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” For God and Country”

Next meeting: 0900 (9am) September 21st, 2019.

Post Pot: George Arkfeld’s Name was drawn.

George was not present so the Post Pot for September 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 September.

1 Carlos M. Bagaoisan	2 Lawrence J. De Angelis	2 Kenneth A. Hacker	4 Harvey S. Wright
5 John H. Lusignan	5 Lorenzo Nieto	6 Samuel Brookins III	6 James Doyle
8 Cathy Nykiel	9 Vicki Ford	9 Rudolph J. Caron	9 Ted J. Vogt
9 Paul Russo	10 Dan Schreckhise	11 Earle Ford	11 Leonard Kiolbasa
12 Douglas Campbell	12 Jack D. Fitch	17 Raymond T. Rockers	19 Edmund Dominguez
20 Irving Cohen	20 Jerry L. Nuanez	20 Paul Ingham	21 Joseph T. Gallagher
22 George F. Melnechuk	23 William R. Adams	23 Robert C. Nutting	27 Mitchell P. Morgan
28 Malvin J. Parr	29 John H. Cline	30 Carl E. Otey	30 Charles Berridge

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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 needed to transport members who cannot drive to meetings.

District 22 meets , October 6th, 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
September 21st, 2019 @ 0900, 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside**

From Your Post Commander

Comrades,

My message this month is simple. I would like for you all to consider why you joined the American Legion. If the answer was to serve then your opportunities await your assistance. We have about 25 members in attendance at our monthly meeting and we have a membership of more than 400. That is not even 10% of you that are attending and helping to make decisions on what happens with your post. What does that say about you and your reasons for joining the American Legion in the first place? The message is simple, we need more members to attend the monthly meetings and help this post support the four pillars of the American Legion. There is no other way to say it, we simply cannot do what we need to do without your help. Please find time in your schedule and attend the monthly meetings. This post cannot survive with the attendance we are seeing at present. I encourage each and every one of you to search your heart and do the right thing. On a lighter note, Harbor Days is September 21-22, 2019. We will be having a recruitment booth this year rather than selling food. Please consider volunteering your time in the booth and bring new members into the post. It is much easier this year since the eligibility period is wide open as long as the person received an honorable discharge, they are eligible.

Yours in Service

Samuel Brookins, 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 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

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ALA Unit 146 Oceanside continues to stay busy working for our Veterans through programs such as our Project 4 Vets. The Unit has been busy filling backpacks for low income and homeless youth to be given out at our local elementary schools.

On September 11, there will be a flag raising ceremony at El Camino High School. It begins at 7:00 and is open to the public. We hope to see you all there.

September 21-22, 2019, is Harbor Days, the Legion will be doing a membership drive this year instead of a fundraiser. Please come out and visit the booth and support our Post.

On November 9, 2019 the American Legion Rider will have their annual Toys for Toys drive. There will be a breakfast at the Oceanside Elks Lodge. Bring a toy and have breakfast.

The Girls State Golf Tournament is also just right around the corner on, November 10, 2019. Please consider coming out and supporting us by playing golf, having lunch or just make a donation. Everything you do is appreciated.

Ladies, it is membership time. Your membership is important, it keeps us doing what we do serving Veterans and the Community. Also, it just came down from National that male spouses now can become members of the American Legion Auxiliary which is a great opportunity for us include them in our American Legion Family and increase our membership.

Yours in Service Sandee Brookins, President ALA Oceanside 146

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SAL Squadron 146 Commanders note

The SAL's URGENTLY need your help. We need to fill positions within the organization. We need someone to step up as Vice Commander and we need someone to take over for Edd Robinson, due to his declining health situation. Please consider taking one of these positions within YOUR post.

The time is now to join the SAL's and support the vision of this wonderful organization. We cannot survive without membership and we need you to search your heart and phone lists and join today. If you are Post Member, dues for a dual member's is only \$10.

