

The One Forty Niner

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE HELP AMERICA WORK – SERVICE TO COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION

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

COMMANDER | JEN HOLDEN



Welcome to Summer! I am extremely grateful that the warmer weather has arrived. This means more people to visit and to have events held at the Post. The Post needs your support! I hear frequently the following comments when I'm at the Post:

- "We used to do that."
- "There were always dinners but no one is doing it now."
- "The Club always had bands."
- "The Post doesn't have events like they used to."
- "Someone needs to schedule stuff for the Post to do."
- "Someone needs to do breakfast."
- "Someone needs to... On and on it goes..."

The bartenders and Clubroom Manger do their best to decorate and make things festive around the Clubroom, but preparing and having these other activities are not their jobs. If you want the Post to continue to be here and have events, we need a Clubroom Committee. This is the job of our membership. Being a part of the Clubroom Committee will take 5-7 hours per month. Currently, the same 10-15 people are the only members that show up to help and accomplish the events we do now. Those same 10-15 are also on the Executive Board and 2/3 of them still have full time jobs. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

One of the questions that was asked of me by the Adjutant, as he was attending the Department of California Conference, was: "If our Post, meaning JB Clark Post 149, were to close tomorrow would it be a front-page news story, or would it end up on page 4 as a paragraph and byline?" This is a profound question and really made me think. What are we doing as part of our community? Do we make a difference? Do we impact the community and our members? Would our community miss us?

The Post is more than a place to drink. The Post just happens to have a Clubroom that is a bar and

private social club. We need to engage and be a bigger part of our community. If you want the Post to be a beacon of our community, we need our membership to engage!!!

I am challenging each one of you to do one of the following this month:

1. Attend the Post meeting on July 18th, 6PM.
2. Attend the Post breakfast on July 16th at 9AM.
3. Play Bunko on Thursday evenings at 6PM
4. Come have a beverage, adult or virgin, in the Clubroom on a Saturday.
5. Come sing karaoke in the Clubroom on Fridays at 7PM.
6. Bring another Veteran to the Post and explain what we do.
7. Make a phone call to another Post member to check on them.
8. Attend the House Committee Meeting at 5PM July 18th. We need people with skills to help with the maintenance of the Post.
9. Join the Post Clean-up July 23rd at 9AM.

Don't forget that this is your post. We are here to support you, but we can't do that without your participation. I look forward to seeing your faces at one of these events and around the Post and Clubroom.

FIRST VICE | PAUL MCNAMARA



Fellow Legionnaires, Last month as many of you know, we had a booth at the street fair. I want to thank all of you who volunteered to help staff the booth. We had a quite a number of visitors and gave out applications for the entire family of organizations that make up the Legion. We even had folks stop by who knew a veteran in need and asked if we could help. The booth served as a conduit to the community, not just the veterans, and it was fun to talk to all our veterans and neighbors who stopped by. But the truth is the booth was understaffed. And I hate to say it, but some folks who signed up didn't show up. I had to commandeer the high school brother of Elias



Velazquez to help me break down the canopy and thanks to Tony Maffini's truck, we were able to get the equipment back to the post. So, I am asking that in the Fall, you commit to volunteering and help put our best foot forward.

SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER

| STEF HOLDEN



I would like to take a moment to share with all of you something that happened to me a few weeks ago, you see, I was asked by an acquaintance of mine (I refer to him as an acquaintance because although I do not dislike him, I just do not know him very well.) to pick him up at his house (I did not know where he lived.) and drive him down to the VA in La Jolla at 5am on a Monday morning for a procedure he was scheduled to undergo that day. I accepted the favor this fellow vet was asking of me in spite of the fact that, in doing so, it meant me having to wake up at 4am and drive a 60-mile round trip in order to carry out the favor to him. I picked him up outside of his house at 4:50am and we proceeded to drive to La Jolla. Not much was said along the way, perhaps because it was so early or perhaps because I have never known him to be a man of many words. As we arrived at the hospital, he turned to me and said "Thank you for the ride, you are a good man and God bless you". When I arrived back at my house shortly before 6:30am, I said to my wife, "As much as I'm happy to help someone out in need, I cannot stop wondering why he asked me." Her reply was simply "You are probably the most reliable person he knows." "Huh!" I thought to myself as I began to prepare for what was to be a long day. I do not know why he asked me and I never will. I simply did a favor for someone who needed a favor. If you are to take away any lesson from this story, I ask you to always remind yourselves that it cost you nothing to be kind.

POST 149 ADJUTANT | BILL STINTSMAN



After a busy month of both family vacation and the Department of California Convention, the end of the fiscal year has come and gone, and we begin anew in July. The 2023-2024 membership year is upon us and I have the new membership cards available for those that would like to pay now and get this requirement out of the way. Since I look at membership totals on a daily basis, the end of the year numbers are pretty depressing. The Department of California lost over 8,000 members last year, not including more than 1100 transferring to Post Everlasting, ranking the state at 45th out of 55 Departments. Post 149 has an end of year total of 618 members paid, which equates to 83.18 percent of our previous year, and 34 of our family transferred to Post Everlasting. District 22, our District, had the second largest number of members transferring to Post Everlasting throughout the state. Our Post had 31 'new' members and 19 'transferred in.' For those that have a long history in this Post, you will notice that our numbers used to be over 1000 members strong, so we are losing more than we are gaining. While this depreciation in membership is not uncommon across the spectrum of volunteer organizations of late, it is one indicator of the future. Your membership matters greatly, especially when battling veterans related legislation in the halls of the United States Congress.

