

“Sound Off”

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”For God and Country”

Next meeting: 0900 (9am) November 17th, 2018.

Come Early for a Great Breakfast from
0730 to 0830, for \$8 in October. **Post Pot:** Robert Nelson
was drawn. Robert was not present. Post Pot for October
will be **\$90. You must be present to win.**

**Your membership cards are in for 2019. Now is the time to send in your \$45 dues for 2019
Please send in your dues today.**

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

Happy Birthday to our Brothers and Sisters who were born in the month of November.

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|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Harvey L. Smith | 2 Robert M. Mammano | 4 Steven M. Hynick | 4 Mark R. Kuhn |
| 4 Robert H. Mifflin | 5 Robert Haw | 5 Sidney M. Bane Jr. | 6 Daniel R. Walker |
| 6 Stephen A. Howard | 6 William F. Sides | 8 Robert Perna | 12 Rodolfo M. Siller |
| 10 Brian D. Serafini | 13 R. Adam Smith | 13 Jim L. Johnson | 15 Kurt McMinn |
| 16 Edison Corpuz | 18 Philip M. Heneghan | 18 Robert F. Bockover | 18 Niles Stokes |
| 20 Thomas E. Webb | 20 Robert Bustamante | 22 William Donnelly | 22 Frank T. Bond |
| 22 Alfred C. Jackson | 22 Naomi N. Christensen | 23 Robert J. Gallagher | 23 Dennis G. Smith |
| 23 Frank B. Zugaj | 23 Melchor Lee | 24 Raymond Whitehead | 24 Michael L. Demarco |
| 26 Clyde A. Payne | 27 Albert L. Sawyer | 28 Cynthia S. Keune | 29 Jack B. Reagan |

**Get involved with Post 146 www.legionpost146.org We next meet on November
17th, 2017 @ 0900, breakfast 0730 to 0830 for \$8. 1617 Mission Ave, Ocsd.**

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Sound Off Via E-Mail or Website

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Meetings

Post 146 meets every 3rd 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. The Post 146 phone number is (760) 754-9633. Volunteers needed to transport members who cannot drive to meetings.

District 22 meets December 9th, 0900@ Linda Vista Post 731, located @ 7245 Linda Vista Road, S.D. Come early for Breakfast. **District 22**, <http://www.legionsd.org/>

From the Post Commander

Our Post Commander Tony Azares was married on October 20th and is presently on his Honeymoon in Florida. Congratulations to Tony and Michelle. Stay tuned for his remarks next month. Our post continues to be active in the community and serving our Veterans.

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For anybody who missed it, District 22 President Susie Tozier came to visit our Unit on, October 20, 2018. She was very pleased with all the work our Unit does with Veterans and with the community.

We held our annual Girls State Golf Tournament on, October 14, 2018. Our Delegate from El Camino High School from last year came out to talk to our golfers about her experience at Girls State. It was a beautiful day and the tournament was very successful. Thank you to everybody who came out to support us and those who gave their time to help us. And special thank you to all of you who donated to our tournament !!!!

Now the holiday season is upon us, it's hard to believe our next meeting will be November 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there. Also, the ALR will be having their annual Toy of Tots collections at the Oceanside Elks Lodge at 10:00 a.m. on, November 17, 2018.

Our next big event will be Wreaths Across America on, December 15, 2018. Please see the attached flyer and get your wreathes ordered.

We would like to take a moment to congratulate, Commander Tony Azares and Michelle on their marriage and wish them much happiness.

Yours in Service
Sandee Brookins, President Unit 146

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, CHAPTER 146 Officers

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ALR 146 Report

Happy November Riders! As Autumn is in full swing now, with the weather changing, the roads will be less stable. As we are now getting rain, the roads will be more slippery, and the roads that have evening moisture will start to freeze causing more challenges. We need to be even more vigilante in our riding safety. A few weeks ago, one of our riders, Ken Derr, was in an accident, in which, he broke several ribs and punctured a lung. This was a slow-motion accident that could happen to any one of us riders. Fortunately, Lil' Jimmy, another rider was with him to assist in medical needs and his motorcycle pickup. This January, there will be a riding skills rodeo @ Chapter 149. I hope most of us sign up as I know I could use some riding skills improvement myself.

For our activities, we have a Warriors Code Ride on Nov 3rd. This is in support of our veterans who cannot ride due to physical disabilities. We also have several other rides to support our other chapters.

We also have our biggest activity the **Toys for Tots** collection and activities day on Nov 17th @ the Elks Lodge right after the Post meeting. There will be a raffle, walking poker run, games, etc. We would appreciate all Post members would attend. The cost is \$20 and a toy for Lunch and game activities.

We donated some funds for the Wreathes Across America fund to lay wreathes at our National Cemeteries this Dec 15th for which we will be in attendance at Miramar National Cemetery.

**Yours in Service,
Dave Hamilton, ALR146 President.**

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Best wishes to the new couple, Tony and Michelle Azares. May they know only joy.

If you haven't sent in your dues for 2019 please do so as soon as you can. Every paid member contributes to the programs the SON's support.

Also, it will soon be time to choose our officers. Please consider serving as I think there will be a number of positions open.

Many thanks to those who help serve and cleanup for the pre-post breakfast. Thanks to all that come and support it. Bring a friend as all proceeds go to support Post, Rider, Auxiliary and SON's projects.

Congratulations to ALA 146 for another great golf tournament to benefit Girls State.

Well done to all involved in making this an enjoyable and worthwhile event.

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

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

Post 146 Adjutant's Report

As we are coming to the end of the year, we will be reaching out to our members that have not renewed their memberships yet. Our goal is to have over 95% paid by 12/31. Membership is important as it helps us in maintaining our current needs but also to grow this coming year.

