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



COMMANDER | JEN HOLDEN



We had a successful November at the Post. The Post has had a few activities and the Clubroom has been busy. This tells me that the Post is on its way to

becoming more financially secure.

I want to say thank you to the entire post for all the help that was provided during the third **Annual VetFest**. Mike Frank, Junior Past Commander, and Stef Holden, 2nd Vice Commander, were the Post's Co-Chairs for the event. The success of entire celebration was through a combined effort of a committee, but these two men were instrumental in its planning and execution. I am proud of the Veteran's Day celebration our Post has started and look forward to many more.

There will be a community **Rummage Sale** on **December 4, 2022** immediately following the Sunday breakfast, both being hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary! Please bring items to contribute.

The holidays and end of the year are upon us. We will be having a joint **Christmas Party** with **VFW Post 1513 on December 17th, 2022**. I encourage all to attend! There will be Santa Claus and a White Elephant gift exchange!

If you, your family, Veteran, or Active-Duty member are in need please let us know.

There are resources that are available to provide aid.



SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



As we close the books on another outstanding VetFest, I would like to take a moment to thank the Club 149 bartenders who handled the monumental

task of taking care of the hundreds of guests in attendance at the Post on Veteran's Day! Shannon, Maggie and Claresse more than stepped up to the plate and ensured our very busy day went off with no complications. Ladies, **JOB WELL DONE!**

While we are on the subject of VetFest, I want to thank Junior Past Commander Mike Frank, Brothers of 6 Charities Inc. President Bill McNaughton for their amazing efforts of planning and organizing of this colossal event. A special nod of thanks goes out to all Legion post officers, Sons and Auxiliary officers as well who had a hand in being involved in the event. Last but certainly not least, a big thank you to all of our participants and sponsors. To you all, without your contributions to VetFest, this very special happening would not have been possible!

THANK YOU to each and every one of you!

SPECIAL EVENTS

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

DECEMBER 4
Post Rummage Sale
Auxiliary Bake Sale

DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS
(Post will be closed)

DECEMBER 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Check Calendar for FRIDAY
Dinner and
SUNDAY Breakfast
Schedules

PUB GRUB by Cheryl
Every Sunday 3 PM

BUNKO
Every Thursday 6-8:30 PM

KARAOKE
10/7 and 10/21
Friday 8-11 PM



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Please take note the Club 149 will be closed on Sunday, December 25th as we observe Christmas Day. A New Years Eve party is in the works. Stay tuned for more details. Have a

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

JUNIOR PAST COMMANDER | MIKE FRANK



I would like to say a few words about our 3rd annual VetFest. This year's event was the best yet. The parade went off without a hitch.

Attendance on Grand Ave and at the Post was much higher than last year and everyone really enjoyed themselves. I want to thank all the Post members who volunteered to be showcased in the parade as well as all our Post members, joined by members from the Auxiliary and Sons, who rode on our float provided by our Champlain, Chuck Faupel. A special Thank You also goes out to long time Post member Keith Porter, for taking the time to come out and ride on our float while he is still recovering from his recent illness.

I would now like to thank all those who worked very hard to put this event together and make it happen especially the three individuals who joined me for the planning meetings held every week for several months leading up to VetFest. Stef Holden, our Clubroom Manager and 2nd Vice Commander, Bill McNaughton, the President of Brothers of 6 Charities, and Andrew Kirwin of Catalysis Business Solutions. These folks put in countless hours planning and performing tasks for this event on top of their full-time jobs and family commitments. Their

