

DECEMBER 2023

Posts from



From the COMMANDER:

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!". December is a short month for the Post as we go "Dark" after the member barbecue on the 13th. However, we have a busy time in just those short couple of weeks, so read through this newsletter to find out all the fun in store; and all the help we'll need to make these things happen.

Last month we gave thanks for our family, friends, fellow Veterans and more; and this month we continue with having an attitude of gratitude as we reach out to our members through buddy check phone calls. We'll be asking our members who come to our Social events, to help us with those calls, so please be open when the occasion arises.

Our monthly barbecue will be a special one this month with a Prime Rib dinner for \$20. Proceeds from this dinner will benefit the Medical Equipment program. RSVP's are required for this dinner by December 3rd. Please call Yvonne at (805) 459-4015 as soon as possible to get your name on the list!

Blessings to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nora O'Donnell, Commander

From the 1st VICE COMMANDER:

December is a short month at the Legion, but very busy. We will be laying Christmas wreaths on our Veteran graves in the San Luis and Mission cemeteries on Saturday, December 16th. There will be ceremonies at each cemetery, 9:00a.m. at the San Luis Cemetery and 10:00a.m. at the Old Mission Cemetery, followed by the wreath placement. We'll need many volunteers to help with this important task, so please reach out to friends and family to join us there. After the wreath placement, please join us at the Legion Post for the Christmas Donation Distribution. We have been collecting clothing like new socks, sweatshirts, pants, single blankets, meal/gift/gas cards, individual snacks, personal hygiene products and more for several weeks now and these items will be distributed to Veterans and Families in need on Saturday, December 16th and will include a tri-tip lunch. Planned in conjunction with the Central Coast Paralegal Association and the DAV, this is an important outreach event and volunteers are needed before, during and after the event. Call me to make a donation, volunteer, or for more information.

**Yvonne Hampton,
1st Vice Commander**

FROM THE SONS:

Thanks to all those who helped to place flags at the cemeteries for the Veteran's Day weekend. Welcome to our new Vice Commander, Ken San Filipo. I hope a few can make it to the December meeting on Monday, December 4th at 6:00pm to welcome him in his new role. Happy Holidays to All!

Commander Bob Evenson

**From the AUXILIARY**

The Auxiliary held their annual fundraiser in November. We had 5 winners from the raffle: Dan Hines won the Bucket of SLO (\$300 worth of gift cards), Lorenzo Murguia won the Smoker, Tony Hoffman won the beautiful ring, Micheal Tarpley won the Wine Basket and Tom Myers won the coffee basket. Thank you for your support for our ALA Programs. The biggest program the funds support is the Girls State program. The Auxiliary sends four girls to the week long government learning program. Next year the program will cost \$500 per girl. The bus to the program will cost about \$200 per girls, so with your support, we now have the funds to send the girls selected next year. Thank you again to all for your support. Next year we hope to have the Silent Auction back, in addition to the raffle prizes. Christmas is just around the corner, the Post Family will be collecting gift items, toys, or gift cards, worth about \$20.00 or \$25.00 dollars, to give to local children and as presents for our own Post children. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Christmas party so bring the kids, grandkids or great-grandkids. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Laurie Richards, Unit 66 President

POST 66 - OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Commander - Nora O'Donnell
 Adjutant - Ramona Hedges
 Finance Officer - Jim Irwin
 1st Vice Commander - Yvonne Hampton
 2nd Vice Commander - Mario Perez
 Junior Past Commander - Yvonne Hampton
 Executive Committee
 John McDonald Greg Somers
 Bill Fieldhouse Barbara Fisher
 Jeff Pillars

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Bar Manager - Jim Miller
 Bar Manager, Assistant - Thom Dimmitt
 Booking Manager - Yvonne Hampton
 Chaplain - Vacant
 Chaplain Assistant - Vacant
 Facilities Committee Chair - Mario Perez
 Finance Committee Chair - Jim Irwin
 Food Service Committee Chair - Betty Bristol
 Investment Committee Chair - David Glidden
 Judge Advocate - Robert Bettencourt
 Sons Advisor - Greg Somers
 Media & Communications Committee Chair - Vacant
 Membership Committee Chair - Mario Perez
 Post Service Officer - David Glidden
 Sergeant at Arms - Jeffrey Pillars
 Sergeant at Arms Assistant - Vacant

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

Auxilliary Unit 66, President - Laurie Richards
 Auxilliary Unit 66, Secretary - Janice Somers
 Sons, Squadron 66, Commander - Bob Evenson
 Sons, Vice Commander - Ken San Filipo
 Sons, Squadron 66, Adjutant - Aaron Rodriguez

From the ADJUTANT:

Christmas is coming soon and a great idea for a lasting present to one of your Veteran friends or family would be an annual membership to the American Legion. Membership is only \$45.00. It's very easy to sign up or renew on-line using this link: <https://www.legion.org/join> As always, we appreciate your renewals and new memberships, and look forward to seeing you at our monthly General Membership meetings, socials and monthly BBQs. As of 11/22/23, a check of the CalLegion.Org website, San Luis Obispo Post 66 has 4 new members, with a total of 145 members paid and 220 total members. *Please email me at ramorrobay@gmail.com or tell me at our meetings/dinners of any members who should be put on "sick call" or have gone to the "Post Everlasting".

Sick Call: Chuck Emery, Randy Arseneau, John Archuleta, George Galvan, and John Buckley.

Post Everlasting: Ercole Brughelli and Robert Williams

May God bless you with a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you at our December prime rib dinner on Wednesday, December 13th ! Please RSVP by December 3rd!

