



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 – Mike Frank



I would like to take some time to thank you for all your support during the previous year. It has been rather busy and hectic at times but the progress being made at the Post is well worth the effort. Having an exceptional group of officers, committee chairmen/members, and Post

members, makes my job of managing and supporting this Post easy.

We just held our Post elections and I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Commander one more year. Congratulations go out to our 2018/2019 officers, 1st Vice Mick Sobczak, 2nd Vice Daleen Moore, Finance Officer Art Lubben, Adjutant Jeff Dodds, Sgt at Arms Mark Hamm, Judge Advocate Brian Turpin, Chaplain Chuck Faupel, Service Officer Harold Olson, 1 year E-Board members Ken Boyd & Dennis Dalbey, and 2 year E-Board members Denny Papo & Bill Ecker.

Installation of officers will take place at our next Post meeting to include the Axillary, the Sons, and the Legion Riders. A BBQ will be on the patio immediately afterwards.

Most of you have noticed the many changes and improvements being made to our webpage and Facebook pages. This is due to the outstanding work being done by our new Webmaster and Social Media guru, Karen Turpin. Please thank her when you see her next. I have been talking about the great work being done with our Boys State program by Desirae Smidt. She has been putting in a lot of time and effort in support of this program and she could use a little help. If you have the time and inclination to get more involved in our Post, please consider volunteering to assist her with Boys State. Please feel free to contact me or Desirae for more information.

Most of you have also noticed how great our Hall now looks with the new flooring, doors, flat screen TV, and paint. New heating and air conditioning have also been installed. Many thanks go out to Cathy, Lorraine, Arlene, Daleen, Jim Botts, Ken Boyd, and Jeff Tabor for all their time and efforts in prepping and painting the Hall. We are almost done. We still need to finish the Post display case. I also want to acknowledge the outstanding job Manny, our House Committee chairman; Jim Botts, Daleen, Lorraine, and Mark Hamm do on a continuous basis in maintaining, cleaning, and repairing our Post. Joined by

the rest of our House committee, they do wonders for our facility.

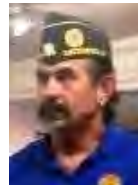
This coming year we will be focusing on getting our membership numbers up, continuing on our Post improvement projects, new and better Post activities, increasing our income through more Post rentals, as well as concentrating on supporting our youth and community American Legion programs.

The Post needs your support by attending our meetings, special events, clubroom activities, etc.

Lastly, I would like to recognize the great work our new Clubroom manager, Stef Holden is doing for us. He, along with his staff are providing our membership and visitors with excellent service and wonderful activities.

Together we can make our Post grow, improve, and prosper.

1st Vice – Mick Sobczak



I want to start by thanking you for electing me to my second term as the 1st Vice Commander. It is an honor to represent you as a member of The American Legion. As an officer of Post 149, I will always have The American Legion as my priority.

The American Legion has a proud heritage. We are responsible for the creation of the Veterans Service Administration, the original GI Bill, the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and are the only veterans' service organization to have legislation we helped draft, signed by the President of the United States at our national convention. No other service organization can lay claim to these accomplishments.

As members of The American Legion, you have the opportunity to learn about our storied one-hundred-year history. The American Legion offers a course called "American Legion Basic Training" which teaches you about our history and what we, as a veteran's service organization, have accomplished. To take this course online you will need computer access, your membership number, and an account on the American Legion website.

Special Events

See calendar page and flyers for more information

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| June 19 | Officer installation (at Post Meeting) |
| July 4 | Independence Day BBQ at the Post |

Once you do that, you can go to <https://www.legion.org/alei> and take the course. If you do not have computer access, or wish to attend a training class, I will be teaching this course and others at the post during the month of July.

Speaking of July, which is the month you will start receiving notices in the mail to renew your membership for 2019. If you pay online, or pay early, you will not get these notices every three months. To pay online, you can create an account at <https://www.legion.org> and at the top right of the page, click MyLegion.org. Once we receive notification of your payment, we will mail you your new membership card. Paying early will also qualify you for a free meal at our Early Bird dinner later in the year.

In closing, I want to thank all of you all for your service to this great nation and for being members of the greatest veteran's service organization I know of, The American Legion.

Adjutant – Jeff Dodds



My office hours are still 0900 to 1200 Monday – Thursday. Please stop by and say hello. I'll even treat you to a cup of coffee.

