

# “Sound Off”

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“For God and Country”

**Next meeting: 0900 (9am) February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Come early for a Great Breakfast prepared by our  
**SON's 0730 to 0830, for \$8. Post Pot: David**

**Brahms** Name was drawn. David was not present so  
the Post Pot for February will be **\$40.**

**You must be present to win.**

**Please take a moment to look at your membership card if the date on the card  
is not 2018 your membership has expired. Dues are now due for 2018 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 February.**

1 Claude M. Robinson	2 Anthony Cina	2 Ronald Gutierrez	5 Harold L. Bronson
5 Roy Sanchez	5 Leo J. Chapinski Sr.	6 Americo Mercado	6 Tito M. Luna
7 Victor L. Bothmann	7 Douglas W. Reiter	8 Al Henkel	8 Martin T. Souki
9 Leo J. Dezzutto	9 Bernard Jackson	9 William H. Findon	10 Ray J. Page
10 Leon Fair Sr.	10 Jay Kratt	11 Edward Lindquist	12 John A. Polansky
12 Gary E. Billingsley	14 James E. Waters	14 Stephen P. Van Natta	15 Robert w. Borgman
16 Raymond E. Arnold	17 Frederick Cutler	17 Hershell V. Barton	18 George R. Knisley
19 Carlos Buenrostro	19 Larry Schmidt	19 Bryon E. Inderrieden	19 Paul Murphy
22 Juan A. Villasenor	22 Rebecca B. Nulty	23 R. Thomas Barnes	23 Robert Sutliff
23 John M. Rhoad	24 Ron Rodgers	25 David J. Bringhurst	26 Casey Borst
28 Nadean M. Swoboda	28 Timothy Hall	28 Chuck Squires	

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### Meetings

**Post 146 meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of the month in our new home in the VANC building, 1617 Mission Ave. Oceanside, CA. 92058-2734. Meetings start at 0900. Please park in the back of the building. For Post 146 information go to our Web page at [www.legionpost146.org](http://www.legionpost146.org). The Post 146 phone number is (760) 754-9633, FAX (760) 433-1046. Volunteers needed to transport members who cannot drive to meetings.

**District 22 meets February 11, 2018 @ 0900 @ Linda Vista Post 731**, located @ 7245 Linda Vista Road, S.D.. Come early for Breakfast. **District 22**, <http://www.ald22.org/>

**Get involved with Post 146 [www.legionpost146.org](http://www.legionpost146.org) We next meet on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 0900, breakfast 0730 to 0830 for \$8. 1617 Mission Ave, Ocsd.**

## **From Your Post Commander**

Well needless to say it's been a very warm winter so glad we live in Southern California.

Our membership is the biggest fundraiser we have.

My question to you is, are you an active member the kind that would be missed; or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you take an active part to help the work along; or are you satisfied to only just belong?

Do you work with your committees and get right in the mix; or leave the work to just a few and talk about the successes that they have had?

Think this over MEMBER you know right from wrong; are you an active member or DO YOU JUST BELONG?

These are questions we have to ask ourselves when working with a volunteer organization how far are you willing to take your membership to see the post Thrive? I only ask this question because our membership can do so much more to help our veterans and our community. I would like to see some ideas on fundraising and ways we could help to improve membership response and enjoy each other's camaraderie.

**Tony Azares, Post 146 Commander**

### **American Legion Post 146 Membership**

If you do not have a 2018 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.** 1617 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA 92058

**Edd Robinson, Adjutant/Finance Officer**

### **Annual Law & Order Awards Dinner - Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:30 pm to 8:30 PM**

Join us for the Annual Law & Order Awards Dinner, hosted by Oceanside American Legion Post 146 and the Oceanside Elks Lodge, and sponsored by Tri-City Hospital. There will be a delicious meal and a ceremony to honor local citizen heroes and first responders from the Oceanside Police, Oceanside Fire, Oceanside Lifeguards, State Lifeguards, California Highway Patrol, Carlsbad Fire, Carlsbad Police and Carlsbad Lifeguards.

Space is limited so get your tickets while they are still available. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased on-line at <https://lawandorderawards2018.eventbrite.com> , or mail a check payable to American Legion Post 146 - Law & Order Awards, 1617 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA 92058. You can also make a donation that will be used so that family members of the award recipients can attend. Please see following flyer.