As our 100th anniversary is right around the corner, we are planning on accomplishing some of the goals National wants each post to do for this important event. We will be reaching out to all members about different aspects of our organization and why it was important and why it is still important today.

One of these requests is to get to know your membership. We will be putting out a letter to each of our veterans to tell us a little about themselves, their military experiences, civilian life experiences and any needs the Post can be of assistance. With this information, our Post can better address the needs to our members, but most important is how our members can help and provide benefits to our other members.

Yours in Service

David Hamilton, Adjutant

Computer Corner

If you become a victim of ransomware, then all hope is not lost. Recently a friend told me about website <https://www.nomoreransom.org/en/index.html>. It was created by the good guys and they provide free decryption tools for 14 different types of ransom malware. In addition, they are continuing to add tools for new malware threats. So, if you become a victim, don't pay the ransom before checking out the tools at No More Ransom. As a matter of fact, maybe you should check out the website now while your computer still works. Importantly, see the section titled Prevention Advice. David Kauppinen, American Legion Post 146 Webmaster
11/1/18



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 146
5TH ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS FUNDRAISER AND FESTIVAL
For the Camp Pendleton USMC Reserve Families

Sat., November 17, 2018 10:00 to 3:00

\$20.00 per person plus 1 new unwrapped toy

Registration Fee includes Poker Hand, Toys for Tots pin, lunch & raffle ticket

Walking Poker Run – High hand-\$200, low hand-\$100 & no hand-\$50

Games Food Music Prizes Raffles Vendors

Win extra cards, raffle tickets, special prizes for playing corn hole, giant Jenga, Nerf darts and more!



Elks Lodge 444 Country Club Ln., Oceanside, CA 92054



Proceeds will be donated to Local Veteran charities



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Questions? Please call 877-385-9504
Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous

| Sponsorship | Price | Quantity | Total |
|--|------------|-------------|-------|
| Individual= 1 Wreath | \$15.00 | | |
| Mailed "In Honor" card= If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included. | \$2.00 | | |
| Family= 4 Wreaths | \$60.00 | | |
| Small Business= 10 Wreaths | \$150.00 | | |
| Corporate= 100 Wreaths | \$1,500.00 | | |
| | | Grand Total | |

****SORRY- WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS****

In Honor of:

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email: _____

Mailing:

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: CAMRNC Fundraising Group ID: CA0097P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash \$: _____ Total\$: _____ Date: _____

Total # Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO \$: _____

GEN: _____

Entered: _____



WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and others who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America™, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. This nonprofit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and teach.

In 2017, Wreaths Across America and our national network of volunteers laid over 1,565,000 memorial wreaths at nearly 1440 locations in the United States and beyond. We accomplished this with help from over 3270 fundraising groups, many corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. Our annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery is known as the world's largest veteran's parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veteran's homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to remember, honor and teach.

Proceeds place a wreath at one of the participating cemeteries; help support our fundraising partners, educational and veteran's services outreach. *Please note that **all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.***

We welcome all to join us at any Wreaths Across America ceremony. If you would like to participate or help bring sponsored wreaths to your local community, please contact us and we will help connect you with other groups already working in your area.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Start of World's Longest Veterans Parade from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery and participating locations

Monday, December 10, 2018

State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico

Saturday December 15, 2018

Please check with your local location leader for start times.

Simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies at over 1100 locations all across the country and beyond.

**For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 877-385-9504.
You can also email info@wreathsacrossamerica.org**

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH



Tattered Patriots

Our names are Westley and William Wilson and we are 12 and 10 year old residents of Oceanside. Our dad, Kevin Wilson, is a police officer with the City of Oceanside. Last year, he noticed the American Flag at our school was in need of replacing. He talked to us about what the flag represents and why it is important to retire it when it begins to fade or tatter. He provided our school with a new American Flag to replace the old one. Since then we have noticed other American Flags in need of replacing around our community. Our dad asked us if we would want to take on the task of trying to replace worn out flags and have them properly retired. After considering it for a while we both decided it was something we wanted to do, with our dad's help of course. Below is our plan and we would be honored if The American Legion would play a part in it:

We have a vision of replacing tattered, torn and worn out flags at businesses and organizations in Oceanside and hopefully beyond. Unfortunately, we have seen a number of American flags flying over businesses in our community that should be retired. We believe that these organizations are patriotic and want to fly the flag but may not know when a flag should be retired. Our hope is, through donations, we can acquire flags through the American Legion and provide them to these organizations in exchange for their worn out flags to be properly retired. Additionally, we hope to support various non-profit organizations that support causes we feel honor America. For every \$100 raised we hope to replace an American Flag that needs to be retired and donate the remaining funds to the selected organization on a monthly basis. The American Legion was our first choice for sourcing our American Flags because of their long dedication to patriotic service. Additionally, knowing the flags acquired would be Made in the USA and proceeds would directly benefit the American Legion aligns with our mission.

To get started with our effort we would greatly appreciate if the American Legion Oceanside could donate several flags: At least one Nylon, one Polyester and one Cotton so that we could showcase the material difference and provide the appropriate flag to each business. Additionally, if each flag could be of a different size, in order to showcase the size differences available (preferably 3'x5', 4'x6' and 5'x8'). Also to get started, 100- Flag Code pamphlets to be handed out with our first 100 flags would also be appreciated.

We would also like your permission to mention that flags provided are acquired from The American Legion – Oceanside Post and will be retired there as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration with this and please let us know if doable, when and where we may be able to pick up the flags!

God Bless America!
Westley and William Wilson
Tattered Patriots