

The One Forty Niner

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

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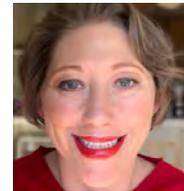
I would like to start out by thanking all who volunteer to help keep our Post in operation as well as perform maintenance and improvement projects.

Thanks go out to one of our Sons of the American Legion, Richard Harrington, for all his hard work in painting the Post hallway as well as assisting with the painting of the conference room. It is amazing what a fresh coat of paint can do. A very special “Thank You” is also necessary for Barb Richter for sticking with us through another year as our Newsletter Publisher and Editor. She really does wonderful work as evidenced by this newsletter you are currently reading.

We finally have a new Clubroom Committee Chairman! Tony Azares has stepped up to the plate and has already started planning Clubroom events while consulting with the Clubroom Management. The first event planned will be **Mardi Gras** at the Post to be held on **Saturday, February 26th**. Please see the flyer posted in this issue of the newsletter. Please contact Tony if you would like to join the Clubroom Committee. Tony is also the Historian for our Riders chapter and led the effort to revamp the Riders Wall on the patio to include his donated flatscreen TV which streams Riders pictures, videos, and information. Come to the Post and check it out.

As we muddle through this pandemic, participation in Post activities such as meetings, meals, Clubroom events, and other special events, has been rather low. We have also had several organizations stop providing meals on Fridays and Sundays. We are actively seeking organizations that would like to step in and fill these gaps in our monthly lineup. If you are aware of any group or organization that would like to take over one of these opportunities to serve a meal and raise money for them at the same time, please have them contact our Adjutant, Jeff Dodds.

FIRST VICE | JEN HOLDEN



I hope you all have had great start to 2022!

I know that many of you probably have coworkers, neighbors, or friends that qualify for membership in the American Legion or one of our ancillary groups. Invite them to a post meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month or to check out some of the post activities to see what we are all about. We need to reach out to the younger generation of veterans and their families so they have a community to rely on and that we can help support. The only way to be a part of the community is to involve our community.

I would like to inform you all about a couple of items sent from the American Legion



National Commander. Regardless of your current membership status, if you were a member in good standing in 2020 but did not renew your membership in 2021, and you renew your membership for 2022 you will have continuous years applied to your membership. This means if you were a continuous member for any number of years in 2020 and let your membership lapse, and you pay for 2022 membership year you would still have continuous membership time. If you wish to do this then there is a Member Data Form, we need to fill out to correct the years at National Headquarters. If you have questions or concerns, please let me or the Adjutant know.

The next program is the National Commander's Pin Incentive Program. Any legionnaire that helps three new veterans obtain membership in the American Legion, transfers do not count, will receive the "No Veteran Left Behind" membership excellence pin. Only a single pin will be awarded per individual and once the data is confirmed it will be mailed directly to the person who earned it.

See you all around the post and Clubroom! Don't forget the Post breakfast the 3rd Sunday of the month and the Post Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER

| STEF HOLDEN



The American Legion and VFW proudly supports Jack Daniel's "Operation Ride Home". We invite you all to come to **Club 149** and scan the "QR" code on the "Help Bring our Troops Home" posters located in the club. Donate some money to the cause

and add your name to the genuine Jack Daniel's barrel that was shipped to **Post 149** direct from Lynchburg, Tennessee!

Club 149 would also like to invite each-and-every one of you to attend our **Superbowl Sunday "Pot Luck"** dinner to take place on Sunday, February 13th. This event is always a great time so you will want to be on hand for all the festivities.

Club 149 will be hosting a **Mardi Gras** celebration on Saturday, February 26th. A dinner of Gumbo and Shrimp Etouffee will be served at 3:00pm as well as \$5 Hurricanes will be available in the club. Games and prizes will be included.

Looking forward to a great February!



POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS



We are entering into month two of 2022. So, if you haven't renewed yet, please do so. I know things are getting costly, but we still want to keep our doors open for our veterans and American Legion Family. It's getting harder every year. Especially since

COVID. Our organizations are doing the best they can to give you a place to come and enjoy. But without member participation it becomes difficult. We had a recent scare with talk that the Auxiliary would need to fold. And the Sons of the Legion are hanging on with the same members doing all the labor. Even though it is a labor of love it does tend to wear you down. Having a little extra help at the meals and spending one hour a month at the general meetings goes a long way. So come out and enjoy a little comradery.

Speaking of cost, it is with a heavy heart that I must advise the membership that the Post and SAL buffet breakfast price is going up **\$2.00**. Starting in February the buffet breakfast price will be **\$12.00**. So, try and bring some ones. It will still be the best deal in town.

I'm still looking for a possible replacement for the Post Adjutant. I've had a couple folks stop by and hang out with me. So, if you are retired and looking for a reason to get out of bed every morning, come see me.

My office hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Friday by appointment. Please stop by to say hello and join me for a cup of coffee.

Actions of Post 149 E-Board

1/11/2022

- Tony Azares was ratified as the Clubroom Committee Chair.
- To transfer \$600.00 from the General Fund to the 1st Vice Commander's budget to fund the recently purchased pop-up for special events and recruiting.
- To enter a contract with the North County Conservatives, which will meet in the Hall the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, with a monthly donation of \$50.00.
- To enter a contract with The Escondido Republican Club, which will meet in the Hall the 3rd Monday of each month from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with a monthly donation of \$50.00.

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



I have 2 to report to Everlasting:

I have to report that our brother (Past Commander), (American Legion Rider) Retired Navy, **Steve Ricketts** has gone to be with our Savior. He passed on Wednesday, December 8th. He was struggling with lung complications. Our hearts and prayers will be with you during these days ahead of you and your family. God bless you and your family. If you need anything, I will be here for you.

Bob Pettit Passed on November 30th. Served in the Navy. Our hearts go out to his family.

Announcement: I will be conducting the Four Chaplain Service in **February 20th, 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.

Would it not be wonderful if we could find an absolute cure for the troubles of human nature? Suppose we could give a shot in the arm to the whole human race that would fill people with love instead of hate, with contentment instead of greed. Suppose, also, a cure could be found for the past mistakes, failures, and sins of mankind.

Suppose by some miracle all the past could be straightened out, all of life's tangles could be unraveled, and the broken strings of life could be repaired. The most thrilling news in all the world is the fact that there is a cure! A medicine has been provided! The sin, confusion, and disillusionment of life can be replaced by righteousness, joy, contentment, and happiness. A peace can be imparted to the soul that is not dependent on outward circumstances.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



Hello Ladies, It was so wonderful to have 14 ladies at our January meeting!!! It was looking rather bleak for the Auxiliary; we had planned to discuss closing the Unit. Thanks to these ladies who have stepped up there may be hope for us. With their help we can continue to do what we do best, help our veterans and their families.

As everyone may know Irene Clingman had a heart attack but we are so happy to hear she has gotten a clean bill of health

by her Doctor. Irene does so much, she leads the food drive, makes thousands of Poppy's for all the units and is the driving force in our Girls State program. Now with our new ladies we can get the help we so needed.

Sunday, February 6th we will be serving Corned Beef hash and eggs as our special along with our usual eggs cooked to order, ham or sausage, home fries, blueberry pancakes or biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice. All that for \$10 bucks!! We hope to see everyone.

Friday, February 18th Pot Roast (aka Howard's Swiss Steak), potatoes, carrots, salad and as always, a surprise dessert. Due to rising costs of meat we have to increase the dinner to \$12.00, still a bargain.

Donations are still needed for our food drive. Please put your food items in the gray bin in the clubroom, remember to put your name and group on the bag so we can credit your organization. Let's see who will win this year's challenges!! Remember no expired items or glass jars can be accepted. Suggested food items are Peanut Butter, tuna, can chicken, pasta, rice, beans. Thank you all for your continued support.

