



The One Forty Niner

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



Post 149 Commander – Mike Frank

I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year! 2019 is going to be exciting times for the Post. We will be implementing the rebranding of our Clubroom into Club 149. Our 1st Vice Commander Mick

Sobczak has already started by introducing our first monthly Cigar Night. Please see the flyer advertising this event and hopefully all of members who appreciate a fine cigar once in a while will join us for this first event on the patio.

We are also starting up a new committee called the Club 149 Crew. This new committee has its roots in the old Clubroom Committee, however, its Mission and Goals will be redefined and will be presented at the first meeting for review and presentation to the E Board for approval. This committee will be charged with creating and implementing new Club 149 events, sports events, family events, drink and food specials, line dancing, BBQ's, etc. The focus will be on attracting the new generation of Veterans and their families. We will also place an effort in attracting female Veterans as well. We are looking for some active Post members to be a part of this. Please contact any Post Officer if you wish to join. First meeting will be announced soon. We will also be doing some updating and remodeling to the Clubroom as part of the rebranding process.

Thanks go out to Cathy Wathen, Daleen Moore, and Lorraine Ulrich, and Art Lubben for all the hard work and planning for the highly successful National Commanders dinner. Thanks also go out to all who volunteered to serve, set up, and clean up. It was definitely a team effort.



1st Vice Commander – Mick Sobczak

As you read this, the folks at National Headquarters will be mailing out the next round of renewal notices. Paying dues to the nations largest wartime veterans service organization has its privileges, but do you take advantage of them? You can receive discounts from major retailers at www.legion.org/services. Our Service Officers can help you fill out forms to start, or increase, your VA benefits. You can rent our main hall or patio at reduced

rates. This is just scratching the surface, but to take advantage of these benefits and others, you need to talk to a Post Officer.

If you have concerns about issues, we are always available to speak to you. If you want to volunteer to help with one of the programs we support, you can do that as well. It does not matter how much time you have to spare, thirty minutes a month can make a difference in the lives of another veteran, a family member, or a member of our community.

We hold monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in the main hall. If you are interested in helping out, attend a meeting. This is where most decisions are made and you, as a member, have a voice in saying how things should be done.

Finally, most people think The American Legion is only for veterans. That is not the case. The American Legion Auxiliary is for the wives, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of veterans. The Sons of The American Legion is for the sons and grandsons of veterans. There is a place for every member of your family. You served and earned eligibility in the American Legion. They supported you while you served. Would it not be great to be able to share your American Legion experiences with them?

Enjoy your New Year and resolve to be the difference in someone's life.



2nd Vice Commander - Daleen Moore

Hello, fellow legionnaires! I'm going to keep it short and sweet this month. For your New Year's resolution... **GET SIGNED UP AT THE POST FOR THE DINNER & COMEDY SHOW ON FEBRUARY 9th!** It will be a great date night! The cost is only \$30 per person and includes a lovely meal served at the table by the Ladies Auxiliary and an evening of laughs with comedians from LA's Comedy Club. You don't even have to get up for drinks during the comedy show! Once the show begins, we will dim the hall lights and anyone desiring a cocktail will push a tap light in the middle of the table and voila! A cocktail waitress will appear to take your drink order, so

as not to disturb the comedians. And we encourage you to tip the cocktail waitresses well please! More details are on the flyer in this newsletter. The bartenders have a sign-up sheet in the Clubroom. Upon your payment to the bartender, you will be issued a receipt and your name will be added to the reservation list. Seating is limited, so do not delay!

THIS EVENT SELLS OUT EVERY TIME! As part of this fun evening, we are going to also play a game called Heads & Tails, so please bring some cash! **50% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS GAME GO TO THE WINNER!**

Remember, your post is only as good as its members and their participation! Please support your amazing Post 149!



Post 149 Adjutant - Jeff Dodds

I hope everyone had a joyous Holiday Season and a safe, Happy New Year. I have started my new year standing by patiently for those folks that waited to the last minute to pay their dues and missed the mark. So please, come on down to Post 149 and see me. I love the company.

My office hours are still 0900 to 1200 Monday through Thursday. Friday by appointment. Please stop by to say hello and join me for a cup of coffee.



The American Legion Auxiliary - Cathy Wathen - President

Happy New Year to everyone from Auxiliary Unit 149!! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year. A toast to another great year with Unit 149.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard on the Christmas Craft Bazaar. Thanks to everyone's help we made \$1009.00 for our Girl's State campaign. The best year ever!!!! I talked to one of our candidates Mom's and I am so proud to say she is at West Point and loves it. She said that having gone to Girl's State was very impressive on Avery's application. Unit 149 is proud of all the ladies we send to Girl's State, these ladies are so amazing.