commitment to VetFest and our Post is nothing short of amazing. Fund raising to finance this event as well as provide an annual source of funds for the maintenance and operation of American Legion Post 149 is also one of the primary goals of VetFest. Stef has played a critical and leading role in these endeavors. He has led the fundraising efforts for the past two events and assisted in these efforts for our first event in 2019. We have raised approximately \$110,000.00 for VetFest from these first three events. After we pay for the costs such as the fees to the City, insurance, porta-potties, printing, decorations, etc., the remainder goes to the Post to support our facilities, Veterans, and local charitable work in support of our community. Thanks also go out to Commander Jennifer Holder, Art Lubben, Jim Botts, Dennis Dalbey, John Smartt, Bill Stintsman, Parade Check-In Supervisor Tanya Burkett, Parade Announcers Doug Paulson, Meagan Gordon, and David Ross, and all the members of the Brothers of 6 Charities. Without all the efforts put out by these individuals, VetFest would not be possible.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our donors, especially our Title Sponsors, the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians, Palomar Health Medical Group, and the Palomar Health Foundation. Their generosity is what enables us to honor our Veterans every year with VetFest.



WE REMEMBER



ESCONDIDO VETFEST NOVEMBER 11, 2022

PHOTOS 1-3 are parade participants. PHOTO 4-This was the American Legion Post 149 Float featuring members of the Post, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion. PHOTO 5- WWII Veterans Gilbert Nadeau and Andre Chappaz enjoying a beer at the Post after being in the parade. PHOTO 6- VetFest Co-Organizers Mike Frank, Bill McNaughton, and Stef Holden receiving a San Diego proclamation at the Vet Fest Ceremony.

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



We did the Memorial Service for Tony Azares on Saturday November 5th at 1400 (2:00pm). Had a great turn out for his service. Rider's, Legionnaires, and his family came and supported it.

Family was really pleased what we did.

We also came out to support his wife. John Smart and approximately 25 bikes escorted her.

Michelle rode on the back of a trike with Tony's ashes in a fuel tank covered with a flag. (Not the bike tank). Food was tacos which Tony's favorite. Michelle and Kenzie are our family and will always be with us in our heart and prayers.

We will continue to keep **Keith Porter** in our Prayers.

Announcement: Myself and our Post Commander will be performing the **Four Chaplain Service** on the **3rd** week in **February 19th, 2023**, at **11:30**. This will be at the post breakfast, come out and enjoy a great buffet and stay for the service. Put it in your calendar.

The Christmas season can be very demanding on our time, our pocket books and our environment. The key to making the most of the season for ourselves, our family and friends and for our God-given planet is being reflective and intentional as we enter fully into this marvelous season of wonder and generosity.

When the fullness of the time was come,
God sent forth...his Son...*Galatians 4:4*

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.



Memorial services for post member Tony Azares held on November 5th.



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



December is here and another year is almost gone.

Poppy Season is getting close, how did that happen so fast!!!! We are starting to make Poppies for 2023. We need volunteers to make poppies again this year. If you have some extra time and would like to help, please give us a call.

Because we are going Dark in December our next meeting will be on January 17th in the Conference room at 6pm. Mark you 2023 calendars, we hope to see some new faces attending.

Sunday, December 4th is our yearly **Bake Sale and Breakfast.**

As always, our special will be Smoked Pork chops. Also on the menu is Sausage, ham, eggs cooked to order, biscuits and gravy, pumpkin pancakes and home fries. Enjoy a great homecooked breakfast and cup of coffee with friends. Oh, and shop for some yummy homemade baked desserts.

Friday, December 16th dinner will be **Chicken and Dumplings.**

Take a break from Christmas shopping and relax with a great dinner.

Keep the donations coming for Camp Pendleton. Thanks to everyone who has donated to this worthy cause. Canned Tuna, Chicken, Pastas, Rice, box Mac & Cheese, healthy Cereals PB&J these are just a few of items needed. Put all donations in the gray bin in the hall, please no expired items or glass jars can be accepted.

I would like to thank all the wonderful Auxiliary ladies who so graciously give their time to make Unit 149 such a success.

Have a very Merry Christmas with family and friends and we will see everyone again in January 2023.

To let everyone, know one of our long-time members Lorretta Cook passed suddenly, please keep her family in your prayers during this sad time. RIP Lorretta you will be missed!!

