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

COMMANDER – MIKE FRANK



I want to start off thanking Misael, Trini, Duncan, Rene, Ken, Daleen, Manny Ruiz, and the Crew 149 for the great job they did organizing and

implementing the Post New Years Eve Party. It was a great event and everyone in attendance had a great time.

The Post is in need for someone to step up and organize this years Law & Order program and dinner. This is not a very difficult project however, it will entail contacting the Escondido Police and Fire departments to obtain the nominees names, printing up the certificates as well as the invitations to the dinner, and coordinating with the Auxiliary to put the dinner on. You will also act as the event MC. Please see me or the Adjutant if you have an interest in taking this on.

Last year's Inaugural VetFest and Veterans Day Parade was a great success and will be even better this year. We will be moving the event up to the Saturday before Veterans Day to facilitate better attendance. Quite a few people were unable to attend last year's event do to having to work. If anyone would like to be involved in this year's event, please give me a call. We will start having monthly planning meetings starting in March.

All the profits from last year's event went into two restricted funds. The first fund is the VetFest Fund which will be used to finance this year's event. The second fund is the Post Improvement Fund which will be used for Post improvements such as new bathroom fixtures, kitchen equipment, furniture, landscaping, etc.

I have been asking for volunteers to join our various Post committees and lead the various American Legion programs that each post is supposed to support such as Boys State. Our House Committee is critical for the health of our Post. The people on this committee are the ones who are constantly performing repairs and improvements at the Post. We cannot afford to call in professionals to fix a toilet, replace a rotted out counter top behind the bar (thanks again Manny for doing that for us) and the multitude of other projects handled by committee members every month. We rely on our volunteers to keep the doors open and provide a safe and enjoyable environment for our members.

The Crew 149 (Clubroom Committee) works hard putting on special events at the Post such as the New Year's Eve party, Trivia, movie nights, etc. The monies raised by these events goes directly to the Post. This is why it is so important for you, our Post members, to come out and attend our Post events. By doing so, you are providing some of the funding to keep our Post going.



SPECIAL EVENTS

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

FEBRUARY 2
SUPER BOWL
Potluck

FEBRUARY 14
Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 16
Four Chaplains Ceremony

CHECK the CALENDAR
for other POST 149
ACTIVITIES!



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For many years now, our Post has been in the red financially. We have finally turned the corner recently by increased profits from the Clubroom, the great work Daleen has been doing managing our Post Rentals, and the very successful VetFest program which is an annual event. We are now on the way towards financial stability and security. We still have a ways to go. I am currently working with the City to figure out a way to get Solar Power for the Post. This will reduce our average monthly electrical bill from \$1,200.00 to around \$550.00.

Some of our members have questioned why our Post doesn't do more to support the Four Pillars of the American Legion. Programs like American Legion Baseball or the Oratorical Program, or donate monies to the many other worthy Veterans Support programs out there. The answer is quite simple. This Post has been losing money every year for many years until very recently, and was at risk of shutting our doors unless we could reverse that trend. Those of you who attended our Post meetings over the past 4 or 5 years have had plenty of occasion to hear our Finance Officer tell the membership this very thing during his monthly financial report.

Things are turning around now but the Post still needs quite a bit of work on the building and furnishings.

When the Post votes to support a particular program or make a donation, we have to be very careful. We have several funds for things like this such as the Children and Youth fund or the Law and Order fund. If we take money out of these funds without a means to replenish them, we end up using money from other funds such as the Building Maintenance fund. This puts the Post at risk. Programs that we wish to support, such as Boys

State, are mostly funded by donations and special fund-raising events at the Post. Desirae is a shining example of this. She is the Boys State Committee chair and she is constantly conducting fund raising events such as special dinners or selling of 50/50 tickets at the Post. These funds go right into the Children and Youth fund.

Please keep this in mind when someone asks the Post to donate money for an event, cause, or program. For example, if a Post member wants us to sponsor an American Legion Baseball Team, the correct way to go about it would be to form a committee then plan fundraising events to raise the money to support a team. If you just ask for the money from the general fund without a means to replenish said funds, we are putting our organization at financial risk again.

Many of us are working very hard to keep our Post alive and well and we need all of your help and support to be successful.

POST 149 ADJUTANT - JEFF DODDS



There is still an ongoing 100% Membership Card check in the clubroom. So be proud and have your card in hand.

I know everyone enjoys our Sunday morning breakfasts, but don't forget about our midweek dinners. As of this writing the Son's put a spread out on the 3rd Wednesday of the month before the start of our popular Trivia Night. And the 4th Wednesday the Rider chapter serves Dinner on the Patio.

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 01/14/2020

- ➔ To do away with "Party Wages" for extra bartender at Party Rentals and pay regular hourly wage.
- ➔ To pay the bartender, Cheryl Avina, a \$50.00 a week stipend to buy and prepare the Sunday Night Pub Grub served in the Clubroom.
- ➔ In conjunction with the State of California minimum wage laws all Post employees will receive a \$1.00 an hour pay raise effective 01/01/2020.
- ➔ Purchase a new convection oven for the patio kitchen, a new PA system for the post, and repair or replace the beer dispenser/cooler for the clubroom with funds received from VetFest, not to exceed \$7,500.00.
- ➔ The House Committee will purchase a new TV for the clubroom, not to exceed \$365.00.