Our Children's Christmas party was our biggest ever with 34 children waiting to see Santa. The kid's had lunch cooked by the Son's with burgers, hot dogs and mac and cheese. The children had a table for coloring and decorating Christmas cookies. Santa arrived and gave everyone a special gift then lots and lots of pictures. What a great day.

Work is moving forward on 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 January 9th is our monthly breakfast with Diced Ham with scrambled eggs and French Toast as our specials. 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.

Friday January 18th dinner will be Beef Stew. Enjoy a great home cooked dinner and sing along with Doug at 7:00 in the clubroom.

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



Clubroom Manager – Stef Holden

On behalf of the Clubroom staff, we hope you all had a Merry Christmas and we wish you a happy new year. For all of you cigar enthusiasts, please come out and join us on the afternoon of January 19th as we will be offering cigars and a choice of selected whiskeys and bourbons for just 12 dollars! Individual cigars will be sold for 7 dollars.

Great and exciting changes are in store for Club 149 in the coming year. Additional event-themed nights and more band bookings are in the works! The staff and I look forward to a new Clubroom Committee launching soon to assist in making these events possible. Please continue to keep a close eye on the website and our Facebook page for a listing of future events.

As always, thanks to each and every one of you for continuing to support Club 149!



The Sons Of The American Legion - Jeff Flynt - Adjutant

The Sons had successful Christmas toy and food drives in December and will start the new year with many other projects in the works. We will be helping the Escondido High School Future Farmers of America program and will sponsor American Legion Baseball teams in the Spring.

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We will be serving our breakfast buffet on January 13th and cooking a Country Fried Steak Dinner on the 25th. We still need help cooking and cleaning during our meals and events, so please help if you are able or at least come on down to our events and see what we're up to.

We are still catching up on membership and need anyone who hasn't gotten their 2019 card to see Jeff Dodds (Post Adjutant and SAL Advisor) to get your membership squared away. Otherwise, see the bartender to fill out a new membership form for us or mail in your payment to the Post and we will call or email you if we need anything else. Make sure to include your contact information (Mail, email, and phone number) so we can get our database current. Thanks again for your participation in our Squadron.



The American Legion Riders - Dennis Dalbey - Chapter President

Happy New Year to everyone. Chapter 149 riders will start 2019 with a motorcycle escort for American Legion National Commander, Brett P. Reistad. On Thursday, January 3rd, we will escort him from Carlsbad, Ca. to American Legion post 149, Escondido, Ca. to attend a dinner in his honor.

Chapter 149 Riders will be hosting a motorcycle safety course on Saturday, January 19th, from 9am to 12 noon. The course will be set up in the parking lot of the National Guard Armory, next door to Post 149. The course is free and everyone is welcome.

Ride safe, hope to see you there.



The American Legion Auxiliary - Irene Clingman - Public Relations Chair

WOW! December has been a very busy month for Auxiliary activities. We appreciated the support for our craft fair where funds generated help to support our programs. A special thanks to the SAL for hosting the toy drive on December 9th and to those who came for a great buffet breakfast along with a new unwrapped toy for military families. Eighty-nine toys were received and were transported to Camp Pendleton on Tuesday December 18th along with the final donation of food and other household items donated this year. Last year, 1,261 pounds of food were donated; this year total pounds of food donated was 1,320.57! Each year our donations of food increases, which we all should be very proud. While we did not meet our goal of 1,500 pounds this year, next year's collection will begin again in January and continue through mid-December. As we mentioned last month, our partner for donations of military families is Helping Hand Worldwide who distributes our donations at south Camp Pendleton on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday each month.

Camp Pendleton north is served on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month. Linda Milford and I attended a class in order to obtain a year's pass to go on to the base which included a background check. We were notified we can pick up our pass before January 13.

On Tuesday, December 18, I attended the distribution of food and toys on the base at the Blinder Memorial Chapel building in order to see the operation in action. Two refrigerated trucks arrived on scene and many volunteers were present to unload the donations from Trader Joe's, Albertsons, organic farm produce, dozens and dozens of eggs from a partnering egg ranch, desserts, assorted breads, and even floral donations and our donations of food and toys. Each volunteer present worked their areas to inspect the eggs for cracks which were eliminated, and all other donations for quality prior to extending the invitation for families to come in and load up on items for home. I met many of the volunteers and was introduced as being a member of our Unit and Post 149, a new partner of the organization, and as the "person who brought all the donated toys!" So many families expressed their appreciation for our donations and it was fun watching them choose that perfect toy and their needed food items.

