



The One Forty Niner

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

Commander – Mike Frank



On January 3rd, 2019, our Post will be hosting a formal dinner for the National Commander. Limited seating will be available for those who wish to attend. More information will follow.

We held our 2nd annual Oktoberfest at the Post last month. It was a great success and a good time was had by all. Mike Hess Brewery was well represented, the food was simply outstanding, and the games and raffles topped off this great event. Jim Botts led the charge as the event chairman and did an exceptional job in planning and coordinating the effort. Lorraine, our head chef, and Mark Hamm did an amazing job with the meal. Thanks also go out to the following people who worked very hard to bring this quality event to the Post: Daleen Moore, Art Lubben, Mark Hamm, Desirae Smidt, Trini Tang, Ken Boyd, Renee Gonzalez, Elliot Bishop, Duncan Wilkie, and Sherrie Arden.

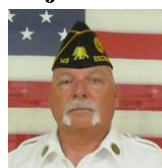
Many American Legion Posts send copies of their newsletters to other Posts in our district as a courtesy and also let the others know what is going on. While attending the recent District 22 meeting, I had several people approach me and compliment me on our newsletter. They were impressed with its format, content, and the personal input by Post Officers, Riders, Auxiliary, Sons, and Committee Chairmen. I also received several compliments concerning our webpage and social media presence. By the way, National is really stressing social media as a way to reach our younger Veterans and potential new members. We have Art Lubben, our Newsletter Editor, and Karen Turpin to thank for this. Their hard work and perseverance is readily apparent in the quality products they produce for Post 149.

I would like to say a few words about Stef, our Clubroom Manager. It has been a year now since he came on board and I can honestly say that he is doing an exceptional job. He organizes excellent Clubroom events and has ensured that we have an outstanding team of bartenders. Most importantly, we are now showing a profit at the Post due largely to Stef's extensive experience, management, and guidance.

Lastly, our Post needs YOU to volunteer. We have

many ongoing programs and events involving veterans' affairs, community service, children and youth, Post/Clubroom events, etc. These things don't run themselves. It takes involvement from all our members. Please support our Post by getting more involved. Come to our Post meetings and hear firsthand what is going on and get involved. Our Post relies on you supporting us to be successful.

Adjutant – Jeff Dodds



We are still conducting a 100% Membership Card Check in the Clubroom. Show your card before being asked. Be proud of your membership to Post 149 and show it by showing your card. Any questions or complaints come see me. I love talking to Post members during the day. 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 10/9/2018

1. Authorize \$100.00 for the purchase of a thermostatic fan for the ice room. To be allocated from the HC Account.
2. Authorize \$1000.00 for the purchase of new advertising signs to replace the old signs on front corner of the Post. To be allocated from the HC Account.
3. Approve the expenditure of \$250.00 to the Ladies Auxiliary to finance the Annual Children's Christmas Party on December 8th.
4. To move remaining Point of Sale funds to the Taxi fund.

Chaplain: Chuck Faupel



I have (2) comrades to report for sickbay: On September 29th 2018 our 1st Vice Commander was involved in a motorcycle accident. Mick was traveling in Riverside and was rear ended by a Prius who was hit by a big rig truck. Mick's back is in bad shape. After a CT scan was taken, the scan showed damage to the Disc above his infusion. Mick, we pray for a fast recovery.

On October 6th 2018 Rene Cortez (Past Commander) was admitted to the hospital for pneumonia. He's home now, we pray for a quick recovery.

We pray for Renee Gonzalez, Past Club room Manager, her father Leon fell and cut open his head. Renee is by his side. Thanks for Manny keeping me updated.

I will be conducting the Four Chaplain's Memorial Service at Post 149 on February 3rd 2019 at 11:30. This is the first Sunday of the month. If you have never been to one, come out and support. If you would like to take part as one of the Chaplains let me know.

The Four Chaplains, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains", were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner: It is the custom of many Christians to bow their heads in public places and give thanks for the food that has been placed before them. I have had scores of waiters and waitresses tell me that when we bowed our heads, it was the first time they had ever seen that happen in their restaurant.

Millions never pause to give a word of thanks to God for the food provided. Few homes have a moment of thanksgiving at the beginning of the meal or at any other time of the day. Even at Thanksgiving time only a minority will pause and give thanks to God.

