

The One Forty Niner

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

COMMANDER | JEN HOLDEN



Greetings my fellow Legionnaires. I am coming to you this month to discuss serious matters. Our Post is in financial peril. The Executive Board has had many meetings to brainstorm what to do and how to proceed. We all need to determine our future as a Post. As many of you know, the COVID shutdown really hit many organizations hard, and our Post was no exception. We functioned off of our banked savings during this time and now those savings are close to becoming depleted.

Where do we go from here? There are things we can do. First, the Clubroom will be making some changes in operations to help mitigate some of the cost for utilities and payroll. Second, we need to have more activity in the Clubroom. The way to do this is to have a Clubroom committee to help plan and put on activities at the Post and Clubroom. Third, we need more rentals. The renting of the Hall or Yard are also a source of revenue that will help keep the Post open. Encourage friends and neighbors to rent our facility. If you're somewhere that caters to parties or similar activities let them know about our Post as a valuable community resource. Fourth, show up to a breakfast or a Post meeting.

This is your Post. Why are you a member of the American Legion? Why is the American Legion important to you? What about the Post is important to you? What will get you motivated? Think of the good we do for our community and how it will suffer if JB Clark Post 149 ceases to exist.

The Post is more than a bar! It is a place where we, as veterans and our families, can come to relax, be part of a group, and to have the camaraderie we experienced during our time in the Service. This Post is a second home for many. This Post gives many people a purpose. This Post has been part of Escondido for over 100 years! We need to come together to support the Post or the Post will no longer be here to support us.

FIRST VICE | PAUL MCNAMARA



Comrade Legionnaires, now that the holidays are over and everyone has back slid on their New Year's resolutions, myself included, I'm wondering if you would consider reinstating or perhaps adopting a new one albeit a little late. And that is to be more involved with the Post this year.

As you know, we have a lot of members, but sadly it is a relatively small cadre that does most of the work. Now, I'm not asking you to consider this to simply lighten the work load. I'm asking because I think you are missing out on one of the best aspects and benefits of being a member of the Legion, and that is the fellowship it provides when we work on an event together. I think the feeling of satisfaction one feels doing something for the greater good with your comrades is often understated. And the best thing about this is that it is not that long. It is simply helping out for a few hours every once in a while. Even coming to a meeting which are under an hour is a worthwhile event. When you hear what is going on you feel proud to have served and be part of this great organization. So, I'm challenging you to sign up for just one thing this year that you have done in years past. Thank you. You won't regret it.

Finally, I want to end by saying thank you for your service. When our country called, you answered. See you at the Post.



SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



My fellow legionnaires, it is with heavy heart that I inform you that, due to rising minimum wages and cost of goods, effective March 1st our operating hours will be from noon to 7pm Monday thru Friday. This decision was not arrived at lightly but we must find ways to cut cost in order to keep Club 149 open.

The Staff and I will strive harder to book additional special events and music in an effort to increase foot traffic and revenue for our post. Once revenue is increased, we will look to go back to opening Club 149 at 10am as we have in so many years passed. The entire staff looks forward to your continued patronage and support.

Club 149 invites you all to join us on Sunday, February 11th for our annual Superbowl Pot-luck. The day will consist of good food, friends and fun as well as what is to be an exciting game. An opportunity drawing will be held at Halftime. We look forward to seeing you all on the 11th. Signup sheets are available inside Club 149.

On a final note, gentlemen remember Valentine's Day is Wednesday, February 14th. Cards, flowers and chocolates are to be the order of the day. Take care and God bless.

POST 149 ADJUTANT | BILL STINTSMAN



What's your "WHY?" Why are you a member of the American Legion? Why are you part of the largest veteran's organization in the country? Why does the adjutant ask these silly questions? Well, it's because the organization is suffering from a severe lack of

participation from paid Post members across the country. Go back five to six years, and the membership was closer to 1200 people and activities and participation in events was strong. Fast forward to the present, we had 800 members last year and are sitting at 530 at the moment. Why? There's that word again. Revitalization efforts only garner so many renewals. Renewals that are only good for this year, then those same members slowly disappear again and we have to start prodding them anew to get them back for the next year. It's a never-ending cycle of futility and a vicious cycle where effort does not equal reward.

Posts don't survive on membership renewals. For example, our Post dues are currently \$50.00 until June 30th, 2024. After the Department of California and National Headquarters take their cut, the Post receives \$16.50 of that \$50.00. At the 2023 National Convention, a resolution passed to raise the National per capita by \$5.00 starting July 1st 2024. That means the Post income drops to \$11.50 unless we do something. And Department of California won't be far behind this move as they seek their share. Therefore, the Post had no choice but to raise our dues to \$60.00 effective July 1st, 2024. So, the initial question still stands - What's your "why?" We wouldn't have to keep raising rates if there was involvement from the very people that this organization exists

for in the first place. The Post needs your help, the National organization needs your help, and the veteran's that we are supposed to be here supporting need our help.

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



Sickbay: Legionnaire and American Legion Rider Denny Papo had a heart attack and surgery. He is home recovering. Let's keep him in our prayers.

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.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee . . .

