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











### Honoring Outstanding JROTC Cadets

We had the honor of supporting and recognizing the outstanding achievements of JROTC cadets who have not only met but exceeded the high standards of the program. Representing our post, Adjutant Cody York attended the recent awards ceremony and had the privilege of presenting two distinguished honors.

The Excellence in Military Medal was awarded to Cadet Nicholas Fragoza for his exceptional dedication, leadership, and performance in military training.

The Excellence in Scholastic Medal was presented to Cadet Victoria Leon in recognition of her academic achievements and commitment to excellence in the classroom.

Congratulations to both cadets for their hard work and dedication. Your accomplishments reflect the values of the JROTC program and inspire others to strive for excellence.

We're proud to support future leaders like Cadet Fragoza and Cadet Leon, and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish next.



Cadet Victoria Leon

Cadet Nicholas Fragoza

### FIRST VICE | GEORGE CHRISTENSEN



Greetings Comrades! Our first "Be the One" telephone campaign was a success. The members we were able to speak with expressed appreciation for the call. There were many we did not reach and we will be doing another

session in May, as well as figuring out how to do text messaging as well.

Our theme is every member brings in a member. Every member who knows a member who we haven't seen or heard of for a while invites that member to a general meeting, or something as simple as joining for a Post breakfast to share some camaraderie. I have come to realize we need to do more than just bring in new members. We need to educate and mentor our members to prepare them to accept an elected position in the post or become an active member of our committees that support the four pillars of the American Legion. I have been giving this some thought lately but know I cannot do this alone. I need all the membership to pitch in and help out.

### SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



I would like to thank each and every one of you for coming out and supporting our Memorial Day Program and lunch! The event was a great success and a special thank you to the American Legion Riders for cooking. Great

lunch gentlemen!

On a somber note, it is with heavy heart that I report to you that Derek Johnosn, Vice President of Brothers of 6 Charities Inc., Suddenly and unexpectedly passed away last week at the age of 45. If you see any of the brothers in red, please give them your condolences as we are all extremely saddened by this sudden loss. His celebration of life will be Sunday, June 8th from 11am to 4pm. On a personal note, he was a close friend and my right hand. You will never be forgotten and always in our hearts.

Please come to the Brothers of 6 Charities Inc. 5th annual "619" dinner to benefit the San Pasqual Academy and Brother Bennos. We ask that you bring a NEW piece of luggage, backpack or tote bag. If not luggage, please come with a couple of packages of socks to be turned over to Brother Benos. Brisket will be served for dinner this year. Cost is \$15. Entertainment will be provided by the Jesse Cox Band featuring Kate Moore. RSVPs should be made at www.brothersof6.org. We look forward to each of you joining us for this great time for a most worthy cause! We will see you all at Club 149!

### POST 149 ADJUTANT | CODY YORK



We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out for the officer elections at our May meeting. Your participation keeps our post strong and connected. Congratulations to all our newly

elected officers! If you'd like to support them as they begin their service, please join us for the Officer Installation Ceremony on June 7th at 11:00 AM.

A special thank you goes out to Commander Jennifer Holden for her incredible leadership over the past three years. Jennifer, your selfless dedication and tireless work have kept our post running like a well-oiled machine. The entire membership deeply appreciates everything you've done. Hats off to you!

As we look ahead to a new year, we're excited about several upcoming events and activities. Here's what's on the horizon:

### Campout Raffle – Starting Next Week

Get ready for a chance to win some great outdoor gear:

- 26" Flattop Griddle
- 27-piece Blackstone Accessory Kit
- Three-burner Camp Chef Stove
- Propane Camping Oven

Stay tuned for ticket information!

#### US Flag Day Ceremony – Saturday, June 14th

Join us for a **Flag Day celebration and the Army's 250th birthday!** We'll host a **flag etiquette and folding ceremony** followed by food for sale:

- El Pollo-style Chicken
- Rice, Beans, and Tortillas

Come out, learn something new, and enjoy a great meal with friends and family.