Thanksgiving is recognition of a debt that cannot be paid. We express thanks, whether or not we are able otherwise to reimburse the giver. When thanksgiving is filled with true meaning and is not just the formality of a polite "thank you," it is the recognition of dependence.

American Legion Auxiliary

Cathy Wathen - President



Our regular monthly meeting was held on October 16th and we had the pleasure of installing a new member Myra McHenry. Myra not only joined the Auxiliary but the Chapter 149 Riders group along with her husband Tom. The Auxiliary, Riders, and the Legion welcomes you both.

The Children's Christmas Party is on the schedule for Saturday December 8th from 1pm to 3pm. A sign-up sheet is in the hall and clubroom; the deadline for sign up is December 3rd. All Legion Family members' children,

grandchildren and family members' ages infant to 10 years old are invited. Please remember to include their gender and age on the sheet. Lunch will be served before the arrival of Santa, who will deliver presents for all the kids. **YOU MUST SIGN UP TO GET A GIFT FROM SANTA!!**

Plans for our yearly Christmas Craft Bazaar/ Bake Sale are underway. We have scheduled another workshop for Sunday October 28th at noon. Anyone who loves crafting we need you!!!! We are open to any and all handmade items that are relatively simple and can be accomplished quickly. We still need someone to help coordinate the bake sale, anyone interested please let us know. Any Auxiliary member active or not who loves to bake we would love to have you come and enjoy breakfast and sell homemade baked goodies.

We are sad to say after 18 years MOM's on Camp Pendleton is closing but never fear we are working to coordinate with another food center there. We continue to take donations for our yearly food challenge with 836 pounds collected. A new holiday bin is in the hall for everyone's convenience. No expired items or glass jars can be accepted. Since Christmas is right around the corner we will be collecting toys for the kids at Camp Pendleton too. Open your hearts and pockets to help make this a special Christmas for these special kids.

Plans are under way for the North County Stand Down February 7th thru the 10th. They are in need of bath towels, wash cloths, and twin blankets. Anyone who would like to donate any of these items please leave them in the Conference Room labeled Stand Down.

Sunday November 4th our special for breakfast will be French toast with Carmel Pecan sauce and Diced ham and scrambled eggs. Of course we will be serving our usual for everyone who likes ham/sausage and eggs cooked to order. Enjoy breakfast for only \$8.00, Active duty military \$5.00.

Thanksgiving is Thursday November 22th, please see flyer for details. There's nothing better than turkey day leftovers so come and enjoy another all you can eat dinner on Friday November 23rd at 6:00.

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 Riders

Dennis Dalbey, President



Hi everyone, Chapter 149 Riders are keeping very busy, riding and supporting other Posts and Chapters. Here are just some of the events we will be participating in.

November 3rd, we will be supporting Chapter 852 with their Warrior Heart Run.

November 17th, participating in Chapter 146 Toys for Tots Poker Run

Special Events

See calendar page and flyers for more information

- November 10 Marine Corps Birthday
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 16 Early Bird Dinner
- December 2 Auxiliary Rummage Sale
- December 8 Children's Christmas Party
- February 3 Four Chaplains Ceremony
- February 9 Comedy Show

On Thursday, November 22nd, the Riders and the Auxiliary will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, please join us.

Clubroom Manager – Stef Holden



The clubroom is featuring a couple of great events coming up in November. Please join us on the 10th as we celebrate The Marine Corps 243rd birthday. There will be a ceremony in the hall at 6:30pm followed by refreshments in the clubroom.

On the 22nd the Auxiliary and Riders will be hosting a Thanksgiving buffet with all the fixings for only \$6.00 from 1 to 4pm. Hope to see you all there!

Newsletter Editor - Art Lubben



I am a mathematician at heart, and since I have been getting some questions occasionally at the Post about our membership, here are some answers.

Currently 29% of of our members are Navy, 27% Army, 19% Marines, 14% Air Force, 1% Coast Guard and 8% Unknown.

By service era, 9% WW2, 16% Korea, 52% Vietnam, 10% Lebanon/Granada/Panama, 14% Gulf and War on Terror.

