

MAY 2024



From the COMMANDER:

Happy Mother's Day to all the women of our Post. Whether you have had children of your own or not, all women should be honored on Mother's Day. :)

More sad news to share. Another of our long time members and kitchen crew leaders, Jim Webster, passed away last week. Speaking with one of his daughters and my life-long friend, we had a laugh when we talked about how his nickname - the plate "Nazi" came about. Jim always made sure your ticket was dropped in the can before he would hand you your dinner plate at the monthly member barbecues. He will be missed. The family has scheduled his memorial for Friday, May 31st at the Post at 11:30am.

Our monthly Member meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. I encourage everyone to attend every month, but especially this month as we are holding the second round of nominations for Officers and Executive Committee positions at the Post. Elections will also be held after the nominations are closed, with new officers being inducted in June. Please consider joining the team to help us continue growing our Post and serving our Veteran community. Just a reminder that Richard Fisher's Memorial is on Thursday, May 2nd. See the attached flyer for more information.

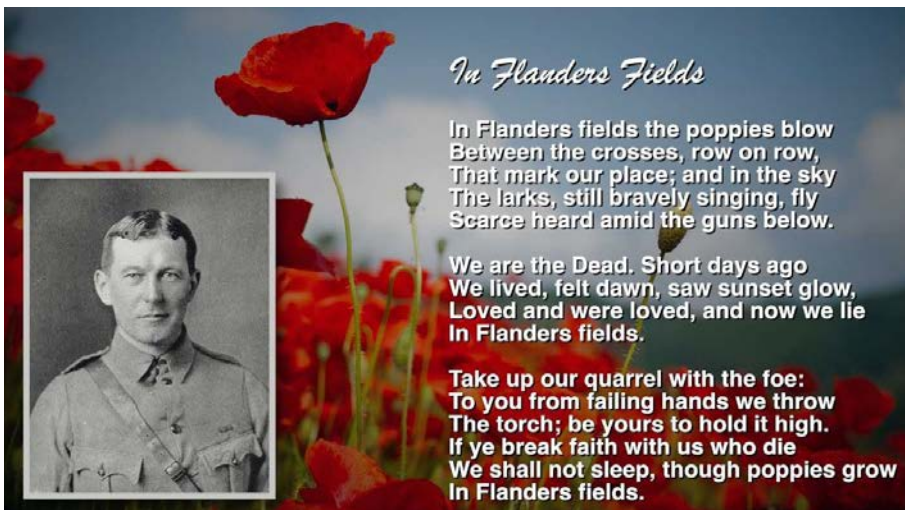
Next up on the calendar are the **2nd Annual Craft Fair**, **Annual Pancake Breakfast** and the **2nd Annual Car Show** being held the weekend of May 18th and 19th. We will also be joining forces with the Veteran's Memorial Museum to host the Annual Memorial Day Remembrance on Monday, May 27th. Flags will be placed at the local cemeteries on Saturday, May 25th and picked up on Monday afternoon, after the Memorial event. All of these events are designed to enhance our presence in the community and to provide a deeper understanding of the fabulous ways we can support our fellow veterans and their families; so we hope we can count on your support by spreading the news to family and friends, and helping out as a volunteer or participant. Please read all the info in this newsletter and share with family and friends to help us extend our reach and spread the word. Thank you so much!

Nora O'Donnell,
Commander

From the 1st Vice Commander:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have returned their pancake breakfast ticket stubs along with their donation. The Pancake Breakfast is a huge fundraiser for us and we appreciate all the support. We can still use more support in the way of volunteering at the event - there are many jobs available and it's an "All hands on deck" event. Please consider signing up for a job that day. Call me for more information. (805) 459-4015

Yvonne Hampton,
1st Vice Commander



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Doctor John McCrae's well-known poem "In Flanders Fields" memorializes the April 1915 battle in Belgium's Ypres salient. For 17 days, McCrae tended those injured in the battle. The poem, written after the death of a close friend, was first published in Punch magazine and led to the adoption of the poppy as the Flower of Remembrance for the British and Commonwealth war dead. McCrae wrote several medical textbooks during his life, and his poetry was posthumously gathered into the collection **In Flanders Fields and Other Poems (1919)**.



ADJUTANT'S NEWS

Hello everyone! May is upon us and we're looking forward to our fundraisers happening the weekend of May 18th and 19th, including the Car Show and Pancake Breakfast on May 19th.