CHAPLAIN – CHUCK FAUPEL



SICKBAY: I have (1) to report: Jim Botts (Post Sergeant of Arms and rider) had a stroke on Wednesday Jan 16th while leaving the Post. He was taken to Palomar by ambulance. Jim had a blood clot in the brain. They used a router router thru the

vain to unclog. Jim had no slurred voice, means minor stroke. God blessed him. They placed him on a heart monitor and blood thinners. Jim was in ICU until Thursday night. Jim was released Friday. Overall, he is doing good. Prayers for him and his family.

Reminder: I will be conducting the Four Chaplain Service in February 16, 2020 Sunday @1130, 3rd week which will be the post breakfast, come out and enjoy a great buffet and stay for the service. Put it in your calendar.

But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth
—Acts 5:19

Demonic activity and Satan worship are on the increase in all parts of the world. The devil is at work more than at any other time. The Bible says that because he realizes his time is short, Satan's activity will increase. But his evil activities are countered for the people of God by His ministering spirits, the holy ones of the angelic order. Christians should never fail to sense the operation of angelic glory. It forever

eclipses the world of demonic powers, as the sun does a candle's light. If you are a believer, expect powerful angels to accompany you in your life experiences. And let those events dramatically illustrate the friendly presence of "the holy ones" as Daniel calls them. Certainly, the eye of faith sees many evidences of the supernatural display of God's

CLUBROOM MANAGER – STEF HOLDEN



As we move forward pass the holidays and settle into the new year, Club 149 welcomes each and every one of you to our annual Superbowl pot-luck dinner. Sign-up sheets are available inside Club 149. Be sure to purchase tickets to see if you will be taking

home the beautiful "Booze Wagon" currently displayed on the Club 149 floor. Prize includes the authentic Radio Flyer wagon which retails for \$84. A special thank you to Shannon White for creating such a magnificent prize offering! The club 149 staff are looking forward to seeing all of our friends and making this the epic event that it is sure to be!

A big thank you is in order to Manny Gonzalez and Mike Frank for installing our new counters behind the bar! We appreciate all of the work the House Committee provides in maintaining the upkeep of the Post! Here's to a job well done gentlemen!

February 5th Club 149 will be hosting game night. It just may be your lucky night!

February 19th Club 149 and the **Clubroom Committee** will be hosting Trivia night. Refreshments will be provided by the SAL. Get your teams together and come join the fun!

Friday, February 21st is Dealer's Choice. Poker faces are not only encouraged, at times they are highly rewarded!

As always, Master KJ Doug Johnson host karaoke inside Club 149 every Friday night. Leave your bashful at the door and get your sing on!

**SEE YOU AT
THE CLUB!**





January certainly was a busy month and as we head into February we still have many projects to work on and look forward to! Unfortunately, our

movie night scheduled in January had to be cancelled but we will schedule another for this summer for families to attend with all the usual goodies for snacks.

Girls State | Irene Clingman is busy scheduling appointments at six high schools to interview and pick a delegate and an alternate to attend this year's 2020 Girls State Session which is scheduled for June 22-27 at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California. Girls selected are in their junior year of high school. Girls selected as delegates will be attending a **Girls State Tea** sometime in May and their parents will be invited to attend as well. This is a countywide event!

Bingo at VA Medical Center La Jolla | On Saturday, January 11, some of our Auxiliary members traveled to the VA for our annual day of Bingo with patients. The Auxiliary provided lunches and snacks filled with healthy food for everyone to enjoy while playing Bingo. In addition to the food, patients were able to select blankets, new socks, toiletry items, and puzzle books donated by the Auxiliary. Coupon books were awarded to patients to use in the gift shop at the hospital as a reward to Bingo winners. Those who never won a game were also given a book of coupons so no one left without getting something. It was a fun and busy day and all the patients expressed their appreciation. Pictured below are Auxiliary members who spent the day with patients.

2019 Food Challenge | On December 17th, Irene Clingman spent the morning at Camp Pendleton where our donated food and toys for military families were distributed. It is such an honor to meet many of the families who serve our country and to hear the thanks for what we do! As the Food Challenge ended for this year with 1,156 total pounds of food along with 57 toys, I want to thank all of you for your donations. In addition to the food and toys, the Auxiliary purchased and donated \$500 in gift cards with a value of \$20 each which were distributed by a number drawing; some of the winners are pictured below and they were thrilled with delight and wide smiles. Our Food Challenge will continue through this year so every time you take a trip to the market, pick up and extra item for the Food Challenge. Reminder, no glass and no outdated items. Your donations may be place in the large bin in the main hall of the Post 149.