—Psalm 63:1

Some Christians have learned little of a daily devotional life. Some time ago a policeman asked, what the secret of victorious living was. told him that there is no magic formula that can be pronounced. If any word could describe it, I would say surrender. The second word I would say would be devotion. Nothing can take the place of a daily devotional life with Our Father. Your quiet time, your prayer time, the time you spend in the Word, is absolutely essential for a happy Christian life. You cannot possibly be a happy, dynamic, and powerful Christian apart from a daily walk with are Father. Christians today to cleansing, to dedication, to consecration, and to full surrender. It will make the difference between success and failure in your spiritual life. It will make the difference between being helped and helping others. It will make a difference in your habits, in your prayer life, in your Bible reading, in your giving, in your testimony, and in your church membership. This is the Christian hour of decision!

SAL COMMANDER | KEITH BELL



We are off to a good start for 2024 year. I want to thank all that have attended the Special Order of Business to accept our new Constitution & Bylaws and the first breakfast. As we all know 2024 membership is due, we are at 64.84%. We have members past due.

Members not paid are on grace and the end of March will need Squadron vote to be reinstated for membership.

February 11th will be a busy day. We will be serving breakfast on the patio due to 22nd District Meeting in hall. Proceeds from the breakfast go to the Child Welfare Foundation. There is also a 50/50 drawing with the pot currently at \$300.00 and a Wine Basket. Tickets are available at the bar or contact me (440)669-2415. Squadron 149 will have an opportunity drawing during the Super Bowl starting at 3:30 PM. Drawing entry is \$20.00 and will pay at every score. Contact one of the officers. The Post will be having a Potluck for Super Bowl with the sign-up sheet at bar. Hope to see you at the event.

KEY DATES

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

FEB 3 & 17

Red Cross Blood Drive

FEB 11

Superbowl Party
Potluck and Drawings!

FEB 19

Presidents' Day

FEB 20

Post Meeting

FEB 29

Leap Day

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!

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	2 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	3 7AM - 2PM (Hall) Red Cross Blood Drive
4 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl 3 - 7:30PM (Hall) Polish American Club	5 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	6 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 4 - 5:30PM (Hall) Teamsters Local 911 6 - 8PM (Hall) Post 1513 VFW Meeting.	7	8 5-8PM (Conf Room) Kiwanis of Escondido 5:30 - 8:30PM (Hall) North County CREIA 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNCO	9 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	10 8AM - 1:30PM (Hall) Blue Star Moms 10AM-12 PM (Conf Room) 173 Airborne Assn. 2 - 3:30PM (Hall) Guide Dog Training 6 - 10PM (Hall) Singles Social Event
11 8 - 11AM (Patio) SAL Breakfast - \$14 9AM - 12PM (Hall) District 22 Meeting 2:30 - 7PM (Clubroom) Super Bowl Party Pot Luck and Drawings!	12 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	13 9AM - 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.	14 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) SAL Meeting	15 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	16 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	17 7AM - 3PM (Hall) Red Cross Blood Drive
18 9 - 11AM (Hall) Post Breakfast - \$14 12 - 1PM (Hall) 4 Chaplains Ceremony 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	19 Presidents' Day 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	20 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) Post 149 General Mtg	21 4-6PM (Hall) Vietnam Vets of America	22 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO 6 - 10PM (Patio) Ghosts of Freedom MC	23 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	24 11AM - 3PM (Conf Room) SCRABBLE Club 10AM - 1PM (Hall) Gourd Artists 6 - 11PM (Hall) FFA Fundraiser
25 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	26 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	27 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club	28 5:30 - 6:30PM (Patio) ALR Dinner 6:30 - 8PM (Patio) ALR 149 Mtg.	29 Leap Day 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	1	2

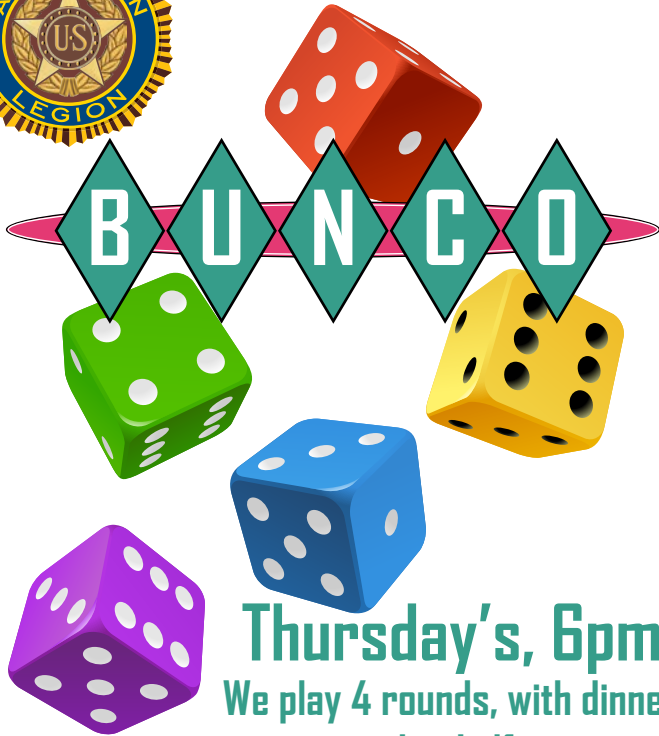
Holidays & Observances

19 Presidents' Day

29 Leap Day



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 - 11PM

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