

The One Forty Niner

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



COMMANDER | JEN HOLDEN



Can you believe it's February? This year has already brought some challenges and changes for our post.

If you are not aware our First Vice Commander, John Smartt, has resigned his position due to obligations that will inhibit him from performing his duties here at the Post. I want to say thank you John for your support and for your guidance through the last few years. I hope to see you around the Post.

Our new first vice commander is Paul McNamara, and he has a column in this month's newsletter to introduce himself. I want to say thank you Paul, for stepping up and serving the Post in this capacity. I look forward to working with you.

Legionnaires, at the last General Post meeting it was decided that we needed to hire a webmaster and social media specialist. This is currently a short-term measure to get the ball rolling for a Third Vice Commander in the future. Our Post needs more advertising of what we do, who we are, and how we can support our fellow veterans and their families. We need to let people know about this resource they have in their own city. By engaging through social media and other avenues or advertising, we will be able to share our organization and Post with the rest of Escondido.

Don't forget, we're still looking for post rental representatives. These representatives will provide Post support during the rental event. Please email the adjutant if you have questions or would be interested in supporting the Post this way. This duty is a paid task.

As always, my email, jennifer.lea.holden@gmail.com, and phone, **760-533-7920**, are always open to you all. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

FIRST VICE | PAUL MCNAMARA



Sometimes in life things happen fast, and like many of you, a change happened to me just a few days ago. I was just elected to fill the

remaining term of John. If we haven't met yet, my name is **Paul "Mac" McNamara**. I am a retired Marine and a life member of the Legion. If you are not aware, our 1st Vice Commander, John Smartt, had to resign his position. The good news is that his work and life are getting busier, the bad news for us is that he no longer felt he could do the job of 1st Vice with the time he still had available. I know he will be missed and he will have the enormous gratitude of the Post for stepping up, and making the Post the great organization it is.

KEY DATES

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

FEBRUARY 5

District Meeting 22

FEBRUARY 12

SUPER LVII BOWL Party

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 19

4 Chaplains Ceremony

FEBRUARY 20

President's Day

Check Calendar for FRIDAY

Dinner and

SUNDAY Breakfast

Schedules

BUNKO

Every Thursday 6-8:30 PM

KARAOKE

Friday 8-11 PM



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I also would like to thank the members who put their trust in me for this position, and promise to do my utmost not to let you down. I feel honored to be asked to serve. As many of you know, the 1st Vice has a membership focus. To that end I welcome your input on how we can do it better. No idea is too small. Additionally, as we watch the news, we can see there is a struggle going on in our nation. What that means to us is that the values and message of the Legion that we promote is more important now than ever to our community. In the next few months, I will be working with the leadership of the Post to help develop better ways to communicate our values, recommit our membership to service to our community, and seek out those who have served to join us in our own service to our brethren and their families.

SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER

| STEF HOLDEN



My fellow Legionnaires,

First and foremost, as 2nd Vice Commander, I would like to take a moment to welcome **Paul McNamara** aboard as the new Post

149 1st Vice Commander. Paul's years of experience in business, government and community service will no doubt be a great asset and addition to the post. We are all greatly looking forward to working with you. Again, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

Once again, **Club 149** will be hosting a **Super Bowl pot-luck on Sunday, February 12th!** Great food, drink specials and an opportunity drawing will be the order of the day in addition to what we all hope will be an exciting game. May the best team win!

Remember **Tuesday, February 14th** is **Valentine's Day**. Don't forget to remember that special someone in your life.

See you all at Club 149 !

POST 149 ADJUTANT

| BILL STINTSMAN



The short month has arrived. This month's events include a **Super Bowl Breakfast and Pot Luck** for the game, a **Mardi Gras Dinner**, and the **Four Chaplains Ceremony**. There is even a day where you can buy flowers, cards, and chocolate for people you like. Blink and it will be history, so set your calendar reminders now and come enjoy the events. And I know it's like beating a dead horse, but there are still plenty of members that need to renew their 2023 membership. If your membership card says 2022 or earlier, you need to renew for the current year, either on line at **MyLegion.org**, or in the office with me.