Actions of Post 149 E-Board 5/8/2018

To spend up to \$300.00 to restock the sales case in the Clubroom.

To spend up to \$225.00 on photo albums, page protectors and matting materials to preserve Past Commander photos.

To allow Guide Dogs of America to use the post conference room and back patio area for training purposes on the first Monday of each month from 6:30PM to 8:00PM.

Chaplin – Chuck Faupal



Post Everlasting: John Ford Passed on April 20, 2018, Post PUFL member for 19 years, Vietnam Era/Air Force. Celebration of Life (TBA).

We had a great Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Ray Master, well known as Ukulele Ray. The family was well pleased with how we put it together. I want to thank all who helped make it a great success (Mick, Freddy, Dennis Dalby, Mark Hamm, and Steph-Club room Manager).

When I was seven years old, my father bought me my first bicycle. I had never ridden one. Patiently, my family and friends tried to teach me the art of cycling. I soon found out there was one thing I must do if I was to stay on the bicycle, keep moving forward. If I ceased to go forward, I would fall and hurt myself. So it is in the Christian life. We can never live this life on the highest plane unless we are continually growing and moving forward. You should be closer to God today in heart, soul, and body, than at any other time so far in your life.

Memorial Day: Each year, Memorial Day reminds us that freedom truly is not free. The three-day weekend gives us a pause to reflect and to realize that many paid with their lives for our freedom. In remembrance of the fallen troops who died in service, the last Monday on May marks a time of giving thanks and being grateful. It is a time of remembering the great sacrifice of the fallen soldiers. In honor of those who gave their life in military

service to protect our freedom.

American Legion Auxiliary

Cathy Wathen – President



Here we go with another year starting for the Auxiliary. Second nominations for officers were read and accepted with all of last year's officers remaining in their positions. Another great year for a great team! Due to the decline in Auxiliary membership our goal for the year is recruiting new members. If you are interested in becoming a member of a great veteran's organization come see what we're all about. Unit 149 meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the conference room.

May was Poppy month and donations continue to come in, I want to thank everyone who showed their support by buying a poppy. Please wear your poppy with pride and remember the men and woman who defended and continue to defend this great country. Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.

Well we did it, painted the hall. Thanks to a great team Daleen Moore, Arlene Cox, Loraine Ulrich, and Jeff Tabor for doing an amazing job. I can't remember the last time I worked so hard but it was sure worth it, the hall looks amazing.

The Auxiliary's annual yard sale is scheduled for Sunday August 12th. Due to limited storage space we will not be accepting donations until after August 6th. Please remember that only usable items will be accepted.

Sunday June 3rd our Special breakfast will be omelets cooked to order along with our usual ham, sausage, and eggs. Enjoy our home cooked breakfast for only \$8.00, active duty military \$5.00.

Friday June 22nd we will be having a cook your own steak dinner with all the fixings. Dinner is at 6pm with music in the clubroom to follow.

We continue to take donations for our yearly food challenge to Mom's. Put all items in the gray bin in the hall. No expired items or glass jars can be accepted.

My thanks to everyone who supports the Auxiliary and everything we do for our Veteran's and their families.

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American Legion Auxiliary

Irene Clingman, PR Chair



The month of May is dedicated to all those who serve to protect our country and to those who have died so we may have

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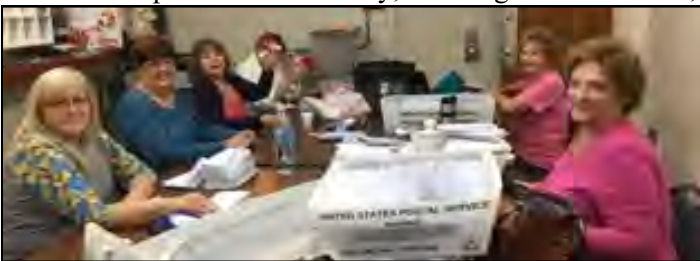
freedoms which no other country has. By now, you should have received your poppy mail from the Auxiliary! If you haven't done so already, send in your donations and remember 100% goes back to assist Veterans. A special thanks to Sandy Cline, Poppy Chair, and in memory of Phyllis Bradford who worked so diligently for many years supporting this program. To all poppy helpers who stamped, sorted, etc., to do the poppy mail out, Thanks!

