

“Sound Off”

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” For God and Country”



Next meeting: 0900 16 November 2019.

Post Pot Winner: Casey Borst's name was drawn.

Casey was present so the Post Pot for November 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 November.

1 Harvie 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	10 Brian D. Serafini
12 Rodolfo M. Siller	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 Frank T. Bond	22 William Donnelly
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
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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, November 2nd, 2019 @ 0900 @ Alpine Post 258, located @ 3328 Alpine Blvd Alpine, CA 91901 **District 22**, <http://www.ald22.org/>

Get involved with Post 146 www.legionpost146.org We next meet on November 16th, 2019 @ 0900, 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside

From Your Post Commander

As November approaches we begin to think about the holiday season. This is a time to spend with family and loved ones.

Despite the draw of the holidays, we must remember the local organizations that are with us throughout the rest of the year. We must commit ourselves to continue to support our Post and its mission throughout the entire year. This can begin with attending the monthly meeting. This month's meeting is November 16th at the Elks Lodge. It is only one day out of the entire month and it is vital to the survival of our mission.

There are many other activities this month as well. The American Legion Riders is having their annual Toys for Tots event. They are having a breakfast at the Elks Lodge on November 9th at 10 am. Admission is \$10 and 1 new unwrapped toy. This is a very worthy cause and helps the less fortunate military families in the Camp Pendleton area.

In addition, on November 10th, the Ladies Auxiliary is having their annual Golf Tournament on November 10th at Emerald Isle Golf Club. Details are in this bulletin. This is another worthy cause that supports Girls State girls.

Your post needs your support in all of these activities to continue its mission of supporting our members and the community of veterans and their families.

**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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The year is going by so fast it is hard to believe, November is already here. We have several events coming up this month first being the Riders Annual Toy for Tots event on, November 9, 2019. This year it will be a breakfast at the Oceanside Elks Lodge from 10:00 to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 with an unwrapped new toy. Then we have our Annual Girls State Golf Tournament on, November 10, 2019 which should be a lot of fun. I know a lot of you do not support the tournament because you do not play golf. But maybe this year you could at least come out and have lunch, it is for a good cause. Golf starts at 10:00 and should be done around 12:00 at which time we will be having lunch. At least come visit have a beer and enjoy the company. I do believe we should do better to support each other, unfortunately I do not see that happening in our Legion Family. So, I hope to see you all at the Toys for Tots event and the Girls State Golf Tournament.

I hope you and your families all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!!

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

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SAL Squadron 146 Commanders Note

The SAL'S still need new members. Please continue to keep the SAL's in mind when speaking to friends and neighbors.

We have a new Vice Commander, Jimmy Lansberry has agreed to step up and fill this position. And our Post Adjutant Dave Hamilton has agreed to take over for the ailing Edd Robinson as Adjutant for the Squadron. Thanks to both of these fine gentlemen.

The Toys for Tots event is on November 9th at the Elks. And the Auxiliary is having their golf tourney on November 10th. Please come out to support these fine events.

The SALS continue to have members volunteer at the VA Clinic serving our veterans. Thanks to those members for their service.

Remember, the mission cannot continue without your support. Please get out and support these worthy causes. Don't let the same 5-10 people do the entire job for the post. Get out and lend a hand in this vital mission.

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

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ALR 146 Report

It was a chilly morning as Mike Thayer, Dave Hamilton, and me saddled up for the ride to Colton for the Area 5 President's meeting. It was a great meeting with 32 of 37 Chapters represented. As we head into November our biggest event of the year will be the Annual Toys for Tots event. This year we are hosting a breakfast with the Elks and expect a big turnout. Please join us, bring an unwrapped toy to donate, and enjoy a hearty breakfast for \$10.00. Also, we will be participating in the Escondido Veteran's Day parade with the Escondido chapter ALR 149. They are hosting a VetFest that day and looking to make this an annual event. Afterwards I will be joining the Elk's for their "cook your own steak event". Hope to see you all there! The chapter will be going dark during the month of December, and we are beginning plans for our annual Christmas Party.

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

Reflections from the Road Captain

No Report

**Herb Butler
Road Captain, ALR 146**

Adjutant's Message

Comrades,

Happy November! As we are closing the year out, this month we remember our fellow brothers and sisters both living and past. Let us reach out to those we have lost touch with and reconnect. Our department Commander has asked us to reach out to those we haven't seen in a while and see if there are any needs they may have.

Just a reminder, the 2020 membership dues is due NOW! Please send in your dues as this helps with the operation of our Post. We would like you to come to our meetings and help put on the programs we do. If you have paid your dues, THANK YOU!