Sincerely,

Ramona Hedges, Post 66 Adjutant

Post 66 Member, Robert Williams, passed away on November 9, 2023. His family invites American Legion Family Members to attend his Celebration of Life on December 7, 2023 from 11am to 2pm, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 1515 Fredericks Street, San Luis Obispo. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by text to Robert's son, Nash Williams at (801) 243-1300 as soon as possible.

December Schedule of Events:

12/1 - Friday night social - Food available or bring your own dinner - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available. Join us for a light-hearted fun social time.

12/4 - Son's Meeting - 6:00pm

Monday Night Social - Baked Potatoes with all the fixin's

12/6 - Auxiliary Mtg. 5:00pm

Membership Mtg. 6:30pm

12/7 - Private Rental - Osos Club

12/8 - Executive Committee Meeting - 9:30am

Friday Night Social - Food available or bring your own dinner - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available. Join us for a light-hearted fun social time.

12/11 - Monday Night Social - Enchiladas

12/12 - Private Rental - Native Sons

12/13 - Membership BBQ and Christmas Party. Prime Rib Dinner served: 6:30pm

\$20.00/pp **Please RSVP by December 3rd to Yvonne - (805) 459-4015**

Please bring a toy or gift card valued at \$20 for the toy drive. Bring your kids/grandkids/great grands. Santa will be there and all leftover toys will be donated for needy families.

12/16 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to place wreaths at the San Luis and Mission Cemeteries. Ceremony at the San Luis Cemetery - **9am** and **10am** at the Mission Ceremony. Wreaths to be placed following the ceremonies. Coffee and Donuts will be served.

12/16 - Central Coast Paralegal Association, Disabled American Veterans and American Legion Post 66 distribution of clothing and toiletry items to local Veterans and their families. A tri-tip lunch will be served and all items not distributed will be donated to the Vets Center, 1050 Southwood Drive for distribution to Veterans as needed.

12/17/23 thru 1/3/23 - Post Closed for the Holidays! Merry Christmas!



**CCPA & POST 66
VETERANS CHRISTMAS
DONATION DRIVE**

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2023

This year CCPA is joining American Legion Post 66 to bring Christmas to our local SLO County Veterans

ON THIS YEAR'S WISH LIST:

**New socks; New Sweatshirts and/or Pants,
New blankets (single); Personal Hygiene Products,
Meal/Gift/Gas Cards; Individual Snacks,
Puzzle/Word Search/Reading/Adult Coloring Books,
and Pocket Calendars**

For further information or to arrange pickup/drop off:

Central Coast Paralegal Association

Jessica Blessing, CCPA President - info@ccpaslo.org

Deborah Santana, Veterans Outreach - lawclerk@conawaylawfirm.com

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR VETERANS!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 66 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023/2024

NOTE: Monthly Legion membership meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm, and are open to all Legion members in good standing. Auxiliary membership meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm and are open to all Auxiliary members in good standing.

January 2024	
1/1	New Years Day - Post closed
1/5	Friday Social
1/8	Monday Social
1/12	Friday Social
1/15	Martin Luther King Day - Post Closed
	Closed

February 2024	
2/2	Friday Social
2/5	Monday Social
2/9	Friday Social
2/12	Monday Social
2/16	Friday Social
2/19	Presidents Day - Post Closed
2/23	Friday Social

March 2024	
3/1	Friday Social
3/4	Monday Social
3/8	Friday Social
3/11	Monday Social
3/15	Friday Social
3/18	Monday Social

April 2024	
4/1	Monday Social
4/5	Friday Social
4/6	Fundraiser - Peddler's Fair
4/8	Monday Social
4/12	Friday Social
4/15	Monday Social

May 2024	
5/3	Friday Social
5/6	Monday Social
5/8	Member BBQ
5/10	Friday Social
5/13	Monday Social
5/17	Friday Social / Set up for Craft Fair
5/18	Craft Fair
5/19	Craft Fair/Car Show/Pancake Breakfast

June 2024	
6/2	District 16 Meeting
6/3	Monday Social
6/7	Friday Social
6/10	Monday Social
6/12	Member BBQ - New Officer Installation
6/14	Friday Social
6/17	Monday Social
6/21	Friday Social

July 2024	
7/1	Monday Social
7/4	Independence Day - Post Closed
7/5	Friday Social
7/8	Monday Social
7/10	Member BBQ
7/12	Friday Social
7/15	Monday Social
7/19	Friday Social
7/21	District 16 Meeting

August 2024	
8/2	Friday Social
8/5	Monday Social
8/9	Friday Social
8/12	Monday Social
8/14	Member BBQ
8/16	Friday Social
8/19	Monday Social
8/23	Friday Social
8/26	Monday Social

September 2024	
9/2	Labor Day - Post Closed
9/6	Friday Social
9/8	District 16 Meeting
9/9	Monday Social
9/11	Member BBQ
9/13	Friday Social
9/16	Monday Social
9/20	Friday Social
9/23	Monday Social

October 2024	
10/4	Friday Social
10/7	Monday Social
10/9	Member BBQ
10/11	Friday Social
10/14	Columbus Day - Post Closed
10/16	Project Hero
10/17	Monday Social
10/18	Friday Social
10/21	Monday Social

November 2024	
11/1	Friday Social
11/4	Monday Social
11/9	Place Flags at Cemeteries
11/11	Veterans Day Community Event / Remove flags from cemeteries
11/13	Member BBQ
11/15	Friday Social
11/18	Monday Social
11/22	Friday Social

December 2024	
12/2	Monday Social
12/6	Friday Social
12/9	Monday Social
12/11	Member BBQ
12/13	Friday Social
12/16 thru 1/6/25	Post Dark for Holidays