Pictured left to right: Sandy Sleeper, Barbara Burwell, Arlene Cox, Carol Halvorson, Sandy Cline, and Cathy Wathen.

Specially Adapted Smart Home Dedication Ceremony For United States Marine Corps SSgt Brandon Dodson (Ret.) May 3, 2018

I recently had the opportunity to attend a Specially Adapted Smart Home Dedication Ceremony for United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Brandon Dodson (Ret.) and his family. Through the efforts of the Gary Sinise Foundation, the DAV Foundation, Veteran's United, General Electric, and many others, Brandon and his family now have a newly built home in Vista, mortgage free.

Brandon wanted to join the military after the terrorist attack on September 11. Finally, at the age of 18 in 2003,



he joined the Marines following in his father's footsteps wanting to protect our country and soon served as a drill instructor. Brandon served five times in a combat zone. While serving in Afghanistan he stepped on an IED that had been buried causing it to explode and Brandon lost both legs as a result. We were told he never got discouraged, continues to have a positive outlook on life, continues to have a great sense of humor, and has been known by his friends to be a very special person. Brandon's wife Jasmine, and their five year old son, Indy, were present for the dedication as were many family members, friends, and representatives of many entities



who made this dedication of the home possible. I was informed that Indy was named after Indiana Jones and that he loves Star Wars as evidenced by items in his new bedroom.

A part of the Gary Sinise Foundation supports a program titled Restoring Independence Supporting Empowerment (R.I.S.E.) in which they work to restore independence to those who have sustained life changing injuries. This is only one of nine outreach programs that seek to address our defenders' complex and ever-changing needs before, during, and after the battle. Whether building adapted smart homes for wounded veterans, providing essential equipment for first responders, lifting spirits at military medical hospitals, or supporting their families in times of need, the Gary Sinise Foundation serves America's heroes and their loved ones every day. Thus far, forty-six homes have been dedicated to families and ten additional homes are in the process.

Throughout the Foundation's work, the Gary Sinise Foundation encourages participation by the local communities to help build a network of informed and invested supporters. If you would like more information regarding the Gary Sinise Foundation you may contact them at PO Box 50009, Studio City, CA 91614-5001 or call Hannah Hauserman, Events Coordinator, at 818-432-8975 or email bhauserman@garysinisefoundation.org. The Gary Sinise Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity and all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

American Legion Riders – Dennis Dalbey, President



The month of May was a busy one for the Riders. We provided motorcycle escorts for two funerals, rode to Big Bear to welcome and support a new Rider chapter 584, we supported another new chapter 364 in Santee by participating in their inaugural poker run, then finished the month by providing a flag line at the Memorial Day ceremony at Oak Hill cemetery. The month of June does not look to be as busy as May, but the riders of Chapter 149 will be riding and visiting and supporting other Posts and Chapters.

Clubroom Manager – Stef Holden



As we close out the month of May, I'm happy to share with all of you that the clubroom is coming off the most successful month since taking over as Club Room Manager! The entire bar staff cannot say enough about your continued support!

Cinco de Mayo and Ukulele Ray Master's celebration of life were both great successes. Please come out and join us Friday, June 15th as local San Diego 70-2000s cover band "Hot Gin" will be playing in conjunction with karaoke hosted by Doug. "Hot Gin" has played many venues all over San Diego County and has a great following! Please come out and give their last show a great sendoff for all to remember! Hope to see you there. We also plan on hosting a great Fourth of July celebration. Stay tuned for details. Until next

month...



Main Hall
before remodeling

**SUMMER SUPER SAVINGS!
25% OFF HONOR & REMEMBRANCE
WALL TILES**

25% off the purchase of one Honor & Remembrance Memorial Wall Tile. Purchase a 2nd tile for only \$50 if purchased the same day!

OFFER EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 2018

Purchasers will be notified by mail of tile installation date and/or installation ceremony as determined by the Post Commander.

We were glad to help Past Commander and new 2nd Vice, Daleen Moore, celebrate her birthday on May 19th. We had a great turnout and the Fireball was in plentiful supply.