The ELKS Lodge will be having a burn your own steak on Monday November 11th. This will be a noon luncheon from 11 -2. Please contact the ELKS Lodge if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, at this month's meeting we will be having the 2nd reading of our proposed by-law revisions. We would like all to come and hear the changes happening within our Post and the Legion.

**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. We would like to include a “funny” story section in our 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. Thank you.

The Funny Side of Life

Around age 10 my dad got me one of those little badass compound bow beginner kits. Of course, the first month I went around our land sticking arrows in anything that could get stuck by an arrow. Did you know that a 1955 40 horse Farmall tractor tire will take 6 rounds before it goes down? Tough sumbich.

That got boring, so being the 10 yr. old Redneck hero that I was, I quickly advanced to taking strips of cut up T-shirt doused in chainsaw gas tied around the end and was sending flaming arrows all over the place. One summer afternoon, I was shooting flaming arrows into a large rotten oak stump in our backyard. I looked over under the carport and see a shiny brand-new can of starting fluid (Ether). The light bulb went off in my head. I grabbed the can and set it on the stump. I thought that it would probably just spray out in a disappointing manner. Let's face it, to a 10 yr. old mouth-breather like myself, (Ether), really doesn't "sound" flammable. So, I went back into the house and got a 1 pound can of Pyrodex (black powder for muzzle loader rifles). At this point, I set the can of ether on the stump and opened up the can of black powder. My intentions were to sprinkle a little bit around the (Ether) can but it all sorta dumped out on me. No biggie, a 1 lb. Pyrodex and 16 oz (Ether) should make a loud pop, kinda like a firecracker you know? You know what? Screw that I'm going back in the house for the other can. Yes, I got a second can of Pyrodex and dumped it too. Now we're cookin'. I stepped back about 15 ft and lit the 2-stroke arrow. I drew the nock to my cheek and took aim. As I released it I heard a clunk as the arrow launched from my bow. In a slow-motion time frame, I turned to see my dad getting out of the truck...OH SHIT! He just got home from work. So help me God it took 10 minutes for that arrow to go from my bow to the can. My dad was walking towards me in slow motion with a WTF look in his eyes. I turned back towards my target just in time to see the arrow pierce the starting fluid can right at the bottom. Right through the main pile of Pyrodex and into the can.

Oh Shit. When the shock wave hit it knocked me off my feet. I don't know if it was the actual compression wave that threw me back or just reflex jerk back from 235 fricking decibels of sound. I caught a half a millisecond glimpse of the violence during the initial explosion and I will tell you there was dust, grass, and bugs all hovering 1 ft above the ground as far as I could see. It was like a little low to the ground layer of dust fog full of grasshoppers, spiders, and a worm or two. The daylight turned purple. Let me repeat this... THE FRICKING DAYLIGHT TURNED PURPLE. There was a big sweetgum tree out by the gate going into the pasture. Notice I said "was". That son-of-a-bitch got up and ran off. So here I am, on the ground blown completely out of my shoes with my Thundercats T-Shirt shredded, my dad is on the other side of the carport having what I can only assume is a WWII flashback: ECHO BRAVO CHARLIE YOU'RE BRINGIN' EM IN TOO CLOSE!! CEASE FIRE. DAMNIT CEASE FIRE!!!!

His hat has blown off and is 30 ft. behind him in the driveway. All windows on the north side of the house are blown out and there is a slow rolling mushroom cloud about 2000 ft. over our backyard. There is a Honda 185 3-wheeler parked on the other side of the yard and the fenders are drooped down and are now touching the tires. I wish I knew what I said to my dad at this moment. I don't know – I know I said something. I couldn't hear. I couldn't hear inside my own head. I don't think he heard me either... not that it would really matter. I don't remember much from this point on. I said something, felt a sharp pain, and then woke up later. I felt a sharp pain, blacked out, woke later.... repeat this process for an hour or so and you get the idea. I remember at one point my mom had to give me CPR. and Dad screaming "Bring Him back to life so I can kill him again". Thanks Mom.

One thing is for sure... I never had to mow around that stump again, Mom had been bitching about that thing for years and dad never did anything about it. I stepped up to the plate and handled business. Dad sold his muzzle loader a week or so later. I still have some sort of bone growth abnormality, either from the blast or the beating, or both. I guess what I'm trying to say is, get your kids into archery. It's good discipline and will teach them skills they can use later-on in life. Based on life from a ten-year-old boys perspective.