This means that 76% of our members are Vietnam era or before and at least in there sixties or much older. When I transferred to this Post in 2000 most of the members were WW2. The Vietnam era Vets are now the age of those WW2 Vets then.

If the Post is to survive, we need to recruit younger Veterans. Please pass the word.



Pictured left - Desirae Smidt just finished her first weekly (Volunteer) intergenerational tutoring session, and LOVED it! It's run by the Oasis Program, in the Escondido Community Center, next to the Post.

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OCTOBERFEST 2018

Pictured above left, Ken Boyd manning the beer tasting. Above right, Our Chairman, Jim Botts prepping the food. Below, The Men's and Women's Stein Hoist competition.



Below - Food is Served



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 and 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.

The few, the Proud.

Please join us for the: 243rd US Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

SATURDAY, November 10, 2018

6:30 pm at

American Legion Post 149

230 E. park Avenue ▪ Escondido ▪ CA ▪ 92025

Ceremony in the Hall

Special Guest Speaker: Robert Caudill, Sgt, USMC, Medically Retired

Light Refreshments in Clubroom immediately following ceremony

No host bar

Attire: Military uniforms / casual attire

ALL SERVICE BRANCHES WELCOME!



Please join us

Sunday, November 11th, 2018

11:00 am

*for the Allied Veteran Council's **Veteran's Day Ceremony** in front of the Military Tribute Wall of Courage at Grape Day Park to honor veterans and those brave men and women who currently serve.*

The ceremony will include a full patriotic program with music and guest speakers, followed by a fried chicken lunch at Post 149 for a \$5 donation.



*Come Join the Riders and
The American Legion Family for
Thanksgiving at Post 149*

Thanksgiving Buffet

All you can eat (sorry, no doggy bags) for \$6.00

Turkey, Stuffing, and all the trimmings

Thursday, November 22nd 1 till 4 pm

Active Duty Military and their Families eat Free

Remember to come back on Friday at 6 PM for a "leftover" dinner

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
Oct 28 40-8 Breakfast	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	1	2 6 PM Boy Scouts Pork Loin 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	3 11 AM - 4 PM Girls Scouts in the Hall
4 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$8.00 3-8 PM Polish Club Daylight Time Ends	5 6 PM Allied Vets	6 6 PM VFW ELECTION DAY VOTE	7 6 PM Game Night LRC	8 Noon - 4 PM Escondido Arts Assoc. In the Hall	9 6 PM Sea Cadets Turkey 7 PM Rick Trotter Band	10 9-AM - Noon Blue Star Mothers 10 AM 173rd Airborne 6:30 PM Marine Corps Birthday
11 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00 11 AM Veterans Day Grape Day Park	12	13 6 PM DAV 5 PM Finance Comm. 6 PM E-Board	14 6 PM Operations Committee	15	16 6 PM Sons Chicken "ala Ray" EARLY BIRD DINNER 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke Poker night	17 8 AM We Clean Escondido
18 8-11 AM Post Officers Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00	19	20 Meeting night 5 PM SAL 6 PM Post 6 PM Auxiliary	21 6 PM VFW Auxiliary	22 Thanksgiving 1 - 4 PM Dinner In the Hall	23 6 PM Thanksgiving leftovers 7 PM Open Juke Box	24
25 40-8 Breakfast	26 6 PM House Comm.	27	28 5:30 PM Riders' BBQ 6:30 PM Riders Meeting	29	30 6 PM Riders Spaghetti & Meatballs 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	Dec 1 8 AM House Comm. Post Clean up 6-10 PM Private Party In the hall
Dec 2 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$8.00 Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5 6 PM Game Night LRC 1 - 5 PM Baker Electric in the Hall	Dec 5	Dec 7 6 PM Boy Scouts Meatloaf 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	Dec 8 12 - 3 PM Children's Christmas Party

