

The One Forty Niner

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

COMMANDER | MICK SOB CZAK



Over the past few months, you have been sent numerous emails discussing me due to a newspaper article written and published on January

3, 2021. During this time, an effort was made to embarrass me publicly and usurp the power of the Post Commander. A private meeting was held on January 4, 2021 in violation of the Post 149 Bylaws which require meetings be open to all members and special meetings, like the one called by a Post officer, required previous notice be sent to the entire membership. Newspaper reporters were invited to a Post meeting to cover an internal Post 149 issue. Post officers gave interviews to 3 newspaper reporters who wrote a total of five articles about issues that were required to remain within the walls of our building. This did not hurt me, it hurt the Post and its membership.

Most recently, you were sent an email about how the American Legion Riders Chapter at Post 149 did not have to abide by the rules of Post 149. That information was incorrect. In an email sent to the Post 149 executive board, the state judge advocate for the American Legion Riders wrote the following

in an apology to the Post 149 Judge Advocate. *“On 10 February I sent you an email in response to your ruling of the Bylaws of Chapter 149 being non-compliant with the Bylaws of the ALR-DOC Bylaws. I admonished you to “not interfere with the process now at hand with the American Legion Riders except where it concerns the Post directly.” The purpose of this email is to retract that statement and recognize that since the ALR Chapter is a program of The American Legion and the Post, it is free to intervene as it sees fit for the Good of the Post and The American Legion.”* Chapter 149 was told to bring their bylaws into compliance during the February 2021 Post meeting and to date, has failed to do so.

Some of you may be wondering why I am writing about this now and the reason is, as the Commander of Post 149, it is my duty to tell you about both the good and the bad about what is happening with your Post. With final nominations and elections occurring at this months Post meeting, I implore you to get involved. Run for positions within the Post. Not all of them take up a lot of your time, but it will allow you to influence the direction of the Post. To send us in a new and better direction since we seem to keep recycling the same individuals over and over.



Remember, the officers of Post 149, elected and appointed, are supposed to work for the membership. We have a fiduciary duty to do so. Somehow, that has been forgotten along the way.

I hope to see you at the May Post 149 general membership meeting on May 18, 2021, at 6 pm, so you can make your voice heard.

1ST VICE | JOHN SMARTT



Fellow Legionnaires, we have entered the Post-election cycle and the first round of nominations for our next year's Post Officers took

place at our April Post meeting. One of the most important decisions the membership can make is the election of those in which we want to lead our Organization going forward. I encourage each of you to attend the May Post meeting and cast your vote as we have some very motivated and capable nominees to represent us.

As the pandemic restrictions are starting to ease, American Legion Post 149 will begin to open for gatherings and events for our members and we hope to see you attend. I have been working together with the VFW 1513 Post Commander and VFW 1513 Riders President to establish a closer working relationship between our two Organizations that will provide more events for our respective members to enjoy together. This is a work in progress and we are committed to this endeavor as at the end of the day, we are all here to serve the same purpose, our Veterans and community. Keep an eye on the Post calendar for upcoming meals and events as well.

Last, but not least, our American Legion Riders Chapter 149 is hosting our Annual Memorial Poker Run/Cook your own Steak event on May 1st and this event is open to the membership so come join us in Comradeship and enjoy a nice Steak dinner with all the trimmings.

"To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness".

2ND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



GREAT NEWS for all of you whose smiling faces we have not seen for a while, **CLUB 149 IS OPEN!** We are currently in the midst of planning various events to take place for the

remainder of the Spring and Summer of 2021.

Please come out and join the **ALR Chapter 149 Memorial Poker Run** to be held **Saturday, May 1, 2021** Cost is \$30 per rider / \$40 rider & passenger. The event includes a cook your own steak meal, 1 raffle ticket and poker hand. Registration is 8-930am and last group is out at 10am. Event is scheduled from 8am – 3:30pm and will feature live music and vendors.

American Legion Post 149 in conjunction with Brothers of 6 charities and The San Pasqual Academy will be hosting a "San Diego Day" dinner to be held at Club 149 on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Dinner will be served by Sierra Madre Cantina and live music will be provided by "The Jesse Cox Syndrome". All attendees are highly encouraged to bring a piece of **NEW** luggage and / or travel bags which will be donated to North County foster children via the San Pasqual Academy.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the very near future!



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POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS



We had a real good turn out at this month's Post meeting. Even with the calendar confusion (apparently, I didn't have my glasses on when we went to print). But we all come together and overcame.

April meeting saw first nominations for the 2021/2022 election year. If you want to learn more about how to sail this ship, we call Post 149, come on down and find out what the officer positions require. You may be a good match. Elected positions are Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer and Sgt At Arms. Plus, two Executive Board positions.

So, attend the General Membership Meeting on May 18th for the second round of nominations followed by the election. If you don't run this time around, at least come vote and support those that do.

Please join in on "We Clean Escondido" the 4th Saturday of the month. SAL Squadron member Jeff Flynt is the new point of contact. Any questions? Give me a call.

