



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



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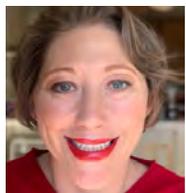


I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration. I certainly hope that this year will be better than the last two and we will be able to put this pandemic behind us once and for all.

This year will see us putting a huge effort in supporting the 4 Pillars of the American Legion with special emphasis on our Boys State, Oratorical, and Law & Order programs. We are also just a few months away from our Post election cycle so if anyone has an interest in stepping up to run for office in one of our leadership roles, please take the time to talk with any of our current officers to express your interest and find out all you can about the requirements and expectations for any office of interest. The Post can always use enthusiastic members with fresh ideas and new ways of doing things to take the lead.

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**FIRST VICE | JEN HOLDEN**



Happy New Year my fellow legionnaires. I hope you all had a great Christmas. As we move into 2022, I want tell you how much I've enjoyed being a member

of the leadership of this Post. I would like to inform you all about a couple of items sent from the American Legion National Commander.

Regardless of your current membership status, if you were a member in good standing in 2020 but did not renew your membership in 2021, and you renew your membership for 2022 you will have continuous years applied to your membership. This means if you were a continuous member for any number of years in 2020 and let your membership lapse, and you pay for 2022 membership year you would still have continuous membership time. If you wish to do this then there is a Member Data Form, we need to fill out to correct the years at National Headquarters. If you have questions or concerns, please let me or the Adjutant know.

The next program is the National Commander's Pin Incentive Program. Any legionnaire that helps three new veterans obtain membership in the American Legion, transfers do not count, will receive the "No Veteran Left Behind" membership excellence pin. Only a single pin will be awarded per individual and once the data is confirmed it will be mailed directly to the person who earned it.

I know that many of you probably have coworkers, neighbors, or friends that qualify for membership in the American Legion or one of our ancillary groups. Invite them to a post meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month or to check out some of the post activities to see what we are all about. We need to reach out to the younger

## SPECIAL EVENTS

See calendar page and flyers for more information.

JANUARY 1  
New Years Day

JANUARY 14  
VFW Dinner  
Bacon Wrapped Hotdogs

JANUARY 21  
Auxiliary Shepherds  
Pie Dinner

JANUARY 28  
Game Night 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS  
Left Right Center 6:30 PM

BUNKO  
Every Thursday 6 PM

KARAOKE  
Every Friday 7 PM



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generation of veterans and their families so they have a community to rely on and that we can help support. The only way to be a part of the community is to involve our community.

See you all around the post and Clubroom! Don't forget the Post breakfast the 3rd Sunday of the month and the Post Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

### SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



My Fellow Legionnaires,  
I hope each and every one of you had a very merry Christmas and perhaps were able to see family and reconnect with old friends.

As we will soon be looking back on what has been a somewhat tumultuous 2021, the promise of a new year always gives me hope. Hope for a better year at the post, hope of a return to a pre-Covid life, hope for bigger and better events at Club 149 and hope together we will continue to create cherished memories of our time here at the American Legion.

For 2022, I plan to focus on finding and booking more entertainment, especially live music. I really enjoy showcasing local talent so if any of you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Shannon White.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our Superbowl party next month!

Until next time, stay safe and continue to be good to each other and as always, God Bless!



### POST 149 ADJUTANT | JEFF DODDS



Happy New Year! Let's start the new year out right. Let's all have a 2022 membership card, and use it. Please show it when you come in to enjoy

Club 149. Plus, you will need it to vote at the May general election. Speaking of elections; they are coming up. If you want to help steer this vessel please run for an office. The more candidates the better. At a minimum, come to the Post meetings just to know what goes on around here. This Post belongs to the membership. Have a say in what happens.

Also, if anyone is interested in my job as Adjutant, come see me. I may be moving out of state in the next few months

My office hours are 10:00AM to 2:00PM, 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

12/14/2021

- ◆ To reimburse the Lead Bartender, Shannon White, \$566.54 for providing food in the Clubroom on Thanksgiving Day 2021.
- ◆ To gift each Post 149 employee with \$50.00 at a total cost of 00000 \$400.00.

### CHAPLAIN | CHUCK FAUPEL



I have 2 to report to Everlasting:

I have to report that our brother (Past Commander), (American Legion Rider)

Retired Navy, **Steve**

**Ricketts** has gone to be with our Savior. He passed on Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup>. He

was struggling with lung complications. Our hearts and prayers will be with you during these days ahead of you and your family. God bless you and your family. If you need anything, I will be here for you.

**Bob Pettit** Passed on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Served in the Navy. Our hearts go out to his family.

**Announcement:** I will be conducting the Four Chaplain Service in February 20<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> week at 11:30, which will be the post breakfast, come out and enjoy a great buffet and stay for the service. Put it in your calendar.

Would it not be wonderful if we could find an absolute cure for the troubles of human nature? Suppose we could give a shot in the arm to the whole human race that would fill people with love instead of hate, with contentment instead of greed. Suppose, also, a cure could be found for the past mistakes, failures, and sins of mankind.

Suppose by some miracle all the past could be straightened out, all of life's tangles could be unraveled, and the broken strings of life could be repaired. The most thrilling news in all the world is the fact that there is a cure! A medicine has been provided! The sin, confusion, and disillusionment of life can be replaced by righteousness, joy, contentment, and happiness. A peace can be imparted to the soul that is not dependent on outward circumstances.

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## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | CATHY WATHEN



Happy New Year to all Unit 149's ladies. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Years Eve. I pray that 2022 will be a new start for the Auxiliary with new people taking an active part in supporting our Unit.

**Our first meeting of the year will be on**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the conference room.**

We had a wonderful bake sale and breakfast in December, all the baked goods and Christmas rummage items sold out. Breakfast was a sellout too!!!!

**Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>,** Shepherd's Pie is on the menu along with salad, roll and a still to be determined dessert. Dinner starts at 6pm until 7:30 or we run out of food.

The food drive was a huge success this year with 1900+ lbs collected. Thank you to Irene Clingman for her hard work keeping this program going. On to a new year!!!! Remember

no expired items or glass jars can be accepted. Thank you all for your continued support.

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



**SONS TOY DRIVE** – The SONS group from Post 149 held a TOY DRIVE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES at their December 12<sup>th</sup> breakfast and generated 22 toys for this holiday season. A special THANK YOU to the SONS for hosting this event and a great big

THANK YOU to those who generously donated a toy.

I delivered the toys, food, and other donated items on December 21 to Camp Pendleton military families. I am especially thankful for all those who donated food, toys, kitchen electrics, and other items this past year. Not only did we meet our goal, but we exceeded our goal for the year! Total food donated January 1, 2021 through December 18, 2021 was 2,043.17 pounds! Remember, we cannot do this without your generosity.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are anticipating a year of good news, good health and generosity to others who need our help and prayers for everyone. Irene



TOYS FOR TOTS 2021. The SONS group from Post 149 held a TOY DRIVE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES at their December 12<sup>th</sup> breakfast and generated 22 toys for this holiday season. The toys were delivered to military families at Camp Pendleton on December 21.

**SAL COMMANDER | BRUCE WAY**



A start of a new year. And the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 149 are looking forward to another year of comradeship and mutual helpfulness when it comes to our Post Veterans.

Please watch the calendar and newsletter for upcoming Sons events and meals. We are starting the “We Clean Escondido” again. Jeff Flynt is the POC on this. Be at the Post on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month to help clean trash from Mission Ave. It brings awareness to the Post and it’s in the American Legion Preamble, “to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community”. Start at 9:00AM and be done by the time the clubroom opens.

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And to all you Sons that have not paid your 2022 dues are now delinquent. Please stop by the Post and pay at the bar or the Post Adjutant.

2021

RIGHT: Past Commander Daleen Moore and past E-Board member Ken Boyd during their visit to the Post over the holidays. BELOW: Grand Marshal Darrel Issa during VetFest and the Veterans Day parade.



LEFT: ALR Chapter 149 paying respects at a Law Enforcement procession through Escondido honoring Officer Brett Byler on November 24th.



TOP: Mayor Paul McNamara with our Chaplain Chuck Faupel during the VetFest parade. RIGHT: Kevin Woods daughter, Tina, having a great time with Santa during the Christmas party and dinner at the Post. Love the purple hair!

ABOVE: Commander Mike Frank at the VetFest ceremony. CENTER: Post 149 Commander Mike Frank and VFW Post 1513 Commander Tony Maffini presenting Suzanne Nicolais of the Escondido Art Association, the first Prize for the 2021 Escondido VetFest Patriotic Storefront Decoration contest.

*Post 149 events in a Glance*

**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
<b>12/26</b>	<b>12/27</b>	<b>12/28</b>	<b>12/29</b>	<b>12/30</b> 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	<b>12/31</b> New Year's Eve Party LIVE MUSIC 6-9 PM "Watch the BALL DROP in NYC" (Club 149)	<b>1</b>  3-10 PM WEDDING Private Party Rental (Hall)
<b>2</b> NO AUXILIARY BREAKFAST 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	<b>3</b> 6-7 PM EVC Meeting	<b>4</b> 4-5:30 PM Teamsters Local 911 (Hall) 6-8 PM VFW Post 1513 Mtg. (Hall) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	<b>7</b> 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM-12 PM Blue Star Moms (Hall) 10 AM-12 PM 173 Airborne Assn. (Conf. Rm.) 1-5 MEMORIAL (Hall)
<b>9</b> 8-11 AM Sons Breakfast All You Can Eat Buffet \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:30-6 PM Finance Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6-7:30 PM Post E-Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6-7:30 PM DAV Chapter 70 Mtg. (Hall)	<b>12</b> 6-7:30 PM AL Sons Meeting (Hall)	<b>13</b> 5-8 PM Kiwanis of Escondido (Conf. Rm.) 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	<b>14</b> 5-7 PM VFW Dinner (Bacon Wrapped Hotdogs+ Chips) \$6 (Patio) 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8-11 AM Post Breakfast Buffet with Eggs to Order \$10 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom)	<b>17</b> 6-7 PM Post 149 House Committee Mtg. (Patio)	<b>18</b> 6-7:30 PM Post General Mtg. (Hall) 6-7:30 PM Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	<b>19</b> 6:30-8 PM VFW Auxiliary Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 6:30-8 PM LRC (Patio)	<b>20</b> 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	<b>21</b> 6-7:30PM AUXILIARY Dinner (Shepherd's Pie) \$10 (Hall) 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	<b>22</b> 9-10 AM WE CLEAN ESCONDIDO
<b>23</b> NO BREAKFAST <b>30</b> 8-11 AM RIDERS Buffet Breakfast Eggs to Order \$10 1-5 PM MEMORIAL (Hall) 3 PM Pub Grub by Cheryl (Clubroom) 23rd and 30th	<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b> 9 AM-1 PM Porcelain Club (Conf. Rm.)	<b>26</b> 5:30-6:30 PM ALR Dinner (TBD) 6:30-8 PM ALR Chapter 149 Mtg. Patio	<b>27</b> 6-8:30 PM Coast Guard Reserve (Conf. Rm.) 6-8:30 PM BUNKO (Hall)	<b>28</b> 7-9 PM GAME NIGHT (Patio) 7-10 PM KARAOKE (Club Rm.)	<b>29</b> 2-6 PM WEDDING Private Party Rental (Hall)

**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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