

# The One Forty Niner

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

## COMMANDER | MIKE FRANK



I am sitting here reflecting on this past year trying to sum it all up for this article and am having a somewhat difficult time. The pandemic has cast a shadow on

everything we have been doing or tried to do. On top of that was the very contentious administrative hearing we had to deal with early in the year. With all, we prevailed, kept our doors open due, in no small measure, to the exceptional efforts of Stef and his excellent staff, Shannon, Sheryl, and Maggie. Our Post Officers also played a major role in the success of Post 149. I would like to single out our Adjutant, Jeff Dodds and Finance Officer, Art Lubben. Keeping our books straight and our Post memberships updated are just a fraction of what these two individuals are responsible for. It takes a monumental effort to keep a Post running smoothly and efficiently. The outstanding support we receive from the Auxiliary, led by Cathy Wathern, the Sons, led by Bruce Way, and our Riders, led by Ken Auzenne have also been an essential part of what makes this Post so successful. Thank you all!

Throughout all the challenges we have faced this year, we still managed to pull off many excellent events such as a Riders poker run, the wrestling match put on by the Sons, Trunk-or-Treat put on by the Auxiliary and Sons, Oktoberfest put on by the House Committee, and VetFest put on by this Post,

the Brothers of 6, and VFW Post 1513. I almost forgot about the excellent Memorial Day celebration put on by the Escondido Veterans Coalition right here at the Post.

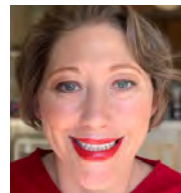
The most essential part of a successful Post, however, is the support and participation of our membership. Without you, we cannot succeed.

Lastly, I want to extend an invitation to our membership from our partners, VFW Post 1513 to attend a Christmas party and dinner at the Post on Saturday, December 18th. There will be many activities and an excellent meal prepared by Chef Mark. Please see the attached flyer and please RSVP so we can plan appropriately.

**Thank you all for your continued support of Post 149.**



## FIRST VICE | JEN HOLDEN



We had a very 2nd Annual Esco VetFest! During the event we had 5 brand new members join our post. I want to say welcome and I can't wait to see you

around the post. Thank you to all who helped during the VetFest and Parade. I want to thank you individually but there are so many people to thank that I don't even know where to begin. Thank you to Brothers of 6 Charities, Inc., American Legion Post 149, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 149, Sons of



## SPECIAL EVENTS

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

DECEMBER 2  
BUNKO Bash!

DECEMBER 4  
Rider Christmas Dinner

DECEMBER 17  
Auxiliary Lasagna Dinner

DECEMBER 18  
VFW Christmas Dinner

DECEMBER 25  
Christmas Day

DECEMBER 31  
New Year's Eve Party

KARAOKE  
Every Friday 7 PM



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the American Legion Squadron 149, Legion Riders Chapter 149, VFW Post 1513, and our sponsors; this event would have been impossible without you. A special thank you to Mike Frank, Stef Holden, Bill McNaughton, and Tony Maffini. To the unsung heroes of the day: Shannon, Maggie, Cheryl, and Johanna, you kept up with us and I appreciate each one of you.

Please come out and join us at the Post.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



### SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



Greetings from Club 149,

I am very happy to report VetFest was a resounding success! I can only anticipate greater things to

come for next year's event! I want to personally thank the other two VetFest Co-chairs, Commander Mike Frank and SAL member Bill McNaughton as well as the Club 149 staff. Shannon, Maggie, and Cheryl really stepped up to the challenge of running the day-to-day operations of the club in order to help plan and execute VetFest. I owe you all a deep debt of gratitude! I'm so proud of you all. GREAT JOB!

In the very near future the staff and I will be getting together to plan what we anticipate being a wonderful New Year's Eve party. Details to follow soon.

In parting, please pay close attention to this month's calendar as many normal monthly events have gone dark for the month of December.

**Looking forward to an awesome 2022!**

### POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS





I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and was able to spend some time with friends and family. Now it is time to prepare for a joyous

Christmas and a Happy (but safe) New Year. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so. Don't be that guy that walks into Club 149 in January 2022 and still holding a 2021 membership card. That would just be awkward.

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

11/09/2021

-  To approve and submit the 2021 tax return.
-  To shift the funds from VetFest, which were previously approved for distribution to Youth Activities fund, be directed to a Kitchen Replenishment fund.



### CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



Legionnaire Steve Ricketts (Past Commander) was admitted to the Palomar hospital again on November 11<sup>th</sup> for a second lung collapse. They

are continuing working on is lung to get it to inflate, I ask if I could use an air compressor to help, they said no. I tried I will continue updates and prayers for him and his family. Let's pray that he pulls thru. We have hope. May god be with you and your family during these times.

