

# The One Forty Niner

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



## COMMANDER | GEORGE CHRISTENSEN



December flew by faster than November, with lots of great events at the Post. The Post Christmas Party was a great time, with lots of good food at the potluck, and lots of fun with the White Elephant gift exchange.

Unit 149 Auxiliary revitalization meeting that took place on Saturday December 6th was an amazing display of present members and new members working with the District 22 Auxiliary President to get back to serving Veterans, their families and our community. The next official meeting is on the calendar for January 20th. Let's welcome these Unit members as this is a vital part of our American Legion Family.

I want to take a moment to recognize the Brothers of Six, and how they continue to support the Post and the community. They donated 14 bikes for the kids at Interfaith along with picking up a truck load of toys for the Sierra Madre toy drive. If you attended VetFest much of the work that went into that event was made possible with the aid of Brothers of Six. I am humbled by their spirit of service.

Here are some upcoming events as we head into the new year 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?

There will be a **Post cleanup day coming soon** as we have a large event in January to prepare for, with a large rental.

The Post will be open **New Year's Eve with Champagne toast at 9:00 PM** as the ball drops in Times Square

**The Post Oratorical contest** will be held on January 24th at 1230. Please contact Harold Olson if you would like to volunteer to help with the event **The District Oratorical** will be February 8th at the Post at 1230. We realize this is Super Bowl Sunday, but the contest should conclude before kickoff and not interrupt the traditional Pot luck.

We are also working on a date for the Four Chaplains Ceremony watch the calendar for date and time.

Now for the big news: **Line Dancing Lessons at the Post starting January 5th**. Lora Miller a member of Auxiliary Unit 149 will be teaching line dancing every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. There is no charge and everyone is welcome; Post members, Riders, SAL, Brothers of Six, and Unit 149 members. Also open to friends, family and prospective new members. Come join us!

Lastly, **I am still recruiting for the next Post Adjutant**. See my November newsletter input for details. Contact me, or the Post Adjutant if interested. For all candidates part of my screening process will be the Adjutant Cody York walking you through the computer software and databases necessary to perform the duties of the position. This will help you decide if your skills are a match.

## SECOND VICE | CLUBROOM MANAGER | STEF HOLDEN



My fellow legionnaires,

As we say goodbye to 2024 and welcome 2025, I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you that made this year such a success and filled us with such good memories of the year. This year's 6th annual VetFest was our greatest success to date and will only continue to grow in size and participation. The same can be said of our annual "619" benefit dinner, the "Law & Order" dinner as well as our first responders "911" dinner. Thank you for all of the volunteers that contributed to making these worthy events possible, without you the job could simply not have been done!

Please note that Club 149 will be raising our prices in the coming months due to the minimum wage increase that took affect last year as well as the result of the rising cost of goods. I can assure you Club 149 will continue to offer the cheapest beers and cocktails in town but we were forced to employ this measure to give our guest the experience they are accustomed to as well as keep the doors open. I wish to thank you all for your support and understanding of our situation in reference to the up-coming price increase.

Please come out and join us for our annual Superbowl "Pot-luck" that will be taking place on Sunday, February 9th. The day's events will include drink specials and an "opportunity drawing" to be held at halftime. Signup sheets will be available behind the clubroom bar.

On behalf of myself and all of the Club 149 staff, we are looking forward to yet another amazing year!

See you at Club 149!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## KEY DATES

See calendar page and flyers  
for more information.

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

STARTING JANUARY 5

Country Line Dance Lessons

JANUARY 14

SAL Meeting

JANUARY 18

Commander's Breakfast

JANUARY 20

Post Meeting

JANUARY 20

Auxiliary Meeting

JANUARY 24

Oratorical Contest

Check Calendar for  
SUNDAY Breakfast  
Schedules

BUNKO

Every Thursday 6-8:30 PM

KARAOKE

Every Friday 7-11 PM

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YEAR  
2026

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

## JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNKO	2 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	3
4 8 - 11AM (Hall) DAV Breakfast - \$14 4 - 7PM (Hall) Escondido Little League Board	5 4:30 - 6:30PM (Hall) America's Youth After School Program 6:30 - 8PM Country Line Dance Lessons	6 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 4 - 5:30PM (Hall) Teamsters Local 911 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) DAV Chapter 70 Mtg	7 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	8 5 - 8PM (Conf Room) Kiwanis of Escondido 5:30 - 8:30PM (Hall) North County CREIA 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNKO	9 Noon - 1PM (Hall) Senior Anglers 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	10 10AM - Noon (Conf Room) 173 Airborne Assn. 2 - 3PM (Patio) Guide Dog Training 5 - 11PM (Hall) ECV Clampers Ball
11 8 - 11AM (Patio) Sons Breakfast - \$14	12 4:30 - 6:30PM (Hall) America's Youth After School Program 6:30 - 8PM Country Line Dance Lessons	13 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 5:30 - 6PM (Conf Room) Finance Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) E-Board Mtg	14 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) SAL Meeting	15 6 - 8:30PM (Hall) BUNKO	16 3 - 8PM (Hall) Celebration Of Life 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	17 3 - 11PM Belen Party
18 9 - 11AM (Hall) Commanders Breakfast - \$14	19 MLK Jr. Day 4:30 - 6:30PM (Hall) America's Youth After School Program 5 - 7PM Little League (Hall) 6:30 - 8PM Country Line Dance Lessons	20 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club 6 - 7PM (Hall) Auxiliary Mtg 6 - 7:30PM (Hall) Post 149 General Mtg	21 4 - 6PM (Hall) Vietnam Vets of America 5 - 7PM (Hall) Little League 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous	22 5 - 7PM (Hall) Little League 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNKO	23 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	24 11AM - 3PM (Conf Room) SCRABBLE Club 1 - 6PM (Hall) Post 149 Oratorical Contest
25 8 - 11AM (Hall) Brothers of 6 Breakfast - \$14	26 4:30 - 6:30PM (Hall) America's Youth After School Program 6:30 - 8PM Country Line Dance Lessons	27 9AM - 1PM (Conf Room) Porcelain Club	28 6 - 7:30PM (Conf Room) Gamblers Anonymous 6:30 - 8PM (Patio) ALR 149 Meeting	29 5 - 7PM (Hall) Little League 6 - 8:30PM (Clubroom) BUNKO	30 7 - 11PM (Clubroom) KARAOKE	31

### Holidays & Observances

- 1 New Year's Day  
19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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