I hope to see you there enjoying the springtime weather and supporting the Legion.

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, transfers, and new memberships and look forward to seeing you at our General Membership meetings and monthly BBQs.

As of 4/26/24 the CalLegion.org website indicates San Luis Obispo Post 66 has 5 new members, with a total of 210 members paid and 289 total members.

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

Post Everlasting: Jim Webster

*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

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

Auxiliary Unit 66, President - Laurie Richards

Auxiliary 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

Final nominations and elections are being held at the Member meeting on Wednesday, May 1st.

Let your voice be heard! Volunteer for a position, be there to vote and help your Post grow!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85937705436?pwd=TTIHZFp5WHIVZnBZUVRRWDJsaJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 3770 5436 Passcode: 728305



FROM THE AUXILIARY

Good Spring Day from the Auxilliary!

The Auxilliary is gearing up to help the Post with their big fundraisers in May!

The Pancake Breakfast in May will be an exciting time to work with the Legion Family Team. May is known as Poppy Month. The ALA will be displaying poppies all month at the Post. If anyone would like to donate, there will be cans to make donations and poppies to display on shirt collars and button holes. Handouts are available to explain the importance of the poppies, also at the Post. All poppy donations are spent on Veterans, current military and families.

The Auxilliary will be holding their big fundraiser in November. We are planning on a silent auction and raffle, as we did pre-Covid. If you have new or almost new items you want to donate for the auction, please let me know. Our fundraiser is mainly to help support our Girl's State Program. Anyone who would like to help with this event, or donate; contact me or Janice Somers.

Another project of the Auxilliary is the collection of soda can pull Tabs. We collect them from the sodas purchased at the Legion and donate them to the Ronald McDonald House in Bakersfield.

Laurie Richards,
Auxiliary President, Unit 66

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.



FROM THE SONS

The Sons are helping the Post with the May fundraisers and are taking the lead on the distribution of flags on Veterans graves in the San Luis Cemetery and Old Mission Cemetery on Saturday, May 25th. Flags will also need to be removed on Monday, May 27 after the Memorial Remembrance at the American Legion Post. Volunteers are needed to help place and remove the hundreds of flags to be placed. Contact me for more information.

Bob Evenson,
Son's Commander

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



April Schedule of Events:

- 5/1 - Auxiliary Mtg. 5:00pm
Membership Mtg. 6:30pm (Second round of nominations for Post Positions, followed by elections)
- 5/2 - Richard Fisher Memorial.
- 5/3 - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 5/6 - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Hamburgers by Bill Fieldhouse
- 5/8 - Membership BBQ - 4:30pm/Dinner served at 6:30pm - Tri-Tip
- 5/10 - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 5/13 - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Homemade Lasagna, salad and garlic bread
- 5/17 - Executive Committee Meeting - 1pm
Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 5/18 - Spring Art & Craft Fair: 10am to 4pm;
Car, Bike & Truck Show: 10am to 3pm
- 5/19 - Spring Art & Craft Fair: 9am to 3pm
Pancake Breakfast: 8am to 1pm
- 5/20 - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Enchiladas by Laurie & Yvonne
- 5/24 - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 5/27 - No Monday Night Social - Memorial Day Remembrance Event. Tri-Tip lunch. \$15. Free to Veterans
- 5/31 - Jim Webster Memorial at the Post. 11:30 - 2:30
Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- NOTE:** See full, updated yearly calendar at the end of this newsletter.

VIDEOS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The popularity of online videos continues to grow. There are some great videos on the internet that expose us to new ideas and help us grow. We plan to share videos that help with leadership development, personal encouragement, member motivation, inspiration, a little entertainment, and educational videos about our American Legion Family. We also plan to share some humor now and then. We hope you find the videos we share encouraging.

<https://post66slo.org/videos/>

Volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming special events, as well as Monday Social dinners and Monthly Barbecues. If interested in hosting the creation of a Monday social meal, please contact Betty Bristol (559) 362-2455 for more information.

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



Richard Fisher

Celebrating the life of



**THURSDAY, MAY 2ND, 2024
11am**

The White Barn | 217 Green Gate
Road, San Luis Obispo, CA

Parking: Please park at the White
Barn or across the street in
Greengate's pasture and take the
shuttle over.