Announcement: I will be conducting the Four Chaplain Service in February, 3<sup>rd</sup> week

at 11:30, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, which will be the post breakfast, come out and enjoy a great buffet and stay for the service. Put it in your calendar.

The one who is the true Light arrived to shine on everyone coming into the world.

—John 1:9

The world is stumbling in darkness from one crisis to another. The crises are getting worse and worse, and are coming closer and closer to home. Inflation, population explosion, hunger, dominate vast areas of the world. Our Father said, “I am the light of the world. You follow me and give your life to me and I’ll take you out of the darkness of this world, out of this confusion, out of this mess that you’re in, and I’ll give you peace and joy. A light will burn in your heart and mind that you never had before. I will command the light to come on in your life.”

Christmas is not a myth, not a tradition, not a dream. It is a glorious reality. It is a time of joy. Bethlehem’s manger crib became the link that bound a lost world to a loving God. From that manger came a Man who not only taught us a new way of life, but brought us into a new relationship with our Creator. Christmas means that God is interested in the affairs of people, that God loves us so much that He was willing to give His Son.



### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



Hi Ladies, sorry to say we only had 6 ladies attend the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. I hope the New Year will get more members involved, we can’t continue the work we do for our veterans with such a small group...December we will be going dark, our next scheduled meeting will be on **January 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendar and attend, we would love to see some new faces.

The food drive is doing well with 1800 lbs. collected so far this year. Thank you to Irene Clingman for her hard work keeping this program going. She is requesting food for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Remember no expired items or glass jars can be accepted. **Thank you all for your continued support.**

**Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>** will be our breakfast and yearly bake sale. Smoked Pork Chops and Pumpkin Pancakes is our

Christmas special. The usual ham/sausage and eggs cooked any way you like with home fries, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice are all on the menu. Enjoy a great breakfast and get some homemade bake goods for the holiday. Breakfast is \$10.00 which includes juice and all the coffee you can drink. Hope to see everyone!!

**Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be serving a Lasagna dinner from 6pm to 7:30. After all your Christmas shopping stop in and enjoy a home cooked dinner. The meal consists of Lasagna, salad, breadsticks and a special Christmas dessert, all for \$10.00.

Due to lack of participation the Auxiliary has had to cancel the Children’s Christmas party. We only had 4 children sign up, because I only had the first names of the sponsors, I cannot notify them of the cancellation.

**The Auxiliary wishes everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.**

**Cathy Wathen, President Unit 149 | 760-717-1425**  
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### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IRENE CLINGMAN | PR CHAIR



**FOOD CHALLENGE** – On Tuesday, November 16, I delivered 471.10 pounds of food and kitchen electronics to military families at Camp Pendleton. On that date we served large boxes of food items to 70 families that came through the drive-through distribution in association with Worldwide Helping Hand. This year’s total pounds of food delivered to hungry families is 1,810.34 pounds from Post 149. Food and/or toys may be donated through December 16 in order for families to receive the items for the holidays. Thanks to everyone who donated.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** – The Escondido Police Department is seeking volunteers interested in assisting with community events, and other tasks assigned. All you need is a Driver’s license and background check. I am a volunteer, and I can say being a volunteer with the Escondido Police is a rewarding job! If interested, contact **SGT Ryan Hicks at 760-497-1858 or** [rnhicks@escondido.org](mailto:rnhicks@escondido.org)

## SAL COMMANDER | BRUCE WAY



Merry Christmas to all. I'd like to start out by thanking everyone that came out to support the Post and the Sons Squadron over the last couple of months. From the Wrestling event to the Earlybird Dinner. We are happy to say that the wrestling event was such a success that it may become an annual event.

Our goal is to support this Post and its members and we were honored to be involved in the VetFest Parade and man the membership booth. I am personally grateful to having been asked to assist in the presentation ceremony involving the POW/MIA Table.



## RIDER PRESIDENT | KEN AUZENNE



John Angles, the Quartermaster for the Chapter, made a motion at the October meeting to support an organization called Fish for Life. The Chapter passed the motion unanimously. The donation was for \$500.00 dollars and the organization takes veterans

out for fishing trips to help them by being with others and fishing for fun. At the November meeting Jim Holden, a representative of Fish for Life, was presented with the donation of \$500.00 dollars by acting President, Dennis Dalbey. Dennis Dalbey is the Vice President of the Chapter. The Chapter President, Ken Auzenne, was out of town in Texas.

The Chapter voted to go dark in December, which means we will not have a meeting in December, and therefore no Rider Dinner. The Chapter has no rides planned for December either.

Ride Safe and we will see you all next year.