Honoring Randall (Randy) Treadway | We honor one of our own, Randy Treadway, a DAV member who recently received the 2019 Will Hays Lifetime Support of Veterans Award. Randy has served in many important offices over the years, having served as Commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Post 70 in Escondido from 1986-1988 and elected as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for Post 5431 in Solana Beach in 1998. He has volunteered at the VA Medical Center over the years assisting with Bingo and fund raising events. Since 1990, he has continued volunteering on a regular basis and has driven over 100,000 miles driving patients to and from medical appointments. He was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for 5,000 hours of volunteer service at the VA Medical Center in 2003. Thus far, he currently has 11,032 hours of volunteer work having served veterans for the past 27 years. In his spare time, he is the President of the VA Voluntary Service Executive Committee for Veterans Services, he collaborates with staff in the Psych Emergency Clinic, the Suicide Prevention Coordinators, the Transition Team for discharging from the military, the Alcohol and Drug Program, and several non-profit agencies and their activities for veterans and is a caretaker assisting his mom! He has patience and ever so much love for his mom! Randy often attends the Auxiliary Breakfast and has his usual breakfast of biscuits and gravy. Randy served in the Army spending time in Korea and Thailand. As you can see, Randy is often the first to volunteer and is truly a man who cares about others. We salute you Randy for your service to others! Below are several pics of Randy, then and now!

Support North County Stand Down and Vet Fest | We ask all members to support these two wonderful programs in honor of our veterans. Mike Frank and many others work together to make these two events possible. Bring your donated socks, t-shirts and other clothing to support our homeless vets. Donations of cash are always welcome for both events. Our first Vet Fest was a success and a video of this event is available for viewing.

Auxiliary Breakfast and Dinner for February | This month we will be serving Sandy's famous made to order omelets along with juice, coffee, home fries, biscuits and gravy, or pancakes and fruit for a yummy breakfast on Sunday, February 2nd. I mean, seriously, where can you get all this for only \$9. Dinner on the 21st will be grilled shrimp and pasta, veggies, and dessert. Please join us, we love to cook and visit with you!



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Post 149 proudly presents:

4 CHAPLAINS CEREMONY

Sunday, February 16th @ 11:30

in Post 149 Main Hall

The **Four Chaplains**, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains," were four [United States Army chaplains](#) who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel during the sinking of the troop ship [USAT *Dorchester*](#) 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.



The four men were relatively new chaplains who all held the [rank](#) of [first lieutenant](#). They included [Methodist](#) minister the Reverend [George L. Fox](#), [Reform-Rabbi](#) [Alexander D. Goode](#) (Ph.D), [Roman Catholic priest](#) the Reverend [John P. Washington](#), and [Reformed Church in America](#) minister the Reverend [Clark V. Poling](#)

POST MEMBERS FREE BIRTHDAY MONTH BREAKFAST

At the Post Officers Breakfast in your birthday month - All you can eat buffet

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JAN. 26</p> <p>40 et 8 Breakfast (Steak and Eggs)</p> <p>12 Noon 40 et 8 Mtg. (Hall)</p> <p>3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)</p>	<p>JAN. 27</p>	<p>JAN. 28</p>	<p>JAN. 29</p> <p>6-8 PM Carl DeMalo (Town Hall Meeting)</p>	<p>JAN. 30</p> <p>6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>JAN. 31</p> <p>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast Eggs to Order \$8.00</p> <p>SUPERBOWL SUNDAY Potluck 3 PM (Conf. Rm.)</p> <p>3-8 PM Polish Club Meeting (Hall) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 PM VFW Mtg. (Hall)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6 PM "LCR" Game Night and Potluck (Patio)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 PM Boy Scouts Dinner (Hall)</p> <p>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 AM - Noon Blue Star Moms Lunch (Hall)</p> <p>2-11 PM Ed Cantor Private Party (Hall)</p>
<p>8-11 AM 9 Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10</p> <p>9AM - Noon AL District 22 Mtg. (Hall)</p> <p>3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 PM Post Finance Mtg. (Conf. Room)</p> <p>6 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Room)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Noon-4 PM Escondido Arts Assoc. Mtg. (Hall)</p> <p>6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Valentine's Day</i></p>  <p>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>8-11 AM 16 Post Officers Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10</p> <p>11:30 AM 4 Chaplains Ceremony (Hall)</p> <p>3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6 PM House Committee Mtg. (Patio)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall)</p> <p>6 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6 PM Wing Night by SONS (Clubroom)</p> <p>7-9 PM TRIVIA NIGHT (Patio)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6 PM Auxiliary Dinner Shrimp on Pasta (Hall)</p> <p>7-9 PM Dealer Choice (Patio)</p> <p>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8 AM We Clean Escondido</p>
<p>23</p> <p>40 et 8 Breakfast (Steak and Eggs)</p> <p>12 Noon 40 et 8 Mtg. (Hall)</p> <p>Cheryl (Clubroom) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 PM Dinner on the Patio</p> <p>6:30 PM AL Riders Mtg. (Patio)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2-5 PM Jack Vaughan's Party (Hall)</p> <p>KARAOKE IN CLUBROOM 7-11 PM NO COVER CHARGE</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6-9 PM SONS FFA Fundraiser (Hall)</p>

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.

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