

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 | MICK SOB CZAK



As you all know, San Diego County has reentered the governors Purple Tier for COVID-19. In working with the Department Commander, Ed Grimsley,

and District 22 Commander, Chuck Camarato, we were able to receive a determination from the San Diego County Health Department that the American Legion Post was not considered a stand-alone bar or restaurant and we would be allowed to keep our doors open to you for food service. So, as it stands now, we will continue to operate on our limited daily schedule.

This means we will still host our annual Christmas events. **Starting with a Marine Corps Reserve Toys-For-Tots drive on Saturday, December 5th** hosted by the Escondido Kiwanis.

I would also like to thank each and everyone of you who has sent me supportive emails over the past six months. This is why I will continue to do my best to represent you and American Legion Post 149 in everything I do. I will also continue to ask you for your help and some out of your out of the box thinking to make our Post even more successful.

One of those out of the box ideas was to host a Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween. We had approximately 250 families and 450 children pass through our doors. We handed

out almost 500 pounds of candy. Many families thanked us because it was their child's first Halloween and they were afraid they would not be able to celebrate it because of COVID restrictions. All of them asked if we were going to do it again next year. Of course, the response was, "Yes!"

Finally, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah to each and every one of you from all of us at Post 149.



1ST VICE | JOHN SMARTT



Greetings fellow Legionnaires. I want to wish you and your families a Happy and safe Thanksgiving as turkey day approaches. In the current

political climate, there is an effort to keep us separated from our family and friends during the holidays, an effort to bring down the soul of our nation. I encourage each of you to assess your personal situation and try to bring the spirit of your family together to celebrate this holiday of thanks and gratitude. Here at our Post, we are working diligently to keep our doors open for our members as many of us look forward to spending time with fellow members, whether it be to enjoy a meal and beverage together, or to attend meetings to conduct the business at hand.

This is also the time of the year that many begin to complete their charitable donations



for the year as tax season is quickly approaching. I would encourage you to donate from your heart, any amount you can afford, to assist the Post with ongoing upkeep and operating expenses. I am also the President of our Post Riders Chapter and we, along with the Son's of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary, donate to the Post every year to fulfill our obligation to our mission. Your tax-deductible donations will be greatly appreciated.



POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS



December already? We are getting ready to wrap up another year here at American Legion Post 149. And what a year it was. And we are still dealing with it. The patience and support of the American Family Members that hung in there, and came out to support our activities (when we could have an activity) has been greatly appreciated. And heading into the new year we will be depending on you even more to get us back on our feet. So, dust off your membership card and come on down. And if that card reads 2020 you need to come by and see me. And if you missed the Sons Early Bird BBQ Dinner you really missed out. Make sure you don't miss out next year.

My office hours are still 0930 to 1330 Monday through Thursday. Friday by appointment. Please stop by to say hello and join me and the "Breakfast Club" for a cup of coffee in the morning.

Actions of Post 149 E-Board 11/10/2020

- ➡ To reimburse Dave Geary \$385.00 for the purchase of the Clubroom Pizza Warmer.
- ➡ Post officers will host the Friday night dinner on November 20th.



2ND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



My fellow Legionnaires, although San Diego County has moved us back into the "Purple Tier", I can assure you the Legion is still open and we have plenty of outdoor seating available. Please check your email and social media often as we navigate our way through what can only be described as a "fluid environment".

On a positive note, I can say with a fair amount of confidence a COVID vaccine will be reality very soon. I'm looking forward

to a 2021 that will find us all in a return to normalcy. On a comical note, on **December 31st at 11:59 pm**, let us all take a shot of our favorite spirit as a toast to the end of the year and let us never speak of 2020 again!

Until then, stay kind to one-another and above all, stay safe.

On behalf of the entire Club 149 Staff, have a **Merry Christmas** and a much happier **New Year**.



CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



I have (1) to report to sickbay: Our Post Judge Advocate Marten Borg had fallen on the patio after the post meeting. He was taken to the hospital. He is home now, on the road to recovery. He ended up with stitches and a dark eye. We pray for you brother for an easy recovery and a quick

return to complete health. If you need anything don't hesitate to give me a shout.

I want to report that we will be losing (2) Post members and Legion Riders, Ken Boyd and Daleen Moore (Past Commander). Your years of dedication have improved our Post and Rider's in so many ways. You will be greatly missed. Enjoy this exciting new chapter in your life. Congratulations on your move out of California. Prayers for you both. Let us know if there is anything we can do. If you decide to return, know that there is always an open spot waiting for you. By the way, you know where your home is.

Announcement: I will be conducting the Four Chaplain Service in February, 3rd week at 11:30, which will be the post breakfast, come out and enjoy a great buffet and stay for the service. Put it in your calendar.

Out with one holiday and in with another. There is so much going on in this world and our own lives. Remember to give thanks to the man upstairs. When we pray, we want things to happen right now. When the time is right the man upstairs will make it right with us. Give a prayer time.

When the fullness of the time was come,
God sent forth . . . his Son . . .

Christmas is not a myth, not a tradition, not a dream. It is a glorious reality. It is a time of joy. Bethlehem's manger crib became the link that bound a lost world to a loving God. From that manger came a Man who not only taught us a new way of life, but brought us into a new relationship with our Creator. Christmas means that God is interested in the affairs of people, that God loves us so much that He was willing to give His Son.

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
11/29	11/30	1	2	3	4	5  11 AM-3 PM Marine Corps Reserve Toys-For-Tots drive hosted by the Escondido Kiwanis. 6-10 PM BIGGS Holiday Party
6 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$8 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	7 4 PM Football and Pizza	8 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	9	10 12-4 PM Escondido Arts Assoc. Mtg. (Hall) 4 PM Football and Pizza	11 6 PM DISTRICT 22 Dinner Street Tacos (Hall)	12 9 AM 1 PM Blue Star Moms Lunch (Hall) 6 PM ALR Riders Christmas Party (Hall)
13 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	14 4 PM Football and Pizza	15 6 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	16	17 4 PM Football and Pizza	18 6-8 PM AUXILIARY Dinner Surf and Turf (see newsletter) Toy Drive	19 3-9 PM CUMINS Hall Rental
20 8-11 AM Post Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	21 6 PM House Committee Mtg. (Patio) 4 PM Football and Pizza	22	23	24 POST CLOSSES EARLY	25  Merry Christ-	26 8 AM WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO
27 40 et 8 Breakfast (Steak and Eggs) 12 Noon 40 et 8 Mtg. (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	28 4 PM Football and Pizza	29	30	31	1/1 	1/2

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 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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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



First the Auxiliary hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Another year is almost over and COVID is still keeping our lives in turmoil. Because of the restrictions we have to cancel the yearly bake sale this month. Breakfast will be served as usual outside in the patio area. We still hope to see everyone come out and enjoy our cooked to order meal.

Sunday, December 6th we will be serving smoked pork chop and cranberry pancakes as our special. Of course you can still get ham or sausage with eggs cooked to order, biscuits and gravy and fresh fruit. Coffee and Juice too!!!!

Friday, December 18th the menu is Surf and Turf, baked potato, honey carrots, rolls and a secret dessert. Dinner is served from 6pm to 8pm with the clubroom open during dinner.

The Legion along with other businesses is struggling to keep its doors open so **please support Post 149** and all the Veterans who belong.

There will not be a December meeting of the Unit 149; it is our yearly go dark month. Our secretary is working on a Zoom meeting along with our regular meeting in January. Watch your emails for information on how to attend.

Have a very safe and **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year**. Remember to wear your masks and follow the rules for social distancing.

Until next year!!



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