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



SICKBAY: Legionnaire Freddy Camacho (Past Commander) had his gallbladder removed on January 9th, 2023. He remained in hospital due

to an infection. He was released on Tuesday the 10th. Home doing well. Keep him in your prayers.

UPDATE: I did the Memorial Service on January 14th for our deceased Legionnaire Bob Reiley. Family and friends came out to support the service. We had a great turnout. Kathy Reiley (his lovely wife) and family supplied food. The Auxiliary also supplied food and did a great job of setting everything up. Thank those who set up the hall for the service. Thanks to our Commander for getting the flowers. His son Tim was a great help for setting up the Service. January 17th, we laid him to rest

at Miramar National Cemetery. Had a lot of support for the family. Big shout out to those who came out. Keep Kathy and his family in your prayer's.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Myself and our Post Commander will be performing the **Four Chaplain Service** on **February 19th** at **11:30 AM** following the post breakfast. Come out and enjoy a great buffet and stay for the service. Put it on your calendar.

For a little humor...

How do groups of angels greet each other? *Halo, halo, halo!*

How long did Cain hate his brother? *As long as he was Abel.*

Who was the best female finance lady in the Bible? *Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.*

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? *Samson – he brought the house down.*

On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the cows. What did he get from the ducks? *Quackers.*

Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible? *David – he rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.*

If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus was a little lamb... *Does that mean Mary had a little lamb?*

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



Not much to report on happenings with the Auxiliary. January meeting due to the rain and bad weather had 5 ladies in attendance.

Discussions were conducted about meals and a short report

was made by Irene Clingman on the process of the 2023 Poppy Drive.

Sunday, February 5th we will be hosting breakfast for the District 22 meeting. Our special will be diced ham and scrambled eggs. Also on the menu is sausage, ham, eggs cooked to order, home fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy with a toast bar, juice and coffee. Come and enjoy a great homecooked breakfast. Due to the increased costing of food items we will have to increase our price per breakfast to \$13.00, still a great deal.



Friday, February 12th dinner will be stuffed pork chops with salad, mashed potatoes, veggies and a surprise dessert. Dinner is served from 6 to 7:30 PM or until we run out of food and only \$13.00.

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

Mark your calendar for the annual **Children Easter Party** on **Saturday, April 1st from noon until 2PM.** Check out the flyer and there will be sign-up sheets in the clubroom. Children infants to 10 years old are welcome to come and see the Easter Bunny and get a special gift. **Sign-up will close on March 27th so please sign up early.**

Our next scheduled meeting will be at 6 PM on February 21st in the conference room. Please come and say hello to our District President Moe who will be attending.

Till we meet again,

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

SAL COMMANDER | KEITH BELL



We are off to a good start of the new year. We have partnered with the Brothers of Six to have an Opportunity Drawing for a 1942 Colt Frame 1911A1, or \$1000.00 cash. We have a limited number of tickets at \$10.00 each and they're selling fast. We hope to

have the drawing on February 12th during the Super Bowl. **And speaking of the Super Bowl, we will be cooking our "All-You-Can-Eat" Breakfast on Sunday February 12th** before the game and also sponsoring a Super Bowl Fundraiser Square sheet.

We are working on our first annual **Spring Pro Wrestling Event** and the next raffle will be an 18-volt Milwaukee Combo Tool Kit (7-piece kit) worth \$1,178.00. Hope to see you at Breakfast starting at 8 AM and the **Super Bowl Party.**



DIVISION 37 KIWANIS DINNER

FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Spaghetti and Meatballs | Garlic Bread | Salad | Dessert



at American Legion | 230 E Park Ave. | Escondido CA 92015

For a donation of \$12 | Any questions call Dave at (760) 802-3945

All proceeds go to support buses for the Rose Float

It's Easter!!!!

**COME join the fun at Post 149's Annual Children's Easter Party
HOP on down and have a fun afternoon on**

SATURDAY APRIL 1st, 2022, 1-2 PM

Deadline for Sign-up Is March 27th, 2023

Easter egg hunt, lunch (kids eat free), games and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Veteran's families ages Infant to 10 years old.

