

JANUARY 2024

Posts from



From the COMMANDER:

Watching the rain fall, happy to not have to go out in this wet and gray weather, but feeling a bit sad that we've lost two more members of our American Legion Family. Jim Smith and Howard Schultz have joined Post Everlasting. I didn't know Jim, but I was very blessed to know Howard (Howie) and I will miss his smiling face and kind personality. Please reach out to the families of these valuable Legion friends if you know them.

We're excited to be hosting the California Legion District Meeting on Sunday, February 25th. Everyone is welcome to attend and it's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what is happening at the District level. If you need more information, ask me.

We are also in full planning mode for events happening in April and May. The Member Orientation is open to all members and is scheduled for April 13th and many members are helping our web-master and communications specialist, Rick Pushies with putting together valuable information for all members of all the entire Legion Family. I encourage all Legion members, Auxilliary and Sons, to be involved and make the time in your schedule if you can. We are also planning our first ever Peddler's Fair for Saturday, April 6th. This is an awesome opportunity to get your Spring cleaning in gear and possibly earn some cash clearing out items no longer of use to you. Check out the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information. Next up on the calendar is the 2nd Annual Craft Fair and Annual Pancake Breakfast and Car Show being held the weekend of May 18th and 19th. All of these events are being designed to enhance our presence in the community and provide a deeper understanding of the fabulous ways we can support our fellow veterans and their families.

Please read all the info in this newsletter and share with family and friends to help us extend our reach and spread the word. I hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day, and I hope you join us on Mondays and Fridays for our weekly social gatherings.

Nora O'Donnell, Commander

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
Greg Somers Bill Fieldhouse
Barbara Fisher

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

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Bar Manager - Jim Miller
Bar Manager, Assistant - Thom Dimmitt
Booking Manager - Yvonne Hampton
Chaplain - Stephanie Paige
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 - Rick Pushies
Membership Committee Chair - Mario Perez
Post Service Officer - David Glidden
Sergeant at Arms - Jeffrey Pillars
Sergeant at Arms Assistant - Vacant

**ADJUTANT'S NEWS**

Happy February Legion family members! We had a nice boost to our membership numbers in January. I'd like to personally thank Rick Pushies, Mario Perez, Stephanie Paige, Nora O'Donnell, Dave Glidden, Greg and Janice Somers and any of you I missed that helped with "Buddy Checks" phone calls, or membership phone calls. With your help I was able to update our Membership roster to indicate the most current contact information. Like our Commander often states "It takes many hands to make light work".

A big Congratulations to Legion member, Samuel Richards, son of American Legion Auxiliary President Laurie Richards. Sam has retired from the Navy after 21 years of service. The ceremony was conducted on the USS Missouri at Ford Island, Hawaii. His wife Anna, and his mother were able to attend the ceremony. Sam has been a member of Post 66 for 7 years.

Please continue visiting the Legion.org website using this link: <https://www.legion.org/join> to read about valuable Legion membership information. And as always, I appreciate your renewals and new memberships and look forward to seeing you at our General Membership meetings and monthly BBQs. As of the 1/26/24 CalLegion.org website indicates San Luis Obispo Post 66 has 5 new members, with a total of 193 members paid and 272 total members.

Sick Call: Randy Arseneau, John Archuleta, George Galvan, John Buckley, Alan Mayer, Jim Webster, and Herb Filipponi.

Post Everlasting: Jim Smith and Howard Schultz.

*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". May God bless you all.

Sincerely, Ramona Hedges, Post 66 Adjutant

FROM THE AUXILLIARY

Happy February to all,

The Auxilliary is staring the month of February with Girls State interviews. The Auxilliary has their four schools set up to interview the next two weeks. We are very excited to start the new year with the Girls State program.

Please remember that we are collecting tabs from soda pop cans, even cat food cans to help Janet Andrews with her project funding for the Ronal McDonald house in Bakersfield. This is a great community activity that benefits all of us.

American Legion Post 66 is playing host to the California Legion District meeting to be held on Sunday, February 25th. There will be an Auxilliary workshop on Saturday, February 24th at the Post. This will be a great time to attend the workshop to certify or re-certify your leadership status. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. You will not be disappointed and have a great time while learning. Lunch will be provided.

On Sunday, the District meeting will have the pleasure of welcoming the Department of California (ALA) president, Glenda Schultz.

