

# “Sound Off”

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**Next meeting: 0900 21 March 2020.**

**Post Pot Winner: Morgan Mitchell** name was drawn.

Mitchell was not present so the Post Pot for March 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 March.

3 Jimmy Escobar	4 Robert Malek	6 Steven D. Lerner	8 William E. Walker
9 Donald E. Mulligan	10 Oliver H. Labonte	11 Lewis K. Harley	11 Mike R. McLarty
11 Tom Davis	14 Herb J. Butler	14 Kevin Johnstone	16 Lorraine M. Testa
16 James A. Pratt, Jr.	16 Gary Wilson	17 Marvin L. Foster	20 Edwin L. Silva
21 Mark A. Treger	21 Frank Brehm	22 Willie E. Little	23 Marvin D. Moore
24 Robert S. McLeod	26 Miguel Gonzalez	26 Lawrence Ferguson	26 Robert A. Apodaca
27 Gonzalo Santa Maria	27 Robert Schellhous	28 Garland N. Copeland	28 Edward A. Bray
30 Marc Uhaze	31 James L. Anderson	31 John B. King III	

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### Sound Off Via E-Mail or Website

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## Meetings

**Post 146 meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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, 5 April 2020 @ 0900 @ Linda Vista Post 731**, located @ 7245 Linda Vista Road, S.D. **District 22**, <http://www.ald22.org/>

**Get involved with Joseph G McComb American Legion  
Post 146 [www.legionpost146.org](http://www.legionpost146.org) We next meet on March 21st, 2020 @ 0900,  
444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside**

### From Your Post Commander

Greeting Fellow Legion Members

Now is the time for you to consider your position for next year in your Legion Leadership. If you are unhappy with the way things are going, then step up and change it.

It is very easy to sit on the sidelines and complain that you don't like something rather than stepping up and helping to change things.

If you are not willing to step up, then you have no room for complaints once the year has begun.

So, gear up and get ready because elections of next year's officers and support staff is just around the corner.

The Legion has specific programs that require adherence to. We need people to help run those programs, they do not run themselves. So, if you have been sitting on the sidelines and don't like what is happening in your post then step up and change it.

Contact the Commander, or any of the current officers to see what is required of their positions and let's get moving this next year.

**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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We have several events coming up in the next couple of months. March 19, 2020 is the American Legion and the Elks Lodge Law & Order, where they honor our local heroes. Law enforcement, Fire, Lifeguards and other local heroes who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Please come out and help make that night special. Then after our regular meeting on Saturday, March 21, 2020 we will be playing Bunco to raise money for Relay for Life. April 18-19, 2020 is our Relay for Life event. Please consider joining our team, the ALA Warriors.

We do have our up-coming elections I hope you are considering what positions you may wish to run for this year in our Unit. You all are more than capable of any position and there is plenty of people who are willing to help you succeed.

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

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## SAL Squadron 146 Commanders Note

Greetings fellow SON'S

As I mentioned on the Commander's article it is time to consider taking a leadership role next year. The same 10-12 people cannot continue to run the Legion for you.

SON'S membership continues to grow thanks to our 1st Vice Commander, Jimmy Lansberry and his active recruitment.

The SONS continue to have members who volunteer at the Oceanside VA Clinic serving our Veterans. Thank you to those members who serve.

Remember the only way our post and Squadron grow is by word of mouth. Recruit new members from family, friends and relationships at work. We need your help to continue to grow.

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

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### ALR 146 Report

ALR Area 5 was putting on a Suicide Prevention Legacy run on February 22nd. There were two routes scheduled to make it easier for all the Chapters to participate. The week before, our Chapter donated \$122.00 to the ride in observance that 22 Veteran's take their life each day. On Saturday, the skies in San Marcos were blue as I headed down to Post 460 to make my own donation, but the blue skies did not last. Had some drizzle on the way down, and after I got there the skies opened. There was a good showing despite the weather and Chapters showed up to donate.

We continue to get ready for our State convention in May and our upcoming elections. As I reported at the Executive Board meeting after elections, I will be transferring to Post 149 in Escondido as it looks like we will be staying San Marcos. Eventually I will also be transferring my rider membership as well.

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

### Ride Coordinator Report

No report received.

**Herb Butler  
Road Captain, ALR 146**

### Adjutant's Message

Comrades,

As the Legion turns 101 years old, we are reminded by our National Commander of the missions of the past, today and tomorrow for the Legion to continue our support for our brothers and sisters, our nation, state and community. This in our united membership to address issues at the National and State level, our efforts in fundraising to support programs for the benefit of those listed above at the community level.

I had been out due to illness that last 3 months and got behind in distribution of 2020 membership cards. By the time you read this all members who have paid to the end of February will have their current cards. Our membership renewal is at 85%, we need to be at 90 % by the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. If you have not renewed your 2020 dues, please do so now. We value your membership in our Post. Your membership is crucial in the support of our missions. If you have questions, please contact me Dave Hamilton at [adjutant@legionpost146.org](mailto:adjutant@legionpost146.org).

Next month, in April, we will start our nomination process for our officers for the 2020-2021 year. We hope that you would all come to our meetings to meet and support those who will be nominated for office the next fiscal year.

**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](mailto:adjutant@legionpost146.org). Alternately, you can update your information at [mylegion.org](http://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](mailto:webmaster@legionpost146.org) or 760-639-0728

## Newsletter Editor

Any newsletter contributions should be sent to [AL1461vcjlansberry@att.net](mailto: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

For sale \$38.00: Flag Case for 5' X 9.5' burial flag.  
Handmade in Tennessee from hickory wood. Contact David Kauppinen at 760-639-0728 or [subvet346@gmail.com](mailto:subvet346@gmail.com)

If you have something to sell, then this is the place to do it.  
Please limit to two items per newsletter issue. Send your ad by the 25th of the month to Editor Jimmy Lansberry at [al1461vcjlansberry@att.net](mailto:al1461vcjlansberry@att.net)



# Bunco!!!

American Legion Auxiliary Oceanside  
“ALA 146 Warriors”

## Bunco for Relay



Oceanside Elks Lodge  
444 Country Club Lane  
\$10

Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>  
12pm-3pm

**FUN RAFFLE PRIZES**

Oceanside Relay for Life  
April 18-19, 2020 10am- 10am  
Mira Costa College





WELCOME HOME

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

# HONORING

VIETNAM VETERANS & POW/MIA's

Join Hospice of the North Coast, VA San Diego Healthcare System, San Diego VA Regional Office and Veterans Association of North County in thanking and honoring Veterans of the Vietnam War for their service and sacrifice.

Keynote Speaker:

**John Stryker "Tilt" Meyer**

John is a U.S. Army Special Forces combat veteran of service in covert reconnaissance with the Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG). He is an American author and has published two works of nonfiction related to his experiences in the Vietnam War.

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