Spring Art & Craft Fair



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Saturday
May 18, 2024 **and** **Sunday**
May 19, 2024
10am to 4pm **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 the programs of American Legion Post 66.**

**Craft Fair held in conjunction with the American Legion Post 66
2nd Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show - 5/18/24
and Annual Pancake Breakfast - 5/19/24
(contact Yvonne at queenie1247@aol.com for more information)**

Spring Art & Craft Fair

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



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Saturday
May 18, 2024
10am to 4pm

and

Sunday
May 19, 2024
9am to 3pm

Vendor Application - Deadline: May 1, 2024

Name: _____ Art/Craft: _____

(All items MUST be handmade, no exceptions!)

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Indoor Space Options for both days (circle choice): 6' x 8' (\$80), 8' x 8' (\$100), 8' x 10' (\$120),
10' x 10' (\$140), 20' x 10' (\$160)

Outdoor Space Options for both days (circle choice): 8' x 8' (\$80) , 8' x 10' (100)

Note: To allow for a wide variety of vendors, the maximum # of spaces per vendor is limited to two) Limited # of 8' tables and chairs available on a first come, first served basis.

The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless American Legion Post 66 from all liability, loss, damage, cost or expense which may hereafter incur, suffer, or be required to pay by reason of the undersigned entry as an exhibitor in the 2024 American Legion Spring Art & Craft Fair. The undersigned also attests that they are an independent contractor and are responsible for complying with all County, State and Federal regulations regarding safety, employment, insurance and taxes. In cases of an accident arising out of the named activity, medical assistance may be administered to the said participant. THIS FORM WILL ACT AS A MEDICAL RELEASE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. I understand that by participating in this activity that I am giving consent for images of myself, family members, or sellable wares to be used for promotional purposes by American Legion Post 66. By signing I promise that all items sold at my booth are hand crafted and/or handmade by myself. If found otherwise, I will be asked to leave the event without compensation.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW

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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

American Legion Post 66 Car, Truck & Bike Show San Luis Obispo, CA

Car and Bike Show at American Legion Post 66 in San Luis Obispo on May 18, 2024; from 10 am to 3 pm.

\$35 per Vehicle (\$45 after May 13, 2024)

Vehicles will be judged. Set up for show begins at 8 am. Judging starts at 10am. Contact Yvonne at (805) 459-4015 for more information. Limited to the first 120 vehicles and 25 motorcycles. All pre-1976 vehicles except sports cars and motorcycles have a year limit of 1976 or under requirement.

Award Categories

Best in Show	Best Muscle Car
Best Chevy	Best Engine compartment
Best Chrysler	Best Interior
Best Ford	Best original stock car or truck
Best Domestic Sport Car	Best foreign vehicles
Best Truck	Best Early Model vehicle
Best Motorcycle	People's Choice Award

APPLICATION

(please fill out one application per vehicle entered)

Name _____ Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Vehicle/Cycle Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Vehicle/Cycle Description/Modifications _____

Mail completed application(s) with entry fee(s) to: **American Legion Post 66,
1661 Mill Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
ATTN: Yvonne Hampton,**

All profits from this event go to American Legion Post 66

Note:

The San Luis Obispo County Veteran's History Museum will also be open during the car show.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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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: 3/3/24

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
3/6	Member Meeting
3/8	Friday Social
3/11	Monday Social
9/11	Member BBQ
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
4/3	Member Meeting - Nominations
4/5	Friday Social
4/6	Fundraiser - Peddler's Fair
4/8	Monday Social
4/10	Member BBQ
4/12	Friday Social
4/13	Member Orientation
4/15	Monday Social
4/19	Friday Social
4/22	Monday Social
4/26	Friday Social

May 2024	
5/1	Member Meeting - Nominations
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
6/5	Member Meeting - Elections
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
7/3	Member Meeting
7/5	Friday Social
7/8	Monday Social
7/10	Member BBQ - New Officer Initiation
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
8/7	Member Meeting
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
9/4	Member Meeting
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	
10/2	Member Meeting
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
11/6	Member Meeting
11/8	Friday Social
11/9	Place Flags at Cemeteries
11/11	Veterans Day Community Event/ Remove flags from cemeteries
11/13	Member BBQ/Auxilliary Auction
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
12/4	Member Meeting
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