Laurie Richards, President Unit 66

The vision of the American Legion Auxilliary is to support the American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our terans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

POST 66 RENTALS

Do you have a special occasion or event being planned in the next few months?

If so, consider using the American Legion as a venue .

Contact Booking Manager, Yvonne Hampton for more information: (805) 459-4015

February Schedule of Events:

2/1 - Private Rental - Osos Club

2/2 - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.

2/5 - Son's Meeting - 6:00pm

Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Taco Salad Bowls, desert

2/7 - Auxiliary Mtg. 5:00pm

Membership Mtg. 6:30pm

2/9 - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.

2/11 - SUPERBOWL PARTY - 1:00pm. No host bar. Bring hors d'ouvres to share

2/12 - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Pork Loin, scalloped potatoes, rolls, salad & dessert.

2/13 - Private Rental - Native Sons

2/14 - Membership BBQ - 4:30pm/Dinner served at 6:30pm

2/16 - Executive Committee Meeting - 1pm

Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.

2/19 - President's Day: Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Chicken Enchiladas, salad & dessert

2/23 - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.

2/24 - Auxilliary Meeting & Lunch - 9am to 4pm

2/25 - CA Legion District Meeting & Lunch - 8am to 4pm

2/26 - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Potato Soup, Pulled Pork sandwiches, salad & dessert.

NOTE: See full, updated yearly calendar at the end of this newsletter.

REMINDERS:

Saturday, April 13th: MEMBER ORIENTATION: . This is an opportunity for all members; new and seasoned: Legion, Sons and Auxilliary; to learn more about the programs of the American Legion and more about Post 66. Lunch will be served. Call to reserve your spot.

Saturday, April 6th: Peddler's Fair - 10' x 10' spaces will be offered for the public to sell items - yard sale style. Hamburger & Hot Dog barbecue and booth space sales to benefit the programs of American Legion Post 66.

Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th: Spring Craft Fair - Different sized booth spaces will be offered for handmade crafters to sell their wares. Booth space sales to benefit the programs of American Legion Post 66. Anyone interested in helping with the Peddler's Fair and Craft Fair, please call **Nora O'Donnell at (805) 441-1405.**

Saturday, May 18th: 2nd Annual Car Show

Sunday, May 19th: Annual Pancake Breakfast

Anyone interested in showing their vehicle or helping with either the Car Show or Pancake Breakfast; contact **Yvonne Hampton at (805) 459-4015.**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Monday Social dinners and Monthly Barbecues.

If interested, please contact Betty Bristol (559) 362-2455 for more information.

Many Hands Make Light Work!
Be a Post 66 Volunteer!



American Legion Post 66

**will host an informal gathering for members
and their guests to watch the Superbowl on**

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Doors open at 1:00pm

Bring a snack to share

No host bar

1661 Mill Street



**KANSAS
CITY
CHIEFS**



**SAN
FRANCISCO
49ERS**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 66
PEDDLER'S FAIR**

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

**9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
(RAIN OR SHINE)**

1661 MILL STREET, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401

Here's an opportunity to do some Spring cleaning and clear out the clutter in your life. One person's trash (or clutter) is another person's treasure!

12' x 12' Booth spaces available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact: navygal1957@gmail.com for more information and vendor applications.

Food & Drink available for sale during the event.

Proceeds from vendor fees, donations and food/drink sales to benefit local Veteran outreach and youth programs sponsored by American Legion Post 66.



POST 66, AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBER ORIENTATION TRAINING SATURDAY, APRIL 13

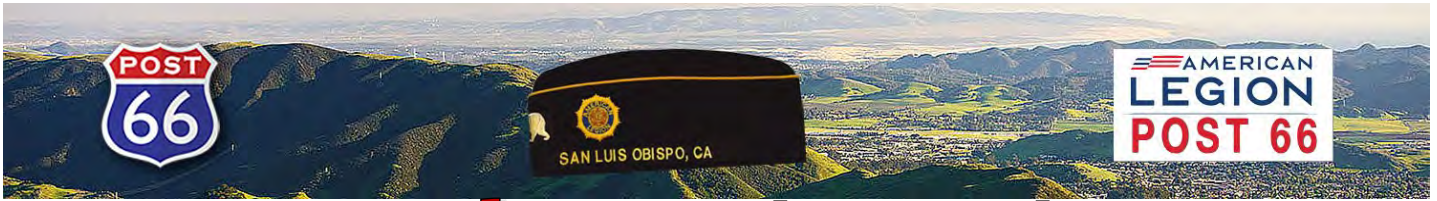
11:00 Morning Session
12:00 Lunch (**Free if you RSVP**)
1:00 p.m. Afternoon Session



The morning session will cover, The American Legion and Post 66. The afternoon session will cover the Sons of the American Legion (SONS), the American Legion Auxiliary and Legionnaires will review of leadership needs & opportunities.

