

The One Forty Niner

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

COMMANDER | GEORGE CHRISTENSEN



Greetings Comrades,

November flew by, with lots of great events at the Post. I was privileged to participate in a Turkey give-away sponsored by Assemblymember Dr. Darshana Patel. We gave out 1,000 complete turkey dinners to include sides and fresh produce to persons who otherwise might not have at traditional holiday meal. I intend to join in again next year and hope we can have Legionnaires join too. December is also lining up to be a very busy month at the post, and I invite all members to not only join in, but volunteer to help with some of the events.

First off is the Post 149 Auxiliary revitalization meeting taking place on Saturday December 6th from 11:00-1:00. All members are invited to attend as we work together to bring this vital part of our American Legion Family back in action.

Next up is the National Commander's visit December 14th-19th. We will not be hosting the National Commander at Post 149, but other posts have activities planned and you can see all on the Department of California Website.

On the 20th we will be holding our Post Christmas party, the theme this year is the Grinch who stole Christmas. The party will be from 6:00-10 PM and it will be a potluck, the potluck sign up will be at the bar in the clubroom. There will be an ugly sweater contest, and a white elephant gift exchange. To participate in the gift exchange you must bring a gift to exchange; presents can be stolen twice. There will be a person at the door to give tickets to those who wish to participate. No ticket, no exchange. We need volunteers who want to help make this party a success. Please reach out to me or Past Commander Jen Holden if you want to volunteer. Let's get together and have some Fun!

There will be a blood drive on the 30th of December. This time of year blood is sorely needed. I will be there to donate, how about you?

As I close there will be a Post cleanup day coming soon as we have a large event in January to prepare for, with a large rental.

As far as I know everyone had a safe Thanksgiving, as we move into December I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Let's rededicate ourselves to take care of each other, Veteran's, and serve our community where needed in the coming year.

Yours in Service,

George Christensen

Commander American Legion J.B. Clark Post 149



SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



As we close the books on our most successful North County VetFest to date, I would like to take a moment to thank the Club 149 bartenders who handled the monumental task of taking care of the

hundreds of guests in attendance at the Post on Veteran's Day! Maggie, Thomas, and Amanda more than stepped up to the plate and ensured our very busy day went off with no complications. Ladies and Gentlemen, JOB WELL DONE!

While we are on the subject of VetFest, I want to thank Commander George Cristensen, Past Commander Jenifer Holden, 1st Vice Commander Tim Frazier and Brothers of 6 Charities Inc. President Elect Bill McNaughton for their amazing efforts in the planning and organizing of this colossal event. Making this year's VetFest happen on a level of success yet to be seen was nothing short of remarkable! I look forward to working with you all for many years to come! A special nod of thanks goes out to all Legion post officers, Sons officers as well who had a hand in being involved in the event. Last but certainly not least, a big thank you to all of our participants and sponsors. To you all, without your contributions to North County VetFest, this very special happening would not have been possible! THANK YOU to each and every one of you!

Anyone wishing to serve as a Post Rep for the many rentals we have booked during this holiday season, please do not hesitate to contact myself or our Rental Agent, Amanda Peterson. We would greatly appreciate your help in making all of our upcoming events a success.

Please take note the Club 149 will be closed on Thursday, December 25th as we observe Christmas Day. A New Years Eve party is in the works. Stay tuned for more details. Have a Merry Christmas!

POST 149 ADJUTANT | CODY YORK



Hello Legionnaires, I will be out of the country on vacation until the end of December. If you have any questions or concerns during this time, please direct them to the Commander or the 1st Vice

Commander.

As many of you have heard, I will be stepping down as Adjutant as I begin the next chapter of my life—retirement. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Post 149 in this role. Rest assured, I am not leaving Post 149. I will be here to train and guide the new Adjutant and will remain active in other areas of the Post. The Commander will begin the search for my replacement and has a detailed list of Adjutant duties prepared.

