

# 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



I know that my last newsletter was bleak. Our financial situation at the Post is not good. What we need are ideas to increase traffic at the Post. We need our members to come out and participate. We need a Clubroom Committee to help plan events. We need members to step up and help with social media to get our name and events out to the community. We are a unit and need to work together to keep our Post alive.

We have the Law and Order Dinner coming up on April 6, 2023. This dinner is to acknowledge our local police, firefighters, and paramedics for work well done and their heroism. If you haven't had the opportunity to be a part of the dinner I highly recommend it. To purchase tickets for the Law and Order dinner see the Adjutant, the Club Room Manager, or Mike Frank to get tickets: \$20/person \$35/couple.

## FIRST VICE | PAUL MCNAMARA



Comrade Legionnaires, if you didn't make the last meeting, we had a very sobering Financial Report from our Finance Officer. Bottom line is that we are losing money and it's not sustainable. In short, ever since COVID, costs have risen, which is natural, but our income hasn't kept pace with it. Now there are actions we have taken to get back in the black but as they say this is an "all hands on deck" situation.

Now the natural question is, what can I do to help? Well, aside from frequenting the Post and its fundraisers like Sunday morning breakfast, we all need to be salesmen for it. We need to let our neighbors know that they have a great event facility that is very reasonable to rent and in their backyard for all sorts of functions. Additionally, I am going to ask you to get more involved in the operational costs. By that I mean you may know someone who would give us a discount and help save us money. Little things do add up.

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

## SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



Greetings all, please remember that effective March 1st, Club 149 will be opening its doors at noon Monday thru Friday. Club 149 will continue to open at 10am Saturday and Sunday unless breakfast is being served in which case, we will open at 9am. The staff is working very hard to attract new events to the club in an effort to increase revenue. We thank you very much for your continued support of Club 149!

As we say goodbye to Winter and welcome Spring, I wish to invite you all to "College Night" taking place on Saturday, March 16th and I hope each and every one of you will join us for our St. Patrick's Day celebration on Sunday, March 17th. Both events are sure to be a great time! I'm happy to announce that Brothers of 6 Charities, Inc. will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, March 17th and will continue to do so once a month in the future. Please come out and join the Escondido Times-Advocate "Newsmakers of the Year" as they cheerfully prepare and serve breakfast to your Post! Until we meet again.



## POST 149 ADJUTANT | BILL STINTSMAN



What does your future hold? Winning the lottery? Wouldn't that be awesome? Traveling the world? That would be expensive, so win that lottery. Just getting by? Now, that's more like the average. Like your unknowns, our Post is mired in uncertainty. Unlike your unknowns, our uncertainty impacts hundreds of people, a building, and a legacy of the institution. Each day I come to work I wonder just how many days our Post has left. The cost of keeping our building open and operational is more than our income. State and federal minimum wage increases have absolutely killed many businesses, and we are one. The American Legion, a national institution founded on the betterment of veterans, is living on borrowed time, and our Post specifically is closer to a great demise than you might think. How close, you ask? Before the end of calendar year 2024, our Post doors will close for good unless something changes immediately.

Every week someone complains about the lack of weekly Sunday breakfast, not having Friday dinners anymore, not having this or that or the other thing happening at the Post like we did several years ago. The lack of Post events is not the solution to the problem. What was once an eight- or ten-dollar meal is now \$15.00 just to break even on food costs, but that comes at a loss when you factor in utilities to hold the events. The cost of living in today's world is so out of control that businesses like ours, those that are supposed to provide an outlet and a gathering spot for fellow veterans and their families, are teetering on the verge of bankruptcy at the local and national levels. Hardly anyone shows up for breakfast on the weekends that we do cook. Monthly general meetings have little to no attendance compared to our overall population. Post events are not supported by our membership; therefore, we have to stop throwing money at events nobody attends. Non-profit clubs and businesses have specific requirements that prevent us from opening our doors to the public in order to stay operational, therefore, it takes the "body", the members of the organization, to turn this around, not the few of us that are here witnessing it every day.

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## CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



### **I Don't Want to Go to Church!**

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door, he said, "I'm not going!" "Why not?" asked his mother.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said.

"One, they don't like me. Two, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go to church. One, you're 47 years old. Two, you're the pastor!"

### **The \$20 and the \$1 Joke**

Two well-worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City," he said. "I even want on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?"

"Oh," said the one-dollar bill, "I've been to the Methodist church, the Episcopal church, the Lutheran church."

"What's a church?" asked the twenty.

