

# “Sound Off”

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**Next meeting: 0900 18 January 2020.**

**Post Pot Winner: No meeting in December – No winner.**

Post Pot for January 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 January.

2 Ron Emerick	2 William Cooley	3 Nicholas Salerno	5 John C. Coddington
5 Ruben Isa Gastelum	6 Ray Seibold	6 Douglas Gudgeon	6 Howard L. Arnold
6 Christopher LaLiberte	7 Jack Duffie	9 Robert Brasher	10 Lorenzo C. Paringit
11 Norman Everhart	12 Robert Taieno	13 David M. Brahms	14 Bill C. Brunner
15 Rick Lewis	15 Arsenio Onsurez	17 Joseph S. Hildreth	18 Steven R. Medina
18 Darin S. Selnick	18 Floyd A. Gaskins	18 Arthur H. Greiser	18 Bernard Tuchtenhagen
19 James Coleman	19 John Meyer	19 Mario D. Alamares	19 Marc A. Manor
19 Kathy E. Hamman	22 Bill Holloway	22 Harland P. Fazardo	23 James L. Greer
23 Ronald Burtion	24 Patrick D. Marier	25 Tommy N. Taylor	26 Gene Bradford
26 Brian R. Nielsen	27 Chilton A. Mahin	29 George D. Barrante	29 Leah L. Talley
30 Nelson Agudelo			

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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, 2 February 2020 @ 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](http://www.legionpost146.org) We next meet on January 18th, 2020 @ 0900, 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside**

### From Your Post Commander

Greeting Fellow Legion Members

I hope that you are having a great 2020 so far. My message is familiar but simple. We need volunteers to take over vital tasks within the Legion. Frank Zugaj has left for Arizona and he has left us some pretty big shoes to fill. We need a Coordinator for Boys State, Oratorical, and School Medals program. So, we need people to step up and help our next generation succeed.

Membership is also important. If you have paid your dues thank you, but if you haven't please send them in as soon as possible. We would love to see a goal of 100% this year. That would be a feather in our cap with district and state to reach that final goal of the year.

Spread the word about Legion membership to your friends and fellow veterans. We need members to continue to grow our post. We have far too many members who are content to sit back and watch others work. Now is the time to step up and volunteer one weekend a month to attend the post meeting and then volunteer to get involved with post and help us achieve our goals.

Have a safe and happy new year and please remember your American Legion Post needs your help this 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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Happy New Year!

The New Year brings new hope. I hope those of you who haven't renewed your membership will do so now. It is vital to keep our Auxiliary alive so we can continue all the good work we do with Veterans and in our community. I hope those of you who do not come to meetings will come back to a meeting and get involved again. We miss seeing you and would love to have you come to a meeting.

North County Veterans Stand Down will be February 7-9, 2020 at Green Oak Ranch in Vista, CA. Please consider giving your time to help our local homeless veterans. You can sign up by looking up North County Veteran Stand Down.

Soon it will be time to start considering new officers, please think of what you can offer your Unit. You all can hold an officer position or a chair a position so please consider what position you would like to hold within your Unit.

Thank you all for all for everything you do, you are all appreciated very much.

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

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### SAL Squadron 146 Commanders Note

Greetings fellow SON'S

As usual the message for this year is the same as last year. Membership is key to keeping our Squadron afloat. We must talk to our friends and fellow veterans and recruit new members.

The SON's are continuing to support our veterans by volunteering at the VA Clinic. We continue to support the post in its daily activities.

If you have a prospective member be sure to bring them to a meeting in the new year. Please help us reach 100% by renewing your own membership.

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

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### ALR 146 Report

Hoping everyone had a good holiday season! We hosted the annual Christmas party, and enjoyed sharing the evening with Post members as well as riders. The white elephant exchange and gifts were very exciting this year. Santa “little jimmy” Claus even showed up and was the hit of the party. We were dark in December, but still managed to get some events in. Brenda and Ken have been busy picking up Toys for Tots boxes and delivering the toys to the warehouse. A big thanks to Big Jim’s 395 diner who host a donation box every year. Starting in January we will begin our preparations to attend the American Legion Riders state convention which will be held at the Hollywood post this year. We will also be looking at how the Chapter can support American Legion baseball this season.

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

### Reflections from the Road Captain

It seems like the year went so fast and here it’s January 1, 2020. Out with the old and in with the new. The final touch that I want to tell you about is that I picked up a box of toys from Thunder Funding. For those of you that don’t know about Thunder, that’s my former place of employment after I retired from ICE. They have provided lots of Toys for Tots presents for the past few years and ALR 146 provided them with a Certificate of Appreciation, presented to them at their annual Christmas party. I didn’t present it as cool as Ken did a few years ago, but they wanted me to express their thanks for including them in our campaign. It’s been a busy end of the year, but we made it.

**Herb Butler  
Road Captain, ALR 146**

## Adjutant's Message

Happy New Year Comrades! As we begin this New Year it offers us opportunities for our Post and the programs, we will be doing this year. I hope you can come to the meetings to help us to complete our mission for our brothers and sisters and our community at large.

This year we will be again supporting the North County Stand-down in Vista next month, other veteran programs, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical, and school awards.

We updated our by-laws in November, and they were approved by Department last month. I will be working with a printer to create booklets of these by-laws to distribute to our current membership and our new membership. The name of our Post has been officially re-established as the original name of Joseph G. McComb, Post 146 Oceanside.

Our membership renewals are behind where the Department would like us to be. By the time you read this, if you have not renewed your dues for 2020, your membership is delinquent. Please mail in your dues payment in the mailer you received from National or pay on line at [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org). Your dues assist us in putting on the programs we do every year.

I look forward in see you and Legion together this next year.

**Yours in Service,  
Dave Hamilton  
Adjutant**

### Computer Corner

#### 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 still 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.