

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 past year has been a very difficult time for our Post. The pandemic, lock downs, and restrictions on our Clubroom activities has minimized attendance to all

our Post functions and especially the meals we serve. Through it all, our dedicated Post officers have done an excellent job guiding us through all of this. I would like to especially recognize our Clubroom Manager Stef and his exceptional staff, Shannon, Sheryl, and Maggie. They were instrumental in keeping our doors open throughout these difficult times and ensuring that our Post members had a safe and welcoming second home.

I would also like to commend our Adjutant, Jeff Dodds, for being there daily taking care of the administrative issues and membership processing duties throughout all this adversity. There are so many Post members and officers who have stepped up to help, I can't list them all right now. Communications has also been a very important part of running this Post, keeping our membership informed, and getting the word out on events this past year. I would like to recognize our Newsletter publisher, Barb Richter and our Communications and Social Media guru, Karen Turpin for their exceptional work in this area.

Jim Botts has stepped up again to chair our House Committee. He, along with committee

members Kevin Wood, Gary Fader, Tony Azares, and Don Hansen have worked many hours at the post performing repairs and making improvements to our building as well as filling gas tanks, recycling aluminum cans, etc. Please contact Jim if you would like to join his team.

I want to congratulate all our newly elected Post officers and announce our newly appointed and re-appointed officers, Brian Turpin – Judge Advocate, Jeff Dodds – Adjutant, Kevin Wood – Service Officer, Gary Fader - Historian, and Chuck Faupel – Chaplain.

Lastly, I also have to commend the absolutely outstanding job John Smartt has done as our 1st Vice Commander as well as the Administrative Hearing Officer presiding over our recent administrative hearing. He has dedicated countless hours, in between his family time and his full-time employment, taking care of Post business. His dedicated service to this Post is an example for us all to emulate and follow.

Our dedicated officers and staff are here to serve you and our Veterans community. Please come out and support our post by attending our meetings, meals, special events, etc.

Thank you for your attention and I hope to see you all soon at the post.

INSTALLATION OF
OUR NEW OFFICERS



1ST VICE | JOHN SMARTT



This last year has been challenging for all of us, yet we persevered and are moving forward. I see good things ahead for our Post and congratulate each of our newly elected officers. I chose not to continue on as 1st Vice Commander in order to spend more time with my family as I have held multiple positions over the last four years.

The torch will be passed on to our newly elected 1st Vice Commander Jennifer Holden. She has proven to be a team player, is of good character, and conducts herself in a professional manner. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve American Legion Post 149 and thank you all for your continued support of our Organization. Congratulations to our newly Elected Commander Mike Frank as well. He has a proven track record and will serve the best interests of our Post.

2ND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



Congratulations are in order for all of our newly-elected officers for the 2021-2022 year and a heartfelt "Thank you!" is extended to all outgoing officers who helped to contribute to the 2002-2021 previous cycle! All of us at Club 149 look forward to a prosperous and productive 12 months.

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many old and new faces at the last Post meeting that took place on May 18th. I hope the attendance will translate into increased foot traffic in Club 149 as only your continued support of the Club will allow us to keep the doors open!

As our lives are all hopefully getting back to normal, I assure you karaoke and increased live entertainment will be a regular occurrence once again at Club 149.

We are long overdue to create many new fond memories at Club 149 and, above all, live our lives again!

Until we see you again.

God Bless!

POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS



The May General Meeting saw a great turnout. A good time was had by all. Be sure to come out and join the fun in June.

We held the second round of nominations for the 2021/2022 election year, followed immediately with the election. It was

refreshing to have multiple candidates for the various positions. Two Executive Board positions will be filled in a special election at the June meeting. There are several candidates vying for two spots. Some familiar names, Bob Hamm and Harold Olsen. Dave Geary, having finished up a year as our Finance Officer. And a relative newcomer, Rafael Del Vecchio. So, be sure to come out to support your candidate of choice.

The installation of the new officers (to include Auxiliary, SAL and Riders) will be held in the Main Hall on Saturday, June 5th, at 10:00AM. A luncheon will be provided in the clubroom after the ceremony. All American Legion Family members are welcome.

