



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 extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning Post Officers and E Board members. This next year is going to be very exciting especially with all the events being planned by our new 2nd Vice Daleen Moore, our Clubroom Manager, Stef, as well as the Post House Committee. I am writing this article while I am up in Sacramento attending the Department of California American Legion convention. I will give a briefing of the highlights at our next Post meeting.

I am very pleased with the progress we have made at the Post this past year; however, we still have a lot more work to do. Below are listed some of my priorities for the coming year:

Finances: To see our Post become financially solvent. We are making great strides in that direction with the excellent management Stef is providing to the Clubroom. Income from Post rentals will also take an upswing with the revamping of the Hall, new air conditioning, and other Post improvements.

Membership: We didn't make our membership goal last year. We need to start a heavy recruitment campaign to bring new American Legion members into the Post. We need to shift focus away from Just going after Post 1000 transfers as well as expired memberships. While they bring our membership stats up, as a rule, these folks have not become very active in the Post or with American Legion programs. This leads into the third goal.

Participation: Our Post has over 800 members on the books and yet we have less than 30 folks who are actively involved in the management, maintenance, and operation of the Post. How do we fix this? Recruiting new members who have a desire to get involved and will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm is definitely a start as well as figuring out a way to get our current membership more involved.

Post Maintenance: we have a great House Committee that does an excellent job in performing maintenance and cleaning of the Post throughout the year as well as planning and executing many Post events. This is a relatively small group and they could really use some more

members to help out.

Children and Youth programs: The Boys State program up and running again, thanks to Desirae, I would like us to begin sponsoring the oratorical program. Gary Teicher just volunteered to take charge of this program. Please let Gary know if you have an interest in helping out.

Lastly, we, the officers of this Post, are charged with its management and profitable operation. We are supposed to be working together for the betterment of the organization and our membership. We need to be working together for the common good. Let's try to put any personal animosities aside and work together as a team going forward.

We have a great post and a fantastic facility. Let's work together to make Post 149 the best in the State.

2nd Vice – Daleen Moore



Thank you for electing me to represent the Post as 2nd Vice Commander for 2018-2019. I'm proud to be of service to you all. As most of you are aware, my primary responsibilities will be focused on scheduling Friday night dinners and organizing exciting events for the Post. We've had some great events in the past and I want to continue that excitement at the Post.

Our first event to kick off the summer season is our July 4th BBQ & FIREWORKS at 6 pm. Wear your most patriotic attire, as we will award prizes to one adult (18 and older) and a child...and take pictures of course! We will also amuse ourselves with an adult Twinkie eating contest, while the kiddos can enjoy a craft table, bubbles and more. We are so blessed to be able to perfectly view the fireworks from our Post, without having to get caught in any crowds or traffic. Hope to see you there!

Special Events

See calendar page and flyers for more information

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| July 4 | Independence Day BBQ at the Post |
| July 20 | Cook-your own-steak fundraiser |

Who doesn't love a good steak dinner in summer? Please come join us on Friday, July 20th on the patio at 6 pm for our famous Cook-Your-Own Steak night on our brand new grills that were purchased due to generous donations from the Post, Sons, Auxiliary, and Riders. We will have a healthy ribeye steak, salad, baked potato, and corn. Doug Johnson will have Karaoke in the Clubroom. My mouth is watering already!

As you may be already aware, our Post adopted a section of Mission Ave. between North Broadway and Fig as part of WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO. We get together once per month on Saturday at 8 AM to pick up trash to help keep our city clean. It only takes about an hour to make a positive impact in your community, so please watch the calendar for upcoming cleanup dates and join us!

If you haven't been in to the Post lately, you will be pleasantly surprised! The grant we received from the County of San Diego was put to good use by upgrading the flooring in the hall, in addition to new front doors. The hall was also completely repainted. Please consider our facility for your next celebration! We are excited to announce that bartender Ryan Anderson is now serving as the new Post Rental Agent. Ryan would be happy to give you (or your family or friends) a tour of the post, rental options and pricing. For more information or to schedule an appointment with Ryan, please contact him at (760) 257-5732 or by e-mail at escolegion149@gmail.com.

Until next month, stay tuned for upcoming events. Although I know many of you elected to view your newsletter on-line, I will make sure event announcements are posted visibly in the Post and Clubroom as well. If you have any ideas that you want to share, you are welcome to drop a note for me with the bartender or Adjutant. Just be sure to address it to 2nd Vice Commander, Daleen. Semper Fi!

Adjutant – Jeff Dodds



Congratulations to the new Post officers that were installed at the June Post General Meeting. For those that missed the ceremony it was combined with the new officers for the Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders.

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.

Motions passed and approved in June

1. Raise Bartender Shannon's wage as Assistant Clubroom Manager/Lead Bartender.
2. Expend \$700.00 from Special Activities Fund payable to the Commander for Convention. Commander will distribute funds at his discretion to Post Delegates.
3. Replace the round wall fixture in the conference room with a LED fixture that puts out more light. Not to exceed \$25.00.
4. Remove latch on door between the clubroom and the hall so you do not need to turn the lever to open the door.

American Legion Auxiliary Irene Clingman, PR Chair



The installation of American Legion Post 149 Auxiliary Officers for the new year was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2019 at the Post. Pictured left to right are: Irene Olson, Sgt-at-Arms; Shelly Sobczak, 1st Vice President; Cathy Wathen, President; Jacinta Camacho, 2nd Vice President; Gloria Stevens, Secretary; and Sheila Love, Treasurer. These officers are the glue that holds our organization together and all our members work together as a team.

