

The One Forty Niner

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



COMMANDER | MICK SOBCHAK



During the April general membership meeting we will be holding the first round of nominations for elected Post 149 officers.

Voting is probably the most important aspect of being a member. Your vote helps decide the direction of the Post for the next fiscal year. Voting is so important; The Bill of Rights contains four Amendments regarding the Rights of We, the People, to Vote. They are the 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th Amendments.

Ask yourself, are you happy with the direction of the Post? Are you satisfied with the work we, your elected officers, are doing? Whether you are or are not, you have a say with your vote.

Covid-19 and the lockdowns have made it hard on all of us. Most of the year, the information you have received has been through newsletters and emails. Recently, not all of the emails have contained good news. Some should not have been sent to the membership, but as the Commander, the blame falls on me. I, and only I, am responsible for the actions of the officers of Post 149. One of my jobs as Commander is to ensure the officers of Post 149 follow the bylaws of the organization and remain

accountable to you, the Post 149 member. Remember, we work for you and answer to you, not as some would believe, the other way around.

If you wish to run for elected office, attend the April meeting and get nominated. Then attend the elections at the May meeting. Too many times we only have one person running for any given position. Out of 748 members, that is sad. We tend to recycle the same members over and over as officers. If you want to change the status quo, get involved. Have your voice heard.

Vote.

1ST VICE | JOHN SMARTT



It was great to see so many members attend the March Post meeting and I hope to see and meet more of you soon. As many of you know, we begin the Post-election

cycle at the April meeting and your vote in May is important as always. I encourage any of you who may be interested, to put your name in the hat for any position you're interested in.

I also serve as American Legion Riders Chapter 149 President and would like to extend an invitation to all our fellow Post members to attend the **Cook Your Own Steak** dinner that we are hosting on May 1st.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be running the kitchen for this event and they always do a great job so please join us for a fun day.

In closing, I wish you all good health and high spirits.

2ND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAER | STEF HOLDEN



As the COVID-19 roller-coaster ride slowly but surely comes to an end, I urge each and every one of my fellow legionnaires to get vaccinated as soon as you are able to do so. Case numbers are on the decline and I anticipate the trend to continue. The Vaccines

are working! In the meantime, Club 149 is already planning events for the Spring and Summer as I'm confident we will be fully open sometime in that timeframe. If you or your organization would like to plan an event, please stop by and see me or Head Bartender / Rental Agent Ms. Shannon White.

I'm looking forward to getting back to a normal routine here at Club 149 so we may all create new fond memories for many years to follow.

See you all very soon! Stay safe and God bless.

POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS



Things are rolling right along here at Post 149. I hope everyone has their 2021 membership card because things are getting back to normal. Elections are coming up. First nominations will be at the April meeting and second nominations and

elections in May. So, instead of standing on the sidelines and complaining, come join the fun. Run for office. Yes, you could be the next picture on the wall. You could be the next Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Finance Officer or Sgt At Arms. There are also two Executive Board positions opening up. This is a good place to learn. You get to help make decisions without really having to do anything.

Actions of Post 149 E-Board

03/09/2021

- ▶ Reimburse the Adjutant \$250.00 for recently purchased office furniture for the Adjutant/Finance office.

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

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



Caring for one another! There is hardly a concept more central to any of our faiths than this – we are called upon to be people who care. Caring draws us to the chaplain and it is what keeps us going when all else seems to be failing around us –

knowledge that we can be the one who cares for our members. Wherever you are if you would look around at the others and give them a little bit of care and attention to the degree you are able to that is beneficial. We need to keep our heads above water and continue to support the legion. We will survive all that is going on. We will not fail. The Lord has all in his hand.

Joseph's story occupies more space in the book of Genesis than the stories of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, or his own father, Jacob. He was the son of Jacob's true love, Rachel, and his own brothers hated him.

Their antagonism and hostility toward him, fueled by envy, began to grow, and ultimately they decided they wanted to kill Joseph. But they changed their minds when a group of Midianite slave traders passed by. So they sold Joseph to them for 20 pieces of silver. Then the Midianites brought Joseph to Egypt.

Potiphar, the man who purchased Joseph, was very powerful, the head of Pharaoh's palace guard. Joseph was so responsible, so hardworking, and so full of integrity that Potiphar gave him more and more responsibilities. Ultimately, he put Joseph in charge of his entire estate.

However, Potiphar's wife was determined to sleep with Joseph, who kept refusing her. She was far from subtle about it, and one day when the other servants had left the house, she grabbed Joseph and pulled him down on the bed.

Joseph ran out of the house as fast as he could, but she

falsely accused him of rape. So Potiphar sent Joseph to prison.

How easily Joseph could have been discouraged. How easily he could have said to God, "Lord, I can't take this anymore. First, my brothers sell me into slavery, and then this woman tries to entice me. I resisted her, and then she lied about me! Now I'm in prison. This isn't fair!"

It wasn't fair. Yet the Bible never tells us that Joseph said anything to that effect. He could have felt like God had forgotten him, but the Bible gives us this very important detail: "The Lord was with Joseph" (Genesis 39:21).

The Lord was with Joseph as he sat there in that prison. And wherever you are today, the Lord will be with you, too.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



We had our first Zoom meeting and we were all happy that we had 7 ladies attend. One of our oldest members Donna Hayworth who joined in 1952 was able to attend. Myra attended while driving home from work. We hope that this will bring everyone closer and more informed of what is going on with the Auxiliary.

