

The One Forty Niner

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

COMMANDER | JEN HOLDEN



Happy New Year! This is the time of year we all try to make changes in our lives. A New Year resolution has a 46% more chance of success than a change implemented at any other time of the year. I challenge you all to make a resolution that involves the American Legion. Here are some resolutions that we, as Legionnaires, can make to impact our Post in 2024.

- Attend the Post meeting: this occurs on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM. The meeting is typically less than 30 minutes.
- Participate in a Post event.
- Attend a breakfast.
- Help decorate the Post for a holiday.
- Make a phone call once a month to a fellow Legionnaire to check in.
- Become a member of the E-Board or part of the committees that get things accomplished around the Post.
- Participate in the Post Clean-up once every other month.

This is your Post and it cannot sustain itself without you and your support. If you want to get involved please come to the Post meeting and we will get you hooked up with the right people. I sincerely appreciate each one of you and the unique experiences you all bring to Post. Let's make 2024 the year of revitalization of our Post and our activities!

SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



My fellow legionnaires, as we say goodbye to 2023 and welcome 2024, I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you that made this year such a success and filled us with such good memories of the year. VetFest was a huge success and will only continue to grow in size and participation. The same can be said of our annual "619" benefit dinner, the "Law & Order" dinner as well as our first responders "911" dinner. Thank you for all of the volunteers that contributed to making these worthy events possible, without you the job could simply not have been done!

Please note that Club 149 will be raising our prices in the coming months due to the minimum wage increase that took affect last year as well as the result of the rising cost of goods. I can assure you Club 149 will continue to offer the cheapest beers and cocktails in town but we were forced to employ this measure to give our guest the experience they are accustomed to as well as keep the doors open. I wish to thank you all for your support and understanding of our situation in reference to the up-coming price increase.

On behalf of myself and all of the Club 149 staff, we are looking forward to yet another amazing year! See you at Club 149!



POST 149 ADJUTANT | BILL STINTSMAN



And so it begins, another celebratory loop around the sun. Once upon a time, portions of the Christian religion celebrated “The Feast of Annunciation” on March 25th as the official beginning of each “New Year”, others thought it was December 25th. And still others said it was September. Somewhere between 715 and 673 BCE, Roman king Pompilius decided and decreed that the Janus, the Roman god of all beginnings, would mark the beginning of each year. Between his reign and the year 1752, the start of each year was in flux depending on where you were on the planet. Then we have the “Lunar New Year”, which is a horse of a different color when it comes to solidifying an annual start date because it has variability attached to the new moon cycle.

The confusion about annual start and end dates has not been lost on The American Legion. From July through November of 2023, you renew for 2024 and your card is effectively good for as many as 18 months, right? Well, technically. But this history lesson is actually for those of you holding a membership card that says 2023. Technically, as of December 31st, 2023, your membership in The American Legion officially expired; however, like the Lunar New Year, there is variability. The Legion gives you a 30-day renewal grace period that officially expires on January 31st. So, technically, on February 1st, your membership in The American Legion officially and legally expires. When you renew on or after February 1st, 2024, you are technically a NEW MEMBER, which officially restarts your consecutive membership years at one (1) (for those of you that find this item important), and theoretically means you have to be voted back into your local Post by the membership at a general meeting, all because you are a new member. How many of you knew that? (All these technicalities.) Let the moon dictate the size of the tides, not your membership. Renew now before you have to start over.

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



Sickbay: Past Commander Bob Hamm: Was taken to the hospital in an ambulance to Palamar. Sad thing is he had to wait in the emergency room for over 20 hours. He eventually they got him his room. The results were low on vitamins and other meds. I visited I'm on Tuesday. Good spirit. He's out and doing well. He was at the Post breakfast.

Announcement: Myself and our Post Commander will be performing the Four Chaplain Service in February, 3rd week at 11:30, on the 18th, which will be the post breakfast, come out and enjoy a great buffet and stay for

the service. Put it in your calendar.

Yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

—1 Corinthians 15:10

Let us face this fact: We came into the world with nothing, and we will leave it with nothing. Where do we get the notion that man's idea of success and God's are the same? You have written a book; you are a clever manager and promoter; you are a talented artist; you are independently rich; you have achieved fame and fortune. Without the gifts of intelligence, imagination, personality, and physical energy—which are all endowed by God—where would you be? Are we not born poor? Do we not die poor? And would we not be poor indeed without God's infinite mercy and love?

We came out of nothing; and if we are anything, it is because God is everything. If He were to withhold His power for one brief instant from us, if He were to hold in check the breath of life for one moment, our physical existence would shrivel into nothingness, and our souls would be whisked away into an endless eternity. Those who are poor in spirit recognize their creatureliness and their sinfulness—but more, they are ready to confess their sins and renounce them.

KEY DATES

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

JAN 1

New Years Day

JAN 6 & JAN 20

Red Cross Blood Drive

JAN 15

MLK Day

JAN 16

Post Meeting

JAN 27

ALR Accident Scene Class

Check Calendar for
FRIDAY Dinner and
SUNDAY Breakfast
Schedules

Pub Grub by Cheryl
Every Sunday 3 PM

BUNCO

Every Thursday 6-8:30 PM

KARAOKE

Every Friday 7-11 PM

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 At the the Post Officers Breakfast in your birthday month - All you can eat buffet!

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 New Years Day 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	2 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 4 - 5:30PM (Hall) Teamsters Local 911 6 - 8PM (Hall) Post 1513 VFW Meeting	3	4 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	5 5:30 - 7PM (Hall) Boy Scout Dinner 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	6 7AM - 3PM (Hall) Red Cross Blood Drive
7 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	8 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	9 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) E-Board Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) DAV Chapter 70 Mtg.	10 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) SAL Meeting	11 5-8PM (Conf Room) Kiwanis of Escondido 5:30 - 8:30PM (Hall) North County CREIA 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNCO	12 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	13 8AM - 1:30PM (Hall) Blue Star Moms 10AM-12 PM (Conf Room) 173 Airborne Assn. 2 - 3:30PM (Hall) Guide Dog Training
14 8 - 11AM (Patio) SAL Breakfast - \$14 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	15 Martin Luther King Day 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	16 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) Post 149 General Mtg	17 4-6PM (Hall) Vietnam Vets of America	18 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	19 5:30 - 7PM (Hall) Kiwanis Dinner - \$12 Spaghetti & Meatballs 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	20 7AM - 3PM (Hall) Red Cross Blood Drive
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28 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	29 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	30 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club	31	1	2	3

Holidays & Observances
01 New Years Day
15 Martin Luther King Day

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On December 17, 2023, Boy Scout Troop 669, sponsored by American Legion J.B. Clark Post 149, recognized and honored Andrew Hernandez for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. This is the the highest achievement in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The requirements to become an Eagle Scout include: Earning at least 21 merit badges, 14 of which are mandatory; Providing leadership in your Troop and community; Planning, organizing and executing a service project that benefits your community.



Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.

Escondido Post 149 congratulates this amazing young man, and is proud to sponsor the leaders of the future in our community.



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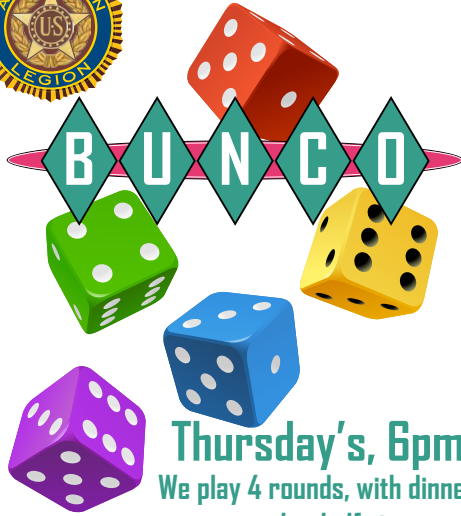
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J.B. CLARK/POST 149

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FRIDAYS
8PM - 11PM

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