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” For God and Country”

Next meeting: 0900 (9am) May 18th, 2019.

Post Pot: William Durdin’s Name was drawn.

William was not present so the Post Pot for April 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 2019 your membership has expired. Dues are now due for 2019 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 Lee Brunson	2 Victor A. Racette	2 Phillip DeRoulet	2 Eugene E Perna
3 Thomas McGrath	3 Aaron A. Doyle	3 James T. Garrison	4 Bobby Hall
5 Burrell Godbolt	5 Albert Mayen	5 Julius C. Pettis	6 Dan J. Rose
7 William N. Woods	8 David Gilson	9 George H. Riebau	9 Bobby R. Walthall
10 Ace R. Santana	10 Kenneth D. Tomlinson	11 Ronald R. Brown	12 Rocky J. Chavez
12 Fidel D. Chavoya	14 William James	15 Claudio E. Martinez	15 Murray Fleck
16 Gary J. Maziarz	16 Gale L. Graves	17 Jerry L. Richards	18 Kenneth P. Gardiner
18 Larry McElroy	21 Peter Deraffaele	21 Harry Kendall	21 Matthew S. White
23 Roy A. Parker	24 William P. Patterson	24 Ken Derr	25 John T. Swaile
27 Gene Bowser	27 Melvin Washington	29 Rocky Fletcher	30 Joseph P. Owens
31 Benjamin R. Vance			

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Sound Off Via E-Mail or Website

This newsletter is available Via E-Mail or on our Website www.legionpost146.org. We will be E-mailing it to any member who wishes to receive it. If you wish to receive Sound Off via E-mail call the post or better yet E-mail the Editor Sam Brookins at shb46@cox.net and tell him your E-mail address. The newsletter is also available at our Website www.legionpost146.org. This service will be FREE to all Post Members who wish to use it. Snail Mail is still available. You need to notify the Editor to add you to the list.

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 June 2nd, 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 May 18th, 2019 @ 0900, 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside

From Your Post Commander

With Post elections happening at our general membership meetings I would like to talk about the manpower required to keep your American Legion Post functioning. Yes, the American Legion has been around for 100 years, but American Legion Posts come and go. We need fresh new ideas from you to take us into the next 100 years.

It would be great to see numerous candidates for each position, but sadly we seem to recycle the same members over and over. Are you happy with your Post? Do you want to see positive changes? Are you tired of feeling like a bill? A bill you ask? Yes, a piece of paper that comes in the mail and says you need to pay some money. You are more than that. You are a stakeholder in this organization and have an equal voice as other members. It is time you exercise that voice.

If you are not interested in becoming an officer of the Post, there are other positions available as well. There are E-Board members who are there to represent the membership at Executive Committee meeting.

There are committee positions which help move our programs forward as we work the Four Pillars. They do not require a full-time commitment, just a few hours a month to effect positive change both in the Post and our community.

For the elections, the following positions are open for election;

Post Commander: The face of the Post who sets the course for the year. They are essentially the CEO of the Post.

1st Vice Commander: Responsible for membership, to include renewal of existing members and gaining new members.

2nd Vice Commander: Fundraising and Post activities are the primary job. Working with other veterans groups to ensure all holidays are properly celebrated is their secondary duty.

Sgt-At-Arms: Arranges the meeting hall and assists the post commander and adjutant in preliminary arrangements for meetings, including leading the color detail during presentation and retirement ceremonies.

Assorted E-Board members: Represent the membership at Executive Board and general membership meetings.

Take ownership of your Post. Get involved. Thanks for reading this. Thanks for being a member of The American Legion. And, thank you for your service to this great nation.

Yours in Service

Tony Azares, Post Commander

American Legion Post 146 Membership

If you do not have a 2019 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

American Legion Auxiliary Officers

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Sgt. @ Arms	Lorna De La Cruz	<u>dlc-ohana@hotmail.com</u>

Our Relay for Life event was held April 6-7. The ALA 146 Warriors raised over \$8000!
Thank you to all who support this worthy cause.

At our April meeting 146 held their elections and our officers for 2019/20 are:

President: Sandee Brookins
1st Vice: Ann Hall
2nd Vice: Maureen (Cricket) Kauppinen
Secretary: Brenda Derr
Treasurer: Suzanne Brewer
Sgt at Arms: Nancy Anderson
Chaplain: Miriam Corbin
Historian: Vacant

Congratulations to all of our new Officers. With a new year comes new and exciting challenges. I'm so excited that we have several new Officers this year. And we want to thank you each for stepping up and taking a position. I look forward to our Unit moving forward and accomplishing many things this coming year.

Yours in Service, Sandee Brookins, President Oceanside Unit 146

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SAL Squadron 146 Commanders note

I hope everyone had a happy and blessed Easter Holiday.

The Squadron is in need of officers. I will not be available to serve as an officer in any office for the coming year. I will continue to serve as a member as time is available.

Please consider holding an office so the Squadron can continue to serve.

The Squadron continues to have volunteers at the VA supporting our Veterans.

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

Happy May Riders! We have an eventful month of activities we participated in. We support Chapter 852's Sgt. Ruiz golf tournament, Chapter 149's memorial poker run and other various activities.

Several of us will be attending the DOC convention the 1st weekend of May in Hollister. It seems there will be a lot of items on the agenda. This is making a long Sunday.

We had our first round of nominations for Officers for the Chapter. I have decided not to run for President this year, as my duties of Post Adjutant, requires a lot more of my time. Next month the announcement of our new leadership should carry us well for the next few years.

YIS, Dave Hamilton, President ALR 146

Adjutant's Message

Comrade Legionnaires,

Our Commander put out a strong statement on "Why we Legion". Everyone in the legion should have a why I belong? And what can I do to help support that why because there are others that may need the assistance with that reason of why?

As we are about to select out leadership for the next year, we ask that you come to our meetings to see what we are doing. See what we can need help in accomplishing. See how you can execute your reason why.

My reason why, is for my son currently serving in the Army. It is to ensure he has the proper benefits which allows him to serve for however long he chooses. That there will be also the proper benefits available he has earned like many of us before him. Depending on circumstance each current service member and veterans had different needs in life, health, housing or any other needs. We the American Legion have been there for 100 years. We need our membership to not only remember those that had helped them but also be mentors to help others.

With this help it keeps our organization alive so we can perform our 4 pillars of support to the community.

On May 27th, we will be having a Memorial Day Celebration starting around 1000 @ the Elks Lodge. We will be having a joint ceremony with several other organizations, as well as, guest speakers. The Elks will be having lunch provided for \$13.00 which includes hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, baked beans and potato salad.

On June 15th, we will be having our Post's 100th Anniversary @ the Elks Lodge @ 1200. All WWII and Korean War veterans will be served a free lunch. All others lunch will be \$10.00 we will be having Tri-tip.

If you need any assistance please email me adjutant@legionpost146.org

YIS, 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.

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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