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

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

Samuel Brookins, Commander, Squadron 146

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ALR 146 Report

The riders wrapped up our August activities by participating in the 2nd Annual "Smokestack" run for the pie on August 24th. This run is put on by ALR chapter 364 in Santee to honor Bill "Smokestack" Foerschler, whose favorite ride was to go to Julian for pie. We met up with Chapter 460 in San Diego, and rode to Miramar National cemetery where we joined several other chapters, and rode up to the Julian pie company. After that we went over to the Julian Post where ALR 468, a new Chapter put on a great BBQ event, which is sure to become an annual event as well. After lunch I stopped by Post 258 in Alpine and watched some of the Cubs game.

On a sad note there was a rider from Chapter 852 in Temecula who went off the road and suffered a broken femur and had to be Medevac'd. We keep him in our prayers and by the time this newsletter comes out hope he is mending quickly.

Our next event is the ALR Chapter 255 Poker Run September 7th. We hope to hook up with other chapters for the ride down to San Diego, and arrive with a big group. Reaching out to other chapters to combine events, and visiting other posts even if they don't have a chapter is part of our program this year, to build some camaraderie across area 5. If you are up in Julian stop by and meet the folks at Post 468, I am sure you will have a good time.

The West Coast rally is being hosted at Escondido Post 149 this year and coincides with our Post meeting, so I won't be attending the post meeting or Harbor Days as our Chapter VP and I will be at the rally.

YIS, George T. Christensen, President ALR 146

Reflections from the Road Captain

Howdy, to one and all. Had a great little run down to Miramar. I blew it by setting up things in advance but I did get down there to let them know that ALR 146 was in the house. Nice ride going down there on the 5. Met up with the Prez. and we mingled with other Legionnaire Riders. A few speeches were given and we even participated in the "traditional" leave a coin on the headstone of the deceased. You leave a penny, nickel or dime to show your respect. Had a pretty large number of bikes from the various chapters and believe it or not, we all pretty much stayed together, all the way thru Ramona to Santa Isabella. Some stayed for pie and ice cream, but me, the Prez. and some others headed to the ALR Chapter in Julian for some real food. Bar B Que. Good ride and I will do better on the next one, which will on September 7th at Chapter 255 in National City. Looking for a strong showing. C U soon.

**Herb Butler
Road Captain**

Adjutant's Message

Comrades,

This month a new light is upon us as now our membership requirements have changed. This change in the plans for years now has come to light. Now every service member from 7 Dec 1941 to present is eligible for membership in the Legion and has received an honorable discharge or currently still serving. Our membership is our strength to the Nation in getting the needed benefits and services that our veterans and current members have earned. Also, to correct the errors of our gov't in illnesses that have been a result of our service in various areas of the world or certain duty stations. This by making those errors corrected by the VA offering the proper medical services needed to support our comrades.

Our need as the Legion is for all of our membership to reach out to other former and current service members to be Legionnaires. It is in that strength of membership, as well as, the community involvement that our Post and other posts have to demonstrate our service to veterans, youth and general populace.

Just last week President Trump made an Executive Order to expedite the Total Permanent Disability discharge program, for veterans who are totally and permanently disabled due to a service-related condition are eligible to have their federal student loan debt completely cancelled, tax-free. This law that has been on the books has been held down in bureaucracy for years and had been serious affecting many veteran families eligible because of the inability to sustain work to pay the loans. This would eliminate over 150 Million dollars of loan debt. The President was persuaded and advised of the problem by our National Committee and Commander about the problems of our veterans. Again, membership has power to influence.

Our Post currently needs our membership. To provide and assist in the programs of the American Legion. For our 4 pillars of service, to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Americanism, Child and Youth and National Security. Our strength in membership affect local and regional policies. We have our input in many areas that affect our community. We also need our membership to provide that community service to demonstrate our visibility and presence in the community programs but our programs also. These can be one and the same.

Please renew your 2020 dues and join us at the Post meeting to help up provide the programs we have been doing and could do more in the further.

Yours in Service,

Dave Hamilton

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

A volunteer is needed to step up and take over the publication of the monthly Sound Off. As I will be stepping into the role of Post Commander and Son's Commander, I will not be able to continue to do all three. Please consider this vital position and volunteer to take this commitment over for the next year. I can provide you with all of the supplies and instruction and guidance in accomplishing its publication. This is a vital position as all of our members depend on seeing this monthly. Please contact me at shb46@cox.net for information or to volunteer.