

**JUNE 2024**

# Posts from



## **From the COMMANDER:**

Welcome to Summertime! Don't let "June Gloom" discourage you as sunshine is just around the corner! Many thanks to all who gave of their time, energy, donations, etc. for the many events we hosted in a very busy month of May. With the Craft Fair, Car Show, Pancake Breakfast and Memorial Day - we really put out a lot of energy and great community outreach for American Legion Post 66. I am so proud of how our Post was represented, and very thankful for all the wonderful Veterans and supporters who helped make all the events work.

We were sad to say goodbye to two more of our wonderful Legion members; Jim Webster, who's memorial on Friday, May 31st, was well attended. The family was happy to see the support for their father and to meet those that shared their stories with them.

Then, we got the sad news that Larry Sederberg also passed in his sleep last week. We will do our best to keep the Post informed of any planned services.

This will be my last article as Commander and I am really looking forward to turning the reins over to Stephanie Paige on July 1st. I just know she will do a wonderful job as Commander and I hope everyone will give her the support and dedication you all showed during my tenure.

I will still be around to continue with the newsletter and serve as your new Adjutant, of course; and truly appreciate Ramona Hedges for the hard work and dedication she gave as Post Adjutant for the past few years. Thank you, Ramona! I look forward to working with you and learning my new job under your tutelage.

Of course, we will always need volunteers to help with events, social meals, and more; so please see how you can share your abilities. I always say "many hands make light work" and that was in full evidence during the events in May.

Thank you again for a wonderful year as your Commander. I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful group that supports Veterans and their families. Blessings to all.

**Nora O'Donnell,  
Commander**

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## **From the 1<sup>st</sup> VICE COMMANDER:**

We want to give a shout out to all our sponsors who donated gifts/money for our Car Show and Pancake Breakfast. If you visit these businesses or know these people; please thank them for their support.

Coastal Peaks Coffee  
Producers Dairy Foods  
Laguna Lake Golf Course  
Cayucos Pharmacy  
Sunset North Car Wash  
Steve's ATV Rentals  
Dolphin Bay Resort  
San Luis Children's Museum  
San Luis Obispo Railroad  
Museum  
Madonna Estates Winery  
KSBY  
Black Lake Golf Course  
Cavalier Oceanfront Resort

Great American Melodrama  
Idler's Home  
East West Natural Medical  
Center  
Stewart Jenkins, Family Law  
Attorney  
Sponsors for Car Show:  
All Automotive Transmission  
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Southern California  
Conway Law  
Golden Paw Pet Groomers

John Madonna Construction  
Plevel Law Office  
Quicky Car Wash  
SLO Vet Center  
Santana Maintenance  
Taco Works  
Sun Day Car Wash  
Glenn O'Connor  
Central Coast Paralegal  
Association  
Thousand Hills Pet Resort

**Yvonne Hampton  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:**



**ADJUTANT’S NEWS**

Hello everyone! We really had a great turnout for our Craft Fair, Car Show, and Pancake Breakfast in May. A membership table was set up in case anyone in attendance had questions about the Post. Many people came by and checked out the various pamphlets of information. With Bobby Evenson’s help two new Sons members were signed up. Keep on the lookout for anyone wanting to join our group, you don’t have to be a Veteran, just be related to one.

June is the last month of our fiscal year where our 2023/24 leadership team passes on the torch to the 2024/25 leadership team. I was honored to serve as your Post Adjutant for the last two terms. I couldn’t have done it without the help of the following people: our past Adjutant, Rich Powell, past Commander’s David Glidden, Janice Somers, Yvonne Hampton, and Nora O’Donnell. I’d like to personally thank Rick Pushies; our Website wizard for helping me with Legion software and navigation of Legion sites, not to mention his institutional knowledge of the American Legion. There are many more folks from our Post who helped me not mentioned here that I’d like to thank. It was truly an honor to be your Adjutant.

Our next Adjutant is someone familiar to you, Nora O’Donnell. Please show her the respect and support you’ve shown me. Thank you, Nora, for stepping up and volunteering for this very important position.

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, your renewals, transfers, and new memberships are appreciated.

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, Herb Filipponi, Dave Glidden and Jim Irwin

**Post Everlasting:** Jim Webster and Larry Sederberg

I look forward to seeing everyone at Monday Night Socials and our monthly Membership BBQ’s!  
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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Yvonne Hampton  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



## **FROM THE AUXILIARY**

Unit 66 and Post 66 has been a busy place with Monday Night Socials, Wednesday 2nd of each month and Friday Night Game Night.

Auxilliary members handed out poppies year round with jars at the Post and recent events. Veterans Day and Memorial Day were the highlighted days.

I gave a speech at a Women's Group luncheon and each lady in attendance received poppies. November will be our annual auction and raffle; more information to come.

We're ending this year with hope that next year brings more to our unit/post.

Let's have a great new year!

**Laurie Richards,**  
**Auxiliary President, Unit 66**

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## **FROM THE SONS**

OK; it's summer and we are all busy with lots to do in the warmer weather ahead, but don't forget Monday night social dinners and a cold drink to relax. The sons elected new officers: Bruce Nenadal - 2nd Vice.

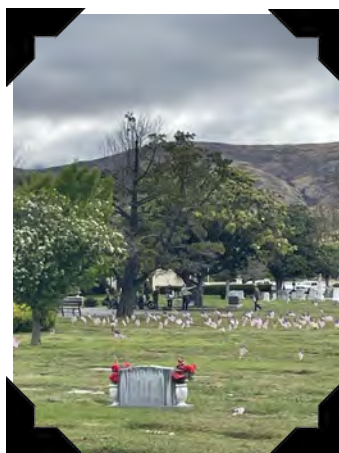
Commander and Ken San Filipo gave an update on Boys and Girls State; mainly bus transportation pick up times - WOW! They ride all night! Good thing Ken is full of energy. San Luis participants get on the bus at 1:50am.

Wish him luck on Monday night if you have a chance.

Thanks from;

**Bob Evenson,**  
**Son's Commander**

PS see you Monday night!



### **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

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## **June Schedule of Events:**

**6/3** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Deli Sandwiches

**6/5** - Auxiliary Mtg. 5:00pm

Membership Mtg. 6:30pm

**6/7** - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.

**6/10** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert

**6/12** - Membership BBQ - 4:30pm/Dinner served at 6:30pm:  
BBQ Pork Ribs, beans, salad, garlic bread, cake

**6/14** - FLAG DAY

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

**6/17** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Sausage quiche, salad, dessert

**6/21** - Executive Committee Meeting - 1pm

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

**6/24** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Taco salad bowls, all fixins', dessert

**6/28** - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.

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**Volunteers are needed to help with 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!**





# 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
3/11	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/Auxiliary 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