

“Sound Off”

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Next meeting: 0900 18 April 2020 has been cancelled. Tentative meeting scheduled for 16 May 2020.

Post Pot Winner: None

No drawing for March, April or May.

You must be present to win.

Please take a moment to look at your membership card. If the date on the card is not 2020 your membership has expired. Dues are now due for 2020 please mail them to the Post or pay on-line @ <http://www.legion.org/renew>; Today!

Happy Birthday to our Brothers and Sisters who were born in the month of April.

1 Thomas G. Calabrese	1 Vernon McGee	1 Christopher Perrins	3 David C. Burwell
3 Ricardo A. Dogue	3 Thomas Holton	3 Ricardo S. Pulvera	3 John Giernet
4 Paul J. Markowitz	6 Ronnie L. Hill	7 Robert A. Pickrel	7 Gordon Hill
8 Barbara Cogburn	8 Anthony C. Huebner	8 Edward A. Langer	10 Clarence H. Johnson
10 Eduardo Ayala	12 Thomas E. Mitchell	13 Pete Nares	14 Duke Stroud
14 Dr. Jimmie Allen	15 John M. Jennings	15 Simone Marsac	16 Gerald K. Holtzen
16 John T. Meyers	George T. Christensen	17 Gary Pearce	17 Douglas Taylor
18 James M. Brubeck	19 Bill P. Morrow	19 Elliot Schroeder	19 John R. Todd
21 Douglas Daily	21 Paul M. Guerra	22 Clifton Towler	22 John Wilson
23 Richard D. Bell	25 George Britton	26 Michael A. Nave	27 William R. Miller
28 John G. Hook	28 Martin Villarreal	28 Emanuel M. Winocur	28 George Young
29 Michael L. Foster	29 Jason P. Lundy	29 John W. Hegeman	30 Valhik Hacopiannik
30 William E. Peaker	30 Lynn LePage		

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Sound Off Via E-Mail or Website

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Meetings

Post 146 meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside, CA. 92054-3441. Meetings start at 0900. For Post 146 information go to our Web page at www.legionpost146.org. The Post 146 phone number is (760) 754-9633. Volunteers are needed to transport members who cannot drive to meetings. **ALL POST MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

District 22 meetings are cancelled until further notice. Linda Vista Post 731, located @ 7245 Linda Vista Road, S.D. **District 22,** <http://www.ald22.org/>

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From Your Post Commander

Greetings Fellow Legion Members

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**Yours in Service,
Samuel H. Brookins III
Post Commander**

American Legion Post 146 Membership

If you do not have a 2020 Membership card your membership has expired. Please send in your \$45 dues as soon as you can or renew online today. <http://www.legion.org/renew>

Please note: Active Duty or National Guard members, your dues are \$35 **you must mail your check to the Post to get your discount.** P. O. Box 1085, Oceanside, CA 92051-1085

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Hello Ladies, writing this article is different this month as this is a different time for all of us. I want all of you to please stay safe during these uncertain times.

If you need to help, please reach out to us. We are here to help you to the best of our ability. We are an American Legion Family and we take care of our own.

We hope to back in May to have our meeting but there is no way of knowing at this time. We will continue the guidelines set by the government and see where that takes us. If things change you will be informed by email, so please be checking your email for updates regarding meetings or other Unit business.

**Yours in Service,
Santee Brookins
President ALA Oceanside 146**

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SAL Squadron 146 Commanders Note

Greetings fellow SON'S

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**Yours in Service,
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Commander, Squadron 146**

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ALR 146 Report

These are certainly interesting times we are living in. We did not have a March meeting due to the Governor's mandate on assembling groups larger than ten. Social Distancing and other guidelines are important to keep our medical facilities from being overwhelmed. I am working from home as I am in the High Risk group. However now is not the time for solitary confinement. If you hear of any Post, Chapter, Sons, or Auxiliary member who needs assistance please reach out to any of the officers listed so we can pool our resources and lend a hand. On a more cheerful note, we gained two new members, and have a member returning so the chapter is growing. Please continue to care for each other, as we are all in this together.

**Yours in Service,
George T. Christensen
President, ALR 146**

Ride Coordinator Report

Nothing has been going on ride wise. Until the quarantine, I was taking some rides between rainstorms. I rode through Valley Center Casino area (Funner, CA). Everywhere looks desolate. Wohlford Lake is locked up, no boats except those provided by the park. Rode by Pala Casino and the RV park is closed. Looks like life as we know it has changed. Nothing good to except we are still making it.