Sign-up sheets are available at Post 149

230 East Park Ave., Escondido, CA 92025 OR call 760-745-1159



LAW & ORDER 2023



27th Annual Law & Order ~ 2023

The 27th Annual Jimmie L Hayes Memorial Law and Order Awards Presentation and Dinner is coming soon and will be held Saturday, April 8, 2023, starting at 5 PM. This presentation recognizes first responders who protect our community 24/7, 365 days a year!

A special “thank you” to all 2022 donors including Mike Stein (Escondido PD COP Ret.), Penu Pauu Jr. (National City PD A/COP Ret), Ivan Pyle, Tony Azares (RIP), Connie Heredia, Dave Geary (Dave’s Computer Repair), SAL Squadron 149, Trudell & Associates, Heritage Ranch Management and American Legion Riders Chapter 149, for their generous donations to the program. Cathy Wathen and The American Legion Unit Auxiliary provided an excellent meal and the Orange Glen High School ROTC and Key Clubs provided the Honor Guard and meal service. Your contributions and participation assured a very successful 2022 Law & Order event! A very special Thank You to Legionnaire Dave Geary who was Chairperson of the 2022 Law and Order event for a job well done!

Now to the 2023 27th Annual Jimmie L Hayes Memorial Law & Order Dinner! Donations, **of no limit**, from the ENTIRE American Legion Post 149 Family are solicited and are greatly appreciated! It will assure that the Law-and-Order event will again be highly successful. ALL Donations will be recognized on the program for the evening’s event.

If you would like to donate, please contact Co-Chairpersons **Michael Franks** (760) 315-1330 **Penu Pauu Jr** (619) 241 6313, or give directly to the POST Adjutant **Bill Stintzman** (760) 745-1159. Checks can also be left at the bar or with the Adjutant, made payable to Post 139 Law & Order. If you would like “tickets” (you’ll be placed on a roster) for the dinner event, the cost is \$20 per person. A \$35 donation will get you TWO tickets to dinner. Tickets are limited because of space. First come first served so buy your tickets early.

Thank You for donating and participating in this very worthwhile event!

Michael Franks Co-Chair 2023
Penu Pauu Jr. Co-Chair 2023

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
			1	2 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	3 8 AM-3 PM Lifeline Screening (Hall) 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	4
5 8:30-11 AM AUXILIARY Breakfast Diced Ham and Eggs \$13 9 AM-Noon District 22 Meeting (Hall) 3:30-7PM Polish American Club (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	6	7 4-5:30 PM Teamsters Local 911 (Hall) 6-8 PM Post 1513 VFW Mtg. (Hall) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	8 6-7:30 PM SAL Meeting (Hall)	9 5-8 PM Kiwanis of Escondido (Conf. Rm.) 5:30-8:30 PM North County CREIA (Hall) 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Patio)	10 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	11 8:30 AM-1:30 PM Blue Star Moms (Hall) 10 AM-12 PM 173 Airborne Assn. (Conf. Rm.) 2-3 PM Guide Dog Training (Patio)
12 8-11 AM SAL Breakfast SUPER BOWL Buffet \$12 (Patio) 2-7:30 PM SAL Super Bowl Party	13	<i>Valentine's Day</i> 14 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)	15 6-8 PM Vietnam Vets of America (Hall)	16 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	17 6-7:30 PM Auxiliary Dinner Event (Stuffed Porkchops) (Hall) \$13 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	18 8 AM-12:30 PM Sea Cadets (Hall) 4-7 PM MARDI GRAS Dinner (Patio)
19 8-11 AM POST Breakfast Eggs to Order \$12 (Hall) 11:30 AM-2:30 4 Chaplains Ceremony (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	20 11 AM-2 PM TERC (Hall) PRESIDENT'S DAY	21 6-7:30 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6-7:30 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	22 5:30-6:30 PM ALR Dinner (Burgers, Brats, Cole slaw and Dessert) \$12 (Patio) 6:30-8 PM ALR 149 Mtg. (Patio)	23 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	24 5:30-7 PM KIWANIS Dinner (*see flyer) \$12 (Hall) 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	25 11 AM-3 PM SCRABBLE Club (Conf. Rm.) 6-10 PM FFA Fundraiser (Hall)
26 VACANT 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	27	28 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	3/1	3/2 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	3/3 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	3/4

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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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