All members of our **American Legion Family** are encouraged to attend. Please wear your American Legion Uniform Cap, as the presentation will be captured on video.





Member Orientation Saturday; April 13, 2024

1661 Mill Street, San Luis Obispo

Member Orientation is a free special training opportunity for all the members of our American Legion Family; Post 66, Auxiliary Unit 66 and Squadron 66. All our leaders, new and seasoned are encouraged to attend. Our aim for this training is to give participants a basic orientation to the purpose and function of The American Legion and our Post 66 American Legion Family.

The training will touch on our history and organization, as well as more current developments in the operations, and programs of The American Legion.

This training will give members a better understanding of how the volunteers of Post 66 serve our veterans, their families and the San Luis Obispo community.

After the morning session there will be a free lunch for those that R.S.V.P.; this helps us know how much food to buy! Lunch is a good time for members of our Legion Family to get to know each other better and get any questions answered that may have come up during training. The afternoon session will have presentations on the Sons of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and our Legionnaires will have a discussion on the importance of leadership and opportunities within Post 66.

Member Orientation is free to participants; but, to help offset the expense we will have a donation jar available for those that want to help us cover the cost.

Lunch included. Please RSVP by Friday, March 29th.

Spring Art & Craft Fair



Sponsored by
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Saturday
May 18, 2024

10am to 4pm

and

Sunday
May 19, 2024

9am to 3pm

arts & crafts ~ handmade goods ~ upcycled goods ~ independent artisans

San Luis Obispo County Veteran's Hall
801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA

Email: navygal1957@gmail.com

for more information about vendor application & pricing

**Vendor fees and donations collected
will be used to support local Veterans.**

**Craft Fair held in conjunction with the American Legion Post 66
Annual Pancake Breakfast & Car Show**

(contact navygal1957@gmail.com for more information)



CAR SHOW

Sponsored by:

 AMERICAN
LEGION
POST 66

Saturday

May 18, 2024

10am to 3pm

1661 Mill Street, San Luis Obispo

Tri-tip sandwich lunch with beans, salad & dessert - \$15

Call (805) 459-4015 for more information

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by:

 AMERICAN
LEGION
POST 66

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Sunday
May 19, 2024

8am to 1pm

1661 Mill Street, San Luis Obispo

AMERICAN LEGION POST 66 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023/2024

Updated: 2/4/24

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. Sons membership meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm and are open to all Sons 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, Jr. Day - Post Open
1/19	Friday Social
1/22	Monday Social
1/26	Friday Social
1/29	Monday Social

February 2024	
2/2	Friday Social
2/5	Monday Social
2/9	Friday Social
2/11	Superbowl Party - No host bar
2/12	Monday Social
2/16	Friday Social
2/19	Presidents Day - Post Open!
2/23	Friday Social
2/25	District 16 Legion Meeting (Post 66, SLO)
2/26	Monday 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
3/22	Friday Social
3/25	Monday Social
3/29	Friday 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
4/13	Member Orientation
4/15	Monday Social
4/19	Friday Social
4/22	Monday Social
4/26	Friday Social
4/29	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 / Car Show
5/19	Craft Fair/Pancake Breakfast
5/20	Monday Social
5/24	Friday Social
5/25	Place flags at cemeteries
5/27	Memorial Day Ceremony / Pick up flags at cemeteries
5/31	Friday Social

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
6/24	Monday Social
6/28	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
7/22	Monday Social
7/26	Friday Social
7/29	Monday Social

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
8/30	Friday 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
9/27	Friday Social
9/30	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
10/25	Friday Social
10/28	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 and Auxilliary Fundraiser
11/15	Friday Social
11/18	Monday Social
11/22	Friday Social
11/25	Monday Social
11/28	- Thanksgiving - Post Closed
11/29	Rental - SLO High School All Class Reunion - Post Members invited

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