**Brothers of 6 – 5th Annual 619 Dinner – June 21st, 5:00 PM** This year's dinner supports a **Luggage and Sock Drive**. Please bring:

- New socks
- A suitcase, tote, or backpack

Bring a luggage item and receive a ticket for a free beverage!

### **Dinner Menu:**

- Smoked Brisket
- BBQ Beans
- Potato Dish
- Dinner Salad
- Rolls
- Pie for Dessert

All this for just \$15! You won't find a brisket dinner at this price anywhere else.

Let's make this year one to remember. Thank you for being a vital part of our post community.

KEY DATES See calendar page and flyers for more information.

> JUNE 1 District 22 Meeting

JUNE 7 Post 149 Officers Installation

> JUNE 11 SAL Meeting

JUNE 14 Flag DayCelebration

> JUNE 15 Fathers Day

JUNE 17 Post Meeting

JUNE 25 ALR Meeting

Check Calendar for SUNDAY Breakfast Schedules

BUNCO Every Thursday 6-8:30 PM KARAOKE Every Friday 7-11 PM

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### POST MEMBERS FREE BIRTHDAY MONTH BREAKFAST At the the Post Officers Breakfast in your birthday month - All you can eat buffet!

## **JUNE 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 - 11AM (Hall) DAV Breakfast - \$14 9 - 10AM District 22 Meeting Noon - 1PM Son's District Meeting 4 - 7PM (Hall) ELL Board	2 4:30 - 6:30PM America's Youth After School Program	3 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 4 - 5:30PM (Hall) Teamsters Local 911	4 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	5 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNCO	6 7AM - 4PM (Hall) Lifeline 7 - 11PM (Hall) National Guard Graduation 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	7 11AM - 1PM Post 149 Officers Installation 4:30 - 6:30PM (Hall) Sea Cadet's Dinner 5 - 11PM (Patio) Graduation Party
8 9 - 11AM (Hall) Sons Breakfast - \$14 1 - 3PM (Hall) MHF 11AM - 4PM (Patio) Derek Johnson Memorial	9 4:30 - 6:30PM America's Youth After School Program 6 - 7PM (Hall) Boy Scout Honor Court	10 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 5:30 - 6PM (Conf Room) Finance Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) E-Board Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) DAV Chapter 70 Mtg	11 6 - 7PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) SAL Meeting	12 5 - 8PM (Conf Room) Kiwanis of Escondido 5:30 - 8:30PM (Hall) North County CREIA 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNCO	<b>13</b> Noon - 1PM (Hall) Senior Anglers 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	14 11AM - Noon Flag Day Celebration 8AM - 1:30PM (Hall) Blue Star Moms 10AM-Noon (Conf Room 173 Airborne Assn. 2 - 3:30PM (Patio) Guide Dog Training
<b>15</b> Father's Day 9 - 11AM (Hall) Clubroom Breakfast - \$14	16 4:30 - 6:30PM America's Youth After School Program	17 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) Post 149 General Mtg	<b>18</b> 4 - 6PM (Hall) Vietnam Vets of America 6 - 7PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	<b>19</b> Juneteenth National Independence Day 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNCO	20 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	<b>21</b> 3 - 9PM Brothers of 6 619 Benefit Dinner
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Holidays & Observances

14 Flag Day

15 Father's Day

**19** Juneteenth National Independence Day

# Flag Day Ceremony June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 11am On the Patio

You Are Cordially Invited to the Escondido American Legion Post 149 Flag Day Ceremony Join us as we honor the symbol of our nation's freedom and unity—

the American Flag.

Please join us for this meaningful tribute as we reflect on the enduring legacy and symbolism of the American flag.

The ceremony will begin with the Posting of the Colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic music, and a brief history of the flag. We will also explore what each element of the flag represents and present the folding of the flag with an explanation of the meaning behind each of the 13 folds. Food is available following ceremony.

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beverages purchased. Mention that you are there to support the American Legion Post 149, and have them write it on the bill.