



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

COMMANDER – MICK SOBCHAK



As we start anew, the incoming officers will be working hard to feel the pulse and implement the desires of the membership.

We, the membership, need to brainstorm and use out of the box thinking to make the clubroom more profitable. We are looking at ways to make the Post more welcome to all members, not a select few. We, your elected and appointed officers, work for you. We will always be transparent in our actions. We will provide you with all information, both good and bad. **Post 149** is your building, not ours.

As we reopen, you will notice some changes. In order to comply with county health orders, we will be maintaining social distancing guidelines. For the near future, there will be no barstools in the clubroom or outside bar. Single use plastic cups will be used for drinks. Tables and chairs will be set up in the clubroom and back patio for your convenience. I urge all members who are not comfortable coming to the Post to please stay home until you are ready. We want what is best for you. We will still be here when you return.

After being elected to the position of Post Commander, I was made aware of things that were going on in the background. Things I was not happy with. While we closed the doors of the building to you because of COVID-19 restrictions, we had Post members with keys to

the building coming in and holding parties. That stops now. This is your American Legion Post, not a speakeasy for a few members.

We will be changing the locks and alarm codes to the building. We will limit access to necessary officers, committee chairs, and our tenants. Separate alarm codes will be given to each entity and I will be reviewing the logs to see when our building was accessed. We, the new Post Officers, refuse to allow anyone to jeopardize our liquor license or do something that will force us to close our doors.

I want you, the members of **Post 149** to attend meetings and have your voice heard. I want you to feel comfortable coming to your Post for a meal, event, or simply to sit around with friends. I want to hear your thoughts.

Some of my goals for this year are to hold monthly blood drives at the Post. Hold more family friendly events. To remodel the clubroom and have more types of entertainment for all members.

My biggest goal for the year is when people think of veterans, they automatically think of The American Legion.

The American Legion has been around for 101 years. They provide the Posts a blueprint to be successful. We will be using that blueprint to make our Post successful again.

If you wish to contact me to talk about your ideas, I can be reached via email at mick.legion@gmail.com or by phone at **951-526-4717**.



SPECIAL EVENTS

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

JULY 4th
Independence Day

JULY 5th
Auxiliary Dinner
(see Cathy Wathen article)

PLEASE NOTE:
The Clubroom is now OPEN
and Sunday breakfasts have
commenced.

CHECK the CALENDAR
for other POST 149
ACTIVITIES!



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2ND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER STEF HOLDEN



The **Club 149** staff is very happy to announce **WE ARE OPEN!** All of us look forward to seeing each and every one of our friends we have missed over the past few months very soon. Due to the State not having yet authorized **Club 149** to host entertainment, our operating hours may be reduced for the time being. Rest assured, we are inching back towards normalcy in every aspect of our lives, including quality entertainment brought to you by **Club 149**.

I'd like to take a moment to announce our own **Ms. Shannon White**, Head Bartender, **Club 149** is the new American Legion **Post 149 Rental Agent**. She is assuming the reigns from Ms. Daleen Moore. Shannon, you have some mighty big shoes to fill but I know you will do more than a great job at you new position. Congratulations on the new job!

The entire staff has missed you all so very much. We are happy to be getting back to business as usual. We cannot wait for you all to stop in and say hello!

POST 149 ADJUTANT - JEFF DODDS



It's July. Hope everyone has or had a safe **4th of July**. Depending on when you read this newsletter. Also, July begins with "Early Bird" membership. So, be the first one on your block with a 2021 membership card and Early Bird stamp. You can pay on line, send me a check or drop off cash with me or at the bar.

My office hours will remain 0930 to 1330 Monday through Thursday. Friday still by appointment..



Actions of Post 149 E-Board 06/09/2020

- ➔ Charge groups \$15.00 a month for power usage to maintain refrigerators at the post.
- ➔ The Executive Board voted to ratify all the incoming officer appointments.
- ➔ Executive Board voted to open the post clubroom, "Club 149" on Friday, 06/12/2020.

CHAPLAIN - CHUCK FAUPEL



I want to congratulate the appointed Officer's for this upcoming year.

Thank our new commander Mick Sobczak for trusting me to be his Chaplain for the Post.

I have one comrade to report to Everlasting: Leon Dix. Renee's Gonzales Father passed away June 6, 2020. I will be conducting a Celebration of Life on Saturday August 29th at 1400 (2:00pm). It will be held at Post 149 Escondido.

My brother back in Pennsylvania had a heart attack at the age 58. Passed away on Monday June 8, 2020

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed." – Psalm 34:18

The church today still sings the powerful, beautiful songs of the British poet and hymn writer William Cowper. Although he penned the words of hymns like "There Is a Fountain" and "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," he was a depressed man.

Cowper's mother died when he was very young. Afterward, his father sent him to boarding school and really had nothing to do with him. Cowper struggled so mightily that he even made a number of suicide attempts.

His father then committed him to an asylum. There a doctor shared the gospel with him, and William Cowper came to Christ.

After his release, John Newton, the former captain of a slave ship, befriended him. Newton wrote hymns as well, including "Amazing Grace." But Cowper still battled with depression, so Newton took him under his wing. He looked after him and helped him through life.

We too need to be the kind of friend that John Newton was to William Cowper. When we see someone who's hurting, we need to engage them in conversation and offer to pray for them.

It reminds me of an experience my friend and I had in a restaurant awhile back. When the server walked up, my friend said to him, "How can we pray for you?"

