

JULY 2024

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From the COMMANDER:

Greetings to all members of Post 66!

First and foremost, I wish to thank everyone for their votes and for their confidence in selecting me as the incumbent Post Commander.

I'd like to share a little bit about myself. I'm from the Midwest originally, but have called California home for the past 13 years. I'm an Army veteran. I have worked in public education, and as a federal employee with the Department of Veterans Affairs. I decided to call the Central Coast my home when I retired from the VA in 2019.

As your Commander, I wish to thank all of you who have been working both in front of and behind the scenes of our fundraising events, and volunteer efforts. Thank you to the committee members past and present. Also, thanks to all the Post members for your continued membership and support.

As the Commander, some issues I will be focusing on will be the continuation of the annual buddy checks, separate from the membership drive; Recruiting membership through partnerships in the Community; Continued preservation of the facilities and grounds. Increasing revenue streams to the Post via continued activities, including the possibility of applying for and obtaining a necessary license, personnel, and logistical support to engage in Post Bingo Gaming.

July brings on the celebration of independence and freedom. If you and your family choose to celebrate with fireworks, please do so safely.

I look forward to working with the Post and membership. Please don't hesitate to bring any concerns to my attention.

Very Respectfully,

Stephanie Paige
Commander

From the 1st VICE COMMANDER:

Hello fellow Legionnaires. This upcoming year promises to be an exciting one full of activities, like:

Korean War Veterans Luncheon - Saturday, July 13th; **Vets Memorial** - 10:30a til 1:30p - if there are any Korean War veterans interested in attending this luncheon, please contact the Veterans Memorial Museum to sign up as soon as possible. The American Legion will be providing lunch for this event.

DAV Family Fun Day. Saturday, August 10th: DAV has invited all Legion Members to attend their Fun Day activities at the American Legion. Food and games for the kids to be provided - 11:00a until 3p

Vets Pork Chop Dinner at SLO Elks 322 - Friday, August 30th - 5:30p til 7:30p. Reservations required. Contact me to reserve your spot. See next month's newsletter for more fun stuff.

American Legion District 16 Legionnaire, Sons, Riders and Auxilliary meeting: Sunday, July 21st - 10am to 3pm. All members are invited to attend this meeting. Please see us for more information.

Post Tri-tip Fundraiser: Saturday, August 24th - More info to come!

Thanks to all for the opportunity to go to Department of California American Legion Convention. Did a little of networking and met some really interesting and wonderful people. Also found out how they do things at the State level. Thanks again.

For God and Country

Yvonne Hampton
1st Vice Commander

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ADJUTANT’S NEWS

Happy 4th of July Everyone. The new fiscal year is upon us and I am excited to start my new journey as Post 66 Adjutant.

Thank you, Ramona Hedges; for the wonderful job you did as Adjutant for the past two years.

I will do my best to keep everyone up to date with membership issues and I’m looking forward to taking a more “behind the scenes” approach to my volunteer time, as well as helping Stephanie with her foray into the role of Commander.

As Ramona always reminded you, please visit the Legion.org website using this link: <https://www.legion.org/> to read about valuable Legion membership information. And as always, your renewals, transfers, and new memberships are appreciated. I am still figuring out how to navigate the My Legion website and will provide a Post membership update as soon as I am able.

Please notify me of any member experiencing illness, hardship or if you know of anyone who has passed away. We want to be able to reach out to them or their families to offer assistance as expediently as possible and your assistance would be invaluable in that regard. Thank you.

Sick Call: Randy Arseneau, John Archuleta, John Buckley, Herb Filipponi, and Dave Glidden.

Post Everlasting: George Galvan

I look forward to seeing everyone at Monday Night Socials and our monthly Membership BBQ’s!
May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Nora O’Donnell

Post 66 Adjutant

POST 66 - OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

- Commander - Stephanie Paige
- Adjutant - Nora O’Donnell
- Finance Officer - Jim Irwin
- 1st Vice Commander - Yvonne Hampton
- 2nd Vice Commander - Roger Janukus
- Junior Past Commander - Nora O’Donnell
- Executive Committee:
Mario Perez, Fred Hampton, Rick Pushies

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 - 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 - Rick Pushies
- Membership Committee Chair - Mario Perez
- Post Service Officer - David Glidden
- Sergeant at Arms - Vacant
- Sergeant at Arms Assistant - Vacant

**FROM THE AUXILIARY**

The Auxiliary will be getting ready for the upcoming annual silent auction and raffle held November 13th. That is the second Wednesday member dinner with pork chops. If anyone has any new unused items and want to donate please see Laurie. We will also take VERY almost new too. We will need all the help we can get to make this happen. Please help support our unit and veterans in need.

If anyone wants to make baby blankets or lap blankets we have many homes or places they can be donated. Some new ideas will be given to our members the next ALA meeting in August. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Laurie has been busy this last week in Visalia for the annual American Legion Family Convention. This has been the first time in years that all 4 families have been in the same location. Prior the ALA have been in the same town just at a different venue. The theme this year for the Auxiliary will be America the Beautiful. Our new Department of California ALA is Linda Hays. The new District president for our District 16 is Laurie Richards, who is also the Unit President. Happy to be able to serve so many ALA members.

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

**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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July Schedule of Events:

- 7/1** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Burgers, salad, chips & dessert
- 7/3** - Auxiliary Mtg. 5:00pm
Membership Mtg. 6:30pm
- 7/5** - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 7/8** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Cream chicken & biscuits, salad & dessert
- 7/10** - Membership BBQ - 4:30pm/Officer Installation for all Family groups. Dinner served at 6:30pm: Top Sirloin, beans, salad, garlic bread, cake
- 7/12** - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 7/15** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Lasagna, salad, dessert
- 7/19** - Executive Committee Meeting - 1pm
Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 7/21** - District 16 All Member Meeting - 10am. RSVP for meals.
- 7/22** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Tamale Pie, salad & dessert.
- 7/26** - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 7/29** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. "S.O.S.", salad & dessert.

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: 6/30/24

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
8/10	DAV Family Day
8/12	Monday Social
8/14	Member BBQ
8/16	Friday Social
8/19	Monday Social
8/23	Friday Social
8/24	Post Tri-Tip Fundraiser
8/26	Monday 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