Linda Milford, Chair of VA&R and Community Relations recently presented another check in the amount of \$200 to the Aspire Center to support their Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP). The donation is used to support the \$1.00 coffee cards provided to patients as an incentive to reach their specific goals and the coffee cards helps to provide encouragement to undertake these difficult activities. The coffee cards may be used at the California Bean Company. In addition to the \$200 presented to the Aspire Center, Linda also presented hygiene bags and women's clothing which was very much appreciated as many of their patients arrive with little resources.

Children's Christmas Party was a success again this year. Over 30 children arrived to see Santa (Christopher Marszalek) and his helpers who presented gifts to all the children and many faces expressed happiness with their gifts. Special thanks to the SAL group who provided a lunch of hot dogs, burgers, mac-n-cheese, pasta salad and drinks. The children also participated in frosting their own cookies much to their delight and creativity! On Friday, December 21, a Christmas Party for the Head Start Preschool on Hickory and Washington were treated to a visit by Santa along with toys donated for the event by donations from our Auxiliary members Ann Marie Brown, Diana Young, and Irene Clingman. Donated items included backpacks, Beanie Babies, teddy bears, various toy vehicles, small dolls, and other items as well as candy canes. The preschool also received donations from Toys for Tots for the children. Our donations were presented to the Director, Jacquelin Marrou, who along with her staff members were dedicated to wrapping all the toys for the children and were Santa's helpers. Several Auxiliary members attended the party.

CSUB 149

Presents

CIGAR NIGHT

CIGARS - DRINKS

Saturday

January 19, 2019

1 PM until 5 PM

Cigar and shot of Whiskey or Bourbon \$12

Individual Cigars \$7

American Legion Post 149

230 E. Park Ave

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**Donation lunch provided by the
American Legion Auxiliary**

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
DEC 30 8-11 AM Riders Breakfast All you can eat Buffet \$10.00	DEC 31 New Year's Eve The Rick Trotter Band	1 New Years Day Clubroom opens at noon	2	3 6 PM National Commander's Dinner	4 6 PM Boy Scouts Lasagna Dinner 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	5 3-9 PM Private Party in the Hall
6 8 - 11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast	7 6 PM Allied Vets Meeting	8 6 PM Post Executive Committee Meeting DAV Meeting (Hall)	9 6 PM Post Operations Meeting (Patio)	10 12 - 4 PM Escondido Arts Association Hall Rental	11 6 PM Sea Cadets Chili Dinner	12 9 - 12 PM Blue Star Mothers (Hall)
13 8 - 11 AM S. A. L. Breakfast	14	15 5 PM S.A.L. Meeting 6 PM Post 149 Meeting ALA Unit 149 Meeting	16	17	18 6 PM Auxiliary Beef Stew Dinner 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	19 8 AM We Clean Escondido 9 AM Riders Safety Course 1 - 5 PM Club 149 Cigar Night
20 8 - 11 AM Post Officers All-You-Can-Eat Buffet	21	22	23 6:30 PM ALR 149 Meeting (Patio)	24	25 6 PM S. A. L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner	26
27 8 - 11 AM 40 et 8 Steak Breakfast 12 - 3 PM District 22 Oratorical Contest (HALL)	28 6 PM House Committee Meeting - Patio	29	30	31	FEB 1 6 PM Boy Scouts Baked Chicken Dinner 7 PM Doug Johnson Karaoke	FEB 2
FEB 3	FEB 4	FEB 5	FEB 6	FEB 7	FEB 8	FEB 9 6 PM Club 149 Comedy Show

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.

PHOTOS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOOD DRIVE AND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY





DINNER & COMEDY SHOW EVENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2019

Presented by:

American Legion Post 149

BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!

- 5 PM Hall Opens for Seating
- 6 PM Dinner Served
- 7 PM Show Begins!
- \$30 Per Person (*Advance Purchase Required*)
- Price includes Plated Dinner Service & Dessert
- No Host Bar—Waitresses will be on Staff to Serve during the Show (Cash Only Bar/ATM Available)
- No Table Reservations Accepted—First Come, First Serve Seating
- Featuring LA's "The Comedy Machine!"

Get your tickets early!
This event previously sold-out!



For more information, please contact Daleen Moore at (760) 855-5635.
Tickets available for purchase in the Clubroom at:
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January Birthdays

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Brian Dodds
Robert Hamm
William Witte
Don Burchette
John Short
Julio Valle
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