Your **2021/2022 elected Post Officers** are: **Commander**, Mike Frank. **1st Vice Commander**, Jennifer Holden. **2nd Vice Commander**, Stef Holden. **Finance Officer**, Art Lubben. **Sgt at Arms**, James Botts. **2 Year E-Board**, John Angles and Don Hansen.

And don't forget about the ongoing fundraiser at The Golden Egg Omelet House. Just mention Post 149.

My new office hours are 1000 to 1400 Monday through Thursday. Friday by appointment. Please stop by to say hello and join me for a cup of coffee.

Actions of Post 149 E-Board

05/11/2021

- ❖ Post 149 will apply for a grant from the Small Business Administration Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Funds to be used to refurbish restrooms and other improvements.
- ❖ To purchase new QuickBooks 2021 software for the total of \$430.99.
- ❖ The Clubroom Manager will verify the cost of every item on the Inventory Sheet and update with the Finance Officer prior to 06/30/2021.
- ❖ The Clubroom Manager shall post a schedule for the work week for the Bartenders above the timeclock

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



I have (3) to report to Post Everlasting:

Aaron Hayes. He went to be with our Father on 3/9/2021. He lived in Valley Center, CA. He was born on 3/27/1938. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korea Era. Post member for 22 years.

Lawrence Dunkirk. He went to be with our Father on 3/14/2021. He lived in Escondido, CA. He was born on 6/23/1935. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korea Era. Post member for 11 years.

Gene Kellner. He went to be with our Father on 1/31/2021. He lived in San Marcos, CA. He was born on 08/09/1928. He served in the U.S. Navy during the WWII Era. Post member for 17 years.

Everyone has and lives by a form of faith. Now, someone might say they're not a person of faith. But everyone has faith. Everyone applies faith. Even the atheist has faith, even though it isn't faith in God.

I think it takes more faith to be an atheist and to not believe there is a Creator or someone who is in control of all the things around us.+

Everyone has a measure of faith. Everyone has faith in something. Maybe it's faith in themselves, which will be disappointing. Maybe they have faith in a political system, which will be even more disappointing. But they have faith.

I think the problem is that we make faith so mystical when, in fact, we act in faith every day. For example, when you go to a restaurant and order, you have faith that the food will be fresh and will be prepared properly.

When you board a 747 that weighs more than 300,000 pounds, you apply faith that it will somehow get up into the air and take you to the place you want to go.

When you step into an elevator, you're applying faith that all the cables are working and that maintenance workers have done their due diligence. When you go to the pharmacy and to fill your medications, you're trusting the pharmacist knows what he or she is doing and will put the right pills in the right bottle.

But when someone comes along and says, "Have faith in God," people will think that's insane. Yet the Bible tells us, "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17 NKJV). It doesn't say, "The just shall live by emotions," because sometimes we're up emotionally, and sometimes we're down.

So, let's believe the Word of God regardless of our emotions because there's no safer place to put our faith than in God Himself.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



We held our meeting on May 18th with 10 ladies attending and only 1 lady on Zoom. We missed everyone. Watch for the link in June and just click on to keep up to date on the events and fundraiser the Auxiliary has in store.

We are still collecting food for Camp Pendleton; it is one of the Auxiliaries main fund raisers. Irene Clingman reported we have donated 469lbs to date. Let's keep up the good work ladies. We had a donation from one of our members Lorraine Urlick for \$100.00 that will buy a lot of food for growing kids. Thank you for your generosity Lorraine. Please be as generous as possible, these military families need our help. They are in need of canned Tuna, Chicken, Pastas, Rice, box Mac & Cheese, healthy Cereals PB&J these are just a few of items needed. Put all donations in the gray bin in the hall, please no expired items or glass jars can be accepted.

Poppy money is coming in and to date we have collected over \$2000.00 which will be used to support Veterans organizations. If you know of an Veterans organization that needs our help please email me@ Cathywathenwatt@gmail.com, we are always looking for new groups to donate to.

Breakfast is on June 6th with Diced ham and scrambled eggs as our special. Gloria will be making French Toast and of course 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.

