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











#### COMMANDER | MIKE FRANK



These are exciting times, Comrades! We are getting back to normal at last. Post rentals are picking up at a fantastic rate and Stef is working hard to bring you a

wide range of Clubroom activities. Please keep an eye out for flyers at the Post as well as online and Facebook postings of newly scheduled events.

We had second nominations and the election for two vacant E-Board positions at the June Post meeting. This election was quite unusual as we had 6 qualified Post members running for the 2 vacant positions. This tells me that our members are becoming very interested in becoming more involved in the management of our Post. I truly hope this trend continues. This Post will certainly continue to grow and improve with this level of participation and involvement. I would like to welcome our newest members of the E-Board, Bob Hamm and Tony Azares. Welcome aboard!

The House Committee is still seeking more members from the Post, Axillary, and Sons. Jim Botts, Gary Fader, Kevin Wood, Tony Azares, and Cathy are doing a fantastic job but can't do it all. I also want to thank Jeff Flynt of the Sons for always being there to assist us with all our plumbing issues. He is not a member of the House Committee (yet)

but has rescued us on many occasions.

Lastly, I would like to recognize the fantastic job Cathy and Richard Harrington did painting the conference room. It looks amazing. The Axillary also donated \$1,000.00 towards new flooring in the conference room. Much appreciated!!

We recently rebranded the Allied Veterans Council into the Escondido Veterans Coalition (EVC). The chair of this organization will rotate yearly between the American Legion, VFW, and the DAV. Membership in the Coalition also includes the Sons of the American Legion, the American Legion Axillary, the VFW Axillary, the VFW Riders Chapter 1513, and American Legion Riders Chapter 149. The current chair is Tony Maffini, the current Commander of VFW Post 1513. Tony and I planned the recent Memorial Day ceremony held at our Post. We had great participation from all EVC members and had approximately 140 people in attendance. Due to the pandemic, Oak Hill Cemetery, where we usually hold the Memorial Day ceremony, canceled this year's event so the EVC decided to host it at our Post. It was such a success, we decided to continue hosting this event at the Post annually. We will also continue working with Oak Hill cemetery to put on that great event in the morning then we will hold our event at the Post to include lunch later in the day.

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#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

> JULY 4th **BBQ** and Party

> > JULY 9

Thanksgiving in July **Auxiliary Dinner 6 PM** 

**JULY 16** Left-Right-Center 6:30 PM

> **JULY 23 GAME NIGHT 7-9 PM**

**BUNKO Every Thursday 6PM** 



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#### FIRST VICE | JEN HOLDEN



"Greetings! I am humbled and proud to have been elected your First Vice Commander. I would like to give you a bit of my background. I am a public

health nurse and proudly served in the Navy Nurse Corps from 1999 to 2003. I currently work as a civil servant taking care of our Marines and Sailors aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

I feel like a new recruit trying to get my bearings. I will need your support and guidance as I get my feet under me. I am excited to start recruiting new members and reactivating comrades we haven't seen in ages. Thank you all for your faith in me and I can't wait to get started."

#### SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



Let me begin by saying how wonderful it is to see faces I have not laid eyes on in the last 15 months! WELCOME BACK! Your attendance at Club 149

only serves to reinforce a return to normalcy and all of us at Club 149 could not be happier. THANK YOU!

Please come join us for our 4th of July BBQ. The festivities begin at 3pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad and chips will be served for just \$5. Live entertainment will be provided by "The Jesse Cox Syndrome" Featuring Kate Moore. As you are all aware, The American Legion is a great place to view the fireworks that will be taking place at Grape Day Park later in the evening. There will be drink specials for adults and games for the kids!

Please take part in making this day one to remember!

On a parting note, I want to take a moment to thank Shannon, Cheryl and Maggie so much for all of the support they provide me in my duties in running Club 149. Ladies, I simply could not do it without you. Again, THANK YOU!

See you all at Escondido's Best Kept Secret, Club 149!

#### POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS



The June General Meeting was all about a fresh start. New officers installed, COVID over and the Post fully functional again. So be sure to turn

out to the Sunday breakfast. And check the calendar for upcoming events.

We finished up the second nominations for two vacant Executive Board positions. After keen competition they went to Bob Hamm and Tony Azares.

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

My 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 06/08/2021

The Commander's appointments were ratified: Jeffrey Dodds as Adjutant, Chuck Faupel as Chaplain, Gary fader as Historian, Brian Turpin as Judge Advocate and Kevin Wood as Service Officer.

- To authorize the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander to spend up to \$300.00 on a pop-up canopy for Post 149 recruiting events.
- To enter into a year contract with Whirlaway Square Dance Club. They will meet in the Hall the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 7:00PM to 10:00PM at a rate of \$150.00 each night.
- To reimburse Desirae Smidt \$414.50 for paying the Post 149 membership dues to District 22 while attending their June meeting. Payable upon receipt of dues paid.

#### CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



**Sickbay:** Dave Geary was taken to the hospital for chest pains on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. They kept him overnight to take some tests. At this time, he is doing good. He will have to be monitored for further test in the road for recovery.

We have our new Post Officer's in place. The past is the past. We will continue to move on. We are not involved in soap operas. We are veterans, so gossip will not be tolerated any more. "They said". We want to know who "they" are. If you have any problems, bring it to myself, Commander, Adjutant or any officer.

I Have an issue every year. It troubles me to come to a meeting or be notified later that one of our members or family have been in the hospital or have passed away. It makes myself and the Post look bad that I am not doing my part as a Chaplain. I'm not a pastor or preacher, I don't get paid. Let's work on this as we move forward.

Before there was a planet called Earth, before there was a garden called Eden, before there was a couple known as Adam and Eve, God knew that humanity would blow it.

