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" For God and Country"



Next meeting: 0900 18 January 2020.

Post Pot Winner: Del French name was drawn.

Del was not present so the Post Pot for January 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 December.

2 Albert Manuel	2 Andre Brown	3 Rudy Gonzalez	4 Salvador Martinez
5 Richard P. Dong	5 Robert M. Kinsey	6 Gerald D. Sullivan	7 Clay Leaf
8 Daniel S. Gelinas	9 Charles Linderman	10 Walter L. Washington	10 Wolfgang H. Fleck
10 Nicholas Szczerba	12 Leonard Foley	12 Ray R. Raino	15 Roy J. Perkins
16 Jerry D. Galbreath	17 Russell E. State	17 Rudy Valentin	18 Craig Arterburn
18 Tom Basham	18 Israel E. Camacho	20 Joseph F. Cacciola	20 James A. Martin
20 Michael S. McGraw	21 Raymond J. Striler	22 Thomas A. Healy	24 Allan R. Herfurth
24 Joseph E. Miller	24 Stanley L. Peterson	26 Nancy K. York	26 Thomas M. Bruner
27 Geraldine W. Norem	27 Robert Noble	27 Jerrell Borup	28 Thomas A. McLuckie
28 Ralph D. Gonzales Jr.	28 Edward E. McCall	29 Russell J. Bezette	29 John R. Kaitangian
29 Roger L. Whiteaker	29 David J. Kauppinen		

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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 are needed to transport members who cannot drive to meetings.

District 22 meets, 8 December 2020 @ 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 January 18th, 2019 @ 0900, 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside

From Your Post Commander

As I write this the holiday season is fast approaching. First off is Thanksgiving Day at the Elk Lodge. Active Duty, Reserve and Retired are free for dinner. It is Thanksgiving Day from 12-4. Hope to see you all there.

The American Legion is Dark in December that means no meeting this month at all.

If you haven't renewed your membership for this next year, please do so now. We are striving for 100% this year which would be a huge feather in our cap.

Next is the National Commanders Dinner on December 12th at the Elks Lodge. This will be from 6-9 pm and promises to be good time. Make your reservations at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-legion-national-commanders-dinner-tickets-82303874103>. Please get your tickets fast as the number is limited top 90 persons.

Please consider coming to a meeting and volunteering. We have lost one of our valuable members in Frank Zugai. He is moving to Arizona and he leaves some big shoes to fill. Please help.

Lastly, thank you to all my fellow officers and support staff for a great 2019. You have been outstanding, and I really appreciate it.

**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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I would like to thank you all for your hard work volunteering at the events that have happened lately. Such as Toys for Toy and the Girls State Golf Tournament. And all the other good work our Auxiliary does for the Veterans and Children.

Please don't forget we have Wreaths Across America on, December 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Miramar National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

The American Legion Auxiliary is dark in December, so our next meeting will be, January 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

If you haven't renewed your membership for this next year, please do so now. We are striving for 100% this year which would be a huge for our Unit. Currently we are well below that goal.

I would like to thank all my officers and auxiliary members for a great 2019. You all have been outstanding, and I really appreciate all that you do to make our Unit great.

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

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SAL Squadron 146 Commanders Note

Another busy month for the Post is in store in December. The Elks is doing Thanksgiving Dinner for the troops on Thanksgiving. It is free to active duty, reserve and veterans. \$15 for all others.

The Post is hosting the National Commander of the American Legion on December 12th at 6pm. This will be held at the Elks as well. See the link in my Commander of the Post article. Best to get your reservations in soon as the event will be capped at 90. This is a major event for our post, and I would like to see a good showing.

The holidays are fast approaching. Time for God, Country and Family for sure. But don't forget your Sons Membership. It is vital that we keep numbers high. Please send in your renewal and be sure to mention it to your friends and family who are eligible.

I would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. May 2020 be a bountiful and safe year for you all.

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

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ALR 146 Report

The Chapter held our annual Toys for Tots Campaign, this year was a breakfast at the Elks Lodge. There was a decent mix of our sister chapters in attendance, namely the 149, 852, 460, 416, 255, and 364. We had some Bingo Players from the Elks buy raffle tickets and I think a few even enjoyed a plate from our kitchen crew. And of course, there was Monkey from 852, who made a cash donation as well as regifting half of his 50/50 winnings to the 146. Nice huh? Thanks to Ms. Thayer for manning the ticket table.

That same weekend I had lunch at the Auxiliaries golf tournament to raise money for Girls State. They had a pretty good turnout of players and lunch was pretty good. The Chapter wrapped up our Veterans day weekend riding in the Escondido Veterans Day parade hosted by ALR 149. Afterwards we stopped by the post as they were setting up for their first Vet Fest. Then it was on to the Elks for the Cook your own steak event. The steaks were excellent, and we enjoyed the camaraderie as well as the food

At our meeting the chapter voted to donate \$226.00 to the Post to bring the Legion baseball team account up to date. The team will be starting out in the black this year. We also discussed doing another fundraiser this year to support Legion baseball, more to follow as we work out the details.