Dinner is Friday June 18th; on the menu is Chicken or Cheese Enchiladas with Green Sauce, Rice and Beans. Haven't decided on dessert but I promise to make it a special one. Once again, I want to thank everyone who comes to the Auxiliary meals, we are so blessed to have such a great following. All the money collected from our meals is used for Veterans and their families, without your support we couldn't make it happen!!

Ladies the Auxiliary is still 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 AUXILIARY | IRENE CLINGMAN
| PR CHAIR



FOOD DRIVE_On Tuesday, May 18, I delivered 318.73 pounds of food and four kitchen small appliances to be distributed by Helping Hands Worldwide at the Melba Bishop Recreation Center in Oceanside. Our total donations from January 2021 to May

18, 2021 is 470 pounds to help feed military families. We are still at off-site locations rather than on the base at Camp Pendleton for food distributions. A special thanks to everyone who have generously donated food thus far. I have received two cash donations of \$100 each from Bob and Barbara Burwell and Lorraine Ulrich. I always use coupons and special sale items when shopping for food to make cash donations increase their value. In addition, I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Tony Aguilar for their generous donations of food. As we are finally coming out of the Pandemic, our food donations have increased over last year's donations and I respectfully hope that you pick up an item or two while shopping to donate to the food drive. Reminder no glass items and no outdated items. You may drop off donations in the main hall of Post 149 in the food bin.

GIRLS STATE_ We have selected five delegates for this year's Girls State which is one less delegate from last year. Unfortunately, with the Pandemic, students were mostly on-line and many staff members were working off-site and we used Zoom to conduct our interviews. I am hearing that some changes may be in the works with Girls State increases in costs as well as having a change of location to Sacramento. All of this is being discussed but no final changes have been announced. Since June 15 is being announced by Governor Newsom as the date for everything to reopen, it remains some changes could still be forthcoming. It is my desire to host a Girls/Boys State Dinner at the Post

prior to students heading off to college. Parents will be invited along with last year's delegates and school counselors. It's important that we honor and support our delegates by all members working out of Post 149 to attend the event. Date and time will be announced at a later date. Questions, contact me.



May 18—Volunteers prepping boxes of food, vehicles lining up on street to enter food distribution and food delivery to vehicles.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Come join us on

SATURDAY

5 June, 2021 at 10:00AM

For the installation of all Legion Family Officers



The American Legion Family

Come support the **incoming**
2021/2022 Legion Officers...

...and stay after for a luncheon in

Club 149

(AKA, The Clubroom)



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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
05/30	05/31 MEMORIAL Day	1 6 PM VFW Mtg. (Hall)	2	3 6 PM BUNKO	4 6 PM KEY CLUB Dinner (Fried Chicken) (Hall)	5 10 AM OFFICER INSTALATION PATIO RENTAL 10 AM-1 PM HALL RENTAL 1-4 PM
6 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	7	8 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	9 6 PM SAL Meeting (?)	10 6 PM Escondido Arts Association (Conf. Rm.) Teamsters Mtg. 6 PM BUNKO	11	12 9 AM-4 PM Blue Star Moms (Hall)
13 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	14	15 6 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg. Conf. Rm.)	16	17 6 PM BUNKO	18 6-7:30 PM AUXILIARY Dinner (Chicken or Cheese Enchiladas with Green Sauce) (Hall) 6:30 PM LRC (Patio)	19 HALL RENTAL 1-4 PM 5 PM Brother's of 6 DINNER 6-10 BAND "San Diego" Celebration"
20 8-11 AM Post Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	21 6 PM House Committee Mtg. (Patio)	22	23 5:30 PM Dinner on the Patio 6:30 PM AL Riders Mtg. (Patio)	24 6 PM BUNKO CITY MANAGER Retirement Party TBD	25 6-7:30 PM KIWANIS Dinner TBD (Hall) 7-9 PM GAME NIGHT (Patio)	26 9 AM WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO HALL RENTAL 1-4 PM PATIO RENTAL 3-11 PM
27 40 et 8 Breakfast (Steak and Eggs) 12 Noon 40 et 8 Mtg. (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	28	29	30	07/1 6 PM BUNKO	07/2	07/3

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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