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



COMMANDER – MIKE FRANK



Wow! Another year just flew by. Thanks go out to all the Post members who joined us at the last Post meeting and took part in our elections.

Congratulations to all the newly elected Post Officers. Any new appointed officers will be announced at the next Post meeting After the Installation next month, the Post Officers will be:

Commander - Mike Frank, 1st Vice
Commander - Mick Sobczak, 2nd Vice
Commander - Bill Ecker, Finance Officer -
Dave Geary, Sgt at Arms - Jim Botts, 2
Year E-Board Member - John Angles and
Thomas McHenry. 1 Year E-Board Member
- Denny Papo. Chaplain - Chuck Faupel,
Judge Advocate - Brian Turpin, and Service
Officer - Harold Olson.

Bill Ecker vacated his 1 year E-Board position when elected as the 2nd Vice Commander and we held 1st nominations just after the election. As of now, Art Lubben and Desirae Smidt were nominated. 2nd nominations and the election will be held at next month's meeting.

The Installation of Officers from the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, and the Riders will take place immediately after next month's Post meeting. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. Please come out

and show your support for our Post and its Officers.

We also have some changes in a few of our committees. Jim Botts has volunteered to chair the House Committee and Misael Alvarado has stepped up to head the Club 149 Crew. Thanks, guys, for stepping up.

A real big Thank You goes out to several of our past officers and chair persons for their outstanding efforts in managing and supporting our Post. Art Lubben, Daleen Moore, Ken Boyd, Dennis Dalbey, Bill Ecker, and Manny Gonzalez. This Post benefited greatly from all your hard work.

1ST VICE – MICK SOBCHAK



Many of you may have received a card in the mail regarding updating your information. You can disregard this. A much easier way for you to

update your information is to create an account at www.mylegion.org. It will allow you to update your mailing address, phone number, and email address. It will also allow you to pay your dues online, which is a convenience to many of our members.

Why do we need that you ask? It allows us to get more of what is happening at the Post to you. It gives you the opportunity to participate in more functions. One of them

SPECIAL EVENTS

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

JUNE 5

LCR Game Night | BBQ

JUNE 8

Cook Your Own Steak Night
(see flyer)

JUNE 14

Open Jukebox

JUNE 21

Dealers Choice Poker
Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATES | Club 149

July 27

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is the swearing in of new Post Officers at your June meeting. Please come to this meeting, meet your newly elected officers, and get to know us.

Thank you for your service and thank you for being a member of The American Legion.

2ND VICE – DALEEN MOORE



Comrades, a huge thank you to everyone that supported me over this past year. There are too many people to name, but do not doubt that I

appreciated every moment of your time. It is bittersweet, but after 10 years of committed involvement at the Post as an E-Board Officer, Clubroom Manager, 2nd Vice Commander, Post Commander, etc., I've decided to take a sabbatical to refresh my batteries. Even though I will not be running for a position this year, I still intend to proudly support the Post by attending activities when I can. I'm also positive that your newly elected Post officers will continue to not only support our active military and veterans, but also continue to address the challenges at your Post and keep the membership growth and retention momentum strong. Volunteers absolutely play a critical role in our Post's success. As a nonprofit organization, we simply could not provide the level of services that we do without your assistance. Please consider donating some of your time and talent to Post 149! Opportunities are open in many areas, including those listed below and do not hesitate to contact the Post Commander or Adjutant if you would like more information.

Facility & Maintenance Projects – We always need people to help with repairs

and maintenance of our grounds and facilities.

Fundraising Events – Assist with our annual fundraising. Volunteers help with event planning, management, and promotion.

Community Activities – Spend a few hours on the 3rd Saturday of the month helping pick up trash along Mission Avenue for *We Clean Escondido*.

Legion Programs – Leaders are needed to head up Post programs such as Law & Order, Boys State, Oratorical, etc.

Until we meet again, Semper Parati

POST 149 ADJUTANT – JEFF DODDS



I have had numerous inquiries about a mailer that members have been receiving regarding updates on membership information. My understanding is that a third party received permission by the DOC to contact members and offer a yearbook and other veteran related items. Some of the feedback I have gotten is that the merchandise is expensive and the sales people are high pressure. My recommendation as Post Adjutant is not to call.

At the May General Meeting we had second nominations for Post Officers and elections. For those that participated in our post democracy, thank you. For those that did not please think twice before you complain.

Your 2019-2020 Elected Post Officers are:

Commander: Michael Frank,
1st Vice Cmdr.: Mick Sobczak,
2nd Vice Cmdr.: William Ecker,
Finance Officer: Dave Geary,
Sgt at Arms: James Botts,

New E-Board Members are: John Angles and Thomas McHenry.

A special election will be held to fill the E-Board position vacated by Bill Ecker. First nominations were held at the meeting. Art Lubben and Desirae Smidt were nominated. Second nominations and election will be held at the June meeting.

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.

Actions of Post 149 E-Board

05/14/2019 → None.

CHAPLAIN – CHUCK FAUPEL



I have two sickbay to report;
Our 1st vice Mick Sobczak is back with us after his neck surgery.
Our Judge advocate Brian Turpin is back with us after having knee surgery.