**From Kevin Johnstone Law and Order Committee Chair**



The American Legion  
Oceanside Post 146  
1617 Mission Ave.  
Oceanside, CA 92058



Oceanside Elks Lodge  
444 Country Club Lane  
Oceanside, CA 92054

Sponsored by:



## THE ANNUAL LAW AND ORDER AWARDS DINNER

Honoring Members of the California Highway Patrol, Oceanside Police Department, Oceanside Fire Department, Carlsbad Police Department, Carlsbad Fire Department, and the California State Lifeguards - Carlsbad and local citizens who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the pursuit of Law and Order in the 2017 calendar year.

Thursday, March 22, 2018  
Oceanside Elks Lodge  
444 Country Club Lane  
Oceanside, CA 92054

5:30 PM     Cocktails  
6:00 PM     Presentation of Colors, Welcome and Dinner  
6:45 PM     Awards Program  
8:00 PM     Photos

Dinner tickets purchased before March 22 are \$20.00 each. Tickets at door are \$25.  
Your Support is appreciated! Donations Gladly Accepted.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: March 18, 2017.

LIMITED SEATING! BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY! If you are unable to attend, consider a donation to help cover the cost of the honoree's family members.

Register & Pay Online at: <https://lawandorderawards2018.eventbrite.com>

Or Mail Checks payable to "Oceanside American Legion Post 146" to  
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**Sandee Brookins, Girls State Chairman, 760-966-1587**

Welcome to 2018! We are ready for the New Year, and had a busy January meeting. Continuing our mission to assist homeless veterans, Unit 146 made a monetary donations and members volunteered at the 2nd annual North County Stand Down held on January 25-28. We are hosting a drop box for the STEP Gear up for Baby Drive 2018. The drive goes from February 1st- March 30 and will benefit young military families. The box is located in the VANC lobby. Items needed are diapers, wipes, baby hygiene products as well as gently used baby clothing and toys. The Sew4vets ladies continue to make items for the VA as well as for our Children & Youth program. They are currently researching Stars for Our Troops as a project for the unit. Oceanside Unit 146 is ready for the Relay for Life APRIL 28-29 at Mira Costa College! We will be the difference needed, please consider joining us or making a donation at relay for life Oceanside, team ALA 146 Warriors. Join us at our next meeting is at 9 am Saturday February 17 at VANC, our distinguished guest will be District 22 President Moe Giacalone.

**Yours in Service Kim Crone, President ALA Oceanside 146**

## Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Post 146 Flag Committee has announced a FLAG Retirement/Disposal CEREMONY, in conjunction with the Oceanside Fire Department, will be held following the regular Post 146 Monthly Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 17, 1200 noon, at the OFD Training Sites, Jones Road. The Cub Scout Pack #7146 will also participate in the Ceremony. Members and Families of all Units are Welcome. Hotdogs, Chips and Drinks will be served.

**Regards, Bob Noble**

## SAL Squadron 146 Commanders note

The Squadron participated again this year in the North County Stand Down. After last year they made some great changes to streamline things and better serve the Veterans. Thanks to all who helped out or contributed.

Because of your support of the breakfast the Squadron was able to make a commitment to help fund Boys State as well as donate to the North County Stand Down. Thank you for your support and appetites.

We continue to support the Oceanside VA Medical Center with our volunteer efforts.

If you haven't renewed your dues please do so as soon as possible. Your dues keep our programs going to serve our Veterans and community.

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 David Crone, Commander, Squadron 146

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#### ALR 146 Report

**YIS, Dave Hamilton, President ALR 146**



In 2009, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day was signed into California law, and is to be celebrated annually on March 30. We celebrate [today] to give Vietnam Veterans the "Welcome Home" they didn't receive when they returned.

A search has begun to locate and interview Vietnam Veterans, and to record their comments about their time in "Nam" - where they were, what they did, how they survived day to day, etc. High school students have been chosen to interview the Veterans, and their video's will be played before the start of the Welcome Home ceremony on March 30. Call the number below to sign up as an interviewee



Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day  
March 30, 2018  
1617 Mission Avenue, Oceanside  
RSVP & information - - 760 • 722 • 1277

(I-5 North, Mission Ave East exit, corner of Barnes St & Mission Ave)

# American Legion Post 146

1617 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92058-2734

## 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 Edd Robinson, Adjutant Post 146, at 760-754-9633, or email: [adjutant@legionpost146.org](mailto:adjutant@legionpost146.org)