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” For God and Country”

Next meeting: 0900 (9am) August 17th, 2019.

Post Pot: Wilfred Collins’s Name was drawn.

Wilfred was not present so the Post Pot for August will be **\$100.**

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 August.

2 Thomas B. Traver	5 David E. Marvin	5 Emiddio Massa	5 Alvin J. Korbel
5 Matthew McLuckie	6 Robert E. Gleisberg	9 Charles E. Wilson	10 Richard H. Horne
11 Kevin E. Rankin	12 Robert Luke	13 Harry Robinson Smith	13 Dennis C. Boyce
14 Ronald E. Dirk	15 Anthony L. Miller	15 Douglas (Kip) Hughes	
16 Charles F. Coco Jr.	16 Jerome M. Kern	16 Frank L. Kebelman	
16 Neil L. Guerrero	17 Terrance Huffman	19 Josef Seller	20 Junior M. Jones
20 Earl Sargent	20 Chas Stokes	20 Loren L. Lasche	21 Billy N. Merideth
22 Donald Lewis	23 Eddie Ross	23 Paul L. Lecomte	25 Simon C. Menos
25 Williard R. Litwiller	26 Britt Meland	27 Charles Hedrick Jr.	28 Brian K. Baker
28 John C. Sartor	28 Timothy Hall	28 Daniel P. Smith	28 Leo S. Sicat PHD
29 Dan G. Landis	31 Ray Simon	31 John W. Provine	31 John Cairncross III

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Meetings

Post 146 meets every 3rd Saturday of the month in our new home in 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 needed to transport members who cannot drive to meetings.

District 22 meets August 11th, 2019 @ 0900 @ Linda Vista Post 731, located @
7245 Linda Vista Road, S.D.. District 22, <http://www.ald22.org/>

Get involved with Post 146 www.legionpost146.org We next meet on July 20th, 2019 @ 0900, 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside

From Your Post Commander

Comrades,

My message this month is simple. I would like for you all to consider why you joined the American Legion. If the answer was to serve then your opportunities await your assistance. We have about 25 members in attendance at our monthly meeting and we have a membership of more than 400. That is not even 10% of you that are attending and helping to make decisions on what happens with your post. What does that say about you and your reasons for joining the American Legion in the first place? The message is simple, we need more members to attend the monthly meetings and help this post support the four pillars of the American Legion. There is no other way to say it, we simply cannot do what we need to do without your help. Please find time in your schedule and attend the monthly meetings. This post cannot survive with the attendance we are seeing at present. I encourage each and every one of you to search your heart and do the right thing.

Yours in Service

Samuel Brookins, 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 on line 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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Our first meeting this year was very busy. We had lots of business to cover. It was nice to see the members who attended this meeting. We filled several of our Chairmanship positions which were available, thank you ladies you all will do a wonderful job.

Upcoming events include the Girls State Golf Tournament, November 10, 2019 and Toy of Tots, November 09, 2019. These are Legion Family events.

So please, sign-up to volunteer for any of the upcoming events your time will be appreciated. And if you can't volunteer at least come out and support your American Legion Family. Additional information on these events will be coming as they are finalized. Currently things are still in the planning stages.

August is here now and current Membership renewals are due for 2019-2020. And to everybody who has already paid, thank you so much.

Yours in Service
Sandee Brookins, President Oceanside Unit 146

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SAL Squadron 146 Commanders note

The SAL's need your help. We urgently need to fill some positions within the organization. We need someone to step up as Vice Commander and we need someone to take over for Edd Robinson, due to his declining health situation. Please consider taking one of these positions within your post.

The time is now to join the SAL's and support the vision of this wonderful organization. We cannot survive without membership and we need you to search your heart and join today.

The SAL's continue to have members volunteer at the VA Clinic serving our veterans. Thanks to those members for their service.

As always, please keep the SAL's in mind when you are talking to your eligible relatives and friends. We have increased our Roster, but still need more members who can participate in activities supporting the Post, Veterans and our community.