There will be a Memorial Service on June 15th, 2019 for Navy Sailor Gordon Strickler at Post 149 American Legion Main Hall at 1:00 (1300). Gordon was a member of our post for many years. He served in the U.S. Navy during WW11. (1945-1949). He is survived by his wife Patricia. Laura Strickler (Daughter) is welcoming everyone to join us as we Honor her father. Contact Laura and let her know who will attend so she can have a count of Comrades. (760)518-9839

In the Hebrew [Scripture](#), I'm drawn to Esther, an orphan raised by her uncle and who overcame many challenges. Eventually, she was providentially placed by God in the King's palace. She displayed courage and political astuteness to prevent the genocide of her Jewish community. When in need of courage, Esther inspires me.

In the Gospel, I'm drawn to the story of the woman who goes unnamed. She had an illness with no medical solution for 12 years. When she heard that Jesus was in her town, she decided to visit him. She believed that in touching the hem of Jesus' tunic, she would be healed. And she was. Her faith, determination and relentless hope serve as a reminder that everything is possible when we believe.

There are many women throughout the Bible who can lift us up. They teach us how to face and overcome the odds and

keep our focus on God. As we remember all the women who have shaped and made a difference in our world, let us keep in mind these [inspirational women from the Bible](#).

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IRENE CLINGMAN | PR CHAIR



[Donation to Operation Homefront](#) - Our Auxiliary recently donated 96 hooded bath towels and 96 bibs to Operation Homefront's baby shower for military moms to be held on June 1st at Camp Pendleton. Pictured accepting the donation is Sarah Stampien, West Area Region Manager for Operation Homefront.

[Donation to Aspire Center](#) - Linda Milford, Chair of VA&R and Community Services for our Auxiliary recently presented a \$200 donation to the Aspire Center which will be used in a partnership for \$1.00 coffee cards with the California Bean Company. The donation continues our support for their Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP) at the Aspire Center. The \$1.00 coffee cards are provided to patients as an incentive to reach their specific goals and the cards provide encouragement to undertake difficult activities. Accepting the donation pictured left to right are Morgan Fransk, owner of the California Bean Company, Linda Milford, and Carl Rimmel, CEO of the Aspire Center.

[Food Challenge](#) - Our food challenge donations continue to grow slowly but surely and many thanks to Auxiliary members who bring food items to our monthly meeting. As of May 19, total pounds collected were 386.09 pounds. In addition to food items, we have received generous donations of kitchen electrics, bath towels, etc. Non-food items are not weighed for poundage. At Tuesday night's meeting I received a very large donation of infant and toddler clothing, baby shoes and food that filled the entire food container at the Post from Tony Aguilar. This was the second generous donation from Tony and his family. Thank you Tony! Also, this past month, Richard Hasselmann donated \$100 cash for the food challenge. Special thanks to Richard as well. I haven't had a chance to total up the pounds of food from Tuesday night yet, but each and every donation counts towards our goal of 1,500 pounds for this year. On April 30, Linda Milford and I traveled to Camp Pendleton with our cars packed with donations where they were presented to Helping Hands Worldwide for their distribution of food donations for military families.

In-Stitches Ladies of Madrid Manor - The ladies sewing group from Madrid Manor donated 7 baby quilts, 18 knit booties and hat sets, 20 baby wash cloths, 2 baby bibs, 57 burp cloths, and 28 receiving baby blankets to our Auxiliary to be forwarded for distribution to military families through the Helping Hand Worldwide organization which were delivered on April 30 along with the other donations. The ladies create their own designs and their generosity, time, and talent are deeply appreciated by the young moms at Camp Pendleton as evidenced by myself at the distribution site.



Helping Hands Worldwide

Helping Hands Needs Our Help - I spoke to Sita Helms, Founder and Executive Director of Helping Hands, and she informed me that the three refrigerated trucks that are used to pick up donations from vendors will be obsolete in 2020 due to requirements from the state of California. The new requirements for refrigeration do not apply to other states. Sita informed me that she is selling the trucks to a vendor in Arizona and that a donation to purchase a new truck has been received. Sita stated she had purchased a truck on her own to be used for Helping Hand which requires a \$2,000 monthly payment. In addition, the organization is hoping for a Foundation, business or individuals to provide donations for the purchase of a third truck and for the monthly payments on the 2nd truck. Helping Hand Worldwide serve at Oceanside and San Onofre every week picking up and distributing needed food items to feed military families at the base. Donations are tax deductible and if you know of any potential donors for this worthwhile program you may contact either Sita Helms, Helping Hands (949) 230-7318 or sitahhww@gmail.com or you may contact me at iclingman@cox.net.