Contributed by
Little Jimmy

Monday November 11, 2019

Veteran's Day "Burn Your Own Steak"

Event: 11 AM - 4 PM Food 12 PM - 3 PM

Price: Filet Mignon \$18.50
Rib Eye Steak \$15.50
Kids ½ Rib Eye \$ 7.25

Sides: Baked Potato, Vegetables, Rolls, Salad, & Dessert

You choose your steak and cook it yourself. We will provide everything you need. Pick from a Filet Mignon or Boneless Ribeye plus sides included.

Cost: Filet Mignon \$18.50 and Ribeye \$15.25 (including tax)

Reservation and payment in advance required.

Must RSVP with Steak Choice RSVP to 760-433-1561





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 146 and ELKS LODGE 1561



TOYS FOR TOTS BREAKFAST



Working together to support the

Camp Pendleton USMC Reserve families

SAT., NOVEMBER 9, 2019 10:00 TO 1:00

444 Country Club Ln., Oceanside, CA 92054

\$10.00 per person plus at least 1 new, unwrapped toy

All Area 5 Legion Family Members, Elks members and family are welcome



For more information: alriders146@gmail.com

Proceeds will be donated to Local Veteran charities



The 146 Christmas Party

Frú., 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.

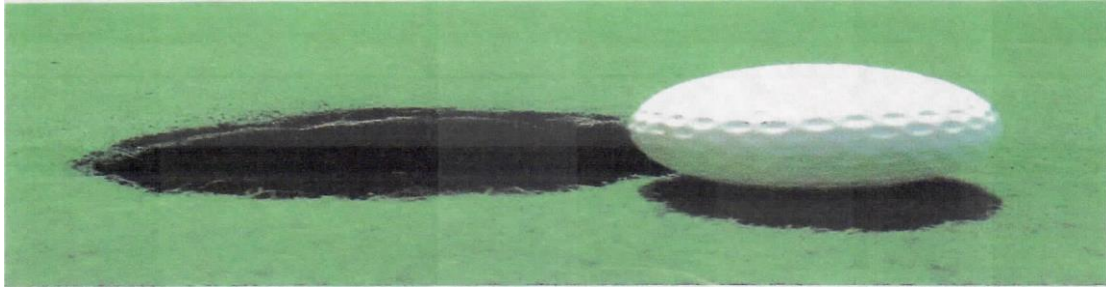
Any questions? email Brenda – bgallo@cox.net



American Legion Auxiliary Oceanside
Unit 146
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Emerald Isle Golf Course
660 South El Camino Real
Oceanside, CA 92057

Sunday November 10, 2019



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ALA 146 GIRLS STATE PROGRAM

Cost: \$60.00 includes greens fees, cart, lunch, drink ticket,
contests, * *\$65.00 after 10/31/19

Non-golfers are welcome for lunch and raffle—\$25.00 per person

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES A VAILABLE

Make Checks payable to
American Legion Auxiliary 146
P O Box 2877
Oceanside, CA 92051

For More Information,
Call 760-212-6180

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American Legion Auxiliary Golf Tournament

Location: Emerald Isle Golf Course 660 South El Camino
Real, Oceanside, 92057

Date: Sunday, November 10, 2019

Time: 8:30am registration, 10am shotgun start

Cost: \$60 includes green fee, cart, lunch, drink ticket, contests **\$65 after 10/31/2019

Non-golfers are welcome for lunch and raffle - \$25/pp

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Type of Sponsorship	Quantity Available	Cost	Sponsorship Includes
Lunch Sponsor	2	\$500	Name / Logo on tables at reception, signage on course
Beverage Sponsor	4	\$150	Name / Logo on all beverage tickets, signage at lunch reception
Hole Sponsor	18	\$100	Signage on tee box, Opportunity to set up at the hole on the course during the tournament
Hole Contest Sponsor (Closest to the pin)	18	\$50	Name/Logo on the contest marker, Name/Logo listed on the rules sheet

REGISTRATION

Foursome - \$240 (Include email for confirmation of each player)

Individual Golfer (includes lunch)- \$60 (after 10/31 \$65)

1st Player: _____

Email/Phone: _____

2nd layer: _____

Email/Phone: _____

3rd Player: _____

Email/Phone: _____

4th Player: _____

Email/Phone _____

Lunch Only - \$25/pp Name: _____ Email: _____

I cannot participate but would like to donate Amount: _____

* Proceeds go to ALA 146 Girls State Program

* More info: 760-212-6180 or 760-415-8126

Payment Information

My check _____ for \$payable to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 146 is enclosed.

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WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored 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
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____
Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

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

Branch of Service: _____
Rank: _____
State: _____

Please note, ALL sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: CDMRNC Fundraising Group ID: CA0097P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____

Entered: _____

GEN: _____