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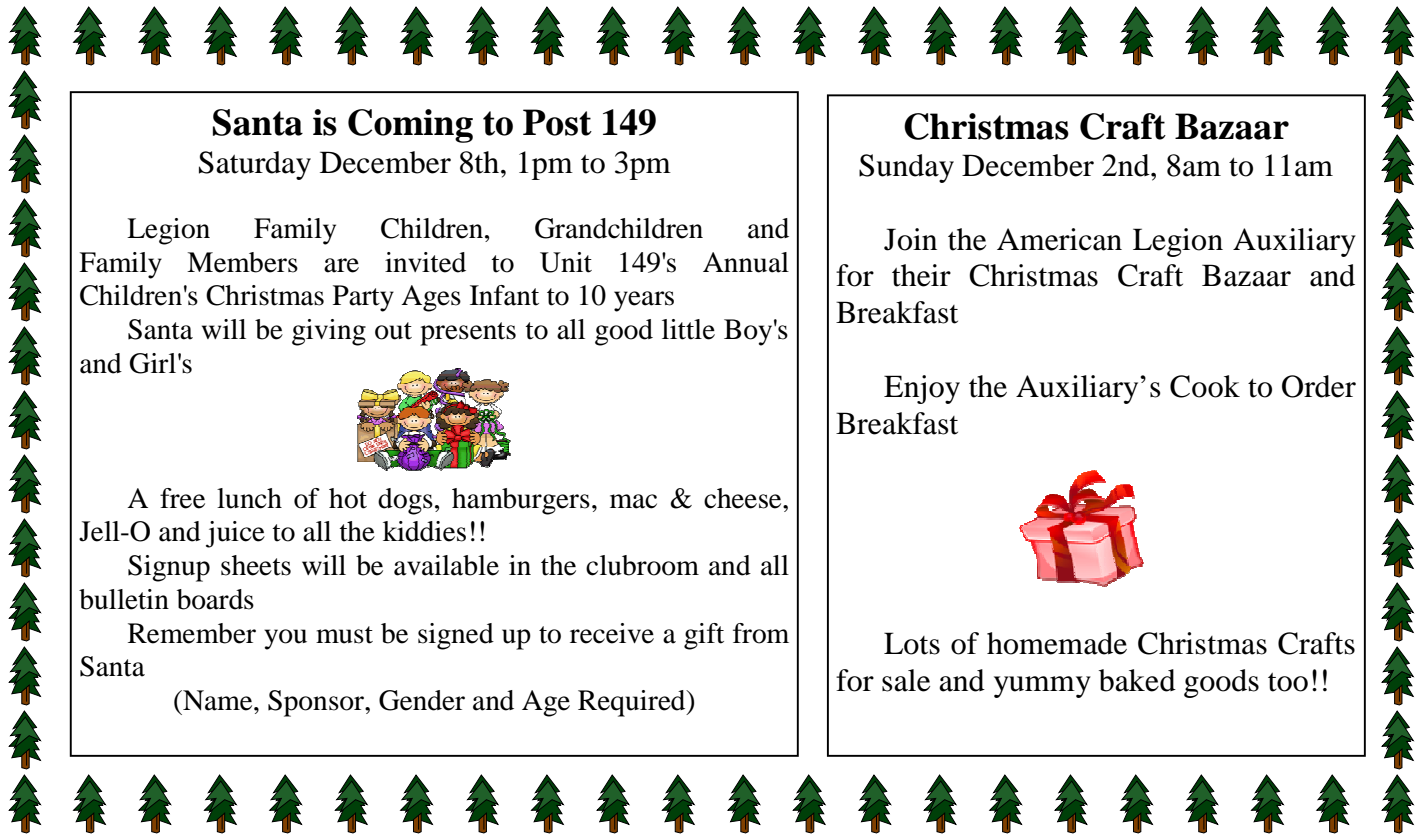
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November 2018



Santa is Coming to Post 149

Saturday December 8th, 1pm to 3pm

Legion Family Children, Grandchildren and Family Members are invited to Unit 149's Annual Children's Christmas Party Ages Infant to 10 years

Santa will be giving out presents to all good little Boy's and Girl's



A free lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, mac & cheese, Jell-O and juice to all the kiddies!!

Signup sheets will be available in the clubroom and all bulletin boards

Remember you must be signed up to receive a gift from Santa

(Name, Sponsor, Gender and Age Required)

Christmas Craft Bazaar

Sunday December 2nd, 8am to 11am

Join the American Legion Auxiliary for their Christmas Craft Bazaar and Breakfast

Enjoy the Auxiliary's Cook to Order Breakfast



Lots of homemade Christmas Crafts for sale and yummy baked goods too!!

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