Girls State Delegates for 2019 - Cathy Wathen, Carol Halvorson and I attended the county-wide Girls State Tea on Sunday, May 19,



GIRLS STATE (left to right)

Laura Esguerra, Raegan Beckham, Kayla Carter, Isabella Kelm, Sarah Bowling (not available for picture).

held at Unit 731. In attendance were 32 high school juniors that were chosen to represent their auxiliary unit at the Girl State Conference to be held from June 24 - June 29 at McKenna College in Claremont, California. Our Unit 149 selected six girls to represent our Post this year as follows: Laura Esguerra, Escondido Charter High; Kayla Carter, Escondido High; Claire Beckwith, Mission Hills High, San Marcos; Isabella Kelm, Orange Glen High; Raegan Beckham, San Pasqual High; and Sarah Bowling, Valley Center High School. The delegates chosen are all high scholars, some have/had military family members, participate in community activities, and have shown to be exuberant individuals. Parents were also invited to attend

and all of our delegate's parents were in attendance. It was a fun day and everyone had a chance to meet each other as well as the parents. A special thanks and farewell to Carol Halvorson, our Girls State Chair and auxiliary member who has moved up to the state of Washington. We are already missing her and she was a member for many years!

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Summer is fast approaching! God willing the weather will soon be turning in our favor. We have many exciting events planned for

the month of June. Come out and join us June 5th for game night. On the 8th Club 149 will be hosting a cook your own steak night. Karaoke with Doug will be hosted on the 7th and the 21st. All day every Thursday and Sunday days Club 149 offers open Pool. Our own bartender Cheryl host "Pub Grub" every Sunday night and be sure to "Save the Date" for the upcoming luau on July 27th. Looking forward to seeing all of you at Club 149 in the very near future!

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CLUB 149 PRESENTS



Steak Night

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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
<p>MAY 26 40 et 8 Breakfast 12 Noon— 40 et 8 Mtg. in Hall *Open Pool Table (Clubroom) 4 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)</p>	<p>MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery 10AM  BBQ Following Ceremony Auxiliary (Patio)</p>	<p>MAY 28</p>	<p>MAY 29</p>	<p>MAY 30 6 PM Bunko (Clubroom)</p>	<p>MAY 31 6 PM Dinner by Riders Spaghetti and Meatballs</p>	<p>1 Noon—PM Rosas RENTAL (Hall)</p>
<p>8—11 AM 2 Auxiliary Breakfast Eggs to Order \$8.00 *Open Pool Table (Clubroom) 4 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) 3-8 PM Polish Club (Hall)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 4-6 PM Teamsters (Hall) 6 PM VFW Mtg (Hall)</p>	<p>5 6 PM Left-Center-Right Game NIGHT and BBQ (Patio)</p>	<p>6 Noon—4 PM Escondido Arts Assoc. (Hall) 6 PM Bunko (Hall) *Open Pool Table (Clubroom)</p>	<p>7 6 PM Boy Scouts Dinner Meatloaf 6 PM Club 149 Crew Mtg. (Patio) 7—10 PM KARAOKE (Clubroom)</p>	<p>8 9 AM—Noon Blue Star Moms (Hall) 10 AM 173rd Airborne (Conference Rm.) 5-9 PM Cadets Graduation (Hall) COOK YOUR OWN STEAKS NIGHT (See flyer)</p>
<p>8—11 AM 9 Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 *Open Pool Table (Clubroom) 4 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 1—5 PM Baker Electric (Hall) 5:30 PM Post Finance Mtg. 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6 PM DAV Mtg. (Hall)</p>	<p>12 7 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)</p>	<p>13 6 PM NCV Stand Down Mtg. (Conference Rm.) 6 PM Bunko (Hall)</p>	<p>14 OPEN JUKEBOX (Clubroom)</p>	<p>15 8 AM We Clean Escondido 11 AM-2 PM Gordon Strickler Memorial (Hall) 3-8 PM WWF Anniversary Party (Hall)</p>
<p>16 <i>Happy Father's Day</i> 8—11 AM Post Officers Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 *Open Pool Table (Clubroom) 4 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 6 PM Post General Mtg. OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY (Hall) 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conference Rm.)</p>	<p>19 5 PM SAL Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6:30 PM VFW Auxiliary (Conf. Rm.) 5-9 PM Escondido Sunrise Rotary (Hall) 6:30 PM Wing Night by SONS 7—9 PM TRIVIA NIGHT (Clubroom)</p>	<p>20 6 PM Bunko (Hall) *Open Pool Table (Clubroom)</p>	<p>21 6 PM Taco Bar Dinner by Auxiliary (Conference Rm.) 7 PM DEALER'S CHOICE POKER Fundraiser 7 PM KARAOKE (Clubroom) (Clubroom)</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>40 et 8 Breakfast 23 Steak and Eggs 12 Noon— 40 et 8 Mtg. in Hall *Open Pool Table (Clubroom) 4 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)</p>	<p>24 6 PM House Committee (Patio)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 5:30 PM Riders BBQ 6:30 PM Rider's Mtg. 7 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)</p>	<p>27 6 PM Bunko (Hall) *Open Pool Table (Clubroom)</p>	<p>28 OPEN JUKEBOX (Clubroom) * Dept. Convention Ontario, CA</p>	<p>29 * Dept. Convention Ontario, CA</p>
<p>8—11 AM 30 Riders Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 *Open Pool Table (Clubroom) 4 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)</p>						

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