Your membership equates to numbers. Numbers equate to constituents in the eyes of our elected officials and drives their decisions. The Pact Act being signed into law was because of you, your membership, and your voice being heard. (Just one recent example.) If you think your membership doesn't matter, think of what your lack of membership says and does for those veterans that need you more now than ever.

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



We received a news update from Ernie Pyle that the late-night house fire in Escondido last week that claimed the life of an elderly wife, while the husband and son survived, was the spouse of a post member. The member is Richard Huls

I want to thank our 2nd term Elected Commander (Jennifer Holden) for asking me to be her Chaplain. I will continue to support her as I have done in the past.

I have a favor to ask to all Post members. Please, if you know of a death or a sick call, notify me first thing at either (619)995-3043 or e-mail at cfaupel9@gmail.com. I ask this because many times I have to be notified after the fact. In these matters, as the Post Chaplain, I should be the first one notified not the last one. Thanks for the Commander and Adjutant to inform me.

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

—Matthew 21:22

Prayer is a two-way conversation; it is our talking to God, and His talking to us. As a Christian, you have a heavenly Father who hears and answers prayer. Our Father said, "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Every man or woman whose life has counted for the church and the Kingdom of God has been a person of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian. Our Father spent many hours in prayer. Sometimes He spent the night on a mountaintop in solitary communion with God the Father. If He felt that He had to pray, how much more do we need to pray!

HOUSE COMMITTEE

We meet on the third Tuesday every month at 5PM/1700hrs (1 hour before the Post General meeting), out back at the Army pavilion .

July 8th is flagpole repaint on a snorkel manlift. Some ground work needs doing too, for those who prefer to stay on the ground. Sunday July 23: Post cleanup 0900/9am. All post members and visitors are welcome.

If anyone is serious about being on the house committee please text 760-505-7384.

Thank you, hope to see you there!

KEY DATES

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

JULY 4

Independence Day

JULY 8

Repaint Flagpole

JULY 16

Post Breakfast

JULY 18

House Committee Meeting

JULY 18

Post Meeting

JULY 23

Post Cleanup

Check Calendar for
FRIDAY Dinner and
SUNDAY Breakfast
Schedules

BUNCO

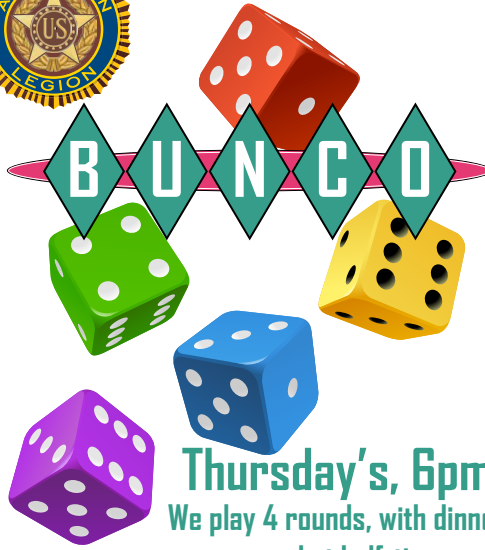
Every Thursday 6-8:30 PM

KARAOKE

Every Friday 8-10 PM



J.B. CLARK/POST 149



Thursday's, 6pm
We play 4 rounds, with dinner
served at half-time.

Let The Good Times Roll!



J.B. CLARK/POST 149



Karaoke
NIGHT

FRIDAYS

8PM - 10PM

KJ Alex 1st/3rd/5th Friday
KJ Christine 2nd/4th Friday

We Want To Hear You
SING!

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POST MEMBERS FREE BIRTHDAY MONTH BREAKFAST
 At the the Post Officers Breakfast in your birthday month - All you can eat buffet!

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 3PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	3 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	4 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 4 - 5:30PM (Hall) Teamsters Local 911	5 6 - 8PM (Hall) Post 1513 VFW Meeting	6 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	7 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	8 8:30AM - 1:30PM (Hall) Blue Star Moms 10AM - 12 PM (Conf Room) 173 Airborne Assn. 2 - 3 PM (Patio) Guide Dog Training
9 8:30 - 11AM (Patio) SAL Breakfast \$14 3PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	10 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	11 9 AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 5:30 - 6PM (Conf Room) Finance Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) E-Board Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) DAV Chapter 70 Mtg.	12 6 - 7PM (Hall) Sons of the AL Meeting	13 5 - 8 M (Conf Room) Kiwanis of Escondido 5:30 - 8:30PM (Hall) North County CREIA 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNCO	14 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	15 8 - 12:30PM (Hall) Sea Cadets
16 8 - 11AM (Hall) POST Breakfast \$13 3PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	17 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous 11AM - 2PM (Hall) TERC	18 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 5 - 5:30PM (Conf Room) House Comm. Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) Post 149 General Mtg.	19 6 - 8PM (Hall) Vietnam Vets of America	20 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	21 5:30 - 7PM (Hall) Kiwanis Dinner \$12 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	22 10AM - 1PM (Hall) SD Gourd Artists 11AM - 3PM (Conf Room) SCRABBLE Club
23 9AM Post Cleanup 3PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	24 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	25 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 5:30 - 8PM (Hall) NC Conservatives	26 5:30 - 6:30PM (Patio) ALR Dinner Pesto Tri-tip 6:30 - 8PM (Patio) ALR 149 Mtg.	27 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	28 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	29
30 8:30 - 11AM (Hall) Riders Breakfast \$14 3PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	31 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	Holidays & Observances 04 independence Day				

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 !0% 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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