And don't forget, as local eateries reopen, we still have an ongoing fundraiser at The Golden Egg Omelet House. Just mention Post 149. Support the Post and a longtime local establishment.

My new office hours are 1000 to 1400 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

04/13/2021

- ▶ To donate \$250.00 to the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 149 to help pay the registration fee for two American Legion Baseball teams.
- ▶ To bestow upon Ivan (Ernie) Pyle Honorary Life Membership to Post 149 starting with the 2022 membership year.

CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



Report (1) Death: Karen Turpin father passed on Sunday April 18, 2021. Prayers for Karen and her family. Anything I can do for you let me know. God bless You and your family.

REMINDER: Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military

duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May.

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family"

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



Another slow month with the Auxiliary! We had a short meeting on April 20th with 7 ladies attending. Had a glitch with Zoom and lost the connection, we hope to have it taken care of for our May meeting so more members can attend. Watch for the link and just click on.

We are still collecting food for Camp Pendleton; it is one of the Auxiliaries main fund raisers. Please be as generous as possible, these military families need our help. They are in need of canned Tuna, Chicken, Pastas, Rice, box Mac and Cheese, healthy Cereals PB&J these are just a few of items needed. Put all donations in the gray bin in the hall, please no expired items or glass jars can be accepted.

Sunday, May 2nd will be Sandy's famous omelets cooked to order. Of course we will be serving our usual for everyone who likes ham/sausage and eggs cooked any way you like. Come and enjoy a home cooked breakfast and a cup of coffee with us.

Friday, May 21st come and enjoy some Shrimp Linguine, Salad, Bread and a surprise dessert. Dinner is served from 6:00 to 7:30. Cocktails will be available in the clubroom.

I want to thank everyone who comes to the Auxiliary meals, we are so blessed to have such a great following. We love serving you our home cooked meals and getting a chance to say hi to everyone.

Ladies the Auxiliary is looking for some new people to lead chairs. Several of our ladies have moved out of state and have left their chairs vacant. We need you to step up; most of these chairs only require working a few hours a month. We only have a few ladies who come forward to do most events and they are getting tired!! Please help support the Auxiliary and all that we do for our Vets and their families.

Until next month!!!

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MEMORIAL DAY, May 31st, 2021

MEMORIAL DAY FACTS AND HISTORY

Traditionally, on Memorial Day (U.S.), people visit cemeteries and memorials, and volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

The custom of honoring ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origin of Memorial Day—or Decoration Day, as it was first known—is unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics. After the Civil War, America's need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decoration of soldiers' graves were held in towns and cities throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

Where did Memorial Day originate from? Waterloo, N.Y. Official Birthplace Declared In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff.

What was the original origin of Memorial Day and why? Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Memorial Day is a solemn **day of remembrance** for everyone who has died serving in the American armed forces. The holiday, originally known as Decoration Day, started after the Civil War to honor the Union and Confederate dead.

Memorial Day tends to mark the unofficial start of summer for many Americans (though the season really begins with the Summer Solstice in June).

THANK YOU TO THE FALLEN.

5 things not to do on Memorial Day:

- Don't wish anyone a "Happy Memorial Day" This is not Christmas – Memorial Day was not founded in joy with the promise of bringing glee each year.
- Don't thank the current troops.
- Don't disregard its importance.
- Don't forget it exists.
- Don't let politics keep you from rendering respect.



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
04/25	04/26	04/27	04/28	04/29	04/30	1 8 AM- 3:30 PM POKER RUN (Patio) HALL RENTAL 9 AM - 12 PM and 1-4 PM
2 8-11 AM Auxiliary Breakfast \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	3	4 6 PM VFW Mtg. (Hall)	5	6 6 PM VetFest Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6 PM BUNKO	7 6 PM KEY CLUB Dinner (Hamburger or Brats) (Hall)	8 9AM, VFW Riders Mtg. (Patio) 10 AM 173 rd Airborne (Conf. Rm.) HALL RENTAL 9 AM - 12 PM and 1-4 PM
9 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	10	11 5:30 PM Post Finance Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6 PM DAV Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	12 6 PM SAL Mtg. (Hall)	13 6 PM BUNKO	14	15 HALL RENTAL 9 AM - 12 PM and 1-4 PM
16 8-11 AM Post Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	17 6 PM House Committee Mtg. (Patio)	18 6 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	19 6 PM VFW Auxiliary Mtg. (Hall)	20 6 PM BUNKO	21 6-7:30 PM AUXILIARY Dinner (Shrimp Linguine) (Hall) 6 PM Left, Right, Canter	22 9 AM WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO HALL RENTAL 9 AM - 12 PM and 1-4 PM BSM Patio 9 AM-2 PM
40 et 8 Breakfast (Steak and Eggs) 23 12 Noon 40 et 8 Mtg. (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) 30	24 MEMORIAL <i>Day</i> 31	25	26 5:30 PM Dinner on the Patio 6:30 PM AL Riders Mtg. (Patio)	27 6 PM BUNKO	28 6-7:30 PM KIWANIS Dinner (Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes) (Hall)	29 PATIO RENTAL Wedding 3-11 PM

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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