Post 149\_2nd Vice Commander Stef Holden received a certificate of appreciation from the Rotary Club of Escondido in recognition of his organizational work with VetFest



## BLUE STAR MOTHERS | JENNIE McFARLING



Hello from Blue Star Mothers,

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone at the American Legion for always supporting our chapter and giving us a place to have our meetings. It is an honor to have a place to meet with so many veterans

to interact with. What is a Blue Star Mother? We are moms, step moms, foster moms and other females who have raised a military child. Our motto is, once a Blue Star mom, always a Blue Star mom. When our kids become veterans, we are still Blue Star moms. Our organization was founded during WWII by an officer who was trying to lift up the spirits of his troops and the moms were his first choice.

Our chapter started in 2005 and we are still strong and currently we send care packages to our deployed troops, support our local Stand Downs, volunteer at La Jolla VA and support several other local VSO's. If anyone at the Post knows of any deployed troops, please reach out to me. When we are getting ready for another big care packing event, I'll be sure to reach out with a 'shopping list' if anyone is interested in supporting this event.

Many of you have seen me around the Post since 2009, when I joined BSMA. I was a Legion Rider when my late husband was alive. Many of you know Jay, he was in SAL.

Jennie McFarling, President ProTem, San Diego North County Blue Star Mothers CA9

[president.ca9@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:president.ca9@bluestarmothers.us)



FOOD DISTRIBUTION at Camp Pendleton, November 2021. 471.10 pounds of food and kitchen electronics were delivered to military families at Camp Pendleton.

**Chef Mark Presents**

**Dinner brought to you by  
VFW Post 1513  
Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 P.M.**

## ***Christmas Dinner Menu***

### ***The Appetizers***

*Shrimp Dip & Crackers  
Chicken Liver Pate with  
Thin Sliced Onion on Melba Toast  
Salmon Lox with Boursin Cheese on Crackers*

### ***The Main Course***

*Tender, Juicy Turkey Breast  
Roasted Turkey Legs & Thighs  
Honey Spiced Spiral Sliced Ham  
Green Bean Casserole  
Corn Medley  
Honey Balsamic Roasted Brussels Sprouts  
Garlic Parmesan Roasted Mini-potatoes  
With Multi-Color Carrots  
Traditional Herb Dressing  
Sausage & Walnut Dressing  
Cajun Cornbread Dressing  
Cranberry Sauce & Roasted Turkey Gravy*

### ***The Desserts***

*Pumpkin Pie or Pumpkin Cheesecake  
Warm Mixed Berry Cobbler with Ice Cream  
Warm Dutch Apple Pie with Vanilla Ice Cream*

***\$ 20 Donation***



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to RSVP



VFWPOST 1513

# Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

THE FLUFFIEST, UGLIEST, FUNNIEST, AND  
ITCHIEST SWEATER WILL BE CROWNED THE  
COZY CHRISTMAS CHAMPION

TURKEY DINNER PROVIDED BY  
CHEF MARK VENES!  
CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR INVITE  
AND RSVP QUICK!

December 18 | 5PM  
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Get ready to get cozy!



Bring a gift  
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elephant gift  
exchange



\$20  
suggested  
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dinner

**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
<b>11/28</b>	<b>11/29</b>	<b>11/30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6-8:30 PM BUNKO BASH (Hall)	<b>3</b> 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	<b>4</b> AL RIDERS CHRISTMAS DINNER (Hall)
<b>5</b> 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast Porkchops w/Eggs to Order \$10 BAKE SALE 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	<b>6</b> 6-7 PM EVC Meeting (Conf. Rm.) 7-8 PM VetFest Meeting (Conf. Rm.)	<b>7</b> 4-5:30 PM Teamsters Local 911 (Hall) 6-8 PM VFW Post 1513 Mtg. (Hall) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	<b>8</b> 6-7:30 PM AL Sons Meeting (Hall)	<b>9</b> 5-8 PM Kiwanis of Escondido (Conf. Rm.)	<b>10</b> 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM-12 PM Blue Star Moms (Hall) 10 AM-12 PM 173 Airborne Assn. (Conf. Rm.) 6-10 PM Biggs HOG Christmas Party (Hall)
<b>12</b> 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3-7 PM Polish Club (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 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)	<b>15</b> 6:30-8 PM VFW Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6-7 PM AUXILIARY Dinner (Lasagna) \$10 (Hall) 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	<b>18</b> 5 PM-Close VFW CHRISTMAS DINNER (Hall) <i>Open to all VFW and Legion Family members</i>
<b>19</b> 8-11 AM Post Breakfast Buffet with Eggs to Order \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	<b>20</b> 6-7 PM Post 149 House Committee Mtg. (Patio)	<b>21</b> 6-7:30 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6-7:30 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6-8:30 PM Coast Guard Reserve (Conf. Rm.)	<b>24</b> 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	 <b>25</b> 12 PM-Close Clubroom open
<b>26</b> NO BREAKFAST 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b> 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Party DETAILS TO FOLLOW (Club 149)	<b>1/1</b> 	<b>1/2</b>

**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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