Because of the sin that Adam and Eve would commit in the Garden of Eden, God knew that it would spread throughout the human race. It didn't come as a surprise or shock to Him.

It was always God's plan for the son of God to die. Revelation 13:8 refers to the Father as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world"

The devil, however, was trying to stop the Father from reaching His objective. After John baptized son of God in the Jordan River, we read that our Savior "was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Among those temptations, the devil showed the Father the world's kingdoms and their glory and said, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.

Loosely paraphrased, the devil was saying, "Father, I know you've come to purchase back that which was lost in the Garden of Eden. I'll give it to you now on a silver platter if you give me the momentary pleasure of worshiping me."

Of course, the son of God rejected that. He knew He had to go to the cross.

This reminds us that the devil often hits us as Christians in the beginning of our spiritual lives, challenging us to doubt our salvation. But he also wants to trip us up at the end of our journey so he can discredit all the good things we did. That's why the apostle Paul said he wanted to finish the race with joy.

God will be with us and give us the strength we need to finish the race of life.

#### **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN**



We held our meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> with 9 ladies attending and only 1 lady on Zoom. Gloria now has the Zoom perfected; it just takes one click to attend the meeting. We missed seeing everyone. Watch for the link in July and just click on it to keep up to date

on the events and fundraiser the Auxiliary has in store.

We have decided not to do a breakfast on the  $4^{th}$  of July. Everyone please have a fun filled day with family and friends.

Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> we will be serving Thanksgiving in July. Enjoy our mid-year turkey dinner with all the fixings'. These dinners help support our Veterans programs for both retired and active-duty military and their families. Enjoy dinner from 6 until 7:30 and so fun in the clubroom after.

This year's Poppy program was a huge success!! Thank you to all who donated, we collected a whopping \$2739.00 for our VA&R program. Without your help the work we do wouldn't be possible.

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With the year flying by we are starting to plan Halloween and the Children's Christmas Party. We need volunteers to build booths and help to organize some fun games for the kids. Last year was our first attempt at Halloween for Escondido and parents we so happy to have a safe place to bring their children. If you are bored staying at home we need you!!!!

Keep the donations coming for Camp Pendleton. Thanks to everyone who has donated to this worthy cause. They need canned Tuna, Chicken, Pastas, Rice, box Mac and Cheese, healthy Cereals PB and 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.

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!!!

Cathy Wathen, President Unit 149 760-717-1425 cathywathenwatt@gmail.com





### EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT AT 6 PM

Come and enjoy playing Bunko at 6PM every Thursday night. We play 4 rounds, with dessert served at half time for \$2.00 Roll some dice and have some fun with the ladies at 149. \$10.00 to play with money used for Bunko winners.

**EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!** 

# THANKSGIVING IN JULY

Friday, July 16, 2021 at 6 PM POST 149 230 E. Park Ave. Escondido

Enjoy a feast by the Ladies Auxiliary for \$10.00



Turkey Stuffing Potatoes and Gravy Yams



Green Beans
A Pumpkin Dessert and Coffee

**COME JOIN US!** 



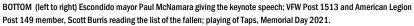


TOP: (left to right) Commander Frank conducting the Red Rose Ceremony; members of ALR Chapter 149 and VFW Riders Chapter 1513 presenting the colors; ALR Chapter 149 members during annual Memorial Poker Run, May











LEFT GROUP (top left clockwise) Commander Frank installing the officers of the Sons of the American Legion; ALR Chapter 149 attending a special ceremony at the last Orange Glen HS home field baseball game.









RIGHT GROUP (top anti-clockwise) Escondido Mayor and Post 149 member Paul McNamara installing American Legion Post 149 officers on June 5, 2021; Presentation of Military and Scholastic Achievement by two JROTC cadets Jennifer Castilla and Joseph Herrera from Orange Glen HS. June 2021 Post meeting; Post members preparing a Sunday breakfast.











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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
06/27	06/28	06/29	06/30	6 PM BUNKO	No Scheduled Dinner Call the Post for any changes	3
4th of JULY BBQ/Party 3-6 PM LIVE Music 5 PM Drink Specials Kid Games (Patio/Clubroom)	6-7 PM EVC Meeting (Conf. Rm.) 7-8 PM VetFest Meeting (Conf. Rm.)	1-5 PM Baker Electric Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM VFW Mtg. (Hall) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	7	12-4 PM Escondido Arts Association (Hall) 6 PM BUNKO	6-7 PM VFW Riders Dinner (Chicken or Beef Kebob, Potato and Egg Salad, Corn, Pasta and Dessert) \$10-\$12 (Patio)	9 AM-4 PM Blue Star Moms (Hall) 2-11 PM FUNDRAISER Dave Geary Dinner and Dance (Hall/Patio)
8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	12	5:30-6 PM Finance Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6-7:30 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6-7:30 PM DAV Chapter 70 Mtg. (Hall)	14 6-7:30 PM SAL Meeting (Hall)	15 6-8:30 PM BUNKO	6-7 PM AUXILIARY Dinner (Thanksgiving in July) \$10 (Hall) 6:30 PM LRC (Patio)	17
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DAV Breakfast Eggs to Order 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	26	27	5:30 PM Dinner on the Patio 6:30 PM AL Riders Mtg. (Patio)	29 6-8:30 PM BUNKO	7-9 PM ALR Dinner \$10 (Street Tacos) (Patio)	5-9 PM VFW Post 1513 Birthday Party (Hall)

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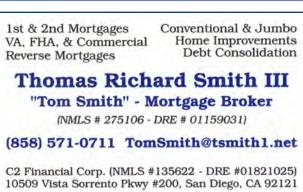
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