the reigns during a time of extreme challenges and uncertainty and will need the support of us all to see our Post succeed and prosper. Please extend to him your congratulations and offer any support you can when called upon.

The following officers were elected to lead us into the future:

Commander - Mick Sobczak

1st Vice Commander -John Smart

2nd Vice Commander -Stef Holden

Finance Officer -Dave Geary

Sgt at Arms - Ken Boyd

2 Year E-Board member - Jennifer Holden and Art Lubben.

The other Officer positions and Committee Chairpersons will be appointed and/or re-appointed soon.

As far as our Second Annual VetFest and Veterans Day Parade are concerned, I am still waiting to hear from the City to see if they will allow the Events to proceed as scheduled. I should have an answer in a few weeks.

Take care of yourselves and I will see you all soon at the Post.

Jr. Past Commander *Michael Frank.*



NOTICE

REGARDING JUNE 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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1ST VICE – MICK SOBCHAK



I would like to start by thanking **Mike Frank** for his three years as the **Commander of Post 149**. I hope I can do as good a job as he did.

Going into this new year we will be continuing with upgrading the Post so you can enjoy all of our amenities. We will continue with our traditional events that you all know and will start some new ones.

One of those events will be a Post Everlasting / Post Initiation event to be held in January. We will say good bye to old friends and hello to new ones. I hope to see a lot of friendly faces there to welcome our new members.

I would also like to welcome all the new officers elected to their positions. This is going to be a great year and I hope to see you all at the Post. We are a team and together we will achieve great things.

POST 149 ADJUTANT – JEFF DODDS



We conducted May's general meeting at the post. We followed social distancing protocol and everyone wore a mask. I must say it was a pretty

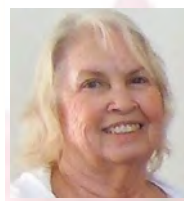
good turnout. People must be really bored at home to turn out for the post general meeting. Just remember, you've got to turn out to find out, what's happening at your post.

My office hours are 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 Meeting for May 2020

- To authorize the Post Adjutant to purchase hand sanitizer and disposable face masks for use at Post General Meetings. Not to exceed \$400.00

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The month of May has been declared **National Poppy Month!** May 22, was set as the day to recognize those whose lives were lost protecting our loved ones during the Great Wars. Due to the unusual circumstances of the Coronavirus, we cannot gather in person, nor can we honor those who died for us or of the passing of loved ones at a Memorial at the cemetery; we can however, hold those dear to our hearts by memories within our hearts.

It is a time to memorialize those men and women and our veterans for the sacrifices they made to keep us safe.

One way Veteran Organizations can honor those is by way of the Poppy Program. Our Auxiliary Poppy Committee members have worked to create the poppy to share in remembrance. Thus, the committee members work diligently every year to offer a donation opportunity with 100% of funds donated going to serve veterans. By now, you have probably received a poppy with a request for donations. For those who have donated, we appreciate and honor you for your gracious donation. **If you have not yet donated, you may still send your donation to Post 149, 230 Park Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025** or in the near future when we can open the Post and come together again, you can simply drop it off. Please place your donation in an envelope addressed to the Auxiliary and remember to enclose your name.

Thank you in advance! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sandy Cline, Poppy Chairman



MAY POST MEETING _membership during the Chaplain's opening prayer.



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Post officers will be serving dinner at the Post Friday, May 29 from 6:00 - 8:00, serving pasta, salad garlic bread, corn, and desert all for \$10.00. On Friday, June 5th, we will serve chicken, rice, green beans, and desert, again, all for \$10.00. Please come out and support our Post. We will practice all required safety procedures.

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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