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 149
2018 FOOD DONATIONS
CHALLENGE**

**FOR MOM'S - CAMP PENDELTON
GOAL OF 1,500 LBS OF FOOD**



Take A Bag, Fill A Bag

The need for food for military families at Camp Pendleton is ongoing throughout the year with food distribution on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the MOM's warehouse at Camp Pendleton. Please join our food drive for 2018! Take a bag, fill a bag and once filled, simply drop off donations in container in main hall of Post 149. Bags are available on top of food donation container. Last year, 1,226 pounds of food was donated by Post 149 members.

Reminder, no glass and no expired food items!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER

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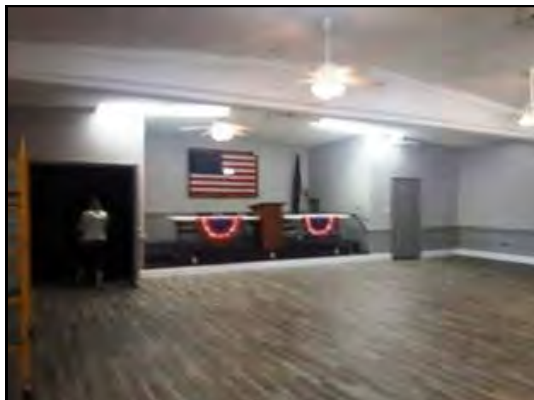
THE GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE

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. Just mention when you get the bill that you are there to support the "American Legion Post 149", have them write it on the bill.

It is located at 316 W. Mission Ave. #101 behind McDonalds and Arby's in Escondido

They are open 7am-2:30pm, Daily.

Main Hall
after
remodeling



Post Members Free Birthday Month Breakfast

At the Post Officers Breakfast in your birthday month - 3rd Sunday of the month - All you can eat buffet

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|--|---------------|---|---|
| May 27 40-8 Breakfast | May 28 Memorial Day | May 29 6 PM House Comm. 6:30 PM Operations Comm. | May 30 | May 31 | 1 6 PM Boy Scouts Pulled Pork 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke | 2 9 AM Clubroom Comm. 5-8 PM Sea Cadets On Patio |
| 3 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$8.00 1-6 PM Private Party Patio | 4 6 PM Allied Vets | 5 6 PM VFW | 6 Game Night Noon-3PM Hall rental | 7 | 8 6 PM Sea Cadets Skillet of ground beef mixed w/ potatoes & corn, salad, garlic bread, pie crust w/ cinnamon & sugar 7 PM Open Juke Box | 9 10 AM 173rd Airborne 9-AM Blue Star Mothers 3-7PM Hall rental |
| 10 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00 | 11 | 12 5 PM Finance Comm. 6 PM E- Board 6 PM DAV | 13 | 14 | 15 6:00 PM SAL Taco Bar 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke & Hot Gin Band | 16 4-10 PM Hall Rental |
| 17 8-11 AM Post Officers Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00 | 18 | 19 Meeting night 5 PM SAL 6 PM Post Installation Of Officers 6 PM Auxiliary | 20 6 PM VFW Auxiliary | 21 | 22 6 PM Auxiliary Cook your own Steak 7 PM Open Juke Box 7-9 PM Hall rental | 23 10 AM - 9 PM Hall rental |
| 24 40-8 Breakfast 11 AM - 5 PM Hall Rental | 25 6 PM House Comm. 6:30 PM Operations Comm. | 26 | 27 5:30 PM Riders' BBQ 6:30 PM Riders Meeting 5-9 PM Rotary club in Hall | 28 | 29 6 PM Riders Meatloaf 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke | 30 |
| July 1 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$8.00 | July 2 | July 3 6 PM VFW | July 4 Independence Day BBQ & Games On the Patio See Flyer | July 5 | July 6 6 PM Boy Scouts Brats & Potato Salad 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke | July 7 9 AM Clubroom Comm. |

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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION at AMERICAN LEGION POST 149

Food, Fun & Fireworks Event!

6 - 7 PM BBQ Time! Choice of (2) hot dogs or (1) hamburger,
mac 'n cheese, beans and ice cream. \$5 Per Person.

First come basis & no substitutions.

8:00 PM Patriotic Attire Contest (Adult & Under 18 Category)

8:30 PM Twinkie Eating Contest (Adults Only)

9:00 PM Watch Escondido fireworks from our lawn!

Plus more....

Cornhole for adults on the back lawn!

Kids patriotic flag craft table, bubble table and sidewalk chalk.



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