### **Late For Class**

A little girl, dresses in her "Sunday best" was late and running to her Sunday school class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear God, please don't let me be late. Dear God, please don't let me be late." Then she fell.

She got up, dusted herself off and saw that her dress was now dirty and had a little tear. She started running again, still praying, "Dear God, please don't let me be late." But this time she added, "But please don't push me, either!"

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## SAL COMMANDER | KEITH BELL



Thank you to all that helped and participated in our Child Welfare Event. The event was a remarkable success, and we sent a check for \$1,000.00 to CWF. We have partnered with the Brothers of Six for our next Opportunity raffles. The first is for a pistol, The flyers are at the bar and tickets are available. Membership for 2024 are due, let's get your membership paid!

The next meeting will be on the second Wednesday of March at 6pm, we will be working on standing rules. The meeting in April will be the nomination of Officers. Hope to see you at meetings and for our breakfast the second Sunday.



## KEY DATES

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

MAR 1 & 16  
Red Cross Blood Drive

MAR 10  
SPRING FORWARD  
Daylight Savings Begins

MAR 17  
St Patrick's Day

MAR 19  
Post Meeting

MAR 31  
Easter

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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# AMERICAN LEGION

J.B. CLARK POST 149 ESCONDIDO, CA

## 29th Annual Jimmie L Hayes Memorial Police, Fire, & Emergency Services

# Law & Order Awards Ceremony

Saturday April 6th, 2024, 5:00 PM

- \$20.00 per person; \$35.00 per couple
- Social Hour starts at 5:00, Dinner served at 6:00, Ceremony begins at 7:00
- Dinner prepared by Sons of the American Legion Squadron 149 and served by Escondido Battalion, USN Sea Cadet Corps
- For additional information, contact Penu Pauu Jr at (619) 241-6313 or Mike Frank at (760) 315-1330

**J. B. CLARK POST 149, 230 E Park Avenue Escondido, CA 92025**



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

## MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	<b>1</b> 7AM - 3PM (Hall) Red Cross Blood Drive 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8 - 11AM (Hall) DAV Breakfast - \$14 4 - 7PM (Hall) Little League Meeting 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	<b>4</b> 6 - 9PM (Hall) Boy Scouts Event 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	<b>5</b> 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 4 - 5:30PM (Hall) Teamsters Local 911 6 - 8PM (Hall) Post 1513 VFW Meeting.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	<b>8</b> 12 - 3PM (Hall) Celebration Of Life 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	<b>9</b> 8AM - 1:30PM (Hall) Blue Star Moms 10AM-12 PM (Conf Room) 173 Airborne Assn. 2 - 3:30PM (Hall) Guide Dog Training
<b>10</b> SPRING FORWARD Daylight Savings Begins 8 - 11AM (Patio) SAL Breakfast - \$12 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	<b>11</b> 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	<b>12</b> 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.	<b>13</b> 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) SAL Meeting	<b>14</b> 5-8PM (Conf Room) Kiwanis of Escondido 5:30 - 8:30PM (Hall) North County CREIA 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNCO	<b>15</b> 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	<b>16</b> 7AM - 3PM (Hall) Red Cross Blood Drive 7:30 - 11PM (Hall) College Night
<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 8 - 11AM (Hall) Post Breakfast - \$13 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	<b>18</b> 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	<b>19</b> 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) Post 149 General Mtg	<b>20</b> Spring Equinox 4-6PM (Hall) Vietnam Vets of America	<b>21</b> 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	<b>22</b> 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	<b>23</b> 11AM - 3PM (Conf Room) SCRABBLE Club
<b>24</b> 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	<b>25</b> 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	<b>26</b> 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club	<b>27</b> 5:30 - 6:30PM (Patio) ALR Dinner 6:30 - 8PM (Patio) ALR 149 Mtg.	<b>28</b> 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	<b>29</b> 7 - 11PM (Club Room) KARAOKE	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Easter 3PM (Clubroom) Pub Grub by Cheryl	Holidays & Observances <b>10</b> Daylight Savings Begins <b>17</b> St. Patricks Day <b>20</b> Spring Equinox <b>31</b> Easter					



J.B. CLARK/POST 149



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

Let The Good Times Roll!

Give Blood.



# American Red Cross Blood Drive American Legion Post 149

230 E Park Ave, Escondido, CA 92025

Friday, Mar 1, 2024

7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Mar 16, 2024

7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter **post149** to schedule an appointment



Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Be part of something big.  
Make an appointment.**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

## MARKET MALL

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10% of Food & Beverage order contributed to

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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.