Irene Clingman is still collecting food for Camp Pendleton; we are falling short with donations due to the Pandemic. This is an ongoing collection for young military families who don't make enough money to feed their families. Please remember to give to this great cause. They have requested canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, rice. Put all items in the gray bin in the hall, please no expired items or glass jars can be accepted.

Sunday, April 4th is Easter Sunday and our special is Corned Beef Hash and Eggs. Bring your children and grandchildren in for breakfast and there will be a special Easter treat for them. 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 April 16th is Homemade Lasagna, salad, bread sticks and dessert. We would love to see everyone attend. Dinner is served from 6:00 to 7:30; cocktails will be available while dinner is served.

With Covid on the downswing we hope to see more members attending functions at the Legion. It has been a very trying

time for everyone but we have all come thru this bigger and better. Please help support the Legion and its family.

We are still looking for some new people to lead chairs. We need you to step up; most of these chairs only require working a few hours a month. One example is shop for items for **Stand Down** which is a yearly event that helps homeless Vets. We have allotted \$250 for underwear, socks and basic necessities. If you have time we could really use your help. We only have a few ladies who come forward to do everything 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 AUXILIARY | IRENE CLINGMAN | PR CHAIR



Girls State 2021 - Our Girls State Delegates for 2021 have been chosen after conducting interviews via Zoom from each of five schools that are participating this year. Cathy Wathen and I interviewed each of the candidates who were selected to be

interviewed by their school's counselor. Considering the number of junior high school girls attending each of the five schools, it was an honor to be selected as one of the five candidates to be interviewed; each of the candidates are scholars who are enrolled in advanced placement classes, are members of the honor society, and perform outside volunteer community activities. Several of the delegates have formed their own clubs on campus and invite speakers to address topics of interest to their club members. It is such a rewarding experience to be a part of the Girls State Interviewing Committee and to meet with our student leaders of the future. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, actual attendance for this year has been cancelled and will be conducted via Zoom as was last year. California has reserved 540 spaces for this year's program and during the Zoom sessions the girls will be divided into cities where a city mom and two counselors will be conducting the sessions with approximately 30 girls each. There will be sessions where everyone will be in attendance for discussions and each of the girls will be required to decide

and complete a project as well as writing a piece of legislation which will be presented. It is my pleasure to announce this year's delegates as follows: **Emily Parvis** – Escondido High School; **Isabella Moreno** – Escondido Charter High; **Jasmin Bogarin Macedo** – Orange Glen High; **Marianne Sadik** – San Pasqual High; **Malaya Pojas** – Valley Center High. It is my hope that towards the end of summer, and pending status of the pandemic, that we will be able to host a Boys/Girls State dinner at our Post where parents will also be invited and we can hear about their experiences. If this is possible, please everyone come to this event so that we may honor them for representing our Post 149.



FOOD CHALLENGE PROGRAM—We are still not able to go onto military bases yet which means that military families and others must come to distribution sites set up throughout the county. Helping Hand Worldwide is working every day to serve our community. Pictured are before and after a food distribution that was held at San Clemente recently.

Food Challenge Program – It has been a definite challenge this year to be able to provide food and other necessities due to the pandemic this past year and continuing. Effective yesterday, San Diego is out of the purple tier and into the red tier which means many businesses will be open inside for business, but unfortunately, the need for food and other items are still needed for our community members and military families. We are still not able to go onto military bases yet which means that military families and others must come to distribution sites set up throughout the county. Helping Hand Worldwide is working every day to serve our community. Again, every Tuesday of each month a distribution is set up only to serve families from Camp Pendleton. On the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday the distribution takes place in Oceanside; on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday the parking areas of the San Clemente Mall are utilized as the distribution for the north Camp Pendleton area. On other days of the week this organization serves community members who are in need. Now is a really good time for all groups at Post 149 to pick up a few items for our food challenge as we address the needs of military families. If you belong to an organization that would like to hold a food drive for the military, I will be more than happy to work with your group. We accept all food items except products that need refrigeration and those that are expired and no glass items please. You may drop your items in the bin at the Post.

WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO

Represent Post 149 while keeping the neighborhood clean.

**Mission Ave, Broadway to Fig St.
Saturday, April 23rd, at 9:00AM.**

Meet by the big gate on the east side of the Post.

POC: Jeff Flynt of SAL Squadron 149

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03/28	03/29	03/30 Baker Electric Mtg. (Hall) 4:30-6 PM Teamsters Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM VFW Mtg.	03/31	1 6 PM BUNKO	2 6 PM KEY CLUB Dinner (Spinach or meat lasagna, garlic bread applesauce and ice cream) (Hall)	3 
4 <i>Happy Easter</i> 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	5	6 5:30 PM Post Finance Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	7 6 PM SAL Mtg. (Hall)	8 12-4 PM Escondido Arts Assoc. Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM BUNKO	9	10 9 AM - 12 PM Blue Star Moms Lunch (Hall)
11 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	12	13 6 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM House Committee Mtg. (Patio) 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	14 6 PM SAL Mtg. (Hall)	15 6 PM BUNKO	16 6-7:30 PM AUXILIARY Dinner (see newsletter) (Hall)	17
18 8-11 AM Post Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	19	20	21	22 6 PM BUNKO	23 6 PM KIWANIS Dinner (Stuffed porkchops, scalloped potatoes, applesauce and pie) (Hall)	24 9 AM WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO
25 40 et 8 Breakfast (Steak and Eggs) 12 Noon 40 et 8 Mtg. (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	26	27	28 5:30 PM AL Riders Dinner (Patio) 6 PM AL Riders Mtg. (Patio)	29 6 PM BUNKO	30	5/1

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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