Yours in Service
Samuel Brookins, Commander, Squadron 146

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ALR 146 Report

The Area 5 Chula Vista Veteran's Home Run was a success. Chapter 434 took the lead on this and due to our Chapter meeting we could not attend, but did help with a donation for the Ice Cream Social for the Vets. We are selling tickets for the Area 5 opportunity raffle. This raffle is a fundraiser for all the chapters in Area 5 with lots of exciting prizes. Tickets are \$1.00 and for every ticket the chapter sells we get the proceeds back for our chapter fund. If any post or auxiliary members are interested in purchasing tickets, please reach out to me. July 27th is our Presidents meeting in Los Alamitos, and we have several rides upcoming in August.

I am happy to announce that Kevin Johnstone is our new Chaplain, and Herb Butler is our new Road Captain.

Until then ride safe, drive safe, and watch out for the other guy.

YIS, George T. Christensen, President ALR 146

Adjutant's Message

August is upon us, and that means Membership renewals for the 2019-2020 fiscal year for the Legion. We currently are just under 44% of the Post that has already paid their dues, THANK YOU!

Please if you can, send in your dues by letter, the remittal letter sent from National, or you can go to www.mylegion.org and pay by credit card there. All you need is your membership number and last name to set up login to pay. I see the payments at the close of business each day and at the end of the week send out all the renewal cards.

Or, if you do not want the constant reminder of renewals, you can be a "Paid Up For Life" member. At this time National is offering a \$100 discount on the renewal fees.

You may have heard, that Congress has approved the Legion Act. This Act now will make any service member who had at least one day of Federal Active Duty from Dec. 7th, 1941 to present eligible to become Legionnaires. By the time you read this our President will have signed this Act into Law. During our National Convention later this month, the by-laws will be officially changed and this information will be passed down to the Posts, forth with. The planned change is Sept 1st of this year. If you know any friends who had fit in the ineligible periods, please let them know. They can contact me at adjutant@legionpost146.org.

At Department of California convention, there were several motions presented for the American Legion to get the VA to perform better and provide more services quicker. We hope to hear what comes about later.

You also may have heard, the Blue Water service members will have access to VA benefits for any illnesses and diseases that has affected them. Please see your VA representative.

For those who would like to volunteer, the VA clinic in Oceanside is always looking for help and the USO on Camp Pendleton. For the USO you can go to www.uso.org Go to the Take Action Tab, then go to Volunteer and follow the page for the Camp Pendleton unit. They have only two full time persons and need all the volunteers that can get.

Have a safe August, and hope to see more members at the August meeting, on the 17th @ 0900 at the Elks Lodge in Oceanside.

Yours in Service,

Dave Hamilton

Wanted – New Post 146 Webmaster

After 8 years as the Post 146 Webmaster, I am retiring from that position by June 30, 2019, preferably sooner. The Post needs a volunteer to take over this important responsibility. 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

Blood Donations

If you have donated blood in the past month or two, or plan to donate, please contact Frank Zugaj at 760-721-5621. This information gets relayed to District each month under Volunteerism for the Post.

Newsletter Editor

A volunteer is needed to step up and take over the publication of the monthly Sound Off. As I will be stepping into the role of Post Commander and Son's Commander, I will not be able to continue to do all three. Please consider this vital position and volunteer to take this commitment over for the next year. I can provide you with all of the supplies and instruction and guidance in accomplishing its publication. This is a vital position as all of our members depend on seeing this monthly. Please contact me at shb46@cox.net for information or to volunteer.

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Membership Application

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please use a checkmark for the applicable eligibility date(s) and branch of service:

August 2, 1990 – present – Persian Gulf		U.S. Army
December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990 – Panama		U.S. Navy
Aug 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984 – Grenada/Lebanon		U.S. Air Force
February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 – Vietnam		U.S. Marines
June 24, 1950 – January 31, 1955 – Korea		U.S. Coast Guard
December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 – WWII		Merchant Marines - December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 – WWII (only eligibility dates)
April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918 – WWI		

Former Legion member ID: _____ N/A

I certify that I served at least one day of active military service during the dates marked above, and I was honorably discharged, or am still serving honorably.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Name of Recruiter: _____

Annual membership is \$45.00. (\$35 if current member of the U.S. military or National Guard. Include a copy of your current I.D. card.) Please fill out this form and send it to the address above with a check for that amount payable to "American Legion Post 146". If you have any questions, please contact Dave Hamilton, Adjutant Post 146, at 760-583-5312, or email: adjutant@legionpost146.org