Till we meet again.

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POST 149 ADJUTANT | BILL STINTSMAN



Happy Holidays to the Legion Family! It's been a crazy year, and I feel like I just took down the decorations from last year; yet, here we are again. That also means you think you paid your dues for 2023, when in fact, you paid for 2022. Almost half of the

Post 149 members that have yet to renew their membership for 2023, and as of January 1st, 2023, you are due. Your membership matters when it comes to having a voting voice at Post meetings, just as your membership matters with congressional affairs. With the new congress coming into session, your membership matters more than ever when it comes to veterans having a say. Don't be that "silent partner" complaining without a real voice. Pay your dues, remain a member in the largest veteran's organization in the country, and have a vocal part in the rights, privileges, and benefits of those that serve our country.



SAL COMMANDER | KEITH BELL



Well, we made it through November, and we were busy with Breakfast, Second Annual SOCAL Pro Wrestling and Vet Fest and all an enormous success and good times.

Are Second Annual SOCAL Pro Wrestling event being a remarkable success again

with Food, Halloween Costume Contest and Drone Raffle. We all had fun and have decided to continue the Event adding our First Annual Spring Event in May and the Third Annual Fall Event in October 2023. Watch for posters and dates in newsletters and hope to see you there.

We are looking to have two raffles one in November a Gun Raffle and December a Battery Pack Power Tool Set so again watch for posters and newsletters

We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Come join us December 11th Sunday for all you can eat breakfast on the patio.

Let us not forget all American Legion Membership is due for 2023 if you have not renewed let's get it done





Auxiliary Breakfast and CHRISTMAS Bake Sale!

**Enjoy Breakfast and Baked Goodies too!
Sunday, December 4th from 8-11AM**

**Smoked Pork Chops or Ham or Sausage
Eggs Cooked to Order**

**Pumpkin Pancakes with Pecan Carmel Sauce
or Biscuits and Gravy**

Home Fried Potatoes

Hot Mulled Apple Cider

Fruit, Juice and Coffee

\$12



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
11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30	1 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) PIZZA and FOOTBALL (Club Room)	2	3 VACANT
8-11 AM 4 AUXILIARY Breakfast Smoked Porkchops and more! \$12 8 AM-4 PM Post RUMMAGE Sale (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	5	6 4-5:30 PM Teamsters Local 911 (Hall) 6-8 PM Post 1513 VFW Mtg. (Hall) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	7	8 5-8 PM Kiwanis of Escondido (Conf. Rm.) 5:30-8:30 PM North County CREIA (Hall) 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Patio)	9 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	10 8:30 AM-1:30 PM Blue Star Moms (Hall) 10 AM-12 PM 173 Airborne Assn. (Conf. Rm.) 2-3 PM Guide Dog Training (Patio)
8-11 AM 11 Sons Breakfast Buffet \$12 9 AM-12 PM District 22 Mtg. (Hall) 3-7 PM Polish American Club (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	12	13 5:30-6 PM Finance Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6-7:30 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6-7:30 PM DAV Chapter 70 Mtg. (Hall)	14 6-7:30 PM SAL Meeting (Hall)	15 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) PIZZA and FOOTBALL (Club Room)	16 6-7:30 PM Auxiliary Dinner Event (Chicken + Dumplings) (Hall) \$12 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	17 8 AM-12:30 PM Sea Cadets (Hall) 5-9 PM VFW Christmas Party (Hall)
18 8-11 AM POST Breakfast Eggs to order \$12 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	19 11 AM-2 PM TERC (Hall)	20 6-7:30 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6-7:30 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	21 6-8 PM Vietnam Vets of America (Hall)	22 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) PIZZA and FOOTBALL (Club Room)	23 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	24 11 AM-3 PM SCRABBLE Club (Conf. Rm.)
 25	26	27 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	28	29 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) PIZZA and FOOTBALL (Club Room)	30 8-11 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	31 5-??PM NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY (Clubroom)

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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.

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