Once again we still need more new faces in the Auxiliary, please come to the February meeting in the conference room on **Tuesday, February 15th** at 6pm and see what we are all about.

Thank you all for your support!!!

Cathy Wathen, President Unit 149 | 760-717-1425
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Jim Botts and Denis Dalbey leading this years annual New Years Day Ride to the Mt. Soledad Cross via the coast Highway, then off to Barona for lunch.

SAL COMMANDER | BRUCE WAY



I believe 2022 is off to a pretty good start. Dare I say it can't be any worse than 2021.

As the Post Adjutant mentioned in his article, The **Sons 'World Famous'** breakfast buffet is going up to \$12.00. I hope this does not inconvenience anyone, but food prices keep going up.

Besides our 2nd Sunday breakfast, and our General Meeting the 2nd Wednesday of each month, we are trying to get **"We Clean Escondido"** going on the 4th Saturday of each month. Keep an eye on the calendar. We've moved it to 10:00 AM so we can do lunch after. So come out, clean up and break bread with us. See Jeff Flynt for details. It's open to anyone to help. So please donate an hour or two of each month to helping. The breakfast, the general meeting or helping clean the community in which we live. That should be the reason you joined the Sons of The American Legion. Remembering our forefathers through service to others.

Also, come out and observe the **Four Chaplains Ceremony** on **February 20**, after the Post Breakfast. And if you don't know what it is you need to come and learn. We can meet for breakfast and stay for the show.



Post 149 Mardi Gras

Gumbo and Shrimp Etouffee
Saturday, February 26th
\$5.00 Hurricanes
Starting at 1 PM
Games and Prizes
Dinner served at 3 PM
FAMILY FRIENDLY

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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 |
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| 1/30 | 1/31 | 1 4-5:30 PM Teamsters Local 911 (Hall) 6-8 PM VFW Post 1513 Mtg. (Hall) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.) | 2 8:30 AM-5:30 PM LIFELINE Private Party Rental (Hall) | 3 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) | 4 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.) | 5 |
| 6 8-11 AM AUXILIARY Breakfast \$10 Comed Beef Hash w/eggs to order 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) | 7 6-7 PM EVC Meeting (Conf. Rm.) | 8 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) | 9 6-7:30 PM AL Sons Meeting (Hall) | 10 5-8 PM Kiwanis of Escondido (Conf. Rm.) 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) | 11 5-7 PM VFW Dinner (Turkey Pot Pie, Tortilla Soup and Salad) \$10 (Patio) 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.) | 12 8:30 AM-12 PM Blue Star Moms (Hall) 10 AM-12 PM 173 Airborne Assn. (Conf. Rm.) |
| 13 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$12 3-7 PM Polish Club (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) | 14  VALENTINE'S DAY | 15 6-7:30 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6-7:30 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.) | 16 6:30-8 PM VFW Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) | 17 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) | 18 6-7:30PM AUXILIARY Dinner (Howard's Swiss Steak) \$12 (Hall) 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.) | 19 |
| 20 8-11 AM Post Breakfast Buffet with Eggs to Order \$12 11:30 AM Four Chaplains Ceremony (Hall) 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Post 149 Committee (Patio) | 21 11 AM-2 PM TERC Mtg. (Hall) | 22 6-8 PM NCC Mtg. (Hall) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.) | 23 5:30-6:30 PM Dinner on the Patio (TBD) 6:30-8 PM ALR Chapter 149 Mtg. (Patio) | 24 6-8:30 PM Coast Guard Reserve (Conf. Rm.) 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) | 25 5:30-7:30PM KIWANIS Dinner (Roast Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy) \$10 (Hall) 7-9 PM GAME NIGHT (Patio) 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.) | 26 10-11 AM WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO |
| 27 NO BREAKFAST 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) | 28 | 3/1 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.) | 3/2 | 3/3 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall) | 3/4 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.) | 3/5 |

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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