I thought, "I don't know if this is going to work."

But then the server started pouring out his heart. It wasn't long before we were praying for him.

The English theologian Joseph Parker said, "Speak to the suffering, and you will never lack an audience."

Psalm 34:18 gives us this promise: "*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed*". There are so many hurting people in our world. So, pay attention. Ask God to help you be that caring person for someone else.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY | CATHY WATHEN PRESIDENT



Hi all!!! Well the Auxiliary is back. We have to get back into the swing of doing what we do best, working for our Vets and their families.

We are going to start with **Sunday July 5th** with our cook to order breakfast. Corned beef hash and eggs will be our special. Also on the menu we will be our usual for everyone who likes ham/sausage and eggs cooked to order home fries, biscuits and gravy and fruit. Enjoy breakfast for only \$10.00. Remember that active duty military eat for \$5.00. We hope to see you there. The hall is set up to obey social distancing rules.

Friday July 17th dinner will be our mid-year Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, mashed potatoes, yams, stuffing and corn.

Of course Pumpkin pie for dessert!! Hope to see you for a great home cooked dinner.

We have our yearly garage sale planned for October, watch for a flyer for exact date.

Thanks to all who contributed to the yearly **Poppy** program. All money donated will be used for our Veterans programs. **Remember to wear your poppy with pride.**

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

Cathy Wathen, President Unit 149 760-717-1425
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IRENE CLINGMAN | PR CHAIR



As we begin the slow process of reopening Post 149, the **2020 Food Challenge** continues. If you've kept up on the news throughout the Covid-19 virus and stay at home orders you've probably seen long lines of cars lining up for food! The need for food for military families remains strong too! Donations are accepted in the container in the main hall of the Post. Reminder that no glass items or outdated food will be accepted! We continue to work with the **Worldwide Helping Hand Organization** who provides the distribution of donated items at Camp Pendleton. Let's work together to feed our military families; next time you shop for food, pick up an item or two or we accept monetary donations too! Suggested items needed are tuna, canned chicken breast, pasta items, rice, toiletries, etc. Thanks for your support! As I have attended the distribution at Camp Pendleton, I can tell you that everyone appreciates our donations! If you have questions, contact me at iclingman@cox.net.



Helping Hand Worldwide

SQUADRON ADJUTANT – JEFF FLYNT



The Sons had a successful breakfast in June, using the current health guidelines to keep us safe. We still did an "all you can eat" menu, but we had to serve it to you. No more "help yourself" ability for the time being. We have decided to go all out for our

July 12th breakfast, making it a fundraiser for the Post. We will have a raffle and 50/50 drawing along with the all you can eat menu. Please come down and help the Post get back on its feet and see us all again as we help make our community a better place for all. We should be getting our membership cards this month, so get your money in to the Post and we will mail them out to you as soon as we can. You can see the Post Adjutant, Jeff Dodds, at the Post on Monday through Thursday mornings to pay and pick up your card if you want. He'll even laminate it for you if you stop by! Otherwise, we are gearing up for another exiting, fun filled year as we look for different ways to help our Post and our community.

Jeff Flynt – Squadron Adjutant. 760-803-5080 or sal149jeff@aol.com.



**JUNE 16, 2020
INSTALLATION OF
NEW POST 149
OFFICERS**



Post 149 Clubroom Re-Opening Event!



WHEN ♦ Date To Be Determined _future Saturday afternoon

WHAT ♦ This will be a celebration of the Post 149 re-opening. We will be acknowledging all holidays and events that had to be cancelled due to the lockdown.

EVENTS ♦ **MARDI GRAS**
Cajun (non-spicy) food, music, kid games, adult games and drink specials!

EASTER EGG HUNT

MEMORIAL DAY PRESENTATION

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
JUNE 28 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) Open Pool Table	JUNE 29	JUNE 30	1	2 6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table	3 6 PM Boy Scouts Dinner TBD (Hall)	4 
5 8 - 11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast Corned Beef Hash + Eggs \$8.00 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) Open Pool Table	6	7 1 - 5 PM Baker Electric Mtg. (Hall) 4:30 - 6 PM Teamsters Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM VFW Mtg. (Hall)	8	9 12 PM - 4 PM Escondido Arts Assoc. Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table	10	11
12 8 - 11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) Open Pool Table	13	14 5:30 PM Post Finance Mtg. (Conf. Room) 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Room)	15	16 6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table	17 6 PM Auxiliary Dinner THANKSGIVING IN JULY (Hall)	18 8 AM We Clean Escondido
19 8 - 11 AM Post Officers Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) Open Pool Table	20 6 PM House Committee Mtg. (Patio)	21 6 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm)	22 5:30 PM AL Riders BBQ 6 PM AL Riders Mtg. (Patio)	23 6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table	24	25
26 40 et 8 Breakfast (Steak and Eggs) 12 Noon 40 et 8 Mtg. (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) Open Pool Table	27	28	29	30 6 PM Bunko (Hall) Open Pool Table	31	AUGUST 1

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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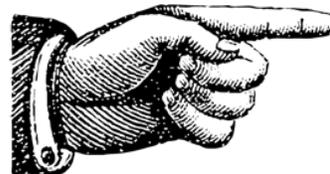
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SEE YOU AT
THE CLUB!

The Golden Egg Omelet House

Fundraiser 10% of Food & Beverage Contributed to Organization

American LEGION Post 149



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