Last but not least we will be hosting our Christmas party on December 20th at the San Luis Rey Mobile Home Park. As in past years Post 146 members are invited along with the Riders, Sons, and Auxiliary. It is a potluck, and there will be a white elephant gift exchange. Soda and water will be provided, if you want something a little more festive it is BYOB, no dancing on the tables please.

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

Reflections from the Road Captain

We have been invited to ride in the La Jolla Christmas parade on December 3rd by Chapter 364. Chapter 364 rode in the parade last year and had a great time. We only had 3 riders last year partially because of short notice.

The parade starts at 1:30 and is about 4-5 blocks long so it is very short. I have spoken to the parade coordinator and he said the more the merrier, so I am inviting the other local chapters to join us. We will be meeting at post 364 at 10:30 KSU 11:00. Please respond to this email if you are interested.

Sent by Rod (Irish) Slavin, President Chapter 364

Adjutant's Message

Happy December Comrades,

As this year comes to an end, we should reflect on the Holidays as a time to reconnect with those who need assistance in any way. This is also, the time of the year when more than normal, our brothers and sisters try to find solace in their needs in life and sometimes shorten it abruptly. If you can, please offer your ear, your helping hand, a can of food or two to those who are in need. 'Tis the season of giving let us show that in our lives for others. 'Tis the Legion Way!

On another note, as we come to the end of the year, your dues for the 2020 year are due NOW. If you have paid, Thank You! If you have not, you should have received another notice in the mail from the National office. Please remit promptly. We are just under 75% of our total membership renewal. I would like our Post to be > 95% at the years end. 100% would be perfect. Post dues help the organization carry on our mission not only at the National and Department level, but here locally for our community. We would even value more, your attendance at the Post meetings. We so have some members the live outside our area now, but still appreciate your membership but hope you can help the mission of the Legion where you are. The next meeting will be Jan 18th @ 0900 and every 3rd Saturday of the month for the rest of the year.

We closed out our yearly business by passing the revised by-laws for the Post. Our Post will once again be recognized by its original name as per our "Articles of Incorporation". Our Post's name will be again the "Joseph G. McComb, Oceanside, Post 146. This was the original name of our Post, named after the 1st casualty of WWI from Oceanside. MM 1st Class McComb was on the USS Pueblo (nee Colorado) when he succumbed to the Spanish Flu. His ship had accomplished 8 complete cross Atlantic missions before his passing.

We will be having our annual Christmas Party on the 20th, a flyer will be attached. We would like to see as many of our membership as possible.

Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

**Yours in Service,
Dave Hamilton
Adjutant**

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

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 still 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.



November 11, 2019

To our North County Military Community and to our Friends,

In 1986, local Pearl Harbor Survivors formed a chapter of the national Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. One of its charter members was Joe Walsh (USMC, 3d Defense Battalion). Chapter 31 once numbered 146 members--145 sailors, soldiers, and Marines plus one Army nurse. Today, two members remain with us--Joe Walsh and George Coburn (*USS Oklahoma*). Joe will be 101 years old next March. George recently turned 100.

When Pearl Harbor Survivors formed a national organization in 1958, its charter identified several purposes for the group. Two stand out as particularly relevant as we organize for this year's December 7th ceremony--"to keep alive the memory of our Brothers who died in the attack" and "to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead." If Joe Walsh's health permits, he will once again be at the Little Fishing Pier this coming December 7th, as will George Coburn.

Please join them as we honor the 2,403 soldiers, sailors, and Marines who paid the ultimate price seventy-eight years ago.

December 7th this year falls on a Saturday. We have again reserved the Little Fishing Pier in Oceanside as the site of Chapter 31's ceremony. It will begin at 9:30 a.m., but plan to arrive several minutes before that so that everyone is "in place" at nine-thirty.

If you have any questions, contact Joan Walsh Culver at (650) 222-0397, joanculver@mac.com or Linda Dudik (760) 744-2763, ldudik@wwiexperience.com.

When: Saturday, December 7, 2019

9:30 a.m. (ceremony begins)

Where: The Little Fishing Pier, Oceanside

(Note: This is not the main pier. The Little Fishing Pier is on Harbor Drive North, down the road from the Jolly Roger restaurant. A "Remember Pearl Harbor" black marble memorial is near the road.)



The 146 Christmas Party

Frí., Dec. 20, 2019

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

200 N. El Camino Real, Clubhouse #2, Oceanside, CA 92058
Rancho San Luis Rey Mobile Home Park

"White Elephant" gift exchange - each person brings a wrapped gift, approx. \$10 value. The exchange is a fun game! Gifts can be 'fun' items or useful items – you decide!



POTLUCK – Bring your favorite side dish to share with 10-12 of your friends or if you'd like to bring a dessert, that's ok too! A Food List will be emailed. Adults only. BYOB

***Plates, utensils, napkins and cups will be supplied*

RSVP's not necessary. Open to all members of Post 146, Chapter 146 and Unit 146.

Any questions? email Brenda – bgallo@cox.net