**Herb Butler
Road Captain, ALR 146**

Adjutant's Message

Comrades,

As this message goes out, I hope that all of our membership and families are weathering this pandemic well. As we should all practice our self-quarantine to minimize the spread of this contagion, leaving our homes for necessary required goods and/or medical service needs. As many can see, many smaller medical offices are closed or very limited services. There is a screening protocol if you do go to the hospital for the COVID virus.

There are still some of us in critical jobs to support our community, state and nation. Let's hope those members and especially those on the front lines in Law Enforcement and EMS do not have any serious issues during this situation.

We have many of our members that may not be able to get their groceries or other needed items. If you are over 65 years old and/or have severe disabilities, you can call me at 760-583-5312. If I don't answer right away, please leave a message with your name and basic needs. Or you can email me adjutant@legionpost146.org I will try to get back you ASAP to work out a way for assistance.

Normally, this is the time an announcement would be for new candidates for our officers for the next calendar year. However, due to our current circumstances, we may not have an April meeting. You should hear from our Commander shortly, concerning this issue.

Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all again once we are able to meet again.

**Yours in Service,
Dave Hamilton
Adjutant**

Computer Corner

Prevent Losing Contact With Your Post

Each month we find that several members have changed their email address and have not let the Post know. The emails come back as "Delivery Failure". This creates a lot of unnecessary lost time for the Adjutant and/or Webmaster as they try to contact the members. Many times, the phone number has also been changed. Consequently, the affected member no longer receives the newsletter and other Post announcements. So, if you are planning to change your email, phone number, or address, then please contact the Adjutant at 760-754-9633 or adjutant@legionpost146.org. Alternately, you can update your information at mylegion.org. If you do not have an account yet, you can create one at the Log In screen.

Upgrade to Windows 10 Free

By now you have probably heard that Microsoft support for Windows 7 ends on January 14, 2020. That means no more monthly security updates to the operating system. Yes, you can still use the computer, however, you will be more at risk for cybercrimes even though you have up-to-date anti-virus and anti-malware software running.

Being a Windows 7 die-hard, I decided it was time to upgrade my computers to Windows 10. Not wanting to pay over \$125 each for the Windows 10 operating system, I found a way to accomplish the upgrade at no cost. Following the instructions in the link below, I was pleasantly surprised as to how easy it was. All my programs and settings were transferred from Windows 7 to 10, and the interface is almost identical to Windows 7, right down to the same Desktop background. I did not have to reinstall any of my 24 software programs (by the way these are called Apps in Windows 10). It took about 1.5 hours for Windows to automatically accomplish the upgrade. After that I spent another 15 minutes turning off App access to private data in Settings.

A check of license Activation in Windows settings shows my computers now have valid Windows 10 licenses. This is a legal upgrade from Microsoft. The below link explains that the old Windows 7 license converts to a new Windows license.

There is one downside in my case. I have two printers, a 5-year-old wireless Brother All-in-One and an 11-year-old Canon inkjet printer connected to one computer by a USB cable. Unfortunately, Canon did not update the driver for use by Windows 10, so that printer no longer works. The wireless Brother still works fine which is okay in my case. If you have an old printer or other peripheral, then you may want to check the manufacturer's website to see if it is compatible.

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/microsoft/you-can-still-upgrade-to-windows-10-for-free-heres-how/>

**David Kauppinen,
Webmaster, San Diego Base**

Wanted – New Post 146 Webmaster

The Post needs a volunteer to take over the responsibility of webmaster. The website usually requires only minimal edits each month. In addition, the webmaster also sends out Post 146 bulk emails 2-3 times per month. The total monthly commitment time is about 5 hours. The job does not require extensive knowledge of website coding. If you know how to use a computer and have a desire to learn something new, then this is your opportunity. The required software is free, and I will assist on getting the new volunteer up to speed. I can be contacted at webmaster@legionpost146.org or 760-639-0728

Newsletter Editor

Any newsletter contributions should be sent to AL1461vcjlansberry@att.net or call Little Jimmy at 760-586-5347.

The Funny Side of Life

We are always looking for articles for this section of the newsletter. This can be something from your military experience, childhood, or any other whimsical situation. I just ask that it be appropriate for a family newsletter.

Post 146 Member Classified Ads

None available this month.