A huge thank-you goes out to all our Legion Family who stepped up and invested countless hours of effort to make this year's North County VETFEST the best one yet. We saw record sponsorships, attendance, vendors, and parade entries. Without your dedication and the hard work of all our volunteers, none of this would have been possible.

A reminder that dues for the 2026 membership year are due by December 31st to remain current. During my absence, the 1st Vice Commander will be processing memberships. Please contact 1st Vice Commander Tim Frazier at (858) 682-8282 or timmeysmall@outlook.com with any membership questions or to arrange renewals. Thank you, Tim, for stepping up to handle these responsibilities during my vacation.

I am pleased to announce that our bartender, Amanda Preston, has accepted the position of Rental Agent. If you have event leads or are planning an event yourself, please reach out to Amanda directly (619) 855-9980 or amanda_preston77@yahoo.com. As a reminder, we have had several members transfer to Post Everlasting. Memorials are offered on a donation basis; however, Celebration of Life events are charged at the standard rental rate. Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to Post 149.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

American Legion Post 149

Friday Dec 30, 2025 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Be part of something big. Make an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



KEY DATES

See calendar page and flyers
for more information.

DECEMBER 6
Auxiliary Mixer

DECEMBER 13
Christmas Party

DECEMBER 14
District 22 Meeting

DECEMBER 16
Post Meeting

DECEMBER 21
Commander's Breakfast

DECEMBER 30
Blood Drive

Check Calendar for
FRIDAY Dinner and
SUNDAY Breakfast
Schedules

BUNKO
Every Thursday 6-8:30 PM

KARAOKE
Every Friday 7-11 PM

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Your American Legion wishes you



A wonderful holiday season filled with

Family, Friends And Joy.



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

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	1 4:30 - 6:30PM America's Youth After School Program	2 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 4 - 5:30PM (Hall) Teamsters Local 911 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) DAV Chapter 70 Mtg	3 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	4 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNKO	5 7 - 10PM (Hall) Colon Amvet Presentation 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	6 11AM - 2PM (Hall) Auxillary Mixer 6 - 11PM (Patio) Birthday Party
7 8 - 11AM (Hall) DAV Breakfast - \$14 3 - 6PM (Hall) Celebration of Life	8 4:30 - 6:30PM America's Youth After School Program 6 - 8PM (Hall) Boy Scouts Court of Honor	9 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 5:30 - 6PM (Conf Room) Finance Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) E-Board Mtg	10 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) SAL Meeting	11 5 - 8PM (Conf Room) Kiwanis of Escondido 5:30 - 8:30PM (Hall) North County CREIA 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNKO	12 Noon - 1PM (Hall) Senior Anglers 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	13 10AM - Noon (Conf Room) 173 Airborne Assn. 2 - 3:30PM (Patio) Guide Dog Training 2 - 8PM (Hall) Gamers
14 8 - 11AM (Patio) Sons Breakfast - \$14 8 - 12PM (Hall) District 22 Meeting	15 4:30 - 6:30PM America's Youth After School Program	16 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 5 - 5:30PM (Hall) House Committee Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) Post 149 General Mtg	17 4 - 6PM (Hall) Vietnam Vets of America 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	18 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNKO	19 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	20 2 - 7PM (Clubroom) Blues Jam 5 - 10PM (Hall) Christmas Party
21 9 - 11AM (Hall) Commanders Breakfast - \$14 1 - 5PM (Hall) MHF	22 4:30 - 6:30PM America's Youth After School Program	23 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club	24 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	25 CHRISTMAS	26 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	27 11AM - 3PM (Conf Room) SCRABBLE Club
28 8 - 11AM (Hall) Brothers of 6 Breakfast - \$14	29 4:30 - 6:30PM America's Youth After School Program	30 10AM - 4PM (Hall) Blood Drive 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	1	2	3

Holidays & Observances

25 Christmas

31 New Years Eve



FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY & POTLUCK

DEC 20 6-9PM

- WHITE ELEPHANT
GIFT EXCHANGE
- UGLY SWEATER
CONTEST

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.