

The One Forty Niner

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE HELP AMERICA WORK – SERVICE TO COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION

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

COMMANDER | MICK SOB CZAK



The month of March is upon us and this month we celebrate the founding of The American Legion which was founded March 15-17, 1919. It is also

Community Service month in the American Legion. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there is not much we are allowed to in the way of hosting events. That does not mean as Legionaries we cannot go out into the community and thank them for the support they have given us.

Last month we told you about **Triestan Teng**, the 17-year-old who won the **Post 149 Oratorical Contest**. On February 14, 2021 he competed in the District 22 Oratorical Contest and finished in 1st Place. By the time you read this, he will have competed in the Area 5 Oratorical Contest. I will let you know via a mid-week email how that went.

I also want to thank our Americanism Chairman, Harold Olsen, for the hard work he is doing to help the youth in our community. Harold, along with other Post 149 members worked with Triestan to hone his skills and work on his speeches, so he would be the best contestant he could be. Because of the 1st Place finish, Post 149 was awarded the District 22 Oratorical Trophy. Since being awarded in 1986, this is the first time Post 149 has had its name on that trophy. At our monthly Post meeting, I

told Harold to take it home for a month and return it during the March meeting, at which time, we will put it on display in our clubroom.

Until next month, be safe and be proud to be an American.

POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS



February's general meeting had a quorum. And a full house. Glad to see members interested in how their post is doing. We had second nominations and a

vote. Tony Azares is your new Post Sgt At Arms. Or at least until the May election. That being said, if you have an interest in helping to steer this organization, instead of just hanging on for the ride, start coming to the meetings and throw your hat in the ring during the upcoming Executive Board election.

I would also hope to see members coming out to **"We Clean Escondido"** the 4th Saturday of the month. Our SAL Squadron has asked to lead the way on this. So please come out and represent. Any questions? Give me a call.

My office hours are still 0930 to 1330 Monday through Thursday. Friday by appointment. Please stop by to say hello and join me for a cup of coffee.





Triestan Teng, Post 149 Oratorical Contest and District 22 Oratorical Contest 1st Place-Winner. See Mick's article for more details. Left to right: Commander Mick Sobczak, Mr. Teng, Triestan Teng and Americanism Chairman, Harold Olsen.

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



Sickbay: Post member Babe has been fighting diabetes for years. He currently is going thru medical issues. Prayers for healing and safe recovers.

Committed Christians are the true rebels in our culture today. Don't tell me that it's

rebellious to do drugs and party; that's the status quo. Don't tell me that it's rebellious to do what everyone else does, say what everyone else says, and conform to a preexisting culture that's changing before our eyes.

A world changer, a real Christian, is someone who believes the Bible and lives by what it says. If you want to be a rebel, then follow Jesus Christ. That is real rebellion in the best

sense of the word. You don't even need a leather jacket or a motorcycle or a wallet attached to a chain.

World changers are thermostats, not thermometers. A thermometer just tells you the temperature, but a thermostat changes it. Noah was a world changer, and when we think of him, we immediately think of the ark.

That's appropriate, but there was a lot more to his life. Noah is one of a number of people mentioned in Hebrews 11, also known as the Heroes Hall of Faith. These are people who stood out from the crowd and lived as God wanted them to live.

They're not mentioned in the Heroes Hall of Faith because they were perfect. In fact, they were far from it. They're mentioned primarily because they exercised faith. It's a word that keeps popping up again and again in Hebrews 11.

This reminds us that we don't have to be perfect for God to use us for His purposes. He's looking for someone, young or old, to simply say, "All right, Lord. Here I am. Send me. I want to make a difference in my world, in my family, and in my culture."

God isn't looking for ability; He's looking for availability. God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



Not much is happening with the Auxiliary due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are still collecting food for Camp Pendleton. This is an ongoing collection for young military families who don't make enough money to feed their families. These

wonderful people, who serve our country so we all can be safe need our help, please remember to give to this great cause. Put all items in the gray bin in the hall, please no expired items or glass jars can be accepted.

The Auxiliary is still serving breakfast on the 1st Sunday of each month and dinner on the 3rd Friday. We hope to see everyone attend. Masks and social distancing will be practiced for everyone's safety.

Sunday March 7th will be Chorizo and eggs with tortillas. Of course, we will be serving our usual for everyone who likes ham/sausage and eggs cooked any way you like. Come and enjoy a home cooked breakfast and a cup of coffee with us.

Friday March 19th come and enjoy some Corned Beef and Cabbage. Maybe a few days late but still delicious! Dinner is served from 6:00 to 7:30; cocktails will be available while dinner is served.

We have started our interviews for Girl's State, one of my favorite times of the Auxiliary year. It is so much fun to talk to these remarkable young ladies. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Girl's State will be held virtually again this year. Let pray this is the last year for this and we can get back to normal.

Ladies the Auxiliary is looking for some new people to lead chairs. Several of our ladies have moved out of state and have left their chairs vacant. We need you to step up; most of these chairs only require working a few hours a month. We only have a few ladies who come forward to do most events and they are getting tired!! Please help support the Auxiliary and all that we do for our Vets and their families.

Until next month!!!

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AMERICAN LEGION RECOGNIZES THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at nearly 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.


1919-March 15-17

Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.



POST MEMBERS FREE BIRTHDAY MONTH BREAKFAST

At the Post Officers Breakfast in your birthday month - All you can eat buffet

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12/28	1	2 Baker Electric Mtg. (Hall) 4:30-6 PM Teamsters Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM VFW Mtg.	3	4	5 6 PM KEY CLUB Dinner TBD (Hall)	6
7 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	8	9 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	10 6 PM SAL Mtg. (Hall)	11 12-4 PM Escondido Arts Assoc. Mtg. (Hall)	12	13 9 AM -1 PM Blue Star Moms Lunch (Hall) 9 AM VFW Riders Mtg. (Patio) 6 PM BROTHERS 6 Dinner TBD (Hall)
14 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	15	16 6 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM House Committee Mtg. (Patio) 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	17	18 	19 6-7:30 PM AUXILIARY Dinner (see newsletter) (Hall)	20
21 8-11 AM Post Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	22	23	24 5:30 PM AL Riders Dinner (Patio) AL Riders Mtg. (Patio)	25	26 6 PM KIWANIS Dinner TBD (Hall)	27 9 AM WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO
28 40 et 8 Breakfast (Steak and Eggs) 12 Noon 40 et 8 Mtg. (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	29	30	31	4/1	4/2	4/3

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. Mention that you are there to support the American Legion Post 149 and have them write it on the bill.

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