2018 FOOD CHALLENGE UPDATE

We are almost at the mid-point of our 2018 Food Challenge with a goal of 1,500 pounds for this year. As of June 19, 2018, the total donated is 610.63 pounds. You can see that we need to up our donations to help our military families at Camp Pendleton in order to meet our goal. Donations of food are welcomed at any time including now! Simply bring your donations and drop them off in the container that is now housed in the hallway off of the main hall at Post 149. A reminder, no outdated items, no glass items, no fresh foods.

POPPY PROGRAM

Sandy Cline, Poppy Chair, extends A GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all the donations given in support of the Poppy Program. Sandy reports that we collected \$808 more this year than we did in 2017. This year, a total of 63,000 poppies were made with the help of veterans at the WAVE Clinic, as well as Auxiliary members who made this possible. As you may remember, Phyllis Bradford, who passed away a while back was our Mentor who taught us along the way and kept production running smoothly. Sandy Cline has done a fantastic job taking over for Phyllis and all this would not have been possible without the assistance of Barbara Burwell, Sandy Sleeper, Carol Halvorson, Cathy Wathen, Arlene Cox, and Irene Clingman who spent many hours making, sorting, counting, stuffing and stamping envelopes, and mailing them out to our members. A special thanks also to Boy Scout members who helped to collect donations at the Memorial Day Service. **Girls State Tea Honors Delegates for 2018**

On May 23, 2018, the annual Girls State Tea honoring delegates to attend the 2018 Girls State Session

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was hosted by the American Legion Post & Unit 731 Auxiliary in San Diego. The Girls State Program is a nonpartisan leadership program. San Diego County American Legion Auxiliaries honored 34 delegates chosen and sponsored by their various Posts to attend this year's Girls State Session.

Escondido's Post/Unit 149 American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring four delegates this year. Pictured from left is Cathy Wathen, Auxiliary President, Melissa Vazquez (San Pasqual High), Gretchen Deal (Escondido Charter High), Maya Badrani (Mission Hills High, San Marcos), Maya Reid (Escondido High), and Carol Halvorson, Girls State Chairperson.



American Legion Riders – Dennis Dalbey, President

Thank you for electing me as the ALR 149 Riders President for another year. I am honored and look forward to another productive year supporting our Post, community, military, and veterans. I would also like to congratulate your other elected officers: Cathy Wathen, Finance Officer; Chuck Faupel, Vice President; Jeff Dodds, Sergeant At Arms; Brian Turpin, Secretary. We still have an open Chaplain position, so if you are interested, please see me.

Please mark your calendars as we will be serving Riders buffet breakfast at 8 am on Sunday, July 29th at the Post. We will need assistance with setup, cooking, and dishes, so please help if you can.

We recently supported the ALR Chapter 460 at their poker run on Saturday, June 9th. Great ride with friends and we even won the chapter challenge.

I have ALR DOC coins if you are interested in purchasing one. They are \$10 each.

Clubroom Manager – Stef Holden

I would like to extend a special thank you to Rocco Torres and his band "Hot Gin" for making Friday, June 15th such a great success. A fun time was had by all. Safe travels to Wende and Rocco as they begin their new life chapter in Idaho. To both Angela and Wende, you will be sorely missed!

Please come out for our 4th of July celebration for hot dogs and hamburgers to be served on the patio from 6-7pm. There will be contest, games, and fireworks to be seen from Grape Day Park as well. Look forward to seeing you all here.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the club room!

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.

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
 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. 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.



Officer installation, June 19, 2018
Top to bottom” Post Officers, SAL Officers, Riders Officers, Auxiliary Officers



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
1 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$8.00	2	3 6 PM VFW	4 Independence Day BBQ & Games On the Patio See Flyer	5	6 6 PM Boy Scouts Brats & Potato Salad 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	7 1-5 PM Private Patio Rental
8 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00	9	10 5 PM Finance Comm. 6 PM E- Board 6 PM DAV	11 1-5 PM Private Party In the Hall	12	13 6 PM Auxiliary Taco Bar 7 PM Open Juke Box	14 10 AM 173rd Airborne 9-AM Blue Star Mothers 5-11 PM Private Patio Rental
15 8-11 AM Post Officers Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00	16	17 Meeting night 5 PM SAL 6 PM Post 6 PM Auxiliary	18 6 PM VFW Auxiliary	19	20 6:00 PM Navy fundraiser Cook-your-own Steak 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	21 8 AM We Clean Escondido 9AM-3PM Training in Hall
22 40-8 Breakfast	23 6 PM House Comm.	24	25 5:30 PM Riders' BBQ 6:30 PM Riders Meeting 1-5 PM Private Party In the Hall	26	27 6 PM SAL SONIC night Burgers, etc. 7 PM Open Juke Box	28
29 Riders Breakfast	30	31	Aug 1 6 PM Game Night LRC	Aug 2	Aug 3 6 PM Boy Scouts Spaghetti 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	Aug 4 7AM-5PM Top Hatters Poker Run
Aug 5 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$8.00	Aug 6	Aug 7 6 PM VFW	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10 6 PM Dinner TBD 7 PM Open Juke Box	Aug 11 10 AM 173rd Airborne 9-AM Blue Star Mothers

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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.

Hosted by:

**House Committee
American Legion Post 149
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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

AVIATION BOATSWAINS MATES



COOK YOUR OWN STEAK NIGHT
JULY 20TH: @ AMERICAN LEGION

230 E. PARK AVENUE, ESCONDIDO, CA. 92025

DOORS OPEN AT 1600 \$10 A PLATE

OPEN TO AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS AND FAMILIES. Come support your local ABMA Chapter, network, meet, and connect with your local AAs. Enjoy good food, trade coins, purchase memorabilia, and gear up for the 2018 symposium to be held here in San Diego. All members and non-members are welcome. See you there!



**DINNER WILL BE SERVED ON